PASTOR'S LETTER FOR OCTOBER 2021

Greetings Friends!

Happy Fall!

October is my favorite month. I love the leaves changing, the sweater weather, and Halloween.

We are back to our regular worship schedule Sunday school for kids and adults is at 9:00am Worship is at 10:00am. Fellowship is after church.

Bible study is back! There are two ways to participate in adult Christian education. Adult Sunday school is on Sunday mornings at 9am. Zoom Bible study is on Tuesday nights at 7pm. Both Bible studies have the same lesson. Please join us!

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul Riggs, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of September: Gayle Kaufeld, Rosalie Trom, Deb Dodds, and Ann Driver. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship.

My verse for us this month comes from Paul's letter to the Philippians, "And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

May we live this month with seeking out the knowledge of God through worship and study so that we can glorify Jesus Christ in all that we do.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda







October 1	Jack Heiserman		
	Wayne Trom		
October 2	Hannah Boukal		
October 3	Aubrey Abbott		
	Bill Kase		
October 5	Lanna Gransee		
October 10	Jean Dunbar		
	Tami Hanson		
October 14	Sebastian Pedersen		
	Ann Riggs		
	Nicky Wilke		
October 15	Roma Stromme		
October 17	Clay Gransee		
October 19	Jim Stucky		
October 22	Ian Hellickson		
October 25	Temperance Gransee		
October 26	Diane Krejci		
October 27	Brent Carlsen		
October 28	Amanda Boss		
October 29	Hannah Scherger		



October 8	Derek & Amanda Frodermann
October 10	Alexander & Samantha Fogal
October 29	Nathan & Heather Gransee



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, Peyton Wilke with the US Marines. *Please keep Dusty Heiserman's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. *Donna Dutton and Bev Livingston - pray for their continued health and well being. *Carol Prenzlow - recovering and continuing rehabilitation.

*Karen Tracy - recovering from neck surgery

September Session Meeting on October 14th at 5:30 PM

orship committee Worship Committee Meeting on October 3rd after church.

Church Information

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Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon 9:00 am Sunday School Worship 10:00 am

PW CORNER



Greetings Ladies

Time marches on and we are now officially into fall. This is the month to travel around the countryside to view the beautiful colors on the trees and observe the farmers gathering in the crops. Also, the end of the month is Halloween which for some is a big event with young children dressing up in their favorite character and going trick or treating. Lots of fun for the kids as well as the adults handing out the treats.

There is no special activity planned for PW for the month of October, so there is nothing we will be missing other than the usual monthly meeting. There will not be a fall bazaar, of course, so the following is a report from our treasurer.

Beginning balance as of 7-31-2021	\$3351.28
August Coffee fellowship deposit	77.00
Ending balance as of 8-31-2021	\$3428.28

Coffee fellowship income through August 2021 - 467.00

Even though we have not had any of the usual fund raisers for the last several months, other than a couple virtual salad luncheons, we do have a good fund balance and this will be disbursed in December as usual. With any luck we may be able to have a Christmas meeting.

Our dates for delivering Meals-on-Wheels are October 11 - 15. As usual, please contact Sharon Law if you would like to help with this worthy project. Many thanks again to all who deliver these meals and also many thanks to Sharon for scheduling everyone.

Please continue your prayers and kind thoughts for Carol as she continues her road to recovery at the Pine Island Care Center. As always keep praying for all who have lost loved ones, for all the unrest in our country, for all in the medical field, law enforcement, government positions, ministry, and the armed forces. God be with them all.

As mentioned earlier, Halloween is coming, and it is not all about ghosts and goblins. So here is a small writing to prove that:

CHRISTIANS ARE LIKE PUMPKINS

God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all of the dirt off,

some of which you may have gotten from other pumpkins.

Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all of the yucky stuff.

He removes seeds of doubt, hate, greed, forgiveness, etc.

Then He carves a new smiling face and puts his light inside of you to shine for

all the world to see.

Are you letting your light shine?

Be a jack-o-lantern for Jesus!!

God bless all you jack-o-lanterns, let your light shine bright!!

Have a great October, stay happy and healthy.

Blessings from

Sue and Carol, PW co-chairs



Adult Christian Education

Pastor Amanda is offering two different ways to participate in Bible Study this fall.

Adult Sunday School will meet in the church library on Sunday mornings at 9am



Zoom Bible Study will meet virtually on Zoom starting on Tuesday nights at 7pm Both groups will have the same Bible study.

Here's what we are studying in October:

Sunday October 3 at 9am and Tuesday October 5 at 7pm- Wisdom Series- Job

For this week's Bible Project study, we will look at the book of Job. Throughout the book of Job, we see Job and his friends wrestling with the question of why a God who is wise and just would let horrible things happen to an innocent man. It's a question that God himself answers, though not in the way Job was expecting. Job is humbled by God's response, his question being answered, but God still chose to restore all of Job's blessings to him. Even though individual humans are a small part of the universe, our problems are still important to God, and we can trust him to care for his people.

Sunday October 10 at 9am and Tuesday October 12 at 7pm -Animate: Bible-Canon: Mining for the Word

For this week's Animate Bible study, we will look at how the Bible came together. How did these 66 cultural history lessons, collections of poems, family genograms, allegorical stories, and community letters—all gathered from sources that stretch across time and place—become the Bible? Eric Elnes describes a process of canonization that is far messier, subjective, and ongoing that we might imagine. As Eric looks into the methodology used to extract sacred "gold" from the many, many streams of writing and thought that make up the history of our faith, we discover that the shifting and refining might not be complete. What work do we need to do as we seek to uncover the richness of the Bible?

Sunday October 17- Adult Sunday school will meet at 9am.

Tuesday October 19 - Zoom Bible Study is cancelled

Sunday October 24 at 9am and Tuesday October 26 at 7pm -Animate: Bible-History: Parchment to Pixel

For this week's Animate Bible study, we will continue to look at the history of the Bible. Does the way we access the Bible change the way we read and interpret the Bible? Phyllis Tickle believes this question is paramount as technology makes it easier for us to carry the Bible in our pockets or look up a verse online and out of context. By tracing the history of the Bible from its origins as a set of oral stories passed down from community to community, to the days of the Bible being read to the illiterate masses in Latin, to our current open-source approach to the Bible, Phyllis suggests that access is everything.

Sunday October 31- Adult Sunday school will not meet join us for Zoom Bible Study on Tuesday November 2 at 7pm. We will continue our Bible study on the Old and New Testaments.

Extra Thoughts & Announcements

Sunday October 17-Select a Hymn Sunday

On Sunday October 17 members of the congregation are invited to eagerly call out the number of their favorite hymn during the worship service. Now is the time to look up your favorite hymns in the new Glory to God hymnal so you can come prepared!

Note From Carol:

Dear Church family and friends,

I just want you all to know how much I enjoy getting all of the cards and phone calls. It boosts my morale so much. Then I work harder to get stronger so I can come home sooner. Thank you also for the birthday cards. Thank you for all of your prayers most of all. I think they are working. I can't wait until I can be back in church. Hope to see you all soon. - Carol

*The Coronavirus subcommittee wants to remind everyone of the church's policy regarding masks. Masks are recommended but not required

 ^They are recommended because there is a risk of indoor singing, we have high risk people in our congregation, and children are not able to be vaccinated yet.
^Everyone can make their own choice to wear one or not wear one.



Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Psalur 55:22

> "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river... As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you..." Isaiah 66:12-13

> > WalkingWithJesus.net



1 Thessalonians 5:17-Pray without ceasing.

Prayer Lesson

Jesus said that we are suppose to pray. In Matthew 6:9-13 it says, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever amen. Praying is very important. We should pray and talk to Jesus everyday. Be his friend and tell him what is going on in your life. He loves you. He will help you with anything. Make sure you ask him to forgive you of your sins. He will forgive you. Pray and tell him everything on your mind. He is listening to you. He is watching everything you do. Jesus loves prayer!

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God is pure light, undimmed by darkness of any kind.

1 John 1:5

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As I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

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dqkuiwrsef

iagmnmrwil

cwqnqdhppe

Open my mind so I can learn about You; (Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do; (Clean out the inside)

> Open my eyes so Your Love I will see; (Cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me; (Cut a nose in the shape of the cross)

> Open my ears so Your Word I will hear; (Cut ears shaped like the Bible)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near; (Cut mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your Light shine in all I say and do! (Place a candle and lig^(*)) Amen

Let your light shine so people everywhere may see your good actions and praise God in heaven because of it. Matthew 5:16

C Crafting The Word Of God

Fill your minds with beauty and truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, right, pure, lovely, good, virtuous, and praiseworthy. Philippians 4:8





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Notes: October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Pastor Amanda will be gone Monday, October 18 - Friday, October 22 for continuing education.