

THE VOICE

A PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILLMAR



First Presbyterian Church is a caring and compassionate community of God's children in the heart of the city, welcoming all people and striving to work together to be Christ's hands and feet, spreading the good news of God's love throughout the world.

PASTORS NOTE

THE STORM

By Mary Oliver

Now through the white orchard my little dog
romps, breaking the new snow
with wild feet.

Running here running there, excited,
hardly able to stop, he leaps, he spins
until the white snow is written upon
in large, exuberant letters,
a long sentence, expressing
the pleasures of the body in this world.

Oh, I could not have said it better
myself.

It might seem rather strange that I'm sharing a poem about a little dog prancing through the snow in the height of summer, but I found it so appropriate as I relate to it so very much. We are blessed with a rescue dog, Rosie, who we learned from a doggie DNA test is almost half Alaskan Husky. If you ever want a real-life picture of what Mary describes when she writes of a little dog flouncing through the snow tracing, "large, exuberant letters," I invite you to come visit our house this January after a fresh snowfall to see the same drama played out as she records.

But the beauty of what Mary describes in her words about the expression of "the pleasures of body in this world" isn't a seasonal discovery. We can find it in winter, spring, summer, or fall. Jesus says in John 10:10 that "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." I'm frequently puzzled over that statement as an impossibility. Are we supposed to be walking around elated all the time? Are we meant to be materially blessed with rich foods, and fine things? Or are we meant to realize that the abundant life is all around us, even in the yips, and in a spray of snow flung from the nose of a pup as she frolics in the yard - if only we have the eyes to see it? That if we tune in to the marvel of a bumble bee on the blossom, or the gentle rhythm of lakeshore waves, we can find abundance all around us?

I think it is possible that it is the latter.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott

MISSION OF THE MONTH



July Mission Focus: Family Promise of Kandiyohi County

Imagine that you are a young parent who has been hit with several serious challenges in your life. Maybe you were laid off from your job just when a serious condition has run up some big medical bills. Maybe there is just no room in Grandma's one bedroom apartment, so you and your kids end up sleeping in your car. No job, no home, no hope. Who can you turn to? That's why Family Promise is here.

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County is a secular, nonprofit, community based organization which is one of over 200 affiliates throughout the U.S. partnering with faith communities and other local organizations in the Willmar area, "our goal is to do whatever we can to assist homeless families gain emergency shelter, daily meals, and equip families with the skills they need to overcome homelessness. We believe that families need a 'hand up,' not just a 'hand out.'" (from the Family Promise website)

FPKC has recently undergone some significant changes. The Shelter, located on Pacific Ave in Willmar, operates with a 3 person staff and 6 housing rooms that can sleep up to 5 people per room depending on family make-up. Post Covid, Family Promise is now a "static model," meaning that families are housed for up to 90 days in one location. 13 local churches on a rotational basis provide evening meals 3 days a week and groceries for additional days.

Family Promise is currently serving 6 families (guests) with a total of 22 parents and children, so the facility is nearly filled to its capacity. Families may be one or two parents with children, or sometimes a single female can be served. Guests meet with the case manager weekly to go over goals set, budgets, job search skills and housing prospects. Inquiries concerning donations, volunteer possibilities, or a family in need may be directed to Ron Noyes, Interim director, director@familypromiseofkc.org or call the main number: 320-441-2288.

Want to know more? On July 14 during worship, Elaine Boyd, currently a Family Promise board member, will share some additional updates.

How can we help? Diapers! Family Promise guests currently include several kids 1-3 years old so one of the major needs is diapers. **During July we will be collecting diapers and baby wipes of all sizes** to donate to their supply.

In addition, cash donations can be given to First Presbyterian and designated Family Promise, or donations can be made directly to Family Promise, PO Box 774, Willmar MN 56201.

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County is very grateful for all the support the people of First Presbyterian have provided in the past and look forward to partnering with you in the future--- because "every kid deserves a home."



Check out this great video about the border below!!

Video



7/5 Karson Drexler
7/5 Kooper Drexler
7/7 Elaine Engle
7/7 Will Bertels
7/10 Mickala Elliot
7/12 Jody Fernholz
7/20 Troy Bulthuis
7/21 Dorothy Kienholz
7/21 MaQuelah Schueler

7/23 Lauren Berghuis
7/23 Mathew Eddy
7/25 Greg Spartz
7/25 Katie Kullhem
7/27 Sue Schiro
7/27 Layla Schroeder
7/28 Jackie Johnson
7/31 Jill Baker
7/31 Hanne Tebben

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office or complete a request card and place in the offering plate. Requests are printed for one month unless otherwise requested.

Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

Bea Ourada
Andy Sjerven (Sheila Sjerven's Stepson)
Bev Skare
Ben, Jessie, and Ronni Quimby (Deb Grunwald's Niece and family)
David Radabaugh (Carol Tatge's Brother)
George Ruter
Samuel Carver (John and Vicki Carver's Great Grandson)
Nada Bilky (Vicki Carver's Sister)
Jill Berglund (Mary Berglund's Daughter)

Prayers for Those Who Grieve:

The Family of Jesse Olson (Josiah Ampian's Father)
The Family of John Carver
The Family of Alice Jaenisch (George and Gerald Ruter's Sister)

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

LT. Matthew Sjerven, Colorado National Guard, Colorado Springs, CO
Tristian Woitaszewski (Terry Woitaszewski's Nephew) Navy, Pensacola, FL
Perry Bishop (Bruce and Pam Quimby's Grandson-in-law) Army, Fort Benning, GA
Chandler D'Incau, (Bob and Rita Dincau's Grandson) Air Force, Beale AFB, Marysville, CA
Hayley D'Incau (Bob and Rita's Grandson's Wife), Beale AFB, Marysville, CA
Rob Grunwald, Coast Guard, Two Rivers, Wisconsin on Lake Michigan
Peter Rampaart, Rosemount, MN

Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:

The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;
Mark and Miriam Adams, Frontero de Cristo, Douglas, AZ.
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND

Also be in Prayers for:

Israel/Palentine (war)
War in Ukraine
Baltimore Bridge Disaster

TREASURER/BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

This is not an easy report to write—our deficit is growing rapidly. Summer is a time of reduced activity with other distractions, opportunities for recreation and vacation time and accordingly sometimes the church giving is overlooked. If you look at the sidebar, you see the expenses are much larger than the various incomes. Compared to last year, giving is down and expenses are up. We need everyone's help to, at the very least, stop the increase and would like to see some reduction of this deficit.

If you listen to media reports, you hear talk daily of inflation and price comparisons of many of the necessities of daily living. We know and understand that every household is feeling the stress of meeting costs. If you are able, we need you to do a bit extra in your church giving. And, if you are not able, know that we all understand. (And if you are wondering: NO ONE except the financial secretary and/or treasurer knows who gives what and who is meeting their pledge. All that is evident is the total numbers.). We remind you, a little extra from each household can amount to a big help.

As we came into this year, we were blessed with a number of years of surpluses and have a Rainy Day Fund, but we must not wipe that out in a single year. Most of us on the Budget and Stewardship Committee have been on the committee for a long time. Some of us have delivered pleas during worship at the end of year seeking to eliminate a deficit. It has been a joy for us in recent years to be relieved of that task. Can we do it again?

\$125 has been given as Extra Giving. We have been blessed in recent years with end of year numbers about even, and part of this has been help with Extra Giving. Reading this report, we are running much further behind this year. We will try to keep you informed as the year continues. This ongoing practice helps with the end of year shortfall. God appreciates a cheerful giver, and so do we, the Budget and Finance Committee, financial secretary and treasurer! Thank you, we could not do this without you, nor could First Presbyterian be the Church in the Heart of Willmar with Heart!

PER CAPITA

2024 Per Capita is \$45, please pay as you are able. We will pay per capita to the Presbytery as it is given, with the balance paid at the end of April. We appreciate your payment whenever you are able, but the sooner the better for the church cash flow.

2024 Per Capita Expense

\$9,720

2024 Per Capita Received

\$5,193

General Fund through May 31, 2024

General Fund Revenue:

\$ 97,386.00

Per Capita Giving:

\$5,193.00

Total General Fund Receipts:

\$102,570.00

Expenses:

\$113,274.00

2024 Per Capita Payment (Paid IN FULL):

\$9,720.00

Total General Fund Expenses:

\$122,994.00

Expenses in excess of Revenue:

\$20,415.00

Building and Remodeling Fund Balance:

\$108,391.00

MISSION GIVING

(May)

\$350.00

Building Maintenance Loan

(Roof AND Parking Lot)

\$95,898.00

Youth and Children Announcements



Youth at Lulu Beans

The next LuLu Beans gathering for all youth, grades 6-12 will be on Saturday, July 13th at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to grab your LuLu Bucks from Jeff or Rita before you place your order.

"Camp Firelight" Vacation Bible School

June 9th-12th, 2024







Go to the church website under the "Gallery" tab for more great pictures!!

VBS Pictures



Clearwater Forest Fest

July 13, 2024 - All Day

Free Event Open to the Public - RSVP Here

Free Dinner and Live Music

This event will be offered free of charge, but please RSVP on Facebook so we know how much food to make. Please consider donating to help with event costs.

WHAT TO BRING

Lawn chairs or blanket and beverage of choice (non-alcoholic beverages will be available)

WHERE TO GO

- (1) 16595 Crooked Lake Road Deerwood, MN 56444
- (2) Drive almost to the end of the long driveway & turn right when you see a brown sign pointing to the Summer Camp.
- (3) The large grass parking lot will be on your left.

SCHEDULE

- 7:30 am - Bike Ride with 8, 30, and 50-mile options
Noon - Lunch available for purchase in the Dining Hall
2 pm - the Adventure-a-Thon begins!
<https://clearwaterforest.campbrainregistration.com/>
3:30 pm - Awards
4:30- 6 pm - Chad Elliott Live Music
6 pm - Free Pig Roast Dinner is served!
6:30-8 pm - John Hermanson Live Music

QUESTIONS?

office@clearwaterforest.org

218.678.2325 with any questions

We hope to see you at Clearwater Forest on July 13th!

[More Information](#)

[Facebook Event](#)

SUMMER CAMP

At Clearwater Forest each session of camp for children, youth, adults and families is rich in a variety of activities, fresh air, engaging worship, and connection building. The loving, enthusiastic and dedicated summer staff provide guidance and support for campers to take healthy risks through fun, challenging and adventurous activities. Whether its learning to paddle a sea kayak or completing the high ropes course, these activities help any camper stretch and grow in a safe Christian community. Leadership opportunities abound for all ages – from choosing daily activities, participating in planning and leading worship, to leading a cabin or quest group through the various daily activities.

Please note that all week-long camps will end on Fridays!

All those attending camp from First Presbyterian Church will receive a scholarship of ½ off the price of camp. This applies to ALL ages. Please contact Jill Boeyink with camp questions, or to request a scholarship.

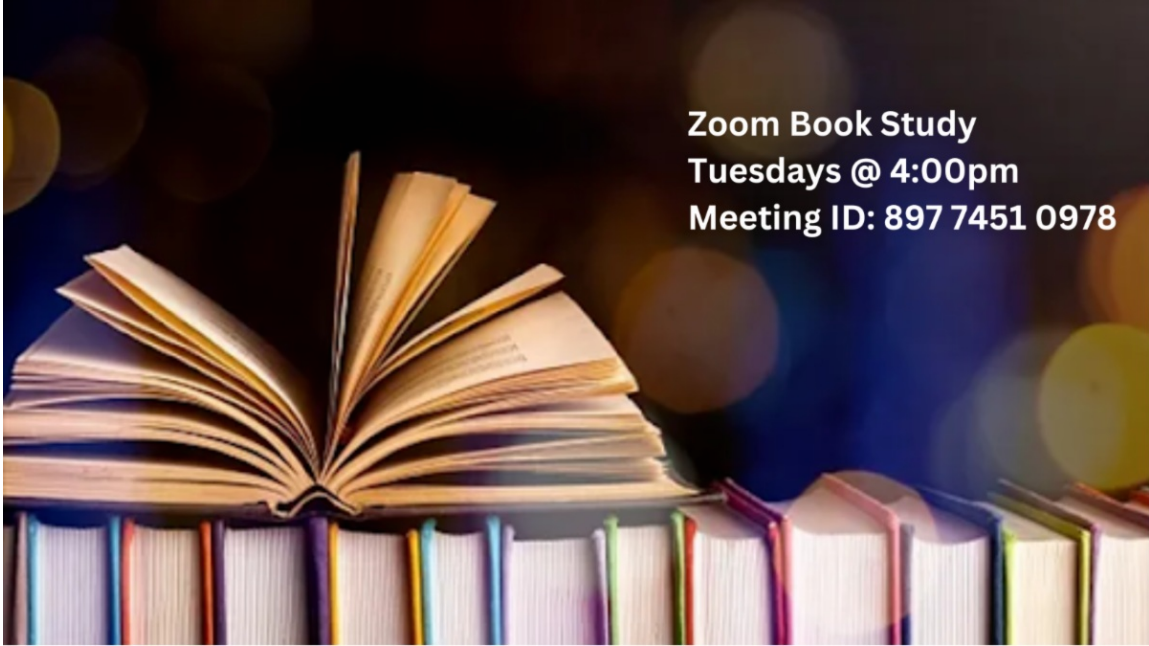
2024 Summer Camp Schedule

	June 23-28 Session 1	June 30- July 3		July 7-12 Session 2	July 14-19 Session 3	July 21-26 Session 4	July 28- Aug 2 Session 5	Aug 4-9 Session 6
Adventure Discovery	Discovery Adventure	First Timers	NO CAMP ACTIVITIES JULY 4-6	Discovery Adventure	Discovery Adventure	Discovery Adventure	Endless: Discovery Adventure	Camp Create: Discovery Adventure
Sr. High	Sr. High			Sr. High 10 Day (July 10-19)		Sr. High	Endless Sr. High	Camp Create Sr. High
				Sr. High Sailing (July 10-19)				
Grands Camp	Grands Camp Session 1 (Jun 23-26)	Grands Camp Session 1,5 (Jun 30- July 3)		Grands Camp Session 2 (July 7-10)	Grands Camp Session 3 (July 14-17)			

Church Annoucements

Let's get out to the Ballpark together! Join your fellow church members at a Willmar Stingers baseball game on Sunday, July 21st on the Baker Field at Bill Taunton Stadium in Willmar. Our church has 20 tickets reserved (and can always get more) for the 5:05 p.m. game against the Bismark Larks from North Dakota. The cost per ticket is \$19, and includes a hot dog, bag of chips and a drink. Contact Scott Boeyink to reserve your ticket(s), or to ask questions about this awesome outing hosted by the Nurture & Fellowship Committee. Now, Let's Play Baaalll!!





Zoom Book Study
Tuesdays @ 4:00pm
Meeting ID: 897 7451 0978

NURSERY CARE ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of a few more Nursery Assistants for Sunday Mornings. If this is something you feel called to do, contact Shara in the church office.



(This position is a paid position)

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

DO YOU HAVE A MUSICAL TALENT?
DO YOU LOVE TO SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE THAT TALENT WITH THE CONGREGATION? IF SO, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR A SUNDAY SERVICE OF YOUR CHOICE STARTING JUNE 9. YOUR TALENTS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP!!

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM

SCHEDULE



THURSDAYS IN JUNE AND JULY
SWANSSON FIELD ON THE RED FIELD

JUNE 6TH @ 7:30PM

JUNE 13TH @ 6:30PM

JUNE 20TH @ 7:30PM

JUNE 27TH @ 7:30PM



ON THE YELLOW FIELD

JULY 11TH AT 6:30PM

OUR 2024 CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED THE WEEK
OF THE FOURTH OF JULY**



Monday, July 1st through Friday, July 5th

Synod School 2024



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LIGHT OF THE WORLD *Summer Evening Prayer*

JULY 14, 2024
HOPE PRESBYTERIAN, SPICER
7PM LAKESIDE WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY BONFIRE

AUGUST 11, 2024
ROBBINS ISLAND SHELTER #1, WILLMAR
6PM POTLUCK
7PM WORSHIP



REMINDER:

We have an ONLINE giving option.

[GIVE NOW](#)

Go to our church website homepage at www.fpchurchwillmar.org and click on "GIVE NOW" or click the "GIVE NOW" button to the right

You can still give in the traditional ways. This does not replace offerings by cash or check dropped in the offering plate or sent to the church. If that is how you prefer to give, please continue to do so.



MONTHLY CALENDAR

***Worship Services are held in the Sanctuary and streamed on Facebook LIVE**

Monday, July 1st - Friday, July 5th:

Office Closed

7 Sunday

9:00am: Adult Ed in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Worship with Communion

11:00am: Fellowship in JKH

9 Tuesday

10:00am: Exercise Class in JKH

6:30pm: CEYM in the Admin Office

10 Wednesday

8:00am: Women's Coffee and Conversation in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Staff Meeting in the Admin Office

11 Thursday

10:00am: Exercise Class in JKH

6:30pm: Church Softball Game at Yellow Field

13 Saturday

10:00am: Youth at LuLu Beans

7:30am: Clearwater Forest Fest 2024

14 Sunday

9:00am: Adult Ed in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Worship

11:00am: Fellowship in JKH

15 Monday

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16 Tuesday

10:00am: Exercise Class in JKH

17 Wednesday

8:00am: Women's Coffee and Conversation in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Staff Meeting in the Admin Office

18 Thursday

10:00am: Exercise Class in JKH

21 Sunday

9:00am: Adult Ed in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Sunday Worship

11:00am: Fellowship in JKH

5:05pm: All Church Stingers Game

23 Tuesday

10:00am: Exercise Class in JKH

10:00am: Youth Planning in the Friendship Room

4:45pm: Personnel Meeting in the Admin Office

24 Wednesday

8:00am: Women's Coffee and Conversation in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Staff Meeting in the Admin Office

25 Thursday

10:00am: Exercise Class in JKH

28 Sunday

9:00am: Adult Ed in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Sunday Worship

11:00am: Fellowship in JKH

30 Tuesday

10:00am: Exercise Class in JKH

31 Wednesday

8:00am: Women's Coffee and Conversation in the Friendship Room

10:00am: Staff Meeting in the Admin Office

The office is closed on Fridays.

June 21st through July 5th: Pastors are on vacation

June 28th through July 3rd: Shara is on vacation

July 1st through July 5th: Church Office is closed

July 1st through July 8th: Jill is on vacation

July 11th through July 15th: Pastors are out of the office

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