

# 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

Dear Friends,

Life is beginning to return to something resembling *normal* for the first time in more than a year. As more people are vaccinated it becomes safer for us to gather. As it becomes safer for us to gather, restrictions are being loosened. It is a good feeling to be able to be together in worship, to gather with friends, to share a meal, to celebrate milestones like birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and graduation. And funerals.

As I reflect on what we have lost during the pandemic, this is one of the most significant: in a season when we have been experiencing the collective grief resulting from the pandemic, we have endured the specific loss of being unable to mourn our loved ones in community. For many, memorial services were delayed. For others, services were held with only immediate family in attendance. What was missing, in both cases, was the loving support of the caring community gathered around the grieving family. We need that sense of community. It is how we heal and move forward.

This is the gift we, the church, offer families: the hospitality of a place to gather; the comfort of shared memories and conversation; the loving service of providing coffee, dessert, and a shared meal. This is the loving care we can offer to those who are grieving, and for too long, we have been unable to love our neighbors in this way. And in its absence, we have recognized just how important it is.

Families are beginning to gather again to mourn their loved ones. As restrictions loosen, we are now able to gather with them for visitation and memorial services. Soon we will be able to offer them the healing hospitality of funeral receptions. In order to do that, we need your help. Would you consider offering your heart and hands to this service of hospitality? The more hands we have to serve, the less of a burden it will be to any one person or small group of people. Please consider volunteering to serve on a funeral team. This is an offering of love that anyone can provide!

If you are willing to help organize (making phone calls ahead of time to request baked goods or recruit servers), be present to serve (set up, serve or clean up) or provide baked goods for the reception, please contact Bonnie Kluver who is building a list of volunteers - send her a message on Facebook or email her at [blkluver@tds.net](mailto:blkluver@tds.net). If you aren't sure where you would be able to serve, talk to Bonnie and she will help you find the best place to use your gifts.

This pandemic has robbed us of too many opportunities to be together and care for one another. As we return to *normal* let us reclaim and commit to this important way of showing hospitality and love to one another.

In Peace,  
Pastor Leanne



6/4 Gabe Lesteberg  
6/6 Jack Magnuson  
6/7 Doug Bakker  
6/8 Alida Rampaart  
6/9 Aimee Clemens  
6/11 David Arnold  
6/12 Suzanne Keuseman  
6/12 Brittney Odens  
6/12 Miriah Robles  
6/14 Ron Kaenel  
6/17 Betty Knutson  
6/17 Jeff Sieck  
6/17 Jeremy Boeyink  
6/18 Corrine Ferguson  
6/18 Terry Woitaszewski  
6/19 Beverly Skare  
6/19 Pastor Scott Thompson  
6/26 Christopher Odens  
6/28 Sharon Bakker  
6/28 Nicholas Baker

### **Church Prayer Requests**

#### **Prayers for Healing & Comfort:**

- Taylor George (Dale and Marguerite Austin's Grandson)
- Ben Rampaart
- Ried Arnold
- Mark Chamberlain
- Lyle Avant (Christie Avant's Husband)
- Vicki Carver
- Rita Phillips
- Norm and Diann Tempel
- Chuck Stern
- David Ellwood

#### **Prayers for Those Grieving:**

- The Family of David Engwall (Dorothy Caine's Brother)

#### **Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:**

- Clearwater Forest Camp
- The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;
- Minnesota Valleys Presbytery- Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, MN;
- Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND.

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#### **Take a moment & pray for these as well:**

- Prayers for all the essential people working on the front lines.
- Prayers for our leaders to guide our country through this pandemic.
- Pray for our nation that peace will prevail and healing will be possible.

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**



### **Pentecost Offering**

"If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Each year on Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, inspiring the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. The Pentecost Offering nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Psalm 71,"Our God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

Our Congregation keeps 40% of this offering and it will support a program for young people in our community.

Thank you for your support of Pentecost!  
The Mission Committee

### **GIVING LOCALLY**

This summer we will be doing mission work for members and friends of our congregation. If you are in need of some help in your home or yard, or know of someone who does, please call a member of the mission committee. We will find someone to help you.

Please call Diann Anderson at 218.820.0346 if you are willing to help do a local mission project.



Lets Work Together!!

Thank you!

Committee Members:

Deb Grunwald, David Little, Marguerite Austin, Karen Skaggs, Carol Tatge, Ben Lang, Steve Bell, Doris Cogelow, and Barb Little.

## **TREASURER/BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

April was an active month for First Presbyterian Church, with in person services, Celebrations of Life, and limited activities beginning again. We continue to reach out with Facebook streaming of worship and services, but are happy to see people returning to worship together, as they feel comfortable. Covid protocols remain in place and care is given for the safety of all. Some meetings continue on Zoom, others have been in person—even at least a couple meeting out On the lawn and in the parking lot! We are a creative people, seeking ways to serve safely and with joy in one another's company.

The Per Capita for 2021 is \$43 per confirmed member. Our total obligation toward the operation of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly is \$10,148. We paid the balance of our per capita to the Presbytery in April, and our budget numbers took a bit of a hit—but you have done a great job in paying your share. Every bit helps keep our numbers manageable. If you have questions beyond what we cover here, the pastors, the treasurer and the financial secretary welcome your questions. Each month in this space we are giving you an overview of some of the things our Presbytery and the Synod do for the member churches. The Presbytery is a resource for understanding and functioning as a presbyterian church, seeking to guide churches needing leadership, providing a resource for some of the fiscal and management questions that occur and providing educational and workshop opportunities. The Presbytery prints a weekly newsletter, The Valley Bridge that makes note of many of the

opportunities. Each summer the Synod sponsors a retreat with opportunities for a wide variety of workshops and fellowship time. Those who have attended look forward to this popular retreat time.

Extra giving to date is \$428. Extra giving helps to reduce the end of year deficit so that we can minimize our end of year appeal for help in balancing the budget. Some of our smaller sources of income are not happening, like coffee money from the fellowship time.

150TH ANNIVERSARY TIDBIT FROM THE JUNE 1970 VOICE: (Yes, the Voice is over 50 years old!!). You will note that some things have NOT changed in 50 years. We again remind you, as you are excited to be able to think about summer vacation time, please, please continue to make your tithe and pledge payments.

ABOVE ALL, STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY.

### **PER CAPITA**

2021 Per Capita is \$43, please pay as you are able. We will pay per capita to the Presbytery as it is given, through March with the balance paid in April. We appreciate your payment whenever you are able, but the sooner the better for the church cash flow.

#### **2021 Per Capita Expense**

\$10,148

#### **2021 Per Capita Received**

\$6,706.00

#### **General Fund through April 30, 2021**

##### **General Fund Revenue:**

\$ 73,951.00

##### **Per Capita Giving:**

\$ 6,706.00

##### **Total General Fund Receipts:**

\$ 80,657.00

##### **Expenses:**

\$71,370.00

##### **Per Capita Payment:**

\$10,148.00

##### **Total General Fund Expenses:**

\$81,518.00

##### **Expenses in excess of Receipts:**

\$861.00

##### **Building and Remodeling Fund Balance:**

\$41,274.00

##### **APRIL MISSION**

##### **(Clearwater Forest)**

\$1,485.00

## **Youth and Children Announcements**



Senior Graduate recognition of Tori Marquardt, KMS Class of 2021, will be on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. A beautiful Power Point slide show will be presented to all in attendance (a link will be provided following the service to view the Slide show online), along with a time to honor Tori during the service. On your way out the door that morning be sure to grab a special cookie provided by the CEYM Committee. Congratulations Tori!

**The KMS High School  
Class of 2021**

**Victoria Marquardt**

**Open House**

**When:** June 6th

**Time:** 4-7pm

**Where:** 112 Hwy 12 East  
(on the corner of 2nd St SE)  
Pennock, MN 56279



**Youth at Lulu Beans**

Once again, the Jr. and Sr. High youth are invited to gather at LuLu Beans every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The **next gathering will be on June 12th**. Plans are to meet in the large room upstairs, social distanced and wearing masks (only when you're not sipping on your favorite cup of whatever). Be sure to connect with Jeff before placing your order to receive your LuLu Bucks. Contact Jeff Sieck or Rita Phillips if you have questions.

CEYM Director Jill Boeyink will be on vacation the week of June 21-25. Any Christian Education questions may be directed to Darcy Forkrud or Andrea Walz during that week.



**CLEARWATER FOREST CAMP**  
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT CLEARWATER FOREST CAMP!**

**Join us for this summer's theme:**  
**"THIS IS OUR PRAYER"**

**Deepening our spiritual connection and realizing blessings through prayer.**

For some, prayer is simply speaking their thoughts and feelings to God. For others, it is clearing their minds and settling their hearts to make space for God. Some pray through music, art, or the movement of their body in dance or exercise. Some pray out loud, while others' prayers are whispers of the soul. From Bible studies to creative worship, to community building games, to creative arts projects, "This is Our Prayer" will educate and empower your camper to find their own style of prayer and face the challenges as well as realize blessings in their everyday lives.

**REMINDER: The First Presbyterian Church of Willmar contributes half of the camp fee to each member of the church!**



## Let's Get Together...Finally!!

**WHO:** All Jr. & Sr. High Youth (Grades 6-12)  
**WHAT:** Our 2021 Youth Mini-Mission Project  
**WHERE:** Local Parks and the Church Grounds  
**WHEN:** Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.



**INSTRUCTIONS:** We will meet at the church, travel to local city parks where we will be helping to beautify the spaces. We will then head back to church to take on some projects there, including planting flowers and raking and picking up garbage. Lunch and drinks will be provided, and parents are needed to help chaperone and drive for this event.

In order to know how many chaperones and food/drinks are needed, *I am asking you to please RSVP to me no later than Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>*. You can text or call me at 320-905-0608, or email me at [jill.fpcwillmar@gmail.com](mailto:jill.fpcwillmar@gmail.com).

I really hope you come and enjoy this time together as we slowly begin the process of getting back to "normal"!

Blessings,  
Jill Boeyink



"Knights of North Castle" Vacation Bible School 2021 is sure to be the highlight of the year, and we cannot wait to welcome your knight's into the castle doors!

If you have already turned in your child's registration form, thank you! If you haven't, there is still time Remember, there is NO FEE this year thanks to the CEYM Committee!

Below you'll find the information about this years' VBS. I have included the mission project info so that you can begin looking for good deals on pajamas 😊

Please contact me with any questions you might have.

**Date:**

August 1st-4th

**Place:**

First Presbyterian Church of Willmar

**Address:**

312 6th Street SW  
Willmar, MN 56201

**Time:**

5:30pm (meal) -8:00pm

**Ages:**

Preschool-Grade 6

We are hosting a church-wide "Mighty Knighties" pajama drive as our mission project before and during the four days of VBS. We're so excited about this that **we are inviting the entire congregation to get in on the fun**. All of the pajamas collected will go to children and young adults placed in foster care within Kandiyohi county. For health and safety, pajamas must be new and a complete set – a top and bottom or an appropriate nightgown. We'll be collecting all sizes from birth to adult XL. Large boxes will be placed in the Narthex one week before our VBS kickoff, and will be moved to the sanctuary the week of. Be sure to look for the snowflakes!

So friends, let's get ready to go on a quest for the King's Armor as we transform into Knights of North Castle!

Your VBS Director,  
Jill Boeyink

Are you ready for some exciting news?! All of the WillmarFest community activities are a go this year and our church is set to participate in the annual Saturday Grand Parade. In celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will have a Train engine (pictured below) and car, crafted by Bob Anderson & Friends leading our parade entry, followed by our adorable church wooden horses ridden by FPC children. Come and cheer them on as we mark this amazing milestone in the life of First Presbyterian Church. The parade takes place in downtown Willmar on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Before, during and after the parade, make sure you stop by the church for a tasty treat guaranteed to cool you off.

And, just in case you didn't know it, we of First Presbyterian Church of Willmar got our start in a train car more than 150 years ago, and look at us now. We've come a long way since those early days!



## **Church Annoucements**



Pictured above are (from left to right) Jeff Sieck, Scott Boeyink, Jill Boeyink, Sarah Sieck, Diann Anderson and Bob Anderson all who attended the 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Fortress" banquet & fundraiser event on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Willmar Conference Center. All proceeds from the dinner registrations, silent and live auction and donations goes to run their programs designed to transform the lives of men with chemical addictions.

To learn more about The Fortress, visit their website at: [thefortresswillmar.com](http://thefortresswillmar.com).

# ARLEN SJERVEN MEMORIAL WEEKEND

## June 26-27

### **Saturday at 8:00am** **Golf Scramble**

Valley Golf in Willmar, MN  
Nine hole shotgun start  
Gather at 8:00am and tee off  
at 8:30am  
9 holes + 1/2 cart=\$20.00

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**WILL NEED:**  
Name, email address,  
handicap or average score  
on 9 holes.



### **Sunday from 1-4pm** **1324 23rd St. SW-Willmar**

**"A TOAST TO THE MAN"**  
Arlen's Favorite Foods  
Beverages  
Live Music  
Booths  
Joke Telling  
Arlen Memorabilia

**RSVP NOW**  
**WE NEED A COUNT!**

**Sign up and RSVP to [SASJERVEN@CHARTER.NET](mailto:SASJERVEN@CHARTER.NET)**  
**DO IT NOW!**



### **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 6. Your talents are very much appreciated!!

### **YOU Are Needed!!!!**

With the change of funeral coordinators, your help is needed. Now with two coordinators organizing every funeral, there is a need for members to help with baking items, whether it is a cake or bars or cookies or quickbreads. Kitchen help and servers for the funeral lunch are needed, both weekday and Saturday only help. And, kitchen organizers or point people, someone to make sure all the jobs are covered, are needed. Upon volunteering, one doesn't need to help at every funeral. This list of volunteers will give Tammy and Becky a place to start to make sure all needs are covered for each funeral. One can help with one of these needs or all of them. Please let Bonnie Kluver know of your interests. Either, Facebook message her or send an email to [blkluver@tds.net](mailto:blkluver@tds.net). Please add phone #s and/or email addresses to help Becky and Tammy make contact. Bonnie will organize the list and pass it on to Becky and Tammy. Thank you for your help with this vital part of our church's ministry.







## **WE NEED YOUR CROCHETING AND KNITTING TALENTS!!**

We are looking for individuals that are skilled in crocheting and knitting. If that is you, we would love you to help us make our church pocket prayer shawls. All the details are in the PDF button!

Thank you in advance!!

[Pocket Prayer Shawls Instructional PDF](#)

## **REMINDER: We have an ONLINE giving option.**

Go to our church website homepage at  
[www.fpchurchwillmar.org](http://www.fpchurchwillmar.org)  
and click on "GIVE NOW" or  
click the "GIVE NOW" button to the right

**GIVE NOW**

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. This is simply another option.



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

### **6 Sunday**

#### **Graduate Sunday**

10:00am: Sunday Worship

### **7 Monday**

4:30pm-6:30pm: Search Group in JKH

### **9 Wednesday**

4:00am: Worship Committee in JKH

6:30pm: Building & Grounds

### **11 Friday**

10:00am-2:30pm: All Youth Mini Mission Project

### **12 Saturday**

10:00am: Youth at LuLu Beans

**13 Sunday**

8:30am: Nurture and Fellowship in JKH

10:00am: Worship with Communion

**14 Monday**

4:30pm-6:30pm: Search Group in JKH

**15 Tuesday**

6:00pm: Budget and Stewardship

**VOICE DEADLINE**

**16 Wednesday**

9:30am: Staff Meeting

**17 Thursday**

**Committee Minutes Deadline**

**20 Sunday**

10:00am: Worship

**21 Monday**

4:30pm-6:30pm: Search Group in JKH

**23 Wednesday**

9:30am: Staff Meeting

**24 Thursday**

6:30pm: Session via Zoom

**26 Saturday**

10:30am-1:00pm: Ice Cream Social in church parking lot during the WillmarFest Parade

**27 Sunday**

10:00am: Worship

**28 Monday**

4:30pm-6:30pm: Search Group in JKH

**29 Tuesday**

6:30pm: VBS Volunteer Meeting in JKH

**30 Wednesday**

9:30am: Staff Meeting

**June 1-June 7th: Pastors are on Vacation**

**June 9th: Jill is out of the Office**

**June 9th-June 11th: Shara is on Vacation**

**June 21st-June 25th: Jill on Vacation**

**June 23rd-June 27th: Scott on Vacation**

## **CHURCH CONTACTS**

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