

OCTOBER 2017

Presby-Notes

My friends in Christ,

I have been bothered by the constant haranguing of many in the news and on social media.. Yes, there seems to be a lot of anger and frustration. How do people vent those feelings? I think of two things that I pray will help us in those frustrating moments: 1) Sigh! (groan!) and 2) Seek peace and pursue it!

First, I love the words of Paul from Romans 8:26-28

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but ^cthe Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

I am encouraged by these words because a sigh or groan when expressed by some deep breath and exhaled with much frustration is not an empty feeling! It is a prayer that we cannot translate, but God can. When one hears dissension among God's people or among fellow citizens, why not take a deep breath and sigh/groan and offer that as a prayer to God? God's Spirit will hear it, translate it according to God's will and send it with an answer to those who love God. For with God, all things work together for good! Claim it!

Second, these words from Psalm 34:14 came to my mind when confronting the negativity in the news and the frustration that many feel whether in politics and even in sports!

¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

That was very profound for me to reflect upon and which I feel urgently needed to be said. Let the sigh and groan be given to God and God's Spirit will relieve us of that stress. Then, in faithfulness to that prayerful sigh/groan, refrain from evil. Yes, I understand the emotional response to tweet, post, or throw something in a fit of anger. That may make one feel good for a moment, but could it lead to an evil consequence? Rather, the

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and to exhibit Christ's love through worship, education and service*



Attendance in July: 7/2-54; 7/9-48; 7/16-61; 7/23- 66; 7/30-57 - August: 8/6-59; 8/13-66; 8/20-70

Installation of Wifi in the church was approved.

Warren's Table was served to 2 people on July 4. We serve again on September 5.

Twenty-two youth attended Bible School. Super Sunday will be held September 10.

A recycling bin will be purchased for bulletins and other papers.

A meeting of Committees only will be held September 18 at 6:30. The next stated meeting of the Session will be October 16 at 6:30.

Suzanne Byler, Clerk of Session



Donna Knoche, Keith Knoche, Bob Hancock, Josh Johnson, Charlotte Carney, Phyllis Engelman, Mary Hancock, Diane Mayer, Byron Ray, Marie Kerl, Dennis Prebyl, Henry Kerl, Harry Milke, Cindy Ahlstrand, Ken Ruhnke, Mary Mullen, Dorothy Applegat, Willard Engelman, Dorothy Rockemann, Ruth Jensen (hospice), and William Cook III.

Also: Lori Eckert, Pat Morris, Steve Arneal, Jake Frana, Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens, Timothy Briskey (Jane Beavers' brother), Richard Crom, Carol Koslofsky (Fran Martin's sister), Skylar Nicola, Mike Willet, Elmer Cook, Linnel Rials, Earl & Vera Lyons, Shannon Fanning (Ardyth Orwen's son-in-law) Judy Knispel, Cathy Carel, Stan Martin (Gene Martin's brother), Nancy Chalupa, and Jon Lucas Warren.

Our sympathy is with Delores Mosman and family on the death of Ken Mosman on September 11, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sermons for October

1st: "True Authority" World Communion Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church, 10:30 AM Ez. 18:1-4. 25-32; Psalm 25; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32.

8th: "Pressing On!" Phil. 3:4b-14

15th: "Revel in God!" Phil. 4:1-9

22nd: "The Show-me Witness" 1 Thes. 1:1-10; Mt. 22:15-22

29th: Reformation Sunday "Only!" Romans 3:19-28



**DIRECTOR OF
Children & Youth
NEWS**

Oct. 1 - Sunday school will be held here at First Church at 9:15

Oct. 1 - Worship at Christ Episcopal

Oct. 1. - Church Fellowship Bike Ride
We will eat lunch at church following worship at Christ Episcopal then head out for a bike ride. Meat provided, bring a dish to share. All bikers welcome whatever your pace.

Oct. 8 - Youth Potato Bake - donations go toward future mission trips.

Oct. 14 - Church Fellowship Picnic at the Bolli residence, 19689 S. 5th Drive, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Eat around 5:30 p.m. Meat, drink, S-Mores, table service provided. Bring a dish to share.



Thank you to everyone for all of your condolences and prayers on the loss of my great granddaughter Elise Johns.

Maxine Arneal



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, October 2, in the church parlor at 6:30 p.m. for their monthly covered dish supper and fellowship.

All women of the church and friends are welcome. Programs are typically scheduled. Come join us!

PW met Thursday, September 21, 2017, in the church parlor. Hostess was Jeanette Thober.

A thank-you note was received from Bette Anne Thaut for her gift from PW for her Bible Study leadership.

Bette Anne paid a tribute to past PW ladies, Eunice Sullivan, Mildred Guenther and Zelda Stevens.

Betty Cook thanked everyone for their cards and prayers for Bill Cook III. Maxine Arneal thanked all for the cards and prayers received for her family.

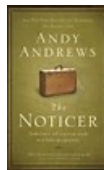
Our Praise Service will be Sunday, November 12, volunteers will be needed for that.

Our Christmas Tea will be Thursday, December 7, at the PEO Home. PW will be sending \$500.00 to the Presbyterian Disaster fund for the hurricanes and earthquake.

The fall Gathering will be September 30 - updates to follow.

Bette Anne led the Bible Study *Cloud of Witnesses - Book of Hebrews*.

Our next meeting will be October 19, 2017 in the church parlor. All are welcome.



The PW Book Club selection for November is *The Noticer* by Andy Andrews. They will meet Wednesday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m.

GREETERS & OFFERTORY COLLECTION

October 1:
Worship at Christ Church Episcopal

October 8:
Youth

October 15:
Jesse & Betsy Bolli and Family

October 22:
Doris Martin

October 29:
Amanda Fossler





News & Notes

Sunday, October 1 will be a joint service with Christ Church Episcopal **at Christ Church Episcopal**. There will be Sunday School at First Church and then walk down to the Episcopal church for Worship.

Church Fellowship Bike Ride, Sunday October 1. We will eat lunch at church following worship at Christ Episcopal then head out for a bike ride. Meat provided, bring a dish to share. All bikers welcome whatever your pace.

Westminster Guild begins the program year Monday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

JOYS will host their annual Potato Bake Sunday, October 8, following worship in Fellowship Hall. Free will donations go toward future mission trips.

Church Fellowship Picnic Saturday, October 14
at the Jesse & Betsy Bolli residence 19689 S. 5th Drive - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Eat around 5:30 p.m.
Meat, drink, S-Mores, table service provided. Bring a dish to share.

PW will meet Thursday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.

The 2017-2018 Annual Directory is available from the table in the narthex. 1 copy per household, please.

Change of address for Brad Thober: 3092 East Sargent Road, Beatrice. Please make this change in your directory.

Donna Knoche is now at Good Samaritan. Cards are welcome, but she is not yet ready to receive visitors.

We welcome Neil Beaver as our new Sexton. Neil replaces Gale Carel who retired on September 15.



**YOUTH
POTATO
BAKE**

**Sunday
October 8
11:30 a.m.**

**Following worship in
Fellowship Hall**

**Freewill donation
supports future
mission trips**

other parts of this verse give an antidote – to do good, seek peace, and pursue it! It makes sense, but does it work? Yes!!!!

Recently, this congregation did something rather bold with the Neighborhood Picnic on September 24th. It was a phenomenal success when all this church did was be a neighbor. Neighbors came with their kids to play in the bouncing house, eat hamburgers, hot dogs, and a variety of salads and other goodies from the church family. It was capped off with a refreshing Root Bear Float!

So, did that answer the frustrations and anger? Maybe, it did, for this congregation did the neighborly thing which is a positive way of doing good, seeking peace and pursuing it.

Please let this be an encouragement when faced with a frustration in the news. Prayerfully let God take hold of that frustration. Claim God's part and then refrain from the evil temptation that may call one to vent inappropriately.

Rather, in God's Spirit we are fortified to do good, seek peace and pursue it in the name of Jesus Christ. Is it possible? Yes! For all things work together for good with those who act out of the love for God and their fellow neighbor in Jesus Christ!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John J. Duling
Interim Pastor



Sam Rennick	6
Jim Beavers	7
Neil Beaver	8
Lisa Milke	8
Ainsley McGinty	9
Bill Rowe	11
Keil Mick	13
Hal Thaut	15
Louann Weaver	17
Gage Wolter	18
Cindy Evans	19
Wyatt McGinty	22
Alex Sohl	24
Steven Paulmeyer	26
Betsy Bolli	27
Brad Thober	27
Andrew Whitmore	27
Judy Prebyl	29
Kevin Milke	30