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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

**Our Mission Statement:**

**Welcome, Learn, Serve**

**We Welcome persons to faith in Jesus Christ;  
Learning together to live that faith in the real world;**

**Serving God Together.**

PRACTICING FAITHFULNESS IN ALL SEASONS!!

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Worship Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Wednesday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**AUGUST 2024**

**WELCOME**



“Where did the summer go?” Is the phrase rattling around in your head these days. We’re weeks away from the State Fair, which pushes us to Labor Day – then it’s BAM BAM BAM – Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas! Oh ya – there’s a national election in there somewhere too.

At least for a short while, we can still lean into the lazy hazy days of summer. There’s still a bit of baseball left (despite the beginning of Vikings training camp), you can still crack a sweat mowing the lawn, and a guy can still appreciate the cool summer’s eve.

It was during one such evening I had occasion to ponder... is there a difference between a lightening bug and a firefly? As I did an internet search while sitting in the church sanctuary to inform my query, “no internet service available” was my result.

Curious – not being able to instantly know something. It reminded me that some of the best “stuff” I’ve learned over the span of a lifetime occurred in those times when it was me and God, and often – not even me – just God.

I wonder if we haven’t lost something in our ability to access information in the twinkling of an eye. Like the euphoric sensation that emanates from your heart when you have a moment of supreme clarity.

Peace.  
Always.  
Pastor Wayne

**Office hours:**

Pastor Waibel is in the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am – 11:30 am  
He can be reached anytime on his cell phone 612-750-3443.

LuAnn Dahn (secretary) -Wednesday and Friday mornings. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Prayers**

Vernie Edberg and her son Don, Marilyn Johnson  
Denise Johnson, Nikki Bartholomew, Karen Wakup,  
Leona Fabel, Katy Keohen, Gladys Oberstar, Earl Tiegs,  
Randy Baumgard (Denise’s brother).  
Victims of violence; Leaders; Those hard to love,  
gratitude for our friends, family, and community.



**LEARN**

**Coffee hour** Please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am prior to worship service for coffee and fellowship.

**SERVE**

**Meals On Wheels**

First Presbyterian Church will be serving Meals on Wheels – Monday-Friday, August 5th – August 9th. Thank you for your ministry in serving those in need. Meals on Wheels coordinator and contact is Marlys Koepp at 952-873-4445.





A session meeting was held on Wednesday, April 24th. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed to all congregation members and will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall as soon as they are available..



**Our Monthly OFFERINGS    June & July 2024**

June 2	18	\$ 830.00	July 7	18	\$ 395.00
June 9	17	\$ 510.00	July 14	5	\$ 400.00
June 16	17	\$ 370.00	July 21	27	\$ 600.00
June 23	17	\$ 495.00	July 28	18	\$ 407.00
June 30	21	\$ 325.00			
Total Attendance	80		Total Attendance	68	
Total June Offerings	\$2530.00		Total July Offerings	\$1802.00	

*\*A detailed copy of the financial report is available in the church office.  
For more information, contact a Session member.*

**AUGUST LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS:**

**Deacon**

August 4    Dick Coleman  
August 11    Walt Lehtinen  
August 18    Don Kowalke  
August 25    Marilyn Johnson

**Worship Leaders**

August 4    Dick Coleman  
August 11    Helen Lehtinen  
August 18    JoEllen Kowalke  
August 25    Pastor Wayne Waibel

**Greeters**

August 4    Dick & Tammie Coleman  
August 11    Walt & Helen Lehtinen  
August 18    Jim & Carol Schmidt  
August 25    Walt & Helen Lehtinen

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



**WEB SITE!** FPC Church Website – Check it out – [www.fpcbp.org](http://www.fpcbp.org)

Reminder – If you are unable to attend a service at the church on Sunday mornings, Pastor Wayne is recording a message each week and this will continue even though we are meeting in the church.

**Change Meter:** Future change meter donations will go toward the Belle Plaine Food Shelf  
Meter is in the office

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Happy Birthday to :** Dylan Stolt, Dick Coleman Taylor Edberg, Colter Erickson and Peggy Edberg

**Happy Anniversary to:** Dick & Tammie Coleman, Jason and Tara Swain,  
Roger and Randee Velishek, Tom and Marilyn Johnson and Stan and Pam Pint

\*Please note: If you, or someone you know is having a birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we may observe it in our newsletter. Please call the church office at 952-873-2966.

### **August Lectionary - 2024**

8-4-2024 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

8-18-2024- 13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Proverbs 9:1-6  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

8-11-2024 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 34:1-8  
2 Kings 19:4-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

8-25-2024-14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69