

First Press

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From the Pastor –

Dear Friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

It's here! It is finally here. After what seems like forever of waiting the snow has melted and summer has finally begun. It's time for BBQ's, playing at the pool, mowing the lawn, and answering life altering questions! Well maybe normally not so much the last one but for this summer we will be doing a little Questions and Answers series. Its my hope that we discover together some of those questions you have about the bible. Like for example is swearing actually a sin? When was Jesus really born? What are the fruits of the Spirit? Can Robert see me when I fall asleep in church?

I don't have enough room to answer all these now but to the last question, yes, yes, I can see when you fall asleep. Just kidding, I haven't found anyone doing that yet. For the others you are just going to have to be in church to get the answer.

You can still submit questions by either emailing them to me, on Facebook, or filling out the insert at church.

I know summer plans tend to drag us off in various directions but please make sure you continue to join us as we search scripture

together, encourage one another, care for each other, and be lights in this community of faith. Because life without faith and community ends up being pretty boring and eventually, we start wandering around without a purpose. So, whenever you feel lost, broken, joyful, emotional, grateful, never forget to praise the Lord whether you are at church or on a boat. This community, this body will still be here.

Philippians 4:4-9

Be glad in the Lord always! Again, I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks.

Blessings to you!

Pastor Robert Brooks, CRE

SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on April 12th and May 10th in the Campbell Library

Communion

62 were served communion on Sunday, April 2.

Next Communion will be June 4.

Baptism

April 16th

Hayven Rae Kohnen

Daughter of

Kole and Chasity Kohnen

Kyson Chad Johnson

Son of Wyatt and Kylie Johnson

Save the Date: June 11th

Barbeque and Potluck

Following Church services

PW News



Daily Inspiration

Generosity

Create a habit of giving your attention, time, effort, talents, and resources to others. This is best done without expecting anything in return. Giving often feels better than receiving and can enrich

your life in ways you may have never imagined.

On April 22nd we had our Annual PW Workday from 9:00 to 12:00. We were able to get the fellowship hall, kitchen and storage furnace room cleaned. Thanks Annette, Dee, Jan, Marilyn, Peggy, Shar & Sue for all your hard work! We will have another workday to finish the rest of the projects soon. On May 23rd we had a Craft Day and made Beaded Glass Toad Stools. Women's Bible Study has come to an end for the summer and will start back up in September on the third Wednesday evening of the month at 8:00 pm downstairs. We hope to see many of you there as it is a great time of learning about the Bible and having fellowship with each other. PW will be in charge of the LifeServe Blood Drive July 10, 2023, that will be held in our Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 2:30. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please let Shar or Dawn or know. We will be needing bars and cookies for those giving blood. Our PW groups will be meeting on June 10th after the blood drive to discuss and plan our Fall Luncheon.

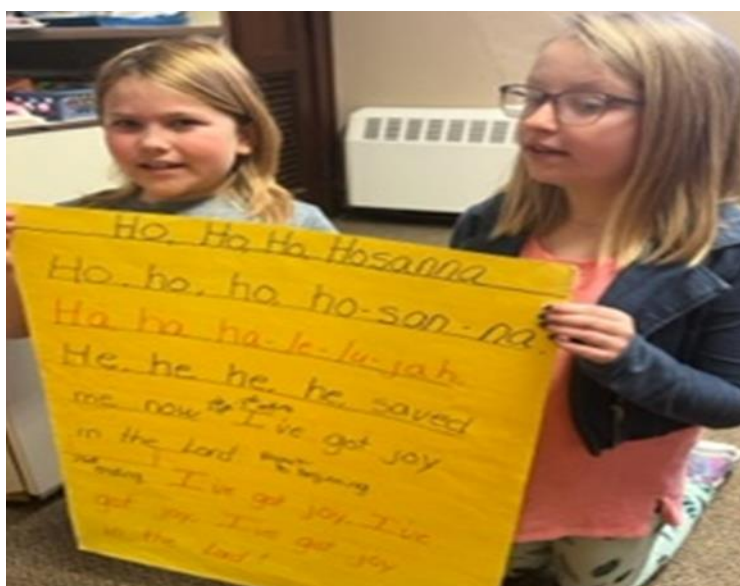
We still need a co-chairman. Please consider volunteering for this position as it is an important one if we want to keep our PW going.

Have a Great Summer!

Blessing,
Dawn Haar
Chairman

Christian Education Report

Sunday School and Wednesday night classes have concluded for this year. The Sunday School students finished out the year in Matthew 20 learning about The Generous Landowner and Leading by Serving. They also worked on new music to sing to the congregation next year! Wednesday night classes did a comparison and summary of the old vs. new testaments. JH Youth Group went to the movie "His Only Son" in Huron. The Senior High group finished out the year with Takeout ice cream and activities in the park.



We honored our Christian Education Leaders in church on April 30th with some flowers. We can't thank them enough for all the time and dedication they put in every week!

Thank You!!!!!!

Christian Education Leaders 2022-2023

Preschool/Kindergarten

Jill and Cassi VanderWerff, Kaihlyn Anderberg

Grades 1-2

Kelly Wagner

Grades 3-5

Cecilee and Arielle Miner, Christina Kruml

Grades 6-8

Jennifer Runge, Will Jones

Adult

Pastor Brooks

Confirmation (Grade 8)

Pastor Brooks

Opening and Pianist

Susan Jones

Jr. Youth Group

Kevin Hofer, Sarah DeHaai

Sr. Youth Group

Travis and Jill Heasley

Substitutes

Laura Duxbury, Jayce Pugh, Eli Jones,

Christmas Program

Kelly Wagner, Laura Duxbury

VBS

Kelly Wagner

CE Committee

Pastor Brooks, Jill and Travis Heasley, Will Jones, Jennifer Runge, Kevin Hofer, Stephanie Edwards, Cecilee Miner

Thank you for sharing your gifts with this church family and for helping us Grow in Grace and Gratitude.



April 30th we also honored our two high school graduates in church and with a reception.

2023 High School Graduates:

Ruby Carder

Briggs Runge



Vacation Bible School

There is a link to register your kids on Facebook!



Where: St. Ann's Catholic Church

When: June 19-22, 2023

1:00-3:30 PM

Who: 4 years old through 4th Grade Completed

Hosted by Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches

***Any kids entering 6th grade or higher are encouraged to be helpers!

***We are in need of group leaders and leaders for the game station!

****We also need kitchen help for Tuesday

Please reach out to Kelly Wagner (605)354-1998 to volunteer! Any and all help is much appreciated!!



May 14th the Confirmation class assisted with the church service as they were also confirmed that day.

Congratulations to:

Tanner DeHaai,

Grace Hofer,

Caiden Kruml,

Brody Heasley



It is not too early to be thinking about Christian Education teachers for next year. Please strongly consider this role. You get to spend time with some great kids! Reach out to Cecilee Miner (605)204-0681 with any questions or to volunteer!

On that note,

Have a GREAT summer! See you in church!



Choir News

The Sanctuary Choir has finished singing for the summer break and will resume again this fall. We thank all of the singers who have faithfully participated in singing for Church services but can always use more people. It's a time of fun and fellowship as well as performing an important part of the worship service. Since Choir will not be singing this summer, we need people who will provide special music—whether it be instrumental, whistling (and we are very lucky to have one in our Church who has that talent) singing a solo or in a small group. Please volunteer for this part of the worship service—or you may very well be asked to do so if you're shy. Have a great summer!

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June-July schedule:

**June 4th - Communion in church.
Deacons are serving.**

**June 11th – Summer BBQ after church.
Session is providing burgers, hot dogs,
and buns. You bring a side dish and a
drink!**

**June 28th – Session meeting in the
Campbell Library at 6:00 PM.**

**July 10th – Blood drive at First
Presbyterian. 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

Birthdays in June

2 - Jeff Heasley
3 - Janice Arbogast
8 - Haistyn Huss
Liliana Hargens Flores
9 - Jesse Vrooman
12- Ian Speck
13 - Jay Welk
15 - Chad Selting
16 -Marilyn Dyer
17 - Kevin Hofer
19 - Brian Winter
Brooks Johnson
21- Sophia Hargens-Flores
22 – Jennifer
Templeton
J.D. Bushfield
Sena Rombough
23 - Robin Vrooman
24 - Jeanette Hastings
Nikki Heidepriem
Ivan Caffee
25 – Tonya Gross
26 - Jack Snodgrass

Anniversaries in June

1-Randy & Gwen Johnson
2 - Jeff & Peggy Meyer
Dennis & Mary
Ellen Letsche
3-Shane & Amy
Bertsch
9 - Larry & Janice
Arbogast
Wayne & Shar Ruhnke
15 - Steve & Linda Zeigler
18 - Larry & Suzy Blaseg
Brian & Tyann Jones
21 - Bob & Connie Templeton
Curtis & Kelly Johnson
23- Will & Brooke Jones
25 - Jack & Annette Snodgrass

Birthdays in July

4 - Justin Evans
5 - Julie Taylor
Curtis Johnson
7 - Tiffany Huss

8 - Jean Johnson
Charles Droz
9 - Robert Lager
Mary Ellen Letsche
10 - Robert Taylor
11 - Pam Williams
Warren Skinner
14 - Joyce Wieland
Rusty VanDerWerff
15 - Connie Templeton
Kay Mentzer
Aubrey DeHaai
16 - Naomi Caffee
Sabrena Brooks
18 - Wendy Anderberg
19 - Ben Moeller
21 - Bob Templeton
Jamie Mentzer
23 - Christina Kruml
Jennifer Jones
Steve Zeigler
24 – Eliza Brooks
27 – Landon Wagner
29 - Peggy Meyer

Anniversaries in July

18 – Robert & Sabrena Brooks
19 - Leonard & Beth Fischer
22 - Loni & Monica Haar
29 - David & Jean Johnson

Deacons for June

Tami Gross
Marilyn Dyer

Deacons for July

Curt Johnson
Jim Jones

Greeters for June

4 – Julie Taylor
11 – Patty Crackel
18 – Kay & Doyle
Foreman
25 – Shelley &
Alan Wieseler

Greeters for July

2 - Carole & Warren

Skinner
9 – Angie Rosemore
16 – Joyce Wieland
23 – Shelby & Evan
Wieseler
30 – Sue Jones

Ushers for June

Annette Snodgrass
Barb Lager
Sandra Selting
Angie Rosemore/
Nancy Williams

Ushers for July

Sue Jones
Patty Crackel
Angie Rosemore
Nancy Williams