

First Press

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From the Pastor's Study

“What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship or distress or persecutions or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8: 26-39 (NRSV)

Paul's list of dangers undoubtedly reflects his own hardships in his mission work, but such did not deter him from his labor. He declares with certainty that no dangers—physical, spiritual, or cosmic—can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

What are we to say about all that leads Paul to speak the very heart of the Gospel: *God is*

for us. Our God who, as in Abraham's sacrificing his own son, Isaac, did not withhold God's own Son is surely trustworthy in all things.

“We know,” writes Paul, “that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” This reminds us not that God wills all things, but that God works in all things for those who love God and are called to God's purposes.

Peace be with you,
Janice Palmer



SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on
August 11 and September 8
in the Campbell Library

Session also held special meetings on
June 28th and July 1st

Communion

Communion served 45
on August 1st

Funerals/Memorial Service

Wally Johnson

Joan Bertsch

Weddings

James Waldrop & Mackinzie Lindegren
September 11, 2021

Submitted by Shar Ruhnke

*Our annual Fall Harvest
Dinner & Country Store
Sunday October 24
after the Church Service.*

Lunch provided.

*Please stay and attend this
time of food and fellowship.*



PW activities have started up since summer is over with. We have furnished and worked at several funerals during

the summer.

Bible Fellowship started up again in September. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 in the Church Basement. All women are invited to attend. There's not a lot of preparation to worry about so please feel free to enjoy some fellowship and studying about the Bible.

We were able to serve our Fall Harvest Luncheon again this year and appreciate all of those who furnished food and labor at it as well as all of those who attended. It was a good day and were glad that we could get back to this fellowship. (It was the first one since 2018.)

Charlene Beckett

PW Chairman

Wanted !!

Ushers and Greeters

We are in need of people to serve as ushers and greeters in the Church. Greeters are weekly and ushers are monthly jobs. (If you can't be here some Sunday(s), please let the office or someone know so we can find replacements easily. Please consider saying yes if you are asked to serve in these positions. These positions really contribute to our services. Thank you!



HELP WANTED! The bell choir would like to soon be playing again, but we need ringers! If you have any interest in joining a fun group with a mission to provide inspirational music to the congregation and community, please consider joining the bell choir. No experience necessary, we provide on the job training! Bell choir will begin practicing for the Christmas concert being planned for December. We will meet on Wednesdays starting October 6th at 5:45 and have a fun time together, while at the same time working to sharpen our musical skills. We also hope to provide outreach to the residents at Courtyard Villa and Prairie Good Samaritan Center during the holiday season. Consider joining our group—new ringers are desperately needed! Contact the director if you have any questions or would like to join.

Ray Caffee, Director



Sanctuary Choir Report

Hi—our songbirds are back together and have been singing since the middle of September. We are glad to be back with as a group and praising God with our songs. We do need more singers since we lost a few

members this year—so if you are at all interested in singing in the Choir, we would like you to come and join us. Choir practice is every Wed. at 7:00 (until we start practicing for the Christmas concert—then we will start a little earlier). Please think about joining us this year. If you have any questions, please talk to Janice Palmer or any Choir member—or just show up for practice. It is a good time for fellowship and music.

Janice Palmer

Christian Education News

Welcome back to our Youth! Sunday School and Youth groups started up again this fall. Thankfully we have our leaders for this year and we thank them for volunteering. Our teachers and leaders are the following:

PreSchool/Kindergarten/1st Grade

Laura Duxbury, Jill & Cassi VanDerWerff

Grades 2-3

Kelly Johnson & Kelly Wagner

Grades 4-5

Marilyn Dyer, Sue Jones &

Shaylee Anderberg

Grades 6-8

Jennifer Runge

Jr. Youth Group

Kevin Hofer & Sarah DeHaai

Sr. Youth group

Kylie Selting & Wyatt Johnson

Substitutes

Patty Crackel, Dawn Haar, Chelsea Pugh,

Brian & Jan Winter, and

Cecilee & Ariel Miner

Christmas Program

Kelly Wagner & Laura Duxbury

VBS Planning Committee

Kelly Wagner

Christian Ed Committee

Kevin Hofer, Gayle Vrooman, &

Stephanie Edwards

We also handed out Bibles to our 3rd graders. They are the following:

Vaelynn Welk, Rya Wagner, Blake Hofer,

and Peyton Moss

Attendance pins were also give to those students who are awarded one for every 30 days of attendance. There were 35 Sunday school days this past year. This means a student could miss no more than 5 Sundays and still be awarded an attendance pin. The days accumulate year to year, Sometimes it happens that a student just misses getting an attendance pin by a Sunday or two. If this is the case, it IS possible, then, to earn 2 pins the following year.

First Year Pin

Kagen Runge

Second Year Pin

Jake Pugh

Third Year Pins

Haley Duxbury, Rya Wagner, Haylie

Huss

Fourth Year Pins

Lawson Wagner, Quinley Miner,

Harper Duxbury

Fifth Year Pins

Caiden Kruml, Eric Speck

Seventh Year Pin

Jayce Pugh

Eighth Year Pin

Grace Hofer

Ninth Year Pins

Ben Wangsness & Kaihlyn Anderberg

Perfect Attendance!

Ben Wangsness

Congratulations!

Remember all youth are welcome and encouraged come to our Sunday School classes and Youth groups. A lot of knowledge and *fun* is had these meetings.

Stephanie Edwards

Birthdays in October

1 - Jack Jones
Sally Sivertsen
3 - Joseph Wieseler
Harper Duxbury
4 - Alan Wieseler
Carter Fanning
7 - Ralph Johnson
--Nolan Caffee
8 – Cheryl Fanning
Randy Johnson
9 - Gabe Muschitz
10 – Kayla Stevens
11- Dick Palmer
Shelly Wieseler
12 - Ronalee Johnsen
15 – Doyle Foreman
18 - Harriet Kopplin
Shane Sivertsen
19 - Jayce Pugh
20- Becky Nelson
Don Stevens
21- Kelsa Foreman
24- Kyler Foreman
Jake Pugh
25- Corey Blachford
Rhoda Rombough
26- Janelle Kenaston
27- Cecilee Miner
28- Lester Moeller
30- Larry Arbogast
Loni Haar

October Anniversaries

3- Ray & Tammy Caffee
6 - Greg & Dawn Haar
8 - Riley & Chelsea Pugh
10 – Stephen & Lori Resel

Greeters in October

3– Whitey & Joyce Wieland
10- Cecilee Miner
17- Annette Snodgrass
24- Dee & Dennis McGirr
31- Shannon & Jody Speck

Birthdays in November

8 – Brett Stevens
9 - Jennifer Kenaston
McCade Nelson
10- Cindy Rombough
Annette Snodgrass
11- Courtney Fanning
12- Angie Anderberg
17- Rebekah Koeck
19- Schelbie DeHaai
22- Angie Rosemore
23 - Brecken Anderberg
26- Pat Crackel
Robb Johnson
Whitey Wieland
27 - David Sivertsen

November Anniversaries

4 - Lee & Sharlene Skinner
9 - Jim & Marilyn Dyer
20- Chip & Sena Rombough
Brian & Jan Winter

Greeters in November

7 - Greg & Carolyn Rediger
14 –Sandy Selting
21– Pete & Dwan DeGeest
28- Tammy & Gordon Gross

Ushers in November

Briggs & Mike Runge
Ian Speck
Eric Speck

Ushers in October

Bob & Barb Lager
Doyle Foreman
Kayla Stevens

Deacons in October

Sarah Resel
Teresa Eschenbaum

Deacons in November

Barb Lager
Angie Rosemore