

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHIMES

September 2023

SUNDAYS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9 AM

WORSHIP: 10:15 AM

YFA: EVENINGS

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDIES: 7 AM & 2 PM

YOUTH CLUB

CONFIRMATION: 6 PM

Pastor's Visitation Schedule

Review & Confirm your visit with the church office.

September

September 8 Pastor Scott Visits:

Richard Aakre at 3:00 pm

September 14 Pastor Scott Visits:

Ralph Revier at 9:00 am

Laura Kohler at 10:00 am

Bunny Nolting & Dorothy Symes at 11:00 am

Sue Tiffany at 1:30 pm

Sally Dording at 2:45 pm

Doreen Steenblock at 4:00 pm

September 28 Pastor Scott Visits:

Rosemary Bennett at 9:30 am

Gary & Jenifer Hindt at 11:00 am

Bob Nolting at 2:00 pm

Millie Bunting at 2:30 pm

Leon King at 3:30 pm

October

October 5 Pastor Scott Takes Communion to:

Rosemary Bennett at 2:00 pm

Gary & Jenifer Hindt at 3:15 pm

Bob Nolting & Millie Bunting at 4:30 pm

October 12 Pastor Scott Visits:

Ralph Revier at 9:00 am

Doreen Steenblock at 10:00 am

Laura Kohler at 11:00 am

Pastor Scott Takes Communion to:

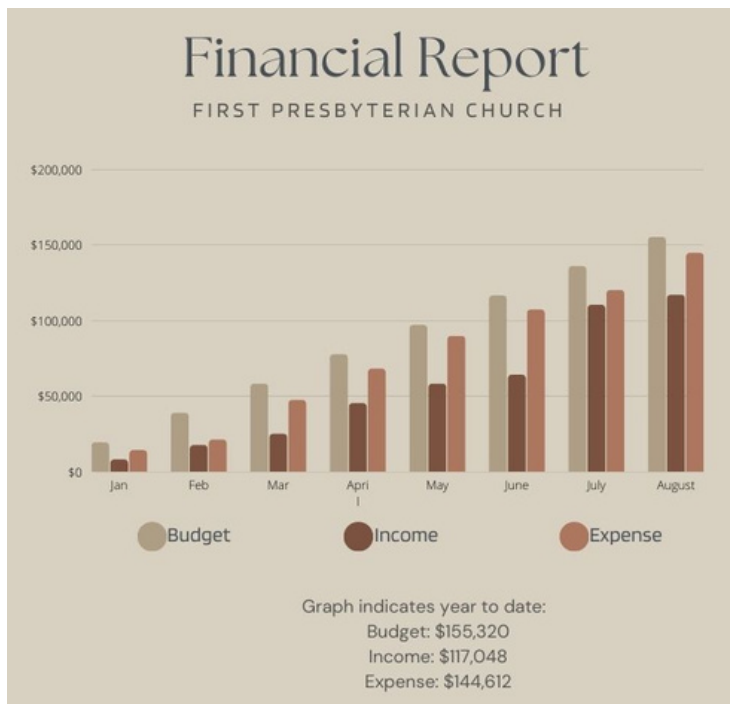
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Sally Dording at 3:15 pm

Bunny Nolting & Dorothy Symes at 4:30 pm

October 26 Pastor Takes Communion to:

Richard Aakre at 3:00 pm



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you all for your generous support so far this year. We have collected \$1845 towards the Per-Capita to support the Presbytery. We pay quarterly, so if you have not given the \$44 per member yet, there is still time. We have also decreased the deficit between our church expenses and our giving, however, there is still a deficit and continued giving would be appreciated and needed. Again, thank you for your generous support of our church.

The Stewardship Committee

September Means Youth Activities

*****Watch for more detailed information to come!*****

Sunday School: Kickoff September 24, 9 am

Youth Club: Kickoff September 20

Youth Faith in Action: Meeting September 17 @ 6:30 pm

Confirmation: Potluck/Welcome September 27 @ 6 pm

Attention Youth Faith in Action (Kids grades 5-12)... You are invited to help the Matthew 25 Committee with the Friendship Dinner on September 17, from 5-6:30 pm, We will be having a meeting following the dinner to discuss plans and ideas for what YFA will look like this coming year.

September Greeters

Deacons of Month: Shannon Sweetman

3 Michael & Rhonda Joldersma

10 Gary & Jennifer Hindt

17 Kevin McKay

24 Aaron & Amber Rohlik

September Birthdays

1st: Merlin Goudy

2nd: Jenny Bloedow,

Richard Aakre

5th: Rick Hauge,

Cora Tiffany, Olivia Schneider

7th: Jackie Venable

12th: Charles Milhausen

14th: Don Quinn

15th: Tegan Hicks

16th: Candy Zaske,

Hunter Rebstock, Ethan Dalbec

17th: Pete Fuhr

18th: Mike Dahmes

19th: Eloise Brozek,

Mike Salmon

20th: Brian Klavetter

25th: Dale Starr, Delaney

Kramer, Samantha Palmer

26th: Addison Bruns,

Paige Kaupang

28th: Elliott Klavetter,

Laura Kohler, Dody Fuhr

30th: Gary Hindt

September Anniversaries

2nd: Shaun & Becky Bruns

8th: Dan & Shari Fuhr,

Nancy & Kevin Miller

13th: Bob & Sonya Alexander

23rd: Bob & Bunny Nolting

September Ushers

Head Usher: Don Dagner,

Scott Goodyear,

Rachel Karnitz,

Kory Schneider,

Dale & Sandy Starr

September Communion Servers

Ruling Elder Molly Miller,

Scott Goodyear,

Laura Kohler,

Dave Danielson,

Drew Osborne,

Katherine Brozek,

Nick Brozek

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">September</h1>						
3 *Worship - Guest Speaker	4 Church Office Closed	5 *Pastor: Zoom GA Committee Meeting	6 *OT B. Study *Piecemakers *NT B. Study	7 *Pastor: Leadership Meeting *Worship Committee Meeting	8 *Pastor: Dollars for Scholars *Pastor: Visit	9
10 *Worship - Holy Communion *Packing Weekend Food Bags	11 *Pastor: Rotary *Session Meeting	12 *Pastor: LINC Redwood County Meeting	13 *OT B. Study *NT B. Study	14 *Pastor: Visits *Deacon Meeting	15	16
17 *Worship *Friendship Dinner *YFA Meeting	18 Sept 18-24: Pastor Scott out of office @ Pastor's Retreat	19	20 *Piecemakers *Youth Club	21	22	23
24 *Sunday School Kickoff *Worship - Guest Speaker *Packing Weekend Food Bags	25 *Pastor: Rotary/ Board Meeting	26	27 *OT B. Study *NT B. Study *Youth Club *Confirmation & Potluck	28 *Pastor: Visits	29	30

A Prayer for a New Year of Sunday School, Youth Club, Youth, Faith and Action and the Confirmation Class

Dear God,

We pray to you with hearts full of anticipation and gratitude as we embark on a new year of Sunday School, Youth Club, Youth, Faith and Action and the Confirmation Class. We thank you for the opportunity to nurture the hearts and minds of our young ones, guiding them in your ways and fostering a sense of community and belonging.

As we begin this journey anew, we ask for your blessings upon our efforts. May our Youth programs be places of joy, learning, and spiritual growth. We pray for the teachers, leaders, and volunteers who will dedicate their time and energy to guide and inspire the young souls entrusted to our care. Grant us wisdom, Lord, as we prepare lessons, plan activities, and create a welcoming atmosphere. May the teachings be rooted in your Word, helping our young ones understand your love, grace, and the significance of living a life in accordance with your teachings.

We ask for your presence to fill our gatherings, that each moment may be infused with your Spirit. Let our interactions be marked by kindness, patience, and a genuine love for one another. May the bonds of friendship formed here be strong and lasting, a reflection of the unity we find in you. Lord, we pray for the young hearts and minds that will grace our Christian Education programs. Bless them with open hearts to receive your truths and insights. May they grow in faith, deepen their understanding of your love, and develop a personal relationship with you.

We lift up the families of these young ones, too. May our efforts be a source of support and encouragement for them as they strive to raise children who are grounded in faith and guided by your light.

As we step into this new year, we place our Sunday School, Youth Club, Youth, Faith and Action and the Confirmation Class into your hands. Guide us, protect us, and empower us to make a positive impact in the lives of these young souls. May this year be marked by growth, laughter, and a deeper connection with you.

In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

A Prayer for the New School Year

Dear God,

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of education and the opportunities it brings. As our children prepare to embark on a new school year, we ask for your guidance, protection, and blessings.

Please watch over our children as they step into their classrooms, eager to learn and grow. Surround them with your love and light, shielding them from any harm or negativity. Grant them wisdom to understand their lessons, courage to ask questions, and strength to persevere through challenges.

We pray for their teachers, Lord, that you may grant them patience, creativity, and the ability to inspire and nurture a love for learning in each child. May they be guided by your wisdom as they impart knowledge and shape young minds.

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Bless the friendships our children will form during this school year. Help them to build strong bonds with their peers, rooted in kindness, empathy, and mutual respect. May they be a source of support and encouragement for one another.

We lift up the parents and caregivers, Lord, as they entrust their precious children to the care of others. Grant them peace of mind, knowing that you are watching over their children every step of the way. Provide them with the strength to guide and nurture their children at home, reinforcing the values and principles they hold dear.

Lord, we ask for a safe and healthy school environment. Protect our children from sickness, accidents, and any dangers that may arise. Surround the school premises with your angels of protection.

Above all, we pray for our children's spiritual growth. May they continue to grow in faith, love, and compassion, reflecting your light in all they do. Help them to see the beauty in the world around them and to recognize the potential they hold within.

In your name, we humbly ask for your blessings upon this new school year. May it be a time of growth, discovery, and joy for our children. We place them in your loving hands, trusting that you will guide and watch over them always. Amen.

A Prayer for Our College Students

Loving and Gracious God,

As a new college year begins, we lift up our young adults before you with hearts full of hope and gratitude. We thank you for the journey that has led them to this point and for the opportunities that lie ahead.

We pray for your guidance, Lord, as they navigate through new challenges, experiences, and academic pursuits. Grant them the wisdom to make sound decisions, the courage to face difficulties, and the determination to persevere in their studies.

Bless their professors and instructors, dear Lord. May these educators inspire, challenge, and ignite a passion for learning within our college students. Guide their interactions and discussions, that knowledge may be shared, and minds may be expanded.

We ask for your protection over our college students, both physically and emotionally. Shield them from harm and surround them with a supportive community that encourages growth, friendship, and understanding. Provide them with strength in times of stress and comfort in times of uncertainty. Help our young adults to stay true to their values and principles, even in the midst of a changing environment. May they be a positive influence on their peers, demonstrating kindness, empathy, and compassion.

Lord, we also pray for their spiritual well-being. May they continue to seek you and find solace in their relationship with you. Grant them opportunities to grow in faith and to find meaning and purpose in their lives.

As they embark on this new chapter, we entrust our college students into your care, knowing that you have plans to prosper them and give them hope and a future. May this year be a time of learning, discovery, and personal growth. May they be guided by your light and grace in all they do.

In your name, we offer up this prayer, believing in your unwavering love and guidance. Amen.

A Thank You to Our Farmers

Dear Farmers,

I want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the tireless work, dedication, and love you pour into the earth every day. Your hands sow the seeds of sustenance, and your labor nurtures the growth that feeds our bodies and fuels our communities.

You rise with the sun and toil under the rain, enduring challenges and uncertainties with unwavering commitment. Your efforts bring forth the bountiful harvests that grace our tables and nourish our lives. It is through your hard work that we are able to enjoy the blessings of the land.

Your stewardship of the land not only provides us with nourishment but also serves as a testament to your deep connection with nature. You understand the delicate balance that sustains life, and you care for the earth with a devotion that is nothing short of inspiring.

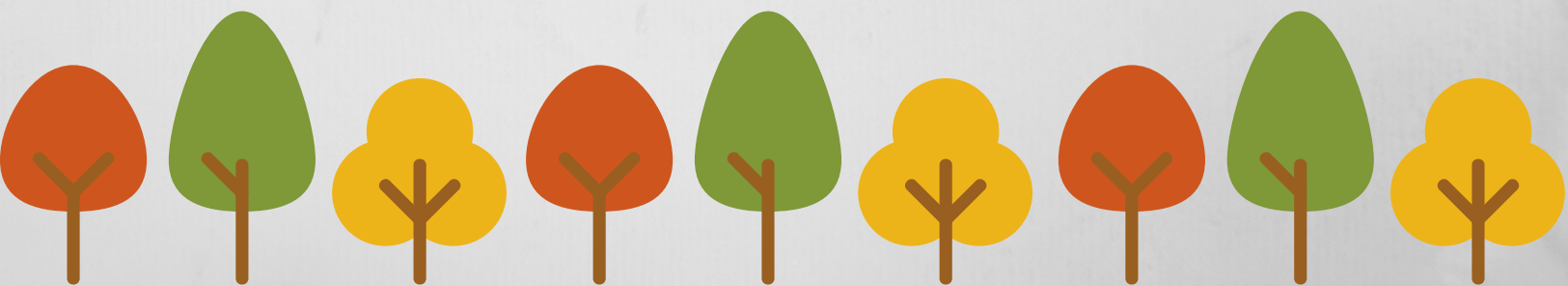
In the face of adversity and changing seasons, you remain resilient, adapting to the demands of modern agriculture while honoring the traditions passed down through generations. Your commitment to sustainability and responsible practices reminds us of the importance of preserving the planet for future generations.

Your dedication does not go unnoticed. Your hands touch every aspect of our lives, from the food on our plates to the strength of our communities. Your labor is a gift that we cherish and rely upon, and we are profoundly grateful for the sacrifices you make to ensure our well-being.

As we enjoy the fruits of your labor, may we never forget the hard work, care, and passion that go into each and every harvest. Your efforts sustain us in more ways than we can express, and for that, we offer our sincerest thanks.

With deep appreciation,

Pastor Scott Prouty



Let's Study the Bible

We offer two Bible Studies each week on Wednesdays at 7 am (Old Testament) and 2 pm (New Testament) in the parlor.

Please consider joining us. Here are some reasons why Bible Study is so important. It offers:

- *** **Spiritual Nourishment and Growth:** The Bible is considered a spiritual nourishment that provides insight into the nature of God, human existence, and the purpose of life. Studying its teachings helps individuals develop a deeper relationship with God and strengthens their faith.
- *** **Guidance and Wisdom:** The Bible offers timeless principles and moral guidelines that can help individuals navigate life's challenges, make wise decisions, and live in accordance with God's will. It provides a source of guidance for ethical and moral dilemmas.
- *** **Understanding God's Character:** The Bible reveals God's character, attributes, and love for humanity. Through its stories, teachings, and accounts of God's interactions with people, individuals can come to understand God's nature and God's intentions for humanity.
- *** **Historical and Cultural Context:** Studying the Bible provides insights into the historical and cultural contexts of different time periods. This enhances understanding of the societies in which the events of the Bible took place, offering a window into the past.
- *** **Literary and Artistic Influence:** The Bible has had a profound impact on literature, art, music, and culture throughout history. Familiarity with its stories and themes enriches one's appreciation of various forms of creative expression.
- *** **Connection with a Faith Community:** The Bible often serves as a common ground for believers within a faith community. Studying and discussing its teachings can foster a sense of unity and shared beliefs among individuals who belong to the same faith tradition. It also can connect you with people other faith communities and create a strong bond.
- *** **Personal Reflection and Meditation:** The Bible provides opportunities for introspection, meditation, and personal growth. Its verses and teachings can inspire self-examination, leading to personal transformation and a deeper understanding of one's purpose in life.
- *** **Answering Life's Questions:** The Bible addresses fundamental questions about existence, human nature, suffering, and hope. Studying its teachings can provide insights and perspectives on these profound questions.
- *** **Inspiration and Encouragement:** The stories of faith, perseverance, and triumph found in the Bible can inspire individuals to overcome challenges and pursue their goals with determination and hope.
- *** **Shared Spiritual Language:** The Bible serves as a shared spiritual language for many believers, allowing them to communicate and connect through common narratives, themes, and teachings.

Ultimately, the reasons for studying the Bible may vary from person to person, but for many, it offers a pathway to spiritual growth, wisdom, understanding, and a deeper connection to God and the broader human experience.

~ Pastor Scott Prouty