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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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OUR MISSION

*In Christ's name, and as an outgrowth of our faith, we at First Presbyterian Church are called to boldly share the **Good News of Jesus Christ** and our salvation - loving one another, listening to one another, building up, and caring for each other as we grow in tolerance of the differences between people and in our discipleship between people, and in our discipleship as Christians now and into the future.*

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CONGRATULATIONS  CONFIRMANDS!

Cassidy Carson



Hayden Gorter



Joseph Kor

Braedon Kor

What is your favorite Bible Verse?



Cassidy: "Love Without Conditions" 1 Peter 4:8

Joseph: "I can do all things..." Philippians 4:13

Hayden: "For I know the plans I have for you" Jeremiah 29:11

Braedon: "God so loved the world..." John 3:16



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Thursday
10a-3p

Sunday Worship Attendance

**FINANCIAL GIVING
MARCH 2022**

Easter Lilies - \$165
Food shelf - \$30
General - \$4407

Date of Service	In-Person Attendance	Online Service Views
April 3	45	98
April 10	50	N/A
April 17	76	182
April 24	48	173



First Presbyterian Church - Pipestone



Monthly Book Club

9:00AM Every Second Sunday of the Month

Come join us for coffee, cookies, and chatting as we read and discuss the book of the month.



SESSION- BOARD OF ELDERS

Emily Speer, Shelly Hennager,
Bud Eernisse, Andrew Schaap, Laura Wurster ,
Janet Bush

BOARD OF DEACONS

Lana Eeten, Jan Biever, Debbie Boelter,
Sharleen Ludolph, Peggy Taubert, Abbey Taubert

WHAT'S GOING ON? MAY 2022



Date	Activities
May 1	Confirmation 10AM Worship— Dave Hollis
May 8	9AM Book Club 10AM Worship Stan Menning
May 9	6PM Session Meeting
May 15	10AM Worship— Jean Volkers
May 19	1:30PM Ridgeview Visits
May 22	10AM Worship— Carl Gearhart Communion Deacon Meeting
May 29	10AM Worship— Robby & Donna Flint

Happy Anniversary

Mike and Sharleen Ludolph
May 31st
42 Years!

- 2 Daisy Asplund
- 4 Brad Gorter
- 7 Jeff Huebner
- 8 Glenn Vander Poel,
Greg Mitchell
- 11 Lana Eeten, Jan Kor, Scott Kor,
Lee Vande Voort
- 15 Colton Raatz
- 17 Lee Gorter
- 18 Sarah Gorter
- 26 Arlene Lerdal
- 27 Matti Carson
- 31 Mackenzie Bauer, Dave Heard,
Romeo Plascencia

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10AM WORSHIP	2	3 	4	5	6	7 
8 10AM WORSHIP	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15 10AM WORSHIP	16 6PM SESSION MEETING	17	18 	19 1:30PM RIDGEVIEW SOCIAL Hour	20	21
22 10AM WORSHIP DEACON MEETING AFTER SERVICE	23	24 	25 	26 	27	28 
29 10AM WORSHIP	30	31 				

A SPECIAL CALLING

Exploring a Call

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' Isaiah 6:8

Have you ever heard God calling you to serve in a new way? Calls happen in various ways. Maybe God is calling you to take on a larger role in leadership in your congregation? Maybe God is calling you to assist in the leadership of worship in your congregation? Maybe God is calling you to develop skills to be able to provide a sermon on Sundays when a congregation needs pulpit supply? Maybe God might even be nudging you towards considering being a pastoral leader as either a CRE or a teaching elder? If you have heard God calling you, our Presbytery is offering an easy way to begin exploring this call.

On May 9th at 7:00 p.m. the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys will offer a Zoom meeting for anybody exploring any of these questions. PNC's have discovered that we are experiencing a shortage of pastoral candidates to fill positions. This is especially true in rural Minnesota. Many of the new pastoral candidates are coming from suburban and urban places on the East or West coast, while most of our PNCs are looking for candidates with small church experience, small town experience, and somebody who is familiar with the culture of the upper Midwest. If you look at the pastors presently serving in our Presbytery, there are several pastors who grew up in this Presbytery or the surrounding presbyteries. Yet, we have had no candidates under care for several years.

If you hear God calling (even faintly) please join us as we explore ways to assist you in answering that call. There will be information on the Academy and the opportunity to explore attending seminary or other continuing education programs. Please get the word out to every one of our congregations and encourage anybody in which you see gifts to explore a call by attending this event on May 9th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Paul Snyder
Inventive Ministries Task Force of the Commission on Leadership

NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

Hello from the Deacons!

We will be starting up our monthly visits to Ridgeview every third Thursday at 1:30 in the chapel just up the stairs and/or elevator! The visits are open to any members or friends of the church. If we outgrow that room we will reserve a bigger one. Please check in and wear a mask, but once in the chapel we are free to take the masks off.

Good Samaritan and Falls Landing residents would also like visits. Visitors need to check in at the front door and are required to wear a mask in.

You will notice that we are starting to list people at home, or in a residential setting in the weekly bulletins. We do this to encourage prayers and visits. A couple of members even suggested putting their telephone numbers in because they would love a call. If you would like to be listed in the bulletin, please let the church office know (Haley is our administrative assistant. Her number is 825-5433. Leave a message if she is not in the office.) For the people living at home, we encourage a call first to set up a convenient time.

Communion deliveries will continue to those that have requested. If you want to be on this delivery list or taken off of it, please call the office. Our prayer is that soon we will be able to make deliveries and give communion with a new pastor. The Pastoral committee will update us as they can, but in the meantime please keep this committee and our future pastor and family in your prayers.

Carnations are delivered to anyone with a birthday of 80, 85, 90 and everyone older than 90! It's fun to be able to visit and spread a little birthday cheer! Please let the office know if you believe you are being overlooked for this! We will get you on our list!





Half-Time Youth Coordinator for Presbytery

Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys is looking for a Youth Coordinator that has a passion for spiritual formation in children and youth. The individual would be responsible for:

- connecting youth and youth leaders across the Presbytery
- organizing youth events
- resourcing congregations
- coordinating Triennium and accompanying youth to the event
- plan youth leader training events
- organizing presbytery-wide Zoom confirmation classes

We are looking for someone to be the face of the youth program for the Presbytery. Some travel required.

Interested persons should provide a cover letter with brief faith statement, and a resume with two references by June 1, 2022. Send/email to Karen Lange (karen@minnesotavalleys.org), Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys, PO Box 431, Kerkhoven MN 56252

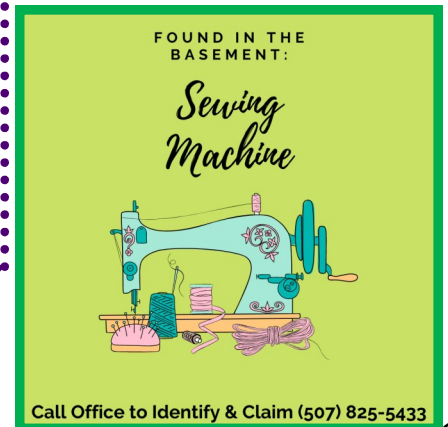
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