

First United Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2018

As our summer continues to zip by, let's take a quick look back at some of the highlights of our church family's activities so far...



Back on July 9, some of our middle high CORE group left for a youth ministry conference called **The Great Escape** in Green Lake. Looks like it was a fun (if a little messy) experience!

Our Presbyterian Women began another summer of **"On the Go!"** field trips on July 12 with a special visit to the **Sabamba Alpaca Ranch**. All reports say the attendees had a great time getting up close and personal with some new furry friends.



Early on July 14, some of our senior high JAM group hit the road to join with others for a summer **Mission Trip** to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. They helped with some manual labor projects, provided some assistance

at a local thrift shop, and even found some time for a little fun in the sun during their big week.



Sunday, July 22 was a busy day in the life of our church. First we gathered under the big tent for our 6th annual outdoor summer service. **Worship in the Garden**



again featured some great Dixieland music from the New Dixie Ramblers. After the service, we all enjoyed a great picnic/potluck with burgers, brats, and hot dogs provided by and grilled by the Men's Club.



That same day, our kids began another wonderful week of **Vacation Bible School**. More than 25 kids and helpers of all ages



explored the theme "Shipwrecked." Through games, songs, and other activities, they learned that Jesus can rescue us when we're struggling, worried, or lonely.

The Presbyterian Women were **"On the Go!"** once again on July 25 when they travelled to New Franken for a private tour of the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help**. They also have one more trip planned for August 21, so mark your calendar!



N.E.W. Community Shelter Update...

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

Deuteronomy 15:11

On **July 17** our team of volunteers served **221 meals** at the shelter. The meal was prepared by Dennis and Debbie Hibray, Lee Richardson, and



Joe Williams. Cakes were provided by Vernon Pahl, Diane Betz, Marilyn Knuth, Sandy Steffen, Debby Cordova, Mike Kettner, Sue Renier,

and Cindi Barnett.

Dinner was served by Mackenzie and Sally Lindow, Debbie Hibray, Diane Betz, Cindi Barnett, and Mike Kettner. Lois Pelishek provided a cake, and she and Lee Richardson



delivered meals to the Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **August 21** from 5pm to 6:15pm. If you'd like to donate a cake, sign up in the Family Life Center or contact **Diane Betz** at mdbetz@att.net. If you would like to help prepare a meal or serve at the shelter, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at 737-5376 or at cindi.barnett@snc.edu.



The final **P.W. On the Go!** trip of the summer is set for **Tuesday, August 21**. Everyone's invited to meet at the church at 9:30am that morning for

a visit to **Thousand Island Environmental Center** in Kaukauna. You'll enjoy a tour led by a naturalist who will share the many Wisconsin animals that live there including nesting eagles. There's also a large indoor learning center plus several short walking trails. The excursion will end with a shared group lunch at an area restaurant. Again, everyone is welcome to join this final summer road trip. For more details, contact Susan Leiber at 337-0979.

Sunday Afternoon Bike Rides Can Be a Family Affair!

Everyone's invited **Sundays at 4pm** at these starting points:



8/5 - Fox Point Boat Launch, De Pere
8/12 - Green Isle Park, Allouez
8/19 - Green Bay East High School
8/26 - Mountain Bay Trail, Howard



Judy Allan Memorial Garden Care & Upkeep Schedule

Everyone's encouraged to get involved, but here are the scheduled garden helpers for the month of August:

week of 7/29 - Christian Ed. Ministry

week of 8/5 - God's Gardeners (Wed. 6pm)

week of 8/12 - Leadership & Finance Ministries

week of 8/19 - God's Gardeners (Wed. 6pm)

week of 8/26 - Worship & Music Ministry

We need lots of caring hands to maintain and harvest in our garden. If you have questions about what needs to be done or how you can help, please contact **Lynn Huebbe** at lynn_huebbe@new.rr.com for more.

Our church family is offering some back-to-school support through CASA for local teens in the foster care system. The younger children get help from other, bigger programs, but youth ages 12 to 17 are often left out.



Thanks to everyone who already took a tag from the Family Life Center bulletin board. The next step is to purchase a \$20 (or more) gift card at a store where the CASA youth could shop for shoes, clothes, and/or school supplies. Please return your gift cards (along with the original tag) by **Sunday, August 12**. Just drop them in the offering plate or return them to the church office by the deadline. Even if the tags are all gone, you can still donate a gift card to be used for one of the teens. Thanks for all of your support!



Presbyterian Women Calendar

Join us for some of our group opportunities and activities!

- 8/2 - **Mission Sewing @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 8/9 - **PWCT @ 8:30am (Room 11) & Talbot Circle @ 11:30am (R.S.V.P. to Barb Kraus for lunch plans)**
- 8/13 - **Bake Sale Set-up @ 6:30pm (F.L.C.)**
- 8/14 - **Election Day Bake Sale (F.L.C.)**
- 8/18 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 8/21 - **P.W. On the Go @ 9:30am (meet at church to travel to the "Thousand Island Environmental Center")**
- 8/28 - **4th Tues. Readers @ 1pm (Library)**

**Esther Circle will return in September.*

We vote for yummy! An election is coming on **August 14**. Our Presbyterian Women are planning another **Election Day Bake Sale**, but they need your help to make it happen.



Please drop off any baked goods you can donate **by 6:30pm on Monday, August 13** so they can be prepared for sale. The proceeds will help support our P.W. group with their many mission projects.



Monthly Financial Update

(as of June 2018)

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to SERVE, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Operating Fund		
Income	\$165,000	\$174,500
Expenses	\$154,200	\$164,400
Building Fund		
Income	\$25,000	\$27,700

Special Upcoming Offerings:
Deacons Fund Offering - August 5

Results of Worship Survey

by Dawn Picard, Clerk



"Being part of this church is awesome!" "Friendly, welcoming, engaging, ALIVE!" "So much musical talent in our church."

"Wonderful church with a great staff." "Luke's sermons get better and better." These are just a few of the comments from the worship survey done last May to help the Worship and Music Ministry assess how things are going and to help Pastor Luke plan for the next program year. One hundred nine people filled out the survey. People were asked to rank statements on a 1-5 scale with 5 being high.

The results and comments were very positive. Rankings of 3-5 were given for statements about worship being a meaningful experience; announcements being helpful; sermon series being accepted; sermons being relevant; Lectionary-based sermons being appreciated; "Time for Young Disciples" being meaningful; participation by different people being appreciated; music groups being appreciated; hymn selection being satisfactory; video clips being appreciated; projection during the offertory being appreciated; the Liturgical Arts displays being appreciated; special services and the length of the services being appreciated. The only controversial results dealt with the possibility of changing the start time of the service to a later and adding a second service. There was an even split on people who would support a change in start time and those who will not. Support for changing the time was not limited to those age groups with children in Sunday School. The same split appeared concerning a second service with some feeling that we are not big enough to warrant it. There is no conversation about changing the worship start time or adding another service at this point.

The Worship and Music Team would like to thank all those who gave their opinion. The results were shared with Session, and it was agreed that our worship service is meaningful and greatly appreciated. Satisfaction is extremely high with Pastor Luke's message and worship leadership. The comments were very complimentary to those leading worship. You may notice some slight changes within the musical offerings as the groups discuss and adjust to several suggestions made. Other ministry groups may use this type of vehicle in the future to gather information from our church family. If you have questions about the survey results, you may contact Dawn Picard, Ted Huebbe, or any Session members.



Elder of the Month

Tom Steffen

Deacons of the Month

Michelle Griffith & Debbie Pahl



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| 1 - Scott McCurley | 13 - Calvin Sacotte, |
| 2 - Michella Bauer, | Kevin Spiegel, & |
| Stella Deprez, & | Jen Van De Hei |
| Evelyn Vincent | 15 - Marilyn Kabat |
| 3 - Debbie Crooks & | 15 - Isabella Beck & |
| Dahlia Lester | Lorna Wood |
| 5 - Linda Allen, | 16 - Debbie Stange |
| Hailey Dorn, & | 17 - Lori Dill |
| Joe Williams | 19 - Sarah McPherson & |
| 8 - George Cornell & | Rosemarie Pagel |
| Troy Gutzman | 21 - Brian Driscoll & |
| 10 - Cindy Finesilver | Darrell Rempel |
| 11 - Arianna Duncanson, | 22 - Judy Cornell, Hilary |
| Jon Motquin, | Dauffenbach-Tabb, & |
| | Beth Paulson |
| | 23 - Leanne Foeller, |
| | Sue Planert, & |
| | Susan Robertson |
| | 24 - Greyson Hamp |
| | 25 - Eric Parks |
| | 26 - Julie Mackey |
| | 27 - Kari Jensen & |
| | Jase Maroszek |
| | 28 - Lee Richardson |
| | 29 - Peg Hardt |
| | 30 - Cayley Griffin |
| | 31 - Judy Nighorn & |
| | Kevin Nixon |

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am - 1pm

Friday - closed



Sabbatical Update...

While Pastor Luke is away on his three month Sabbatical Leave, various Ruling and Teaching Elders from our church family will be preaching.

Here's the July schedule:

- 8/5 - Rev. Dr. Paul Jensen
- 8/12 - Bill Picard (Ruling Elder)
- 8/19 - Corday Goddard (Ruling Elder)
- 8/26 - Rev. Meggan Farwell

If any special church needs or emergencies arise, please contact Michelle in our church office (336-1446) or find other emergency contacts posted around the church.

Our church will be hosting the **Third Annual Presbyterian Golf Outing** at the Ledgeview Golf Course on **Saturday, September 22.**



Men and women (of any skill level) from our church and from First Presbyterian in Green Bay are invited. It's only \$30 for nine holes, a cart, and lunch. To register, write down your name, phone number, and email address, and drop it in the offering plate. Contact Ken Nyberg for more.

The **Presbyterian Pantry "Item of the Month"** for August is **boxes of Jell-o.** Did you know volunteers from our church go to the Presbyterian Pantry twice a month to help pack grocery bags for families in need? If you'd like to help sometime, please contact Julie Mackey or Susan Leiber.

