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From the Pastor's Desk

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

All members of the church are charged with this task of going and making disciples and teaching others to obey everything that Jesus has commanded. This is a huge task and that is why Jesus gave it to the whole church, not just pastors or elders or council members or teachers, but to everybody. In the early church there was only one way to proclaim the Gospel, which was the in person telling of the stories of Jesus. This was very effective.

In our modern age many of us don't feel qualified to do this, but we do it through our actions as well as our words. The church as a whole has been slow to incorporate technology into our worship and outreach, but COVID forced us out of our comfort zone. We now livestream all of our services and it has been a blessing to connect with people who are unable to attend worship in person. Many people in care facilities, hospitals, snowbirds, or people who aren't able to attend worship in person for any reason are now able to attend virtually. This has been a real blessing to the church that we are not limited to reaching just the people in the sanctuary.

Our Shared Ministry has purchased another technology tool that can be a blessing to us and our families. The Shared Ministry has a subscription to RightNow media and every member of our church has FREE access to thousands of great faith resources. I hope many of you will take advantage of this. All you need to do is make an account. See the flyer in this newsletter and on church bulletin boards for how to access this resource.

Here is RightNow Media's mission statement...

“We believe the mission of the church matters. Everything we do at RightNow Media is rooted in Jesus's promise that God will use his people to change the world. We're here to serve the church. We provide Christians across the globe with resources that will inspire them to champion the mission Jesus gave to his people—making disciples of all nations. God calls us to focus our lives on him rather than on ourselves. Whether in church, in the workplace, or at home, we want to see disciples of Jesus loving God and loving others. Experience the world's largest customizable library of biblical video resources for every person in your church or ministry. Equip and inspire your people beyond Sunday.”

This huge library has many great videos and lessons for kids and youth. It also has wonderful Bible studies, devotions, videos, and study guides to explore topics of faith. I would encourage everyone in our church, regardless of age, to give it a try. It is a tool which we can use to grow our own faith, but also provide us another way to share the Gospel by sharing this resource with others. If you have any questions on how to sign-up, please let me know. Let us use all the resources God gives us to spread the Gospel in our modern age!

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder

October 2024 Newsletter Articles

Pastor Paul's Office Hours Pastor Paul tentatively plans to be in the office from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at OS-TML on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and at First on Thursdays. There may be days the pastor won't be in the office because of visitation, so please make an appointment if you need to see him or stop by if his car is at church. Pastor Paul's email is psnyder100@gmail.com and his cell number 218-230-4081. Pastor Paul would love to hear from you, so don't hesitate to be in touch!!

Worship Times will continue to be OS-TML worship at 9:00 a.m. and First worship at 10:30 a.m. Our Facebook Live service will continue to be at 9:00 a.m.

First Communion and World Communion Sunday we will celebrate First Communion at both congregations on Sunday, October 6th, which is also World Communion Sunday. Come support our young people as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together!

Confirmation will meet on Wednesday, October 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th with supper at 5:30 p.m. and class at 6:00 p.m. at First. We will not have class on October 16th because of MEA weekend.

W.O.W. will begin this month and will meet on Wednesday, October 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th at 6:00 p.m. at First. There will be no W.O.W. on October 16th because of MEA weekend. W.O.W. is for anyone in K-6th grade so please join in the fun!

Little Lights at First, we will be offering a short time with the kids in preschool and up during worship. Following the children's sermon the kids will go downstairs. If anybody is interested in teaching once a month, please contact Lex Rylander or Pastor Paul. Little Lights will begin October 13th and continue each Sunday.

Ashby Living Center Bible Study Pastor Paul will be leading this on October 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Communion will be celebrated on October 6th and October 27th in both congregations. We will receive Communion by continuous Communion in person and those watching online are encouraged to prepare elements in your homes. All are welcome to the table!

Council will meet on Monday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Session will meet on Monday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.

OS-TML THRESHING A big THANK YOU to all who came out to make the Threshing food stand a success! A Follow-up meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 16th during the Quilters coffee break. Come join us for coffee and treats.

Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys will meet in person on October 12th at Federated in Fergus Falls.

Coffee House Worship will be on Sunday, October 20th in both congregations. Please come and enjoy worshipping God in a more relaxed and less formal service!

Annual Fall Hotdish Supper at First will be Sunday, October 27th from 5 -7 p.m. in our fellowship hall. See attached flyer.

Habitat for Humanity is building a house in Dalton this fall. They are looking for local volunteer builders to help them complete the house. All skills are welcome to help. Everyone is useful. Must be 17 years old or older. They also are recruiting individuals and groups to provide meals for volunteer builders during the lunch hour. They are now in need of volunteers every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If anybody or group would be interested in helping, please contact Paul Shol. His contact information is paul@ffhabitat.org or (office) 218-736-2905 (cell) 218-205-5739. Let's support this local project!

Prayer Concerns: Ron Breuer, Pastor Randy Knuth, Cookie Williams, Al Larson, Wes Kilker, Darcy Rylander, Pastor Paul Snyder, Marilyn Stevens, Darlene Akerman, and Lyle Skinnemoen.

Directory of Contacts

Please take the time to update your contact information to be compiled into a contact list booklet by completing the Google form [HERE](#). We'd appreciate this being completed no later than November 1st.

There are also paper forms at each church that can be completed and left on the office desks for Jaime to gather.

Booklets will be available no later than Annual Meetings in January.





First Presbyterian Church
**FALL HOTDISH
SUPPER**

202 Nelson St, Ashby, MN 56309
SERVING FROM 5:00-7:00PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

JOIN US IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOR SUPPER ALONG WITH A
BAKE/CRAFT/GARDEN GOODS SALE



QUILT RAFFLE- \$1/TICKET



Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Church
Council Meeting—September 9, 2024 at 6:30pm

Present: Pastor Paul, Kyle, Jerry, Julie, Teddy and Dave

Absent: Danielle, Debbie, Stacy

Pastor Paul previewed the first 3 chapters of the Sailboat Church book for Devotions. Read chapter 4 for the next meeting.

Secretary's Report was reviewed, Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. The beginning balance at our last meeting on August 12 was \$4,656.59 total income was \$11,055, total expenses were \$12,605.41 leaving a balance of \$3,106.18. Dave made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jerry second, motion carried.

Trustee's Report – Bell tower water coming in when it rains. We are getting a better idea of the amount of work when the restoration people come back with a bigger lift. Kyle called Ugstads and is getting an updated bid on louvers for main church heat and air. Jerry is going to check into the mold in the basement under the stairs. Making a list of things that could be fixed on a work day for members.

Deacon's Report – Danielle or Stacy will help with communion on September 22nd and Julie will help on October 6th.

Shared Ministry Report – nothing to discuss

Old Business:

Habitat for Humanity sent us a thank you that was read. One refrigerator died and might have a different one to replace it for the Threshing Food Stand.

New Business:

W.O.W schedule was presented and starts October 2nd.

Youth group needs a leader(s).

Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00pm hosted here at OSTML with First, Peace, and Grue.

Shared Ministry Picnic and Holy Week Services with Peace and Grue parishes was discussed in having these services together. We are considering doing this for next year.

Calendar Items:

Wednesday, September 11th 1st Communion Class at 6:30 p.m. at First

Sunday, September 15th Coffeehouse Worship

Wednesday, September 18th Confirmation & Parents at 6:30 p.m. at First

Sunday, September 22nd Communion

Sunday, October 6th First Communion/World Communion Sunday

The next Council meeting will be October 14th at 6:30 p.m. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Financial Review

Year to Date as of September 23, 2024

Income

Offerings	\$ 54,761.24	
Lenten Offering/Meals	973.00	
Easter Breakfast	122.00	
Coffee Money	303.35	
Transfer from General Savings	14,556.41	
Otter Tail Power Rebate - lights	2,884.80	
Donations	<u>1,979.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 75,579.80

Expenses

Staff Ministry	\$ 54,231.80	
Missions	3,782.06	
Worship and Service	960.96	
Church Home	14,041.92	
Maintenance	12,816.90	
Miscellaneous	<u>276.11</u>	
Total Expenses		\$ 86,109.75

Account Balances:	September 23, 2024
Checking	\$ 3,407.14
General Savings	107,591.26
Memorial Savings	4,458.89
Ellen & Pat Welch Scholarship Fund	530.00
Our Savior's Cemetery	53,935.60

Regular Session Meeting September 16, 2024

The regular Session meeting of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ashby was held at 7 PM on September 16, 2024. Those present were the Moderator Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder, Ruling Elders: Troy Johnson, Donna Fay Grover, Ron Bowman, Kim Bailey and Gwyn Risbrudt, treasurer Jim Risbrudt and Clerk Barb Dewey. Absent with excuse Jim Rylander. The meeting was opened in prayer and reflections from the book "Sailboat Church" on being a Spirit led church by the Moderator Pastor Snyder. A quorum was present and Docket voted approved with additions.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$2,246.96, Savings: \$20,954.27, Memorial: \$3,317.12, Music: \$7,958.50, Dishwasher: \$2,033.96, L&L Camp: \$1,480.38, Grover Bible: \$401.57, Building/Maint \$6,697.95, Starnier Memorial: \$2,094.48. Treasurer Jim reported insurance due in November will be a big expense with rates going up and deductible is increased. He is seeing savings in expenses with the new A/C- furnace system. The treasurer's report was voted approved. August Minutes were read and voted approved.

Pastor's Report: Communion celebrated at Sunday services by Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder on August 27, 2024 with 20 communicants and September 1, 2024 with 30 communicants and those on Facebook live. Pastor Snyder did 3 visitations. Led Bible Study at Ashby Living Center. Led Safe Church Teacher/Youth Training on August 28, 2024 as required by insurance. First Communion Class held September 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM. October 6th will be First communion.

Communications: Thank you from Ottertail Power on going "duel fuel".

Committee Reports: Shared Ministry-Thanksgiving Service with OSTML, Peace and Grue will be 7 PM Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Lutheran in Dalton. Youth groups discussed. New community Christian youth groups starting at school but also hope to have a group with churches as well-leadership is still needed.

Buildings and Grounds: Gwyn will check on painting along the ramps in the entry.

Christian Education: W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday/Sunday school) schedule distributed-begins October 2. Little Lights (younger children Sunday School) will begin October 13. Confirmation class with parents will be September 18 at 6:30 PM.

Worship: Session voted approval of the Hanging of the Greens Service to be on December 8, 2024 which will be led by the WOW students.

Old Business: Habitat for Humanity -house coming to Dalton, cement will soon be poured in forms.

New Business: Fall Presbytery meeting Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Federated Church in Fergus-Barb and Donna Fay will attend. Session voted approval for use of facilities per request of Donna Grover for Garden Club on September 23 evening meeting, for the Lions use of kitchen for Homecoming food prep on September 27, 2024 and use of keyboard for Grover reunion September 21 weekend.

Next meeting is set for Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7 PM. To read Chapter 4 in "Sailboat Church". The meeting was closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder

Clerk of Session: Barb Dewey

October
OS-TML Worship Leaders
Gaylan Thormodson

October
First Disciple Team
Russ & Barb Dewey

Altar Guild
Barb Ness

*****Confirmands will begin reading scriptures during the school year.*****

OS-TML

October 6 – Alison Heeter
October 13 – Chase Hansel
October 20 – Open
October 27 – Aubrey Walvatne

FIRST

October 6 – Henry Olson
October 13 – Brynn Jensen
October 20 – Andie Mickelson
October 27 – Nora Weinandt

October Birthdays

4 Brady Saurer	21 Kathy Mounts
9 Dennis Helle	22 Ty Dewey
9 Amber Frigaard	22 Wayne Stierlen
9 Stacy Hanssel	23 Darla Kilker
10 Joyce Hirning	25 Logan Frigaard
11 Harlan Lien	25 Anna Thormodson
15 Don Williams	27 Dallas Rylander
14 Sean Stevens	27 Alexis Rylander
14 Mitchell Sterns	28 Hayley Stevens
15 BJ Rylander	29 Judy Bertram
15 Nancy Larson	30 Kerra Sterns-Atonio
15 Brenna Saurer	31 Karen Nelson
19 Cliff Martin	31 Megan Sterns
20 Kyle Ryland	



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October

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE September-December 2024

9:00am – Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Worship

Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday

3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

10:30am – First Presbyterian Worship

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ONLINE SERVICES live at 9:00am on Facebook