From the Pastor's Desk

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."
Ephesians 4:11-12

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

It is the above verses which have been the inspiration behind the "Life of Faith Initiative." Rev. Dwight DuBois developed a presentation entitled the "Holy Innovations Project." We will be using these videos the second Sundays in worship. They were actually designed to be used in two hour small group meetings. We are going to take three worship services to present one session so it will be over the course of several months that we will receive and discuss this information.

In this model, all the baptized believers are the ministers of the church. It takes seriously the "priesthood of all believers", which is a doctrine that both of our denominations declare in various places, but we have not been good at actually living it out. In this model, the majority of ministry happens outside the walls of the church building. Look at Jesus' ministry for example. Yes, there are stories about Jesus in the temple or the synagogue, but where do most of the stories about Jesus take place? They take place in his daily life wherever he happens to be. His ministry was not restricted to a particular place or organization.

Yet we in the modern church have exclusively emphasized the ministry of a congregation to only include what happens inside the church along with the programming of the church. If we are truly the Body of Christ acting in the world, our ministry in our daily lives is just as important as our lives in the gathered community.

In this model the gathered church is still vitally important. The gathered church is to be a place where in the words of Ephesians pastors and teachers are "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Pastors are to be equippers of the people so they can be sent out into the world to do the real work of ministry.

This is not a new program to be added to the life of the church. Instead it is claiming what we are already doing as ministry. We live in a very busy culture and the idea of adding something to our overbooked schedule is a hard ask, but instead what if we thought of everything we already do as ministry? Our work is ministry, school is ministry, spending time with your family is ministry, attending school activities is ministry, our leisure is ministry. It is not about adding something new, it is about understanding the connection between God and our daily lives.

God doesn't just call us to serve for one hour on Sunday morning, but God calls us to serve each and every hour of our lives through what we already do. We can love God and our neighbors each and every day wherever we are. The theme is "Trusting Jesus. Serving our neighbors." We do this out in our community and in our world. Let us be the hands and feet and mouth of Jesus each and every day. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder

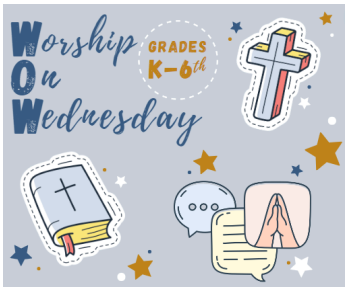
October 2025 Newsletter Articles

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 First worship at 9:00 a.m. and OS-TML 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 on Sunday, October 5th, 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 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th with supper at 5:30 p.m. and class at 6:00 p.m. at First. We will not have class on October 15th because of MEA weekend.



W.O.W. will begin this month and will meet on Wednesday, October 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th at 6:00 p.m. at First. There will be no W.O.W. on October 15th because of MEA weekend. W.O.W. is for anyone in K-6th grade so please join in the fun!

Mark your calendar! Wednesday, November 5th we will be meeting at the Dalton Threshing Grounds to help with light decorating for Christmas Fest. Kids and adults are welcome to join us!

Ashby Living Center Bible Study Pastor Paul will be leading a Bible study on Oct. 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Communion will be celebrated on October 5th and October 26th 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!

- **Session** will meet on Monday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Council** will meet on Monday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m.

OS-TML THRESHING THANK YOU to everybody who helped make our threshing food stand such a huge success!! We appreciate all who helped in any way. There will be a Threshing Follow-up meeting on Wednesday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m. For those of you that can't make the morning meeting there will also be a 6 PM meeting the same day. A final accounting of income and expenses will be shared. Discussion will be held at each meeting about the positives/negatives and what we can do to improve the future.

Life of Faith Initiative last month we watch an introductory video. On Sunday, October 12th we will watch the first of three videos by Dwight DuBois entitled, "Paradigm Shifts and the Importance of Language." The Rev. Dwight L. DuBois served three congregations in the ELCA, and as the director of the Center for Renewal at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. He is the author of The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life. The purpose of the Life of Faith initiative

is to stir up a culture change that frees us to make the service by the baptized in the arenas of daily life the central focus of the church's mission. Every second Sunday of the month we will have a video and worship will be more like a Bible study as we learn about how the early church focused its life as it grew and flourished. This is a model that can be reclaimed for today's church!

Coffee House Worship will be on Sunday, October 19th in both congregations. Please come and enjoy worshiping God in a more relaxed and less formal service!

Annual Fall Hotdish Supper at First is tentatively being planned for Sunday, October 26th from 4 – 6:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall. It may have to be postponed depending on repairs to the basement. Watch the announcements for updates.

Bible Study at First a new Bible Study, The Great Disappearance – 31 Ways to be Rapture Ready will be held on October 8th, 29th, and November 5th and 19th at 1:00 p.m. at First. Study guide cost is $10. Please RSVP to BJ Rylander at 701-866-0795 or sign up at the table in the narthex.

Prayer Concerns: Ashtyn Lill, Corlin (Debbie Wilke's brother), Trevor Schlosser, Cookie Williams, Karen Hansel, DeEtte Johnson, Eileen Rubish, Cari Ripley, Ron Breuer, Kristi Krause, Darcy Rylander, Lyle Skinnemoen.

We're excited to invite you to join us for monthly revivals, a time of community worship and fellowship open to all believers.

Each month, we'll gather to lift up the name of Jesus, worship through music, and reconnect with God.

Watch the Facebook page for the next revival date and location!

"Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?" -Psalm 85:6

Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Church
Council Meeting—September 17, 2025 at 6:30pm

Present: Pastor Paul, Julie, Ted, Jerry and Kyle Absent: Daneille, Debbie

Devotions were led by Jerry.

The Secretary's Report for the August meeting was reviewed. Motion made by Jerry to approve the minutes; Julie seconded. Motion caried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Debbie. The beginning balance at our August meeting was $2,199 with a total income of $12,827 and expenses of $12,538 leaving a balance of $2,487. It was necessary to transfer $3,000 from the general savings account to cover expenses for the month of August. Gifts of $500 were received to the cemetery. Motion was made by Julie to approve Treasurer's Report and seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Paul provided an update which included leading the 4 church service, helping at the threshing food stand, leading worship at the threshing grounds and attending the Fall Theological at Luther Crest.

Trustee's Report: Julie is working on repairs to the bell tower. Replacement glass on the front door is completed. Windowsills in the Narthex are rotting and will need to be replaced. Chris Ecker will be asked to look at it.

Deacon's Report: Julie will assist with the September 28th communion and October 5th will be decided later.

Shared Ministry: November 17th will be the budget meeting for both council and session.

Old Business:
Discussed chapter 10 of Sailboat Church.
Cemetery project will still hopefully get done this fall.
Joint Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Grue
Possible joint Service with Peace/Grue for Blue Christmas Service
Church Safe Training to be determined. W.O.W. starting October 1st.

New Business:
Pastor Paul will be attending the Synod Road Trip on October 13th in Alexandria.
The 4 church service and picnic was moved inside at First due to rain and everyone was saying we need to worship together more often.
Fuel the Mission the council will ask the WELCA to support this with threshing proceeds.
Washer and dryer at the parsonage is not working. They will buy new and then they will be theirs if they move.

We reviewed the calendar items.

Next council meeting will be Monday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m.mWe closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Julie Walvatne, Acting Secretary

Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Financial Review

Year to Date as of September 20, 2025

Income			
Offerings	$ 50,762.34		
Lenten Offering/Meals	772.00		
Easter Breakfast	288.00		
Coffee Money	288.50		
Transfer from General Savings	30,709.42		
Minnesota Propane Assn - furnace rebate	200.00		
Donations	1,296.00		
Total Income		**$**	**84,316.26**
Expenses			
Staff Ministry	$ 51,837.14		
Missions	4,232.67		
Worship and Service	1,371.58		
Church Home	15,415.90		
Maintenance	16,084.72		
Miscellaneous	633.13		
Total Expenses		**$**	**89,575.14**

Account Balances:	**Sept. 20, 2025**
Checking	$ 2,440.85
General Savings	133,212.15
Memorial Savings	1,741.89
Ellen & Pat Welch Scholarship Fund	537.49
Our Savior's Cemetery	80,386.53

Regular Session Meeting
September 8, 2025

The regular session meeting of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ashby was held September 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the church. Those present: Moderator Rev. Dr. Paul Synder, Ruling Elders: Gwyn Risbrudt, Troy Johnson, Donna Fay Grover, Jim Risbrudt and Clerk Barb Dewey. Absent with excuse Janet Larson and Kim Bailey. The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Snyder and discussion of book Sailboat Church. A quorum was present and docket voted approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: $11,300.49, Savings: $17,486.25, Memorial: $3,377.33, Music: $8,525.39, Dishwasher: $2,038.06, L&L Camp: $1,483.37, Grover Bible: $413.43, Building/Maint: $7,667.88 and Starner: $2,069.52. $870.00 still due for Per Capita to Presbytery. The treasurer's report was voted approved. The August Minutes read and voted approved.

Pastor's Report: Communion celebrated at 1st Presbyterian with Rev. Dr Paul Snyder at Sunday worship on August 4, 2025 and 23 communicants and September 7, 2025 with 24 communicants and those on Facebook live. Led Bible Study at Ashby Living Center, visitations to care centers, zoom text study and Multi-parish meetings. Pastor will be attending Fall Theological Seminar Sept 14-16 at Luther Crest and Ministry Leadership Retreat at Clearwater Forest on Sept 21-24. Next Sunday he will be starting the Life of Faith Initiative during Sunday services with a video-to share the church "beyond the church walls" and will continue the series once a month on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Session voted approval.

Committee Reports:

- Shared Ministry: Joint Service and Picnic with Peace, Grue, Our Savior's/Ten Mile Lake Lutheran churches and 1st Presbyterian was held inside our church on Sunday August 17, 2025 at 10:45 AM due to weather. Session voted approval to Right Now media subscription to change to the $959.88/annual fee.
- Buildings and Grounds: Donna still researching front door replacement and Jim working on sign.
- Christian Education: 1st Communion class and Confirmation students will meet September 10th at 6 PM. Confirmation students and parents will meet September 17th at 6 PM. WOW will begin in October.
- Worship: Change in worship times: 1st Presbyterian services will begin the 4 month rotation to 9AM on September 14th due to the Threshing weekend.
- Evangelism & Fellowship: Fall Supper Sunday, October 26 from 4-6 PM

Old Business: Active Membership roll reviewed.

New Business: JIm reviewing Church Insurance Policy updates. Funeral Policy will need to be written as funeral services have changed as some families wish to do their own memorial service without using a Funeral Home (who will do bulletins, usher etc). Next meeting will be October 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was voted adjourned and closed with all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder Clerk of Session: Barb Dewey

OS-TML Worship Leaders
October
Gaylan Thormodson

First Disciple Team
October
Jim & Gwyn Risbrudt
Peter & Heidi Hoff

Altar Guild

Barb Ness

October Birthdays

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

First Presbyterian Session Members

Barb Dewey – *Clerk of Session*
Jim Risbrudt – Treasurer
Donna Fay Grover
Kim Bailey
Troy Johnson
Gwyn Risbrudt
Janet Larson

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Jerry Thormodson- *Vice President*
Debbie Wilke - *Treasurer*
Danielle Schroeder
Julie Walvatne
Ted Frigaard

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE September-December 2025

9:00am – First Presbyterian Worship
Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday
3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

10:30am – Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Worship
Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday
3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

ONLINE SERVICES live at 9:00am on Facebook