

Newsletter for September 2021

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Since I'm on vacation when this particular newsletter goes out, I won't make my pastor's letter too long. That would ruin the point of vacation, and you all deserve a break from my pontificating anyway. So I'll just give you a little update on my vacation. **IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL!** I spent the first week in Stanley, ND getting reacquainted with my Tennessee Walker Jo Jo. He spent the winter out in North Dakota with a bunch of other horses and still responded to his name and the apples and carrots I took him. The other horses are true ranch horses and they didn't even know what an apple or carrot was! The daytime temperatures were in the 90's to 103, so we had to ride early in the morning. Jo Jo really tried my patience at first but we settled into a more compatible routine. It was also a pleasure to be with my friend Steve's brother's family as they have five grandsons under the age of 6, and a three month old granddaughter. A little sensory overload there for the grandma of one 9 year old, but what family fun.

This second week I have been back in Crosslake and went to my old church for the first time in 3 years. I was welcomed back and it was good to see so many of my old friends, and to miss some of them who have crossed over into eternity. Now I'm concentrating on enjoying my time at my trailer and getting things in order there. But don't worry, I'm not working too hard as my house is never more tidy than my church office. Apparently I believe the old adage that says a messy desk is a sign of a creative person!

Thanks to Frank Davis, Bill Ewens, and Janet Koski, Sylvia Chad and Kay Hoelscher for covering for me on my Sundays off. See you soon in September!
Thanks for giving me the vacation time!

Blessings from your pastor,
Rev. Kate Stangl

Happy September Birthdays

4 – Anne Badanjak 13 – Brian Stevens
5 – Cynthia (Schandorf) Krull
5 – Shirley Latimer 24 – Sam Judnick
5 – Judi Lehman 24 – Dawn Trexel-Kroll
10 – Bob Umhauer 29 – Winston Schandorf

Calendar

Sun. Sept. 12 – Communion Sunday & Sunday School kick-off, Deacons meet after worship

Sun. Sept. 19 – Community Harvest Potluck at Olcott Park, hosted by Congregations Caring for the Earth

Worship Leaders

We are needing worship leaders for fall. Please contact the office if you are willing to sign up for a Sunday.

Little Free Pantry

Donations of food items or money are always needed for our pantry. Checks can be made out to HCPC or the Deacons.

Session Highlights

- Session voted to follow updated county health department recommendations to wear masks in church again.

- The need to update the church phone directory was discussed. The new directory should include cell phone numbers and email addresses.
- Session is considering signing a “Commitment to Peacemaking,” which was started in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) in 1983. So far more than 4,300 congregations and other groups have signed the commitment, but our has not yet. The ways in which our congregation can carry out our commitment is up to us to decide, but can include actions in any of these 8 categories: *worship, prayer and bible study, peacemaking in families and in community living, community ministries, study and response to global issues, global security, making peace with the earth, and receiving the Peace & Global Witness offering.* If you would like to learn more about this commitment, contact the church office or go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/making-commitment/>. If you have thoughts on this decision, please share them with a member of Session or the church office.

Congregations Caring for the Earth invites you to

A Community Harvest Potluck

Sunday, September 19, 2021

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Lions Club Pavilion

Olcott Park

Virginia, Minnesota



****Bring a food item to celebrate the harvest!****

- Hear prayers for the earth from multiple faith traditions
- Join in table discussions about our concerns and hopes for our common home
- Hear about future possibilities for Congregations Caring for the Earth
- Compostable plates/utensils will be available; however, you are welcome to bring your own reusable wares if you like.

(We will follow current St. Louis County Health Department masking and safe food recommendations.)

Congregations Caring for the Earth is an ecumenical and multi-faith association to stimulate awareness and action among faith communities and all people of conscience on the east Iron Range.

For more information, go to hopecommunitypc.org, email rangecc@gmail.com, or call Hope Community Presbyterian Church, 741-7336.





Christian Education & Youth News

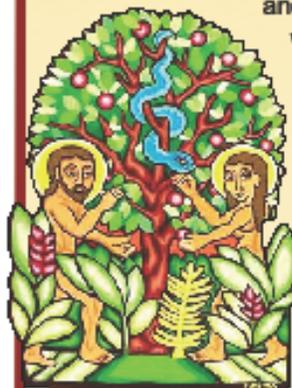
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Children's Sunday School

After being apart for over a year, in-person Sunday School is resuming! We will be masked, but we will be together, unless there are unforeseen changes. The first day is September 12. Church services now start at 10:00, and we will leave for Sunday School together in the beginning of the service, right after the Time With Young Disciples.

Our first lesson will be an introduction, then on September 19 and 26 we will be learning from the story of Adam & Eve that:

- ◆ God created us and provides for our needs, including companionship.
- ◆ God allows us to make our own choices.
- ◆ We can't hide from God or trick God, and we don't need to because we can't make God stop loving us!



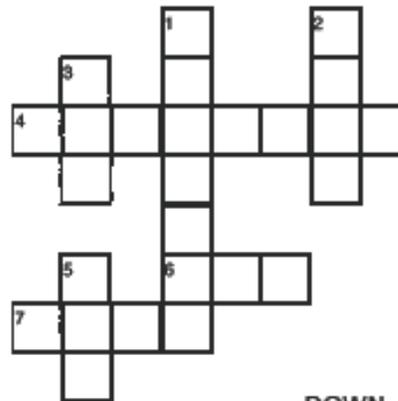
October will begin with lessons about World Communion, the Bible and the Church.

Confirmation Class

Pastor Kate will be leading a Confirmation class this fall. Anyone who would like to join in should contact Kate or the church.

3rd (& 4th) Grade Bibles - Oct. 3

As tradition, we will be presenting our third graders with their very own Bibles. Last year, we didn't get to do so, so last year's third graders will receive Bibles with those from this year. We are planning on doing this October 3 and hope that everyone can be there.



- ACROSS**
4. "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our _____"
 6. And Adam called his wife's name _____
 7. the LORD God said "It is not _____ that man is alone."

- DOWN**
1. So God _____ man in His own image
 2. The LORD God formed man of the _____ of the ground
 3. Then the _____ God had taken from the man He made into a woman
 5. _____ put man in the garden of Eden to till it and kept it.



Christian Education Calendar

Sunday Sept. 5	Monday Sept 6	Sunday Sept. 12	Sunday Sept. 19	Sunday Sept. 26	Sunday October 3
No Sunday School	Labor Day	Sunday School begins with masks	Adam and Eve week 1	Adam and Eve week 2	World Communion Sunday 3rd grade Bibles