

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear members and friends of Hope Community Presbyterian Church,

As we move into the month of September 2022, we have an opportunity to reflect and thank God for such a beautiful summer this year in northern Minnesota and, moving forward, decide what we want to be involved in and focus on this Fall that will bring glory to God as we strive to live out our Christian faith by loving God and loving one another. The Sunday Lectionary Readings for September 2022 include passages from Jeremiah, Psalms, Philemon, 1 Timothy and Luke. I encourage you to join with me in reading these books of the Bible, asking God what it is we can learn that can be applied to practical aspects of our lives each day as we resume Fall activities.

Please know that it has been a joy and a privilege to get to know you better as we continue forward on our journeys of faith! You are such great examples of Christian faith and what it looks like to love God and show unconditional love for one another! What a mighty, gracious, loving and faithful God we serve!

May God richly bless you this September by helping you to continue to develop the fruits of the Spirit identified in Galatians 5:22 which include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. Also, may God give you exactly what you need when you need it.

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Wendy

Sunday Lectionary Readings for September 2022

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
9/4/22	Jeremiah 18: 1-11	Psalm 139: 1-6 & 13-18	Philemon 1: 1-21	Luke 14: 25-33
9/11/22	Jeremiah 4: 11-12 & 22-28	Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
9/18/22	Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1	Psalm 79: 1-9	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Luke 16: 1-13
9/25/22	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a & 6-15	Psalm 91: 1-6 & 14-16	1 Timothy 6: 6-19	Luke 16: 19-31

Calendar

Sun, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – Communion Sunday
Sun, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. – Deacons meeting
Tues, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. – Food for Thought begins
Tues, Sept. 13, 12:15 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting
Sun, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. – Dominican Republic presentation
Sun, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. – World Communion Sunday
Sun, Dec. 11, 11 a.m. – Annual Congregational meeting

Updated Office Hours

Rev. Wendy has decided to change her office hours to be 1:30 – 4:30 Monday through Wednesday.

The current church office hours are:

Mondays 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 12:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 12:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Happy September Birthdays

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

Session Highlights

- Session will again allocate our 25% of the Peace and Global Witness special offering towards our Little Free Pantry
- Dawn Trexel will chair the Nominating committee as the Session representative. If you are willing to serve as an Elder or Deacon, please contact the church office.

Centennial Celebration Committee

Sue Stevens will chair the Centennial Celebration Committee that will commemorate our church's 130th birthday on April 23, 2023. If you have photos or other memories to contribute to the celebration, please let the committee know.

In Sympathy

- Sympathy to Bonnie Schandorf on the passing of her mother.
- Sympathy to Russell and the family of Nancy Edman on her passing.

A Thanks from Rusty

Rusty Moorefield would like to thank everyone for the cake, prayer shawl, and well wishes on her transition to her new home in California. We will miss Rusty, but we hope she feels at home in her new community!

Dominican Republic Ministry

Nancy Rivera, a friend of and fellow seminary student with Rev. Wendy, will be visiting in mid-September. She will give a presentation during worship on Sunday, Sept. 18 on her ministry in the Dominican Republic.

Peace & Global Offering

The Peace & Global Witness special offering is collected during the month of September, which will culminate on World Communion Sunday on October 2. 25% of the offering will be used locally to support our Little Free Pantry. Another 25% will go towards peacemaking efforts in our region. And 50% of the offering supports peace and reconciliation work being done by Presbyterians around the world. If you would like to donate to this offering, please put Peace & Global in the memo of your check. There will also be special offering envelopes available at the church.

The Present Word Discussion Group

Rev. Wendy is interested in leading a discussion/study group based on *The Present Word* curriculum available through PC(USA).

"The Present Word is an adult Bible study curriculum that uses the Uniform Series which is a way to study the Bible over a six-year period. Each quarter works its way through different books of the Bible and focuses on a different theme. As you study each passage of scripture discover its deeper meaning and how it is relevant to our world today."

If you are interested in participating in this study group, please contact the church and we will decide when the best meeting time will be (could be used for Food for Thought if the group is interested).

Little Free Pantry

If you have take-out containers that can be reused, please wash them and bring them to the church. The Deacons will use them for putting meals in the Little Free Pantry. The Deacons are always happy to accept donations of food or money to help keep our Little Free Pantry stocked. Checks can be made out to the Deacons Fund.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2022

At this point because of lack of interest and commitment we will not be able to have Sunday School this year. This saddens us all a great deal, but we will have Children's Worship Bulletins - activities bulletins - which will follow the lectionary that Pastor Wendy - usually - follows each week. These bulletins may be used in the pews during the service or feel free to bring your children to the Sunday school room and work on them there. If you have any ideas, thoughts, suggestions, questions, feel free to call me. Thanks! (218) 741-5479

We will include some samples of activities from these bulletins, some thoughts and questions about upcoming readings on the CE page of each month's newsletters that you can discuss as a family.

Remember, children are always welcome and encouraged to come to church and worship with the whole church family.

Each week, the children's bulletins will also include a secret code that can be entered at Games.ChildrensBulletins.com These secret codes are unique to our church and allow SAFE and secure access to online games that reinforce the message for the week - No ads, plugins, or data capture. Several games are rotated - Memory Match, Word Search, Gems of the Bible and Coloring Book - so each week kids will have something new to play. The games are geared toward all age levels so everyone can join in the fun!

Here's a sample for the second week of September so you can check it out:

Enter your **SECRET CODE** to unlock games @ games.childrenebulletins.com

SECRET CODE
HBZJQ5

The Gospel lesson for September 11, which would have been our first day of Sunday School, is the

**Parables of the
Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin**
(Luke 15: 1-10)

Here's some thoughts to reflect on in this story:

- *Jesus cares for us like a shepherd cares for sheep, so we can rely on Him.*
- *We are precious to God, worth searching for when we wander away from Him.*
- *Jesus loves us and rejoices when we are found and return to Him.*



3rd Grade Bibles

As tradition, we will be presenting our third graders with their very own Bibles.

This year our third graders are Lydia Atkins & Preita Thompson.

We still have bibles set aside for third graders of recent years that we would love to present to them whenever they can make it to church.

Backpack Blessing

As in the past, we will have a backpack blessing on Sept. 11, so bring your backpack to church for a special back-to-school prayer.



Christian Education Calendar

Sunday Sept. 4	Monday Sept 5	Sunday Sept. 11	Sunday Sept. 18	Sunday Sept. 25	Sunday October 2
Luke 14: 25-33 "Cost of Being a Disciple"	Labor Day	Luke 15: 1-10 "Lost Sheep & Lost Coin" Communion/ Backpack Blessing	Luke 16: 1-13 "Parable of the Shrewd Manager"	Luke 16: 19-31 "Rich Man and Lazarus"	Luke 17: 5-10 'Faith and Duty' World Communion Sunday