

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWTON, IOWA
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“The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship; devoted prayer and study; and humble service in our community and world.”

**THE
MESSENGER**



NOVEMBER, 2013

Message from Pastor Linda

According to the church calendar, we are now in the last month of the year. November 24, the last Sunday of the month, is Christ the King Sunday. We will celebrate the promised eternal reign in glory of Jesus, looking forward to the day when all the saints will be reunited in God's glorious Kingdom of Heaven come down to Earth.

As we look forward to that celebration, we need to keep in mind the ways in which we can prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming. First and foremost, each one of us needs to prayerfully devote time and attention to developing a fuller personal relationship with God. How to do so? Start with prayer. It doesn't have to be long or flowery - in fact, it's probably better if it is short and sincere. Tell God 'thank you' for the blessings in your life, ask God to forgive you for the mistakes you've made, and request God's guidance to help you find ways to live a life closer to God's intended plan. Be ready to listen for God's answer, and be ready to be surprised by where God leads you!

Another part of the preparation process is becoming involved, taking action to demonstrate our gratitude for God's merciful forgiveness and patience. This could mean agreeing to serve our church as an elder or deacon. It could mean agreeing to lead activities for the Kids Action Hour or for Worship on Wednesdays or for the middle school/high school group. It could mean bringing a friend to worship on Sunday (or getting to worship yourself if you've gotten out of the habit!) or sharing an extra dish at the Thanksgiving dinner potluck after worship on the 24th. It certainly means continuing to pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they work on behalf of all of us, searching for God's leading Spirit as they seek to locate our next pastor.

It's getting a little bit cold to have an outdoor pep-rally, but that's what I'm suggesting. As we close out this church year, let's "fire up" with enthusiasm for Jesus and for the work we have to do in His name! No more showing up for one hour on an occasional Sunday and then putting church faith, life, and activities on a shelf until the next time you decide to go to church. We need you! We need each other! We all need to draw closer to God! Let's finish this church year with energy that will carry us into Advent and a new year of loving and serving our gracious God and the world we have been given.

I'm blessed to be a part of the body of Christ in this place. Join me - let's share blessings with each other, and with everyone around us. Fire up!

Fall Back!

The end of Daylight Saving Time is on Sunday, November 3 at 2 a.m.. Be sure to move your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night. And yes, you will be gaining an hour of sleep that night.



Pray for:

- + Roger Harmelink, who remains in Skiff Hospital for therapy following his recent fall and surgery. Roger would welcome visitors.
- + Betty Lou Johnson, who was in Skiff for congestive heart failure.
- + Noel Burton, who was in Skiff for an adjustment to medicines.
- + Carol Russell, who had a knee replacement, but is home and having physical therapy.
- + Teri Nordheimer, who has been very ill with breathing problems. A bronchoscopy showed that a mucus plug had caused the collapse of the middle lobe of her right lung. This was cleared and she is home, but very weak.
- + Cheryl Case, who had surgery for cancer. She is at home and will begin treatments soon.
- + Helen Kreager, who fell and is in Skiff with a back injury.
- + Joyce Nicholson, who continues with treatments for pain. She is currently at Skiff.
- + Don Russell, who had a port inserted and will begin dialysis 3 days a week.
- + Elsie Nelson's 12 year old granddaughter, Payton, who continues to have tests. She has had fluid accumulate on her brain. A shunt was put in but it is not proving to be successful.

Maxine Swanger died on Monday evening, October 28. The tentative plan, at this writing, is for the funeral to be at our church on Friday morning, November 1 with Pastor Linda Curtis-Stolper presiding. Please keep Maxine's family in your prayers.



Highlights from Session

Dave Boyd, Clerk of Session

- Approved motions to keep worship time at 10:30 and to host the Annual Clerk Review on November 7
- Received a report that the annual audit was completed October 9.
- Reviewed Corporate By-laws and returned to committee for revisions. A final draft will be distributed to the congregations with approval to be requested at the Annual Meeting in January.
- Elected George Wilkening as Commissioner to the November Presbytery meeting
- Heard a very positive report from our Nominating Committee as to Elders & Deacons for the Class of 2016.
- Set the following dates for year-end and early 2014 activities:
 - Election of Officers—**November 24 before church**
 - Final approval of budget—**First half of December**
 - Installation of officers—**January 5**
 - Elder/Deacon Retreat—**January 11**
 - Election of Corporate Officers—**January Session meeting**
 - Election of Clerk & Treasurer—**January Session meeting**
 - Election of Commissioner to Presbytery for 1st quarter of 2014—**January Session meeting**

On pages 8 and 9 you will find an article that Dave Boyd shared with the Elders and Deacons. Philip Wagner offers insight into the six major struggles pastors face in the ministry and how to overcome them.

This will be shared as a two part article. This month will focus on the six major struggles and the December issue will let you know how pastors overcome them.

Timing seems appropriate as the PNC continues its diligent work of finding our new pastor. Please read and pray for our PNC, our congregation, and the new pastor God has already chosen for us.

The Membership Committee hosted a "family movie night" on the afternoon of September 29. We watched a Walt Disney comedy called "The North Avenue Irregulars". It is about six Presbyterian women who take on crime in their neighborhood. It was one of those sit back, relax, and enjoy movies. We had a nice turn out and we ordered pizza and had some great fellowship afterward. We will probably try to do another movie night some time next year.

Our committee is planning to be involved in the Halloween Trunk or Treat activities on October 31. It should be great fun. I will report on it next month.

From a PCUSA survey: Five in nine members (57 per cent) and five in six ruling elders (84 per cent) report that they have attended worship services every week or nearly every week over the past year.

Remember: You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage them.

Gary Parsons, chair



From the Deacons

In October, the Deacons continued with their visitations to shut-ins and those needing conversation. We added one person to our list. Cards were sent to members for special occasions or health concerns.

The Deacons chose to individually assist Careage Nursing Home where one of our visitees lives. Bingo prizes were purchased for the residents' games. No church fundra were used.

We donated \$100 from the Deacons Fund to CROP Walk.

The Deacons also designated that the November Communion Sunday loose offering will be given to the Food Pantry to help with Thanksgiving meals.

Linda Kirchhoff

Worship & Music Committee

Kim DeGraff, Chairperson

As is noted in Session Highlights, Fall Worship Hours will stay with a 10:30 worship time.

All Saints' Day will be observed Sunday November 3rd. We will remember our beloved Saints who have passed this last year.

Please Note! Due to Daylight Saving Time ending, be sure to set your clocks BACK for Sunday November 3rd.

Once again we will be holding a communion service as part of the Thanksgiving Dinner after church on November 24th.

Advent Articles

The theme for this year's Advent Booklet is "Here Comes the Son". Please have your articles for the Advent booklet to Jane Repp by November 9.

Her e-mail address is carjar@iowatelecom.net.



Help needed!

Included in the equipment located in Friendship House is a pool table, set of colored balls and set of cues. The cues, however, are in need of having tips glued on, and we need a white cue ball.

If you can help with repairing the cues or obtaining a cue ball, please contact Linda at 792-2790 or 641-840-2417.

Community Meals

We are done for the year as the 4th Wednesdays of November and December are holidays. But that doesn't mean we are done for good. We will continue helping with meals in the next quarter. At this time, I am not sure what Wednesday we will have, nor if we will be working with another church. We should be meeting soon to set up menus and will get some answers at that time. So far, it has been a worthwhile endeavor. The winter meals have been drawing about 125 people and we are seeing more children. One evening, we even had a lady stop in who claimed to be homeless and wanted some help. It turned out that she wasn't homeless, but at least we were able to get her some help, a meal, and back where she belonged. Please consider helping as you will find it fulfilling also.

Barb Taylor, Chairperson from Mission Committee



PNC Update:

By the time you read this the MIF (Ministry Information Form) should join the CIF in a folder in the office. The CIF was the original form we had to fill out and submit to PCUSA which in turn was distributed to ministers looking for a church. They changed the form to the MIF (and it is somewhat different) as of August 1 and the CIF would no longer be accepted. The MIF will also be on the website. We encourage you to read it. There is a lot of info about our church in the document.

The committee is meeting one to two times a week and have narrowed the field of candidates down dramatically and are continuing the process of discernment to find the one best suited to be our pastor.

Gary Parsons, chair and Larry Anderson, Ann Cutts, Steve Hopkins, Linda Kirchhoff, Kelly Koenen, and Joan Tyler

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Church Office Hours: M, W, Thurs: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Custodian Hours: M-Thurs: 8am to 11am

Pastor Linda's Schedule:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Out of Office

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday: as needed

Saturday: as needed

(Hours may vary from week to week based on her need to be at the church for meetings, etc.)

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Building and Grounds

Roger Harmelink, Chair

Our committee has decided to remove the Hornbeam trees. The original plan was for Roger Harmelink and Steve Hopkins to do this. Due to Roger's recent fall and injuries, we are contacting an outside source to have this done.

The kitchen door needs to be stripped and re-painted. If this is something you would be willing to do for our church, please let Jenny at the church office know and she will get word to us. Once the door has been repainted, we will have a new sign put on it.

The parking lot needs to have the lines re-painted. We have notified the contractor to proceed with this when he has time. This could be yet this Fall or in the Spring. We will also have the handicap signs repainted on the seven designated spots.

George Wilkening attended our meeting and made a proposal on a new phone system, as the current one is very outdated. The proposal was approved and Wilkening was given the okay to proceed.

Need an ice machine for your home or business? We have one available. This was bought a couple of years ago, but is no longer needed, as our new refrigerator has an ice machine. Please let Jenny at the church office know if you are interested.

MIM (Mariners in Mission)

By John and Barb Taylor

Mariners in Mission is what is left of the National Presbyterian Mariners. Before the organization disbanded, serving Presbyterian churches, schools and camps had begun. The very first MIM was in Sitka, AK. From there we have settled into 3 weeks a year of service to Presbyterian camps. We are a covenant organization of the Presbyterian Church Conference, and Camping Association which provides services and training for camping staff. We try to choose camps that really need help, that are across the country (that way we get a vacation out of the event also), and that have projects that we can do. As with many Presbyterian organizations we are getting older. Our men no longer want to work on roofs (although we do get requests for roofing). We have retired engineers, electricians, and just plain retired men who build decks, buildings, repair most anything, rewire electrical things, install showers, tile floors, and help with landscaping. The last work week, the guys built some bridges for the trails and replaced the benches in the outdoor chapel that had weathered and become unsafe. The gals usually sew curtains, make quilts, paint, landscape, or help the guys as go-fers or holders. The gals made curtains and painted at the last event. The best part, however, is the camaraderie that we develop in evening games, worship, and communion. So far, our groups are avid domino players and puzzle putter-togethers. We estimate that we save the camps about \$20,000 if they had to pay professionals to do our work. The statistical group in the PCUSA has determined that camps are vital for the development of strong faith and future church leaders. This year we worked in Oklahoma, Michigan and Kansas. Next year we will be going to Florida in January, Virginia in May and Missouri in September. We are desperately needing younger couples or singles (yes, we have a lot of singles) who are interested in helping our camps. If you know of people interested in helping, please let John or Barb know.

(Editor's Note: John and Barb have been involved in MIM and gone on mission trips with them since I've belonged to this church. I did not, however, really know what this group was all about and where they have gone and what they have done. Figuring I might not be the only one, I asked John and Barb to write an article about it. I hope you find it as informational as I did.)

Church Life Activities

Randy Camp, Chair

Recap of October's Event:

Thirty people gathered on Sunday, October 20, to participate in the Progressive Dinner. We started with appetizers at Joan Tyler's home, followed by the salad/soup course at Ritters, Motts, Mielkes, and Moles. We then moved on to the main course at Wilkenings, Andersons, and Cutts. With already full stomachs, we ended up at Parsons' home for the desserts and coffee. We all enjoyed lots of good food and conversation during the evening.

Next Event: The Thanksgiving Feast, November 24, noontime meal after worship

Can you believe it's already time to think about Thanksgiving? With a chilly nip in the air this morning and fall colors on the trees, it's getting to be that time already!

We'll be having a Thanksgiving Feast potluck this year in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, November 24. Catering the meal was investigated, but the committee didn't find one that was a good fit for our needs. The committee members will roast the turkeys, set the tables, and provide the drinks. Bring your favorite dish to share. We had a wonderful feast last year, with a wide variety of food traditions represented. Following the meal, Thanksgiving communion will be held. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite people with whom to share this time.

Your Church Life Committee:

Nancy Mott, Kay Parsons, Janie Moles, Dan Ritter, Randy Camp, and Diane Moles



Budget and Finance Corner

Bill Shields, Chairperson

Pledges for the month of September were \$11,024. This was \$726 below budget for the month. Other regular giving was \$450, slightly above budget for the month of September and significantly ahead of budget for the year. Total expenses were \$4,090.86 below budget for the month.

Year-to-date figures through September show pledges to be \$5,636 below budget. Expenses are \$13,680 under budget.

We transferred \$6950 to the Foundation account. This represents donations that were initially sent to the church, but designated for the Foundation.



Sermon Schedule for November, 2013

November 3 - "Coming To Your House" Luke 19:1-10

November 10 - "Anticipation" Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Luke 20:27-38

November 17 - "Preparing For Glory" Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24 - "Lift Up the King!" Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

The Church Women United World Community Day Celebration is being held on Friday, November 1 at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 1025 5th Ave., Grinnell. The speaker will be Tammy Walhof, Senior Regional Organizer for the Midwest and Plains, for the Bread for the World. A light lunch will follow the program. Everyone is invited. Also, on Saturday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m. there will be another brief presentation at First Presbyterian, followed by an "Offering of Letters" workshop, advocating for hunger issues.

Mission Committee

By Linda Erickson, Chair

On October 18, we hosted the Fall luncheon/style show for Mode Huis. The event was a huge success and we continue to hear rave reviews. Over 90 people were served a set-down luncheon, prepared by Linda Campbell and Linda Anderson, which help from Linda's sister, Shirley Stevens, Jane Repp, Joan Tyler, and Harriet Harmelink. Linda Anderson and Shirley set beautiful tables and donated the centerpieces, which were also used as door prizes. Servers were George Wilkening, Tom Mott, Linda Curtis-Stolper and Dave Stolper. Mickey Van Baale served as the emcee for the event. Marilyn Jessen was the emcee for the style show which featured our own Rachel Rickers and Elsie Nelson as models. Mary Brillhart and daughter Julie own and operate Mode Huis, a store on the east side of the square featuring clothing and accessories for women. They moved their business here from Pella six years ago. Profits from the event are going toward scholarships for students in Muñozes. Linda Curtis-Stolper, Linda Anderson, Linda Erickson, Linda Campbell and Mickey Van Baale met to go over the details of the day. After costs were accounted for, we cleared \$1136.12.

We welcome Marilyn McCallister to our committee and are thrilled that she is our church representative on the Mission Coalition team. Mission Coalition News:

Thanks go to Barb Gallagher, Jane Repp, Linda Anderson and Sharon Black for representing First Presbyterian Church by donating pies to the annual Mission Coalition fund raiser at the McCann Center Flea Market on October 19. Over 70 pies were donated and sold. The proceeds will go to the RRACAP for utility assistance and the TLC for county child abuse prevention programs.

Submitted by your Mission Coalition representative, Marilyn McCallister

Delegation to Muñozes!

The El Salvador interest group is planning a delegation to Muñozes, El Salvador, January 21-28, 2014. We still have room for interested persons so please talk to Larry Anderson if you are interested. The cost will be in the \$1200 to \$1500 range and a commitment and down payment will be needed no later than November 10. There is no need to speak Spanish as we will have interpreters with us. Please consider traveling with us and meeting our friends in Muñozes. They treasure their relationship with you!

Digital Cameras for El Salvador

Do you have an old, working digital camera that you can donate to the El Salvador mission? Plans are being considered for a photography project that would call for access to several digital cameras. Cameras should be considered a donation as they may be broken or lost and not returned. If you have such a camera, please give it to Warren Erickson or leave it in the church office. Thanks!

Fall sports and activities have or are coming to a close and soon winter sports will be upon us. Many of the youth of our church are involved in sports during the fall, and an apology for anyone that is missed:

Football: Brad Ritter at CMB (Baxter), Jordan Norvell (Freshman at Newton) and Garrett Sturtz (8th grade at Newton)

Volleyball: Megan Ritter at CMB (Baxter) and Jennifer Ventling (Newton)

Swimming: Emily Miller (Newton)

Cross Country: Josh Ventling (Newton)

Marching Band: Jennifer Ventling and Emily Miller (Newton)

Nassau Soccer: Jordan and Allie Norvell (Newton)

Fall Baseball Leagues in Des Moines: Chandler and Garrett Sturtz

Congratulations to the Newton volleyball team for winning the conference title. At the time of this publication, the team was heading into tournaments. Congratulations also to the Newton marching band for its various placements in competitions and to the various vocal groups for concerts.

The Secret Pain of Pastors

by Philip Wagner, Church Leaders

Peter Drucker, the late leadership guru, said that the **four hardest jobs in America** (and not necessarily in order, he added) are:

- The President of the United States
- A university president
- A CEO of a hospital and
- A pastor

Is that true? Pastors love God and love people. They get to pray for people, lead people to a faith in Jesus Christ, and teach the Word about God.

That's the dream job. You can read the Bible all day, pray, play a little golf, and preach. I want to do that! Here is the secret. Being a pastor is hard work. It's not for wimps. This is the reality—the job of a pastor can be 24/7 and carry unique challenges.

Some pastors wear themselves out trying to help people. Some wound their family because they are so involved in ministry. Others flourish in their ministry and personal life.

Approximately 85% of churches in America have less than 200 people. Sixty percent of churches are under 100 people. The average size congregation in the U.S. is 89 people, according to The Barna Group. Staffs are small, and needs are great. In many situations, the pastor needs to be a Bible teacher, accountant, strategist, visionary, computer tech, counselor, public speaker, worship director, prayer warrior, mentor, leadership trainer, and fundraiser.

Who can be all of that?

•**90%** of pastors said the **ministry was completely different** than what they thought it would be like before they entered the ministry.

•**70%** say they have a **lower self-image now** than when they first started.

Personally, I love being a pastor. I have a great staff. We have great people in our church; I am content whether going through good times or difficult seasons. Of course, it's a lot easier to be "content" when things are good. I have great friends who are pastors. My marriage is strong. I am a better man because of my time in ministry.

Some of the unique problems that pastors face are:

1. Criticism.

Pastors can be criticized by a lot of people for a multitude of things.

"Music is too loud. Worship is not long enough. It's too long."

"Sermon is not deep enough. It's too long."

"Pastor thinks he's too important. It took me 3 weeks to get an appointment."

"You talk too much about money."

"...can I talk to you for a minute, Pastor?" This simple question can cause a pastor to think: *"Oy vey. Now what?"*

We pastors need to find a way to not take criticism so personally and learn from truths that could be hidden in the criticism.

2. Rejection.

Members leave, leaders leave, and pastors' friends leave. The reality is—people leave.

The smaller the church, the more obvious it is when people leave. Some leave for reasonable decisions; many leave 'ungracefully.' They leave the big churches, too—by the thousands.

People leave TD Jakes' church, and they leave Andy Stanley's church.

When our church had about 150 people and some would leave, it was so disappointing. I tried to console myself by thinking, *"They may be leaving by the dozens here at Oasis, but thousands have left Jack Hayford's church, and he's a great pastor."*...That only helped for a minute.

"I'm leaving." "We want something deeper." "My needs aren't getting met."

These comments can feel like a personal rejection.

Every pastor has heard, "I'm not getting fed here." Bill Hybels has heard it. Wayne Cordero, Dino Rizzo, Ed Young, Craig Groeschel, Steven Furtick, and Matthew Barnett have heard it.

Really? Not getting fed? In those churches? How is that possible?

One of the most difficult conditions to achieve is to have a “tough skin and a soft heart.” Love people, hold them lightly, and don’t take it personally. “...uhhh, OK. Lord, help us.”

3. Betrayal.

Trusting church members with personal burdens can backfire. They may end up telling the pastor’s personal issues to others. Staff leaders can take church members away. The pastor trusts a person with the platform or title, and that person uses the influence given to them to take people away. The Judas kiss.

Church staff causing problems is a betrayal. Pastors rightfully think, *“I’m paying you to **solve** problems. I can get new problems for free. I don’t need to pay someone a salary to create them.”*

- 40%** report a conflict with a church member at least **once a month**.

- 85%** of pastors said their greatest problem is they are tired of dealing with problem people, such as disgruntled elders, deacons, worship leaders, worship teams, board members, and associate pastors.

- The #1 reason pastors leave the ministry** is that church people are not willing to go the same direction and goal of the pastor. Pastors believe God wants them to go in one direction, but the people are not willing to follow or change.

- 40%** of pastors say they have considered leaving their pastorates in the last three months.

We pastors have to find a way, with God’s grace, to love people as if we have never been hurt before.

4. Loneliness.

Who’s my friend? Who can I trust? If I tell another pastor my problems, will he criticize me, tell others, or just treat me differently?

- 70%** do not have someone they consider a close friend.

Are my friends really my friends or a church member who is a temporary friend who may leave any day now?

Healthy friendships are crucial to a fulfilling life, especially to the well being of a pastor. Put special effort in this area.

5. Weariness.

50% of the ministers starting out will not last **5 years**.

70% felt God called them to pastoral ministry before their ministry began, but after three years of ministry, only **50%** still felt called.

Keeping personally refreshed is an art and a science...and extremely important.

When fatigue comes in, you not only look ½ empty, but also dirty, contaminated, and undrinkable.

6. Frustrations & Disappointments.

Disappointments come in many ways.

Because of smaller congregations, the average compensation package for pastors is between \$35,000 – \$40,000. There are many things pastors in this salary range are not able to do for their family that other people around them can do.

There are many areas of ministry that judging “success” is difficult. Pastors can be hard on themselves. We work in an area that good work and good effort does not always guarantee success.

Many pastors work hard but are missing some kind of “X-factor.” They are good people, sincere believers, love God, know the Word, have great content in their sermons, but somehow it’s not clicking. It’s frustrating.

It’s like a worship leader who loves Jesus and has a great singing voice but somehow cannot lead people in an effective worship experience.

Some days, leaders feel like they can’t seem to do anything right. The ministry finally gets momentum, and then a leader in the church falls. Things are going well, and then a couple of your biggest givers leave.

The church needs money, but the pastor doesn’t want to put too much focus on money. It’s not about the money—but it becomes about the money.

All of this can be overwhelming.

- 4,000** new churches begin each year and **7,000** churches close.

- Over **1,700** pastors left the ministry **every month** last year.

- Over **3,500** people **a day** left the church last year.

- 50%** of pastors feel so **discouraged** that they would leave the ministry if they could, but have no other way of making a living.

- 45.5 %** of pastors say that they’ve experienced depression or burnout to the extent that they needed to take a leave of absence from ministry.

This is not the case for all pastors. In fact, many that I know have managed to handle these issues well.

2013 BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 am Adult S. S. 9:15 am Kid's Action Hour 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Announcements 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship					1	2 Jane Birkenholz Steve McKee Dan Ritter
3 Bret Doerring 8:30 am Deacons  <i>All Saints' Day</i>	4 4:45 pm Personnel 7:00 pm Christian Nurture	5	6 Larry DeCook Barbara Zacheis 9:30 am WBS 4:30 pm WOW 5:30 pm Membership Community Meal 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	7 Jack Nicholson Macy Jontz 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group 4:30 pm Missions	8	9 9:00 am Spanish Plus
10 Dave Boyd	11 Kathy Ventling 5:30 pm Building & Grounds 6:00 pm Worship & Music	12	13 Barb Taylor Carol Goodwin 9:30 am WBS 4:30 pm WOW 5:30 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Spanish Plus Budget & Finance 7:00 pm Choir	14 10:00 am Park Centre Nursing Worship 10:45 am Park Centre Library Worship	15 Tim Leonard	16 9:00 am Spanish Plus
17 Steve Hopkins	18	19 Bridget Carson 6:00 p.m. Session Meal 7:00 p.m. Session	20 9:30 am WBS 4:30 pm WOW 5:30 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	21 6:30 am Early Men's group 9:00 am Men's group	22	23 Mickey Van Baale 9:00 am Spanish Plus
24 Jeanne Bridenstine Tom Farver Greg Carson  <i>Thanksgiving FEAST</i>	25	26	27 Mallory Sturtz 9:30 am WBS 5:30 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Spanish Plus 7:00 pm Choir	28 Leland Smith Spencer Curry  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	29 JoAnn Munger	30 9:00 am Spanish Plus



November



Volunteers

November	3	10	17	24	Dec 1
Worship Leader <i>Office</i>	John Taylor	Dave Stolper	Kathy Ventling	Linda Campbell	Gary Parsons
Host Elder/Deacon <i>Randy Camp</i>	Randy Camp	Shari DeCook	Linda Erickson	Sharon Black	Diane Moles
Greeters <i>Julie Brodersen</i>	Dick & Shirley Mielke	Elsie Nelson Pat Mitchell	Gary & Kay Parsons	Randy & Carol Camp	Kevin & Toni Peska
Ushers <i>Office</i>	Bill & Nancy Shields Max & Donna Worthington	Dick Mielke Barb & Steve Roese	Warren & Macy Jontz Kevin & Toni Peska	The Camp Family	The Ventling Family
Audio <i>Les Gause</i>	Doug Cutts	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Jay Koenen	Les Gause
Candlelighter <i>Office</i>	Allie Norvell	Megan Ritter	Emily Miller	Joshua Ventling	Advent
Counters <i>Bill Shields</i>	Dave Boyd Marshall Critchfield	Dave Boyd	Bill Shields Dan Ritter	Jonnie Carpenter Gary Haynes	Dave Stolper
Bread Ministry Baker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Linda Campbell	Jane Repp	Joan Rusk	Pat Mitchell	Dixie Zegers
Bread Ministry Taker <i>Barb Taylor</i>	Linda Campbell	Carol Russell	Joan Rusk	Barb Gallagher	Dana Hashman
Communion Set up <i>Kim DeGraff</i>	Virginia Bennett Diane Moles				Linda Kirchhoff

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary —

November, 2013

November 3—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; *Ps. 119:137-144*

2 Thess. 4:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10—25th Sunday after Pentecost

Hag. 1:15b-2:9; *Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98*

2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17—26th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa. 65:17-25; *Isa. 12*, 2 Thess. 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 24—Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Jer. 23:1-6; *Luke 1:68-79*; Col. 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

December, 2013

December 1—1st Sunday of Advent

Isa. 2:1-5; *Ps. 122*; Rom. 13:11-14

Matt. 24:36-44

December 8—2nd Sunday of Advent

Isa. 11:1-10; *Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19*

Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12

December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent

Isa. 35:1-10; *Ps. 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55*;

James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11

December 22—4th Sunday of Advent

Isa. 7:10-16; *Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19*

Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25

December 29—1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Isa. 63:7-9; *Ps. 148*; Heb. 2:10-18

Matt. 2:13-23