

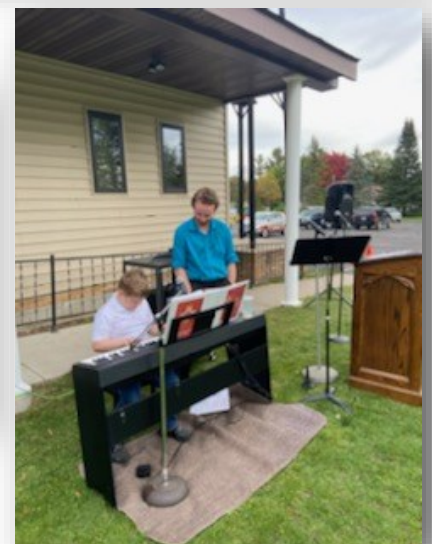
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Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

October 2021

IT'S A PICLUCK! WAS GREAT

It was a wonderful day for worship, picnic and games!
Thanks to the many people who helped out.



Sunday, September 26



World Communion Sunday: A History

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” [The Rev. Donald Kerr, son of Hugh Kerr]

From the Presbyterian Mission website

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

Luke 11:1

A Four Week Study of the Lord's Prayer

Sunday, September 25

“Our Father”

Matthew 6:5-15

Sunday, October 3

“Give us this day, Our Daily Bread”

Exodus 16:2-15

As we unite at the table of the Lord with Christians throughout the world, we will contemplate on what we mean when we pray, “Give us this day, Our Daily Bread.”

Sunday, October 10

**“Your Kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven”**

Sunday, October 17

**“Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.”**

Worship Outdoors Weather Permitting

Worship services will remain outdoors. The session will address when to move back into the sanctuary at its next meeting.

The On-Line Worship

If you can't attend the in-person worship, you are encouraged to view the service online. The service can be viewed on:

- [the church's Facebook Page](#)
- [the church's webpage](#)
- or search Randall Presbyterian Church on YouTube.

A Post-Pandemic Advent

Message from Michael...

I was in Costco last week, and I heard Christmas music. Christmas merchandise is now in the stores, and I am sure the Hallmark Christmas movies are just around the corner. So, it is not too early to start thinking about the Advent season at Randall Presbyterian Church.

Historically, Advent has been the time to prepare for Christmas. It should be a time of reflection and meditation on the Good News of the birth of Christ. However, for most of us, Advent is not a time of peace.

I saw a survey a few years ago that showed that more than 40% of Americans are so stressed by the holidays that they would just as soon skip Christmas.! Hectic schedules and unrealistic expenses have taken the joy right out of the holiday season for many people. But, maybe that is in the past?

The pandemic has caused many people to re-evaluate how they spend their time and their money. Some have even made lifestyle changes impacting their careers and residency. Many people have realized that relationships and experiences are far more important to them than the materialism that has dominated our culture for years, especially at Christmas.

This may be a tremendous opportunity for the church to evaluate and refocus how we celebrate the season of Advent. Except, if we wait for Advent to prepare for Christmas, it is too late! So we are going to spend four weeks in October and November to help prepare us for a meaningful Advent season.

I hope and believe that spending time in prayer and worship prior to Advent, we can have a more meaningful, peaceful, and enjoyable Christmas season.

Michael

	October 24, Worship Fully Christmas marks the moment where God's promise was fulfilled, and love took form. It is a moment that deserves our full attention.
	October 31, Spend Less By spending wisely on gifts we free ourselves from the anxiety associated with debt so we can take in the season with a full heart.
	November 7, Give More We know what you're thinking. "Wait, didn't they just say spend less?" The most memorable gift you can give to someone is yourself.
	November 14, Love All It all boils down to love. Love from a savior. Love to a neighbor. By spending just a little less on gifts we free up our resources to love.

Preparing for Christmas before it is too late!

Children's Sunday School Begins Sunday, October 10, During the 10:00 a.m. Service.

Following the Children's Message on Sunday mornings, children will go to the fellowship area in the basement for Sunday School. The class is open to all children and will be taught by Michael Lashinski.

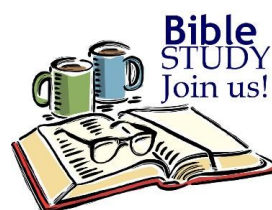


Food Shelf Volunteers Needed October 25 New Times: 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Randall Presbyterian Church provides volunteers to help at the Food Shelf on the last Thursday of every month. Three or four volunteers are needed and anyone of age can help. See Terry Coffin or Geri McLennan for more information.

Thursday Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at the Perkins an Little Falls

Come join us at the Little Falls Perkins for a late breakfast, early lunch, just coffee, or come just for the study and fellowship. We



are beginning a new study on the Book of Ruth using the book, "The Girl's Still Got it", by Liz Curtis Higgs. The study is led by Nancy Skoog.

Prayer Concerns

Joyce McDonald is struggling with cancer.

Chris Magee is struggles with cancer.

Betty Pasela--Betty is Mary Skoog's sister.

Ariel Waldoch & Kris- Kris is recovering from surgery on his ankle. Ariel is Colleen and Gerald Waldoch's daughter.

Chad Keller's cancer has returned. Chad is Kari Magee's brother.

Joys

Macall Magee --is recovering from Covid and is back at work.

In Memory

Phyllis Hoffman passed away on September 30. Services are pending.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

October Birthdays

Brenna Magee	10/01
Diane Ballou Balaski	10/06
Warren Johnson	10/09
Jerry Hyenga	10/10
Sharon Ballou	10/11
Gary Pietz	10/12
Colleen Waldoch	10/16
Marin Waldoch	10/18
Keven Vetsch	10/19
Allison Bartle	10/21
Joyce McDonald	10/24
Carter Yorek	10/24
Shayla Ganz	10/27
Kaelyn Vetsch	10/28

*May God Bless Each of You & May You
Have a Happy Birthday*

RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – August 18, 2021

Members present: Terry Coffin, Jake Farrow, Christi Hartwell, Michael Lashinski, Chris Magee, Marlys Olson and Moderator Reverend Michael Hartwell. **Members excused:** None. **Members absent:** None.

Others present: Sue Klooster-Fenske.

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the basement of the Randall Presbyterian Church by Moderator Reverend Michael Hartwell, who opened the meeting with prayer. Chris Magee joined the meeting by Zoom. A quick check in was also done to see how everyone was doing and any prayer concern updates.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the June 16, 2021 Session Meeting minutes was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: No motion on reports for June and July at this time.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:** Thursday, June 17, Presbyterian's Inventive Ministries Committee Zoom meeting; Sunday, June 20, Brief Memorial Service for Duane Ballou at Sharon Ballou's home; Monday, June 21, Pastor's Cohort Zoom Meeting; Wednesday, June 23, Academy Board Zoom meeting; Thursday, June 24, Presbytery Transformation Commission Zoom meeting; June 24, Food Shelf; Faithlife Webinar; Monday, June 28, Pastor's Cohort Zoom Meeting; Thursday, July 1, Perkins Bible Study; Thursday, July 1, What happened at the Capitol? (A briefing of Minnesota legislation impacting poor and homeless with Rep. Ron Kresha; Monday, July 5, Pastor's Cohort Zoom Meeting; Thursday, July 8, Perkins Bible Study; Tuesday, July 13, Crosslake Session; Monday, July 19, Pastor's Cohort Zoom Meeting; July 25-30 Synod School; Monday, August 2, Joint Crosslake and Lakes Church session gathering, Merrifield, MN; Monday, August 9, Pastor's Cohort Zoom Meeting; Tuesday, August 17, Presbytery meeting in Mankato, MN

Home communion was served to Jackie Magee, Phyllis Hoffman, and Joyce McDonald on July 8.

Christian Education: Academy Classes at Synod School, July 25-30

Vacation: August 10-16

Church Rolls and Register Report: Chase William Vetsch, infant son of Lynelle and Kevin Vetsch was baptized on July 18, 2021. Pastor Michael officiated the baptism. Suzi and Leif Johnson were the sponsors.

- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Outdoor in-person worship continues, weather permitting, with an average of 40 attending. COVID-19 protocols have been relaxed for those fully vaccinated and for outdoor activities. Online worship will continue.

Communion was served on July 4, 2021

24 Communion served on August 1, 2021

69 members; no change.

Monthly church mission is the Morrison County Food Shelf and the weekly church mission is Meals on Wheels.

- **Fellowship:** Morrison County Food Shelf on June 24, 2021 and July 29, 2021 with four members from church volunteering.
- **Christian Education Report:** discussion noted under New Business
- **Building/Maintenance Report:** Session discussed adding a sound bar system for the monitor; research will be done on this. Basement water issues continue. A bid was received for estimated cost to add a drainage system around the building foundation. The discussion also included considering remodeling options. An electrician will be called to repair the lights in the front of the sanctuary.

- **Presbytery:** Minnesota Valleys Presbytery held a stated meeting in Mankato on August 17, 2021. Pastor Michael attended the meeting. The morning focused on the Self-Development of People program which offers grants for people in need who then share in the work to improve their lives.
- **Correspondence:** Received letter from Church Mutual regarding changes coming to insurance. Received Further renewal.
- **Deacon's Report:** Nothing to report.
 - Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Michael Lashinski. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Officer training – pended until COVID-19 restrictions have been fully lifted and it is safer to gather.
- b. Morrison County Food Shelf – only three volunteers are needed at this time until restrictions are lifted. August 26 2021 will be our next night for volunteering. Everyone is invited to volunteer at the Food Shelf. Please contact Geri McLennan or Terry Coffin if you are interested.

New Business:

- a. COVID-19/Post COVID: At this time, we will continue with our current mask policy while indoors. We will continue to monitor the virus numbers.
- b. Session discussed options for worship and agreed that we will continue to worship outdoors as long as the weather permits, except for September 19 which will be indoors. Pre-recorded online worship will continue. Pastor Michael discussed the challenges of doing live stream worship. More discussion is needed as we move into fall.
- c. Session discussed stating fall Sunday School around the first of October. We have the potential for many children and teachers will be needed for the classes.
- d. Faithlife is the new integrated program for membership, worship and contributions by members.
- e. We will be having a family game and picnic/potluck outdoors event after worship on September 26, 2021. More details to follow.
- f. Church Mutual – will be non-renewing our current policy and coming out with a new improved Premier policy.
- g. Motion was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Marlys Olson to approve the 2022 Further renewal with no changes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Lashinski, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord's Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: Wednesday, September 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session