

Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

May 2022

Message from Michael

The following quote is credited to Harry Chapin:

"Good dreams don't come cheap, you've got to pay for them. If you just dream when you're asleep, there's no way for them to come alive, to survive..."

Chapin is best known for his rock ballads like "Cat's in the Cradle" and "Taxi." What is often forgotten is that he was also a social reformer who dedicated himself to the rights and dignities of the people, especially the poor. Unlike some modern celebrities who fly private jets to give speeches on global warming, Chapin practiced what he preached. His obituary written the day after he died in a car crash in 1981 included the following:

Harry Chapin could have been a millionaire. Harry Chapin maybe should have been a millionaire. But every year at least half of his concerts were free, either for charity or as a benefit. He put his money where his mouth was.

Pentecost is the first Sunday of June. To prepare for Pentecost the text for May 29 will be Joel 2:28, "your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." All Christians should dream dreams and see visions: The vision to see the presence of Christ; the Dream of what Christ's church can mean to a hurting world. But good dreams don't come cheap.

The following is from Harry Chapin's tombstone:

If a man tried to take his time on earth and prove before he died what one man's life could be worth, I wonder what would happen to this world.

Harry Chapin believed that one person could make a difference in a community, something I believe is probably true. But I believe even more so, that when a community of believers comes together in the name of God to dream dreams, the possibilities are endless. But good dreams don't come cheap.

What is your dream — for your life, for your ministry, for your church, and for your God?

Michael

Can you Help Serve?

Food Shelf

May 26, 4:30

Have you experienced the Food Shelf? It is a wonderful opportunity to serve God by serving the community. There are only three or four spots open for Randall's turn to serve, so talk to Terry soon to reserve your spot!

Perkins Bible Study

Thursday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Bring your bible and join us at the Little Falls Perkins for a late breakfast, early lunch, just coffee, or come just for the study and fellowship. The study is lead by Nancy Skoog.

May Birthdays

Harriet Turner	May 7
Gerard Waldoch	May 7
Renee Hegg	May 11
Angie Magee	May 14
Ryan Turner	May 14
Deb Helmerick	May 17
Anthony Waldoch	May 19
Nancy Keeton	May 21
Jon Skoog	May 29
Zachary Clark	May 31

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

Exploring a Call

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' Isaiah 6:8

Ordained pastors are not the only ones called to ministry. Commission Ruling Elders are called to assist pastors or even serve churches. Some people are called for some specific ministries. The Presbytery is invited all Ruling Elders to join in the Zoom discussion on how ordinary people may be being called to serve God.

The Easter Season

Scripture tells us that 50 days after the Passover celebration is the day of Pentecost. It was during this time period that Jesus appeared to the disciples and others (1 Corinthians 15:6) then ascended to heaven. The church recognizes those days as the season of Easter. We will continue the celebration during the month of May as we prepare for the Day of Pentecost.

May 1

The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

May 8

Jesus Appears to the Disciples:

Luke 24:36-48

May 15

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

May 22

The Ascension of Jesus

Acts 1:1-11

May 29

The Dreams we Dreamed to Late

Joel 2:28-29

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Acts 2:2

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples as tongues of fire. It is considered the birth of the Christian Church, and Randall Presbyterian will celebrate during the worship service on June 5, at 10:00. Everyone is encouraged to wear red to symbolize the tongues of fire that came down that first Pentecost.



RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – April 20, 2022

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

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the library of Randall Presbyterian Church by Moderator Reverend Michael Hartwell, who opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared as is shown by those in attendance. A quick check in was also done to see how everyone was doing and if there were any prayer concern updates.

Approval of Minutes: The March 16, 2022 Session Meeting minutes were previously sent out by email to session for their review. Session approved the minutes as written; the minutes were included in the April Lamplighter newsletter.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Summary of the March 2022 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$150,500.98 (Checking: \$6,721.21, Savings: \$143,779.77). Motion to receive the Treasurer reports as discussed was made by Chris Magee, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Session went into executive meeting to discuss a private issue. Motions were made, seconded and carried to go into executive session and to close the executive session.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:**) Zoom Lenten Study, Wednesday, March 16; Perkin's Bible Study, Thursday, March 17; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, March 21; Zoom Lenten Study, Wednesday, March 23; Perkin's Bible Study, Thursday, March 24; Academy Class, March 25 – March 27; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, March 28; Zoom Presbytery Inventive Ministries meeting, Tuesday, March 29; JRLC meeting with Rep. Kresha, Little Falls; Zoom Lenten Study, Wednesday, March 30; Perkin's Bible Study, Thursday, March 31; Good Friday Service, St Cloud, Friday, April 1; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, April 4; Presbytery Meeting, Spicer, MN, Tuesday, April 5; Zoom Lenten Study, Wednesday, April 6; Presbytery Commission on Leadership Zoom meeting; Thursday, April 7; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, April 11; Randall Business Group, Tuesday, April 12; Zoom Lenten Study, Wednesday, April 13; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, April 14
- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** Nothing to report.
- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Worship is indoors with an average of 46 attending and is being live-streamed. The service is streamed live at 10:00 a.m. along with being recorded for viewing at a later time either on YouTube or the church's webpage and Facebook.

36 were served Communion on April 3, 2022.

Lenten Bible Study held via Zoom started on March 9 and continued until April 13.

Maundy Thursday service was held at 7:00 p.m. There were 17 in attendance and 17 were served communion.

On April 24th, our worship service will include a recorded sermon given by Rev. Darin Seaman provided through the Presbytery.

72 members; no change.

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

April mission(s): One Great Hour of Sharing.

- **Fellowship:** Morrison County Food Shelf on Thursday, March 31st with four members from church volunteering. On Saturday, April 9th, there were lots of helping hands to clean the kitchen and fellowship area along with the upstairs of the church. Thank you to all who helped with the cleaning, organizing and making our church look refreshed!
- **Christian Education Report:** Vacation Bible Study volunteer search will begin along with planning on when to have VBS.
- **Building/Maintenance Report:** A sub-committee will be set up for long range planning.

- **Presbytery:** The Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys held a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meeting at Hope Presbyterian Church in Spicer on April 5, 2022. Pastor Michael Hartwell and Terry Coffin attended. The Presbytery approved to extend the Call as Executive Presbyter to Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller. She will begin her work as EP effective June 1, 2022. Her installation will be held at the June 7th meeting. The Presbytery also approved seeking a part-time youth director and Rev. Bob Kersten was welcomed to the Presbytery as pastor of Maine Presbyterian, in Underwood. Reports and other business were held and appreciation was given to Kathy Terpstra who has been the Gap EP for the past year.
- **Correspondence:** Received “Thank you” notes from Dr. S. G. Knight for our donation to “Coins for a Cause”; Presbyterian Mission for donations to Shared Mission support and OGHS and from Morrison County Food Shelf for our March donation.
- **Deacon’s Report:** Deacons collected money to make baskets for the silent auction for the Nathan Rothstein benefit on April 2.
 - Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Christi Hartwell, seconded by Chris Magee. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Morrison County Food Shelf – April 28, 2022 will be our next night for volunteering. Everyone is invited to volunteer at the Food Shelf. The hours to work are 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor Michael or Terry Coffin if you are interested. We need volunteers!!
- b. Nominating committee recommendation for the 2022 Elder position is Sue Klooster-Fenske.
- c. Installation of officers was postponed due to various circumstances and will now be rescheduled.
 - Congregational meeting to elect the elder nominee will be held on Sunday, May 1st after worship.
 - Installation/ Ordination service for elected officers will take place during worship on Sunday, May 8th.
- d. The tech grant submitted for purchase of needed technology equipment in the amount of \$1,446.43 was approved.

New Business:

- a. A request has been submitted to session for the purchase of fans to help with mold issues for the downstairs and for insect spray to kill the Asian beetles and boxelder bugs. Session will explore the option of purchasing new de-humidifiers for moisture control and will research the best way to eliminate the bug situation.
- b. Session discussed when to start outdoor worship services; we will have outdoor worship beginning on June 12th through the end of August, weather permitting during this time. We will have indoor worship on the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday).
- c. Session reviewed current and optional music options for worship. It was decided we would continue with the recorded music we are presently using.
- d. Community garden: a sub-committee will be formed to recruit volunteers to plant and take care of the garden, encouraging more people to become involved. Marlys Olson will contact Gary Gannon.
- e. Storage room and balcony need to be cleaned. This planning discussion is postponed until next month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry Coffin, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord’s Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: May 18, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session