

Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

June 2022

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

Historically, Presbyterians believe we are commanded to keep the Sabbath Holy, but don't believe in other "Holy Days." However, there are some days that we recognize to have special meaning. Pentecost is one of those Sundays.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples as tongues of fire. It is considered the birth of the Christian Church.

It is one of my favorite services of the year, and I am planning what will be an extra special service this year.

Since it is the first Sunday of the month, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Remember to wear red to symbolize the tongues of fire that came down that first Pentecost.



We Are Moving Outdoors for Summer!

So many people enjoyed the experience of worshipping God outside last year, the Session has decided to move outdoors again this summer. With the exception of the first Sunday of the month, and weather permitting, the services will be outside in June, July and August. People are encouraged to bring their own chairs (they are much more comfortable than the church's folding chairs). *Communion Sunday, June 5, July 3, and August 7 will be in the sanctuary.*

The monthly potluck will be continue throughout the summer the last Sunday of the month.

Message from Michael

*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let
the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
(Psalms 96:11-12 NRSV)*

I happened to take a Spring Introduction to Psychology class during my time at Community College. The weather had been quite nice towards the end of the semester, and so the Instructor decided to take her class outside. For about three weeks, we listened to her lectures in the beautiful Arizona sunshine, all of us relaxing in the fresh spring grass. The sun was shining. The weather was perfect.

I almost flunked the course.

First of all, the class was just after lunch, so the urge to take a nap was already strong- and the instructor was not exactly the most engaging lecturer. And Spring had always been my favorite time to live in Phoenix. The sun was warm, but not yet hot, and there was usually a gentle breeze. The smell of the blossoms always took me back to little league games and playing hide-&-seek in the neighborhood. And of course, there *was* the small fact that in the warm weather, coeds were discarding the sweaters and long pants of winter, and donning more light and comfortable clothing to take in all of the sunshine that modesty would allow.

It was not the ideal climate for serious study.

The memories of those sleepy spring classes came back to me as I began preparing for our outdoor services this Summer. Hopefully, I'll prove a more engaging speaker than my old teacher. And if not, well— I always have my trumpet.

On the other hand, maybe there's something divinely spiritual in worshipping in the beauty of God's creation that goes beyond the value of hearing every word of a sermon?

Come join us for our outdoor worship services this summer to find out for yourself.

Michael

Can you help?

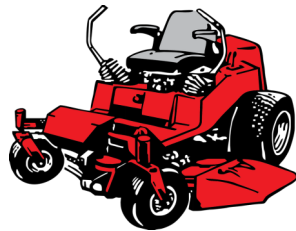
Food Shelf

June 30, 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!

Lawn care

The church's lawn should be mowed weekly, usually on Thursday or Friday. A riding mower is available. A signup sheet is at the church, or on line. Contact Jim Skoog or Dan Thilquist for more details.



Church Garden

Once again Randall Presbyterian Church will have a garden. The produce should benefit both our members and the community. The planting will begin soon, and help is needed throughout the summer.



Worship Assistant

Worship Assistants provide a valuable service to the church and the weekly worship. Any age, member or not, are encouraged to participate. Volunteers can signup at the church or online.

VBS is Back!

August 15-18

3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

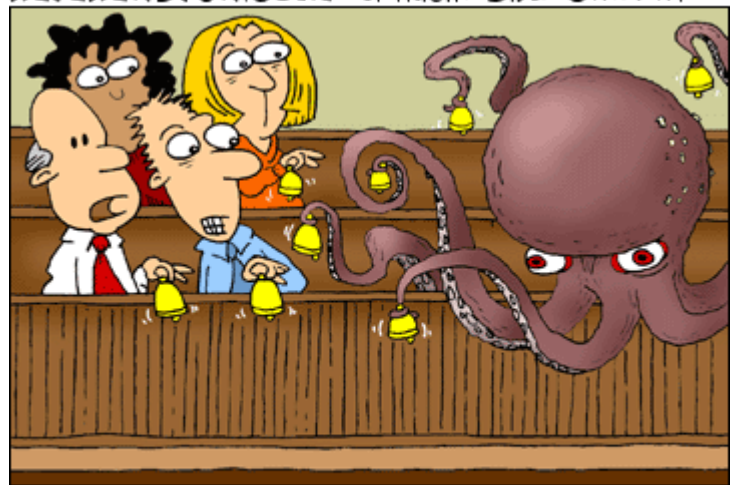


A leader is needed for each of the Job Sites:

- Hard Hat Site (Crafts/Projects)
- Scales (Music)
- Break Time (Recreation)
- Blue Print (Bible Activities)

As well as volunteers to help with meals, snack, and assist in many other ways!

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SEE MORE VOLUNTEERS

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Thanks from Sharon Ballou

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the second “Helping Hospice Rummage Sale” that I hosted during Randall Rummage Days. Whether you donated items, brought us tables, gave cash assistance, helped with set up or dismantling, or came and shopped, each part was important and appreciated. Last year we sent Hospice \$500. This year we raised the amount to \$770. We are looking at a repeat sale in September or October. There are a number of winter coats and boots plus holiday items that need new homes.



Special Congregational Meeting

May 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:51 a.m. with prayer by moderator Reverend Michael Hartwell.

A quorum was declared by Clerk of Session, Terry L. Coffin.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Elder for Class of 2024 which the Nominating Committee has recommended. Session has reviewed the recommendation and submits to the congregation for their approval.

The 2022 Nominating Committee recommends Sue Fenske as Elder for Class of 2024. Reverend Hartwell asked if there were any nominations from the congregation; no nominations were put forward so a motion was made by Geri McLennan, seconded by Carol Saxton to close the nominations and accept Sue Fenske as Elder. Motion carried.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn and close the meeting in prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. followed by prayer from Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terry L. Coffin", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Terry L. Coffin

Clerk of Session

RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – May 18, 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 6:33 p.m. in the basement 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 April 20, 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 May Lamplighter newsletter. Session also reviewed and approved by email the Special Congregational Meeting minutes from May 1, 2022.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Summary of the April 2022 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$145,088.72 (Checking: \$1,296.35, Savings: \$144,892.37). Motion to receive the Treasurer reports as discussed was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, April 18; Presbytery's Inventive Ministries Zoom, Tuesday, April 19; Synod Leadership Training by Zoom, Thursday, April 21; Pastor Cohort Meeting in St Cloud, Monday, April 25; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, May 2; Presbytery's Exploring a Call Planning Meeting Zoom, Monday, May 2; Committee On Leadership, Wilmar, Thursday, May 5; Speaker at the Presbytery's Exploring the Call Zoom Workshop, Monday, May 9; Randall Area Business Group, Tuesday, May 10; Little Falls Area Ministerial Association, Little Falls, Thursday, May 12; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, May 12

Vacation:

April 26 – April 29, Arizona trip

- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** On May 15, 2022, Renee Hegg and Ken Ballou were installed as deacons for the Class of 2024.
- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Worship is indoors with an average of 49 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.

Reminder: Outdoor worship begins on June 12 through August 28, weather permitting. We will continue to have indoor worship on the first Sunday of each month (Communion) during this period.

32 were served Communion on May 1, 2022.

72 members; no change.

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

May/June Mission: Pentecost

- **Fellowship:** Morrison County Food Shelf on Thursday, April 28th with one member from church volunteering.
- **Christian Education Report:** May 15th was the last day of Sunday school for the children until this fall. Vacation Bible School will begin on August 15 through August 18; hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help and teach! See Marlys Olson if you have questions or wish to help.

- **Building/Maintenance Report:** The faucet in the kitchen has been replaced. Thank you to Al L., Jim S. and Dan T. for their work. Also, thank you to Gerard W. for hauling away the old refrigerator.
- **Presbytery:** There will be a Presbytery meeting by zoom on Tuesday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Among other business, the new EP of the Presbytery will be installed.
- **Correspondence:** nothing to report.
- **Deacon's Report:** nothing to report.

- Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Chris Magee, seconded by Marlys Olson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Morrison County Food Shelf – May 26, 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!!
- The ordination and installation service of Susan Fenske as Elder will be rescheduled.
- Session researched when to treat the insect issue and it is best to do treatment in the fall. Session also discussed the moisture and mold issue. It was decided that the basement windows will be opened during the week along with running the existing fans. Session agreed on the purchase of two new dehumidifiers to help remove excess moisture in the air.
- The storage room downstairs needs to be cleaned out. The balcony also needs to be cleaned so that the streaming equipment can be moved up by the old sound system area. To assist with better live streaming for the online worship, the video switcher should be hardwired to the router.

New Business:

- Officer form for the Presbytery needs to be completed – pended until the ordination/installation of Susan Fenske.
- The review of Committee chairs is pended until Susan Fenske is ordained and installed.
- Session discussed the costs for Faithlife/Proclaim/ServantKeeper as the renewal date approaches. It was decided to continue with ServantKeeper and Faithlife website. All other services will be dropped. Currently, the cost for all services is approximately \$1,200.00; the new cost will be about \$800.00. ServantKeeper is currently used for membership, attendance and contributions. The church's website has access to the calendar, events and our online worship services along with other important information about our church. Please check it out at www.randallpresby.org.
- A concern was brought up regarding the trees that are on the property line to Rob Bellin's property. Chris M. will speak with Zach from Environmental Advantage LLC about trimming the trees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Magee, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord's Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: June 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session