

Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

July 2022

Randall Presbyterian Church Joins the Parade!



Message from Michael

There was an article that compared people who participate in a church to four types of people who might be pictured on a ship.

- **Crew**
- **Passengers**
- **Stowaways**
- **Pirates**

The crew are the active leaders of the church. They normally include Elders, Deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc. but also include those you know will be there for workdays, fellowship activities and special worships. They are the Spiritual Leaders of the congregation.

The passengers are those people we normally see only on Sunday mornings, and maybe a few special activities. They may not be overly active, but they are dedicated and committed people.

The stowaways are the fringe people, the ones we might see once a month or so. The pirates are those who hamper the ministry.

The article said the challenge of the church was to enable passengers to become part of the crew and move stowaways at least to the position of passengers. The church needs to identify the pirates, and if not able to move them to passenger, at least be able to neutralize their impact on the ministries of the congregation. The ultimate goal is to bring everyone on board the mission and purpose of the church.

There is a value in being aware of the people in the congregation, and develop means of moving them to a deeper, more spiritual relationship with God. What I didn't like about the article was the negative connotations to the term's stowaways and pirates. Stowaway implies

they really should not be on board. Instead, I see these more as people who just haven't quite made it on board yet. We need to let these people know that they are welcomed and help them become more comfortable in finding their role in the ministry of the church.

There are members who tend to hamper ministry. They might hamper the growth of the church by always putting their desires and needs first, but these are still loving, faithful children of God. The church needs to find ways to use their energy more productively. *(I have experienced pirates in other congregations, but I have not yet identified any at Randall.)*

The article asks church members, "Where are you on the ship? Is it time to get on board?"

This article was written pre-pandemic. Continuing the metaphor of a ship, Covid was a storm in the ocean. The ship has been battered, but still afloat. Everyone on board has been tossed about. Some of them might have been tossed completely off the ship.

The storm is over, and we are repairing the ship. It is time to get out the lifeboats, and search for those who fell overboard. We won't find them all, but we may also find people who are looking for a lifesaver and a ship to come home. It may take a larger crew. So, ask yourself, "Where is God calling me to be on this ship we call Randall Presbyterian Church?"

Michael

Can you help?

Food Shelf July 28, 4:30 p.m.

It is Randall Presbyterian Church's turn to serve at Food Shelf. This is a wonderful way to serve the community. If you can help talk to Terry Coffin or Geri McLennan



Vacation Bible School 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! For more information, join us in ou

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting Wednesday, July 13 6:30 p.m.

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.

Perkins Bible Study Thursday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. Will Continue Through the Summer

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

June* & July Birthdays

Sara Wester	Jun 1
Blake Yorek	Jun 8
Sherri Weikert	Jun 15
Cathy Boyd	Jun 28
Sue Fenske	Jun 30
Nathan Ballou	July 2
Cody Brott	July 6
Betsy Hyenga	July 3
Briana Waldoch	July 11
Kole Waldoch	July 14
Jake Farrow	July 18
Beverly Pietz	July 20
Caleb Vetsch	July 20
Corbin Lashinski	July 21
Nolan Waldoch	July 22
Terry Coffin	July 23
Chad Ballou	July 24
Meghan Ballou	July 28
Bob Keeton	July 29

*June birthdays were inevitably left out of the June Lamplighter, but it is never too late to wish someone a Happy Birthday!

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

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.

Worship Series **“Healing Miracles of Jesus”**

For the rest of the summer, we will be looking at some of the healing miracles of Jesus. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus performed miracles transforming the lives of those he touched. Join us on Sunday mornings as we examine some of these miracles, and how they help us understand our faith today.

July 10 **Mark 1:29-34**

*Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law
Sick With Fever*

July 17 **Mark 1:40-45**

Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy

July 24 **Mark 2:1-12**

*Jesus Heals a Paralytic Who Was
Let Down From the Roof*

July 31 **Mark 3:1-6**

*Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand
on the Sabbath*

August 7 **Mark 5:21-34**

*Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd
With an Issue of Blood*

August 14 **Luke 7:1-10**

*Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed
Servant in Capernaum*

August 21 **A Special Message about
Habitat for Humanity.**

August 28 **Luke 7:11-17**

*Jesus Raises a Widow's Son From
the Dead in Nain*

When this is Over

The following poem was written by Minnesota resident Laura Kelly Fanucci. She writes a syndicated column, “Faith at Home.” It was written in 2020, in the midst of the pandemic. 2 years later, I wonder, have we become, “more like the people we wanted to be?”

*“When this is over, may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way — better
for each other
because of the worst.”*

From laurakellyfanucci.com.

Laura Kelly Fanucci is a writer and the director of the Communities of Calling Initiative, housed at the Collegeville Institute at Saint John's University. She earned her Master of Divinity from Saint John's School of Theology and her BA from the University of Notre Dame.

Her writing has been featured in numerous online outlets including NPR's On Being, the Christian Century, and Blessed Is She.

Laura has authored six books, including *Grieving Together: A Couple's Journey through Miscarriage*.

RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – June 15, 2022

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

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 6:31 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 May 18, 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 June Lamplighter newsletter.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Summary of the May 2022 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$143,388.18 (Checking: \$174.41, Savings: \$143,213.77). Motion to receive the Treasurer reports as discussed was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Christi Hartwell. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:** Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, May 19; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, May 23; Presbytery's Inventive Ministries Zoom meeting, Tuesday, May 24; The Academy Board Zoom Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, May 26; Memorial Day Service, VFW (Prayers and Taps); Commission on Leadership Zoom Meeting, Thursday, June 2; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, June 6; Presbytery Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, June 7; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, June 9; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, June 13; Randall Area Business Group, Tuesday, June 14

Continuing Education:

The Academy, July 25-29. (No Sunday involved)

Pastor's Retreat, September 19-20 (No Sunday Involved)

Vacation:

September 9 -11, (Includes Sunday)

September 28- 30 (No Sunday Involved)

- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** On June 12, 2022, Sue Fenske was ordained and installed as a Ruling Elder for the Class of 2024.
- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Worship is being held outdoors for the months of June, July and August, weather permitting. Average weekly attendance is currently 36. We will continue to have indoor worship on the first Sunday of each month for communion during this period. There will be no live streaming or recorded worship services during this time.

26 were served Communion on June 5, 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, May 26th with three members from church volunteering.
- **Christian Education Report:** Vacation Bible School for K through 6th Grade will begin on August 15th through August 18th; hours will be 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with supper being served at the end of each day. We are looking for volunteers to help and teach! See Marlys Olson if you have questions or wish to help.
- **Building/Maintenance Report:** nothing to report.

- **Presbytery:** The Presbytery held a meeting by zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. on June 7, 2022. Devotion was given by William McConnell with a break out session discussing the questions relating to the pandemic – “What have we lost?”, “What have we gained?” and “What’s the first step to retain the gained?”; reports from the various committees were shared along with other business. The Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller was installed as the new Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery. Terry Coffin, who was on the Presbytery Executive Search Committee, participated in the installation service in Willmar with other committee members. Pastor Michael was present by way of Zoom.
- **Correspondence:** Received a Thank you letter from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for our \$600 donation.
- **Deacon’s Report:** nothing to report.
 - Motion to approve the committee reports as received was made by Chris Magee, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Morrison County Food Shelf – June 30, 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. Two new dehumidifiers were purchased and donated to the church for the basement. Pastor Michael runs them during the week along with the fans to help reduce the humidity issue.
- c. The storage room clean-up downstairs and the balcony cleanup and reorganization to be scheduled before fall.
- d. Session reviewed the Officer Form for the Presbytery. This will be sent to the Presbytery for their records.
- e. The Committee chairs for 2022 will remain the same as in 2021.
- f. Environmental Advantage submitted a bid for removal of three spruce trees along property line, clean-up and stump grinding for approximately \$2,700. Chris M. will get a second quote from another tree company to compare.
- g. July 4th parade in Randall – we will have a float in the parade! Planning includes ordering t-shirts and getting decorations for the float along with volunteers to participate and help.
- h. The community garden in the front of the church has been planted. Feel free to pull some weeds!
- i. Financial review has been delayed. Pastor Michael will contact Angie Magee for her assistance with the review.

New Business:

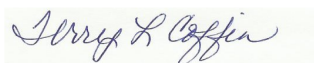
- a. No new business for this meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jake Farrow, seconded by Terry Coffin. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord’s Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: July 20, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session