

Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

August 2022

CAUTION

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON
THE NEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**



Join your friends at Randall Presbyterian Church
for a day of fun, food, music and activities that
teach us about putting our faith to work!

There will be games, music, special craft project
and lots of fun. Lunch will be provided!

August 27 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 28th

It's not a Picnic. It's not a Potluck.

IT'S A PICLUCK!

To continue our Family Vacation Bible School, we will be having a family game and Picluck (picnic/potluck) after worship! Games and Picluck will be held outdoors if the weather cooperates, but moved indoors if it does not.

GAMES! PRIZES! FUN!

There will be a fun variety of carnival and yard games for all ages. Come test your skills and win a prize! If you have any yard games you wish to share, please feel free to bring them.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC FOOD!

Please think picnic when planning what you would like to bring for the event. Michael Lashinski has volunteered to bring his grill. Hotdogs will be provided.

Consider bringing...BUNS ★ CHIPS AND DIPS ★ BEANS ★ SUMMER SALADS ★
DESSERTS ★ CONDIMENTS ★ JUICE/LEMONADE/PUNCH

Sunday, August 7, Worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Will Be Outdoors August 14, 21, 28
Beginning September 4
Worship will be in the Sanctuary

Worship Series Continue "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.

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 Luke 7:11-17

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

August 28 A Special Message about Habitat for Humanity.

My Week at Synod School

What is Synod School?

Every year over 500 Presbyterians from the states in the graphic (*pictured right*) gather in Storm Lake Iowa for a week of worship, classes, learning, dancing, crafts, movies, singing, etc. Leaders come from all over the country! People of all ages attend and some people have gone every year for over 30 years. Both Terry and Christi went this year, so ask them about their experience.

Synod School for me is a little different.

I have a special role at Synod School. I am part of a synod program for training lay leaders. It is called The Academy.

The Academy offers 2 classes each year at Synod School and three others during the year. Unlike all the other classes, the Academy classes have required reading assignments before the class meets and written assignments afterwards.

Although, I am expected to do all the readings, I don't have to do the written work. Instead, I get to evaluate the papers of half the class. Another pastor from Iowa works with the other half of the class. I also run the computers for the students who were taking the class virtually.

The two classes for this year's Synod School were Reformed Theology and Church Leadership and Administration. One met all morning, and the other met in the afternoon.

The Academy offers classes over two years (three synod schools), For students who have taken all of the have completed the educational requirements to become a Commissioned



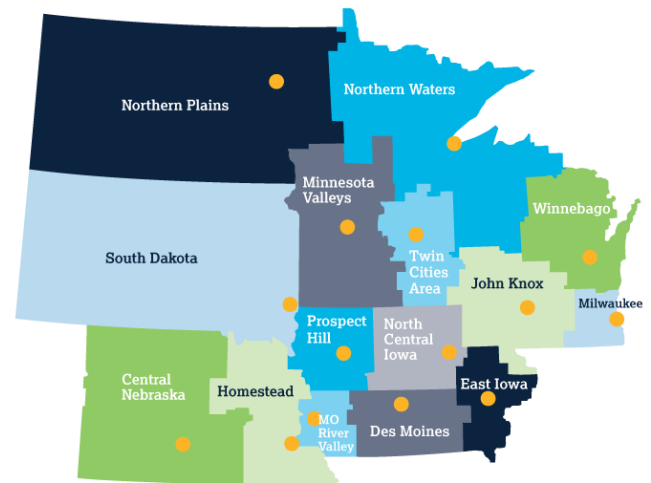
Ruling Elder (CRE). CREs often serve the role as pastor for small churches who are unable to call an ordained pastor.

Most of the classes are review for me, but I always learn something new. It may be the best use of my Continuing Education time. Also, I get some compensation and I don't have to pay for Synod School!

You may not find the Academy classes to your taste, but there is something for everyone. Join us next year.

Michael

Synod of Lakes and Prairies



Some of the classes this year.

- Bagel Making: Easier Than You Think
- Every Step a Prayer: Finding Sanctuary in the Ordinary Movements of a Busy Schedule
- Transforming Congregational Mission
- "I can't draw, but I'm still an artist!" Unleashing your creative side
- Movie Heroes and Villains and Biblical Ethics
- It's All Greek to Me: The Gospel of Luke
- Ruling Elders: Putting the Fun Back into (Dys) Functional Sessions (*I think that was Terry's favorite*)
- Wade into Watercolors
- Outdoor Cooking in a Fire Pit
- Dungeons and Dragons: The devil's NOT in the details
- Ballroom and Latin Dance (*Christi and Terry took this one together.*)
- That's NOT in the Bible?!

And many more

Can you help?

Food Shelf

August 25, 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. Talk to Terry Coffin or Geri McLennan if you'd like to help.

Lawn care

Soon the weather will be cooling and the grass won't grow as fast, but it will still need mowing for a few more weeks. 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 online. Contact Jim Skoog or Dan Thilquist for more details.



Worship Assistants Needed!

(Give Terry and Christi a Break)

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

Church Garden

The garden is growing strong and already beginning to bear vegetables. Produce will be available at the church. Thanks to Cathy and Gary Gannon for all their work. Please ask them how you can help out!



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.

August Birthdays

Vicky Lashinski	8/2
Karen Kazeck	8/3
Michael Hartwell	8/12
Debbie Louison	8/17
Macall Magee	8/18
Michael Lashinski	8/24
Makayla Ganz	8/25

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



In Memory

Joyce J McDonald

Joyce passed away on June 22, and services were held at the church on July 19. Joyces' presence in the community, leadership at church, and her baritone will be deeply missed.

*Please keep her
family in your
prayers.*



RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – July 20, 2022

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

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 6:32 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 June 15, 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 July Lamplighter newsletter.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Summary of the June 2022 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$140,708.26 (Checking: \$1,490.47, Savings: \$139,217.79).

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$5,395.09	\$45,729.16
Expense:	\$5,734.67	\$52,028.03
Net Income:	-\$339.58	-\$6,298.87

Session also discussed the need to verify who the second signer is on all accounts. Motion to receive the Treasurer reports as discussed was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Jake Farrow. Motion carried.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:** Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, June 16; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, June 20; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, June 23; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, June 27; Presbytery Inventive Ministries Zoom meeting, Tuesday, June 28; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, June 30; Food Shelf, June 30; Randall Fourth of July parade, Saturday, July 2; Meeting at First Pres. St Cloud, Tuesday, July 5; Presbytery Inventive Ministries meeting with Nurture Co-moderators, Wednesday, July 6; Perkins Bible Study, Thursday, July 7; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, July 11; Randall Area Flood Recovery (Initiative Foundation) meeting, July 11; Board of Pensions Webinar, "Beating Burnout," Thursday, July 14; Pastor Cohort Zoom Meeting, Monday, July 18
- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** Funeral service for Joyce J. McDonald, officiated by Reverend Michael Hartwell, was held on July 19, 2022 at Randall Presbyterian Church. Joyce passed away on June 20, 2022 and will be laid to rest at Veteran's Cemetery at Camp Ripley, Minnesota.
- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Currently the average weekly attendance is 30. Outdoor worship continues, weather permitting, to the end of August. We will continue to have indoor worship on the first Sunday of each month for communion. There will be no live streaming or recorded worship services during this time.

35 were served Communion on July 3, 2022.

71 members; death of Joyce J. McDonald on June 20, 2022.

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 24th with three members from church volunteering. Several volunteers including children participated in decorating and riding on the 4th of July float including throwing candy at the crowd. Pastor Michael played the role of Rev. John Witherspoon on the float.
- **Christian Education Report:** Vacation Bible School (VBS) meeting on July 13th resulted in new ideas for VBS. It has been transformed to being a family oriented one day event on Saturday, August 27th with carry over to worship service on Sunday, August 28th followed by a Picluck. A recommended craft idea is building bird houses. Next meeting is Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

- **Building/Maintenance Report:** See Old Business C.
- **Presbytery:** Pastor Michael Hartwell, Christi Hartwell and Terry Coffin will be attending Synod School in Storm Lake, IA starting on July 24th through July 29th.
- **Correspondence:** Received a letter from Morrison County Sheriff's office requesting a donation towards their child safety and drug prevention program. Motion was made by Chris Magee, seconded by Jake Farrow to approve \$100.00 to be donated from the Session Designated Fund. Motion carried. Received a letter from Oasis Central Minnesota looking for churches interested in being involved in the Share a Meal program. We will consider teaming up with another church, participating in the program every other month or filling in when needed.
- **Deacon's Report:** Deacons provided the meal after Joyce McDonald's funeral service.
 - 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 – July 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. During the basement and balcony cleaning, items no longer needed have been placed in the old Sunday School room. The storage room has also been cleaned out and organized. Session approves of church members taking any of the no longer needed items from the Sunday School room.
- c. There has been a suggestion to put in larger gutters plus add gutters to roof areas where there are none to help with the water issues. Dan T. has repaired the downspouts.
- d. Chris M. received two more bids regarding the trees on the property line. There is only one tree that is of concern, the rest of the trees are alive and in good shape. Bids would include cutting down the tree and grinding the remaining tree stump. A church member has offered to get a crew to remove the tree for no charge; it will need to be clarified if this will also include the stump grinding.

New Business:

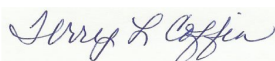
- a. Fund raisers for the church – pended for future meeting.
- b. Randall Area Flood Recovery, Initiative Foundation – Pastor Michael is on the committee to review and distribute the funds for flood victims and St. James Catholic Church will be distributing those approved funds.
- c. Through the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys, there are two more Presbytery Wide recorded sermons scheduled for September 25, 2022 and January 1, 2023. This program allows Presbytery churches to experience sermons from other pastors along with provide a recorded sermon for those churches currently without pastors.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Magee, seconded by Marlys Olson. 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: August 17, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin

Clerk of Session