

Lamplighter

Randall Presbyterian Church ~ Randall, MN

May 2023

It is Time for a Good Spring
Cleaning

Church Work Day
(Morning)

Join us!
Saturday, May 6
8:00 a.m.

It is time to dust off the pews, wipe the counters, and give the church building a quick cleaning. In addition to general cleaning, there are a number of items that need to be disposed of. Oddly enough, the church's work day corresponds with the **City of Randall's Clean Up** day. The city will accept all of the church's rubbish from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (A couple of pickups or a trailer would really help!)



Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Lenten Season and Easter special. Special thanks to the deacons for decorating the church, especially

Colleen for the banners and wall hangings.

Thanks to the youth for providing special music on Palm Sunday.



Message from Michael Creating “Koinonia”

Koinonia is the Greek word we translate as ‘fellowship.’ It describes the unity of the Spirit that comes from Christians’ shared beliefs, convictions, and behaviors.

That has been the theme of the current worship service that will continue until Pentecost. Last Sunday I spoke about the importance of relationships, and how that relates to church growth. I found the following article relevant to that discussion.

Bring a Friend This Sunday! 3 Reasons To Invite

We are not meant to live life alone. God has designed us to be in a physical community with family and friends where we support each other and share life together. Think about it: It’s more fun to share experiences with friends – everything from going to the movies, to sporting events, even just shopping is a lot more fun when shared with other people.

The same is true for going to church! Yes, you can meet new friends at church. But expanding your circle by inviting friends from the other areas of your life to join you at church is special. Here are a few reasons why:

1. **Jesus calls us to do it.** If we are truly trying to be more like Jesus then we should mimic how he lived his life. And Jesus was all about relationships, sharing meals, calling the lost to follow and spending time with friends.

2. **It can deepen relationships.** If you’re living an authentic Christian life, your friends already know a little bit about your belief system, but including them when you attend church lets them see even more of the spiritual side of your life. It leads your friendship into a deeper level. It also make you vulnerable, and it holds you accountable
3. **It’s the loving thing to do.** When you really care about someone, you want the best for them. When it comes to eternity, don’t you want your friends to be in heaven with you? Often we are the only authentic (although imperfect) picture of Jesus that our friends will see, we need to love deep enough to risk offending them by sharing the Gospel.

It can be a little scary to cross “that line” and ask someone to come to church with you. But each year there are natural opportunities we can take advantage of like Easter, summer picnics, fall festivals, Christmas and National Back to Church Sunday when your friends will be more likely to say yes.

It’s also easy to forget that we have God on our side and when we step out in faith with a simple invitation, He is already at work in the hearts of our friends. We are called to tell others about Jesus, and trust God to do the rest. So go ahead – Invite someone to church today! Who will you invite?

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SUMMER CAMP

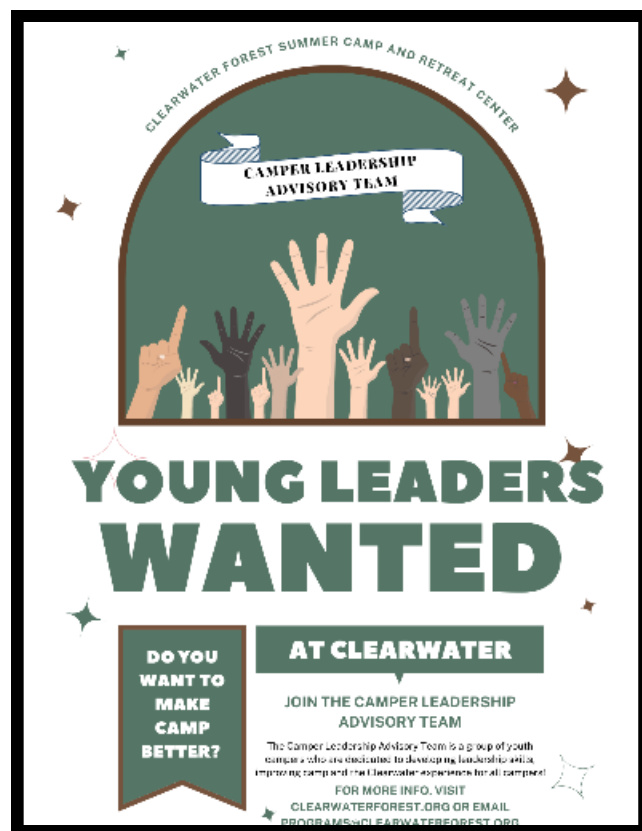
REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP 2023

Summer camp programs at Clearwater Forest return in 2023 with more offerings for families and senior high campers, extended (week and half) sailing camp, the return of beach camp, and more! Also, now introducing summer 2023's theme: What's In a Name?

Registration for Summer 2023 now open!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Our church provides scholarships for 1/2 of camp fees for Presbyterian Camps. The church will provide 1/2 registration fee with a maximum amount of \$50 for campers whose parents or guardians are members of the church for a non-Presbyterian Christian camp.



[Click here to learn more or apply!](#)

summer camp

2023 CALENDAR

	June 18 - 24 Session 1	June 25 - Jul 1 Session 2		July 5 - 8 Session 3	July 9 - 15 Session 4	July 16 - 22 Session 5	July 23 - 29 Session 6	July 30 - Aug 5 Session 7
Discovery	Discovery Adventure	Discovery Adventure	NO CAMP ACTIVITIES JULY 2 - 4	First Timer's Camp	Discovery Adventure	Discovery Adventure	Discovery Adventure	Endless: Discovery Adventure
Adventure								
Sr. High					Sr. High One Week	Sr. High One Week	Sr. High Beach Camp	Endless Sr. High
				Sr. High Sailing		Sr. High Two Week		
Family Programs	Grands Camp Session 1 (Jun 18 - 21)	Grands Camp Session 2 (Jun 25 - 28)		Grands Camp Session 3 (Jul 5 - 8)	Grands Camp Session 4 (Jul 10 - 13)	Family Camp (weekend of Jul 21 - 23)	Family Camp (weekend of July 28 - 30)	

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 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 May 28, at 10:00 a.m.. Everyone is encouraged to wear red to symbolize the tongues of fire that came down that first Pentecost.

We will also be recognizing Brenna Magee as she graduates from High School during the service of worship on May 28.

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
Deb Helmerick	May 17
Anthony Waldoch	May 19
Nancy Keeton	May 21
Christi Hartwell	May 24
Marlon Schneider	May 27
Jon Skoog	May 29
Zachary Clark	May 31

Can you Help Serve?

Food Shelf May 25 4:30

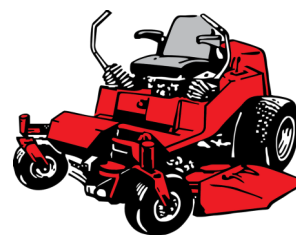
Have you experienced the Food Shelf? It is a wonderful opportunity to serve God by serving the community.



There are only three or four spots open for Randall's turn to serve, so talk to Geri or Terry 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 sign up sheet is at the church. Contact Jim Skoog or Dan Thilquist for more details.



Church Garden

Once again Randall Presbyterian Church will be growing a garden. The produce will 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 call Michael.

RANDALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINUTES OF SESSION – April 19, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via zoom and in person 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 15, 2023 Session Meeting minutes were previously sent out by email to session for their review. Session approved the minutes as written; the minutes will be included in the April Lamplighter newsletter.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Summary of the March 2023 Balance Sheet – Current Total Assets: \$129,008.60 (Checking: \$7,548.59, Savings: \$121,460.01). Motion was made by Christi Hartwell, seconded by Jake Farrow to approve the Treasurer reports as reported. Motion carried.

	<u>March 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$6,338.93	\$25,327.18
Expense:	\$12,764.25	\$26,786.76
Net Income:	-\$6,425.32	-\$1,459.58

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report:**

Lenten Zoom Study, Wednesday, March, 15; Perkin's Bible Study, Thursday, March 16; Lunch with Bev Brock, St Cloud, March 16; Pastor's Group Zoom, Monday, March 20; COL Co-Charis Zoom Meeting, March 20; Lenten Zoom Study, Wednesday, March 22; Lunch with Mainline Little Falls pastor, Thursday, March 23; Triple Chapel Services, March 23, Allison Assisted at Highland; Pastor's Group Zoom, Monday, March 27; COL Co-Chairs Zoom Meeting, March 27; Lenten Zoom Study, Wednesday, March 29; Pastor's Group Zoom, Monday, April 3; Commission on Leadership Zoom Meeting, Thursday, April 6; Perkin's Bible Study, April 6; Pastor's Group Zoom, Monday, April 10; COL Co-Chairs Zoom Meeting, April 10; Article For Morrison County Record, Tuesday, April 11; Pastor's Group Zoom, Monday, April 17; Presbytery Zoom, Tuesday, April 18; Study Leave - April 14, The Academy: Mission Interpretation One Day

- **Church Rolls and Register Report:** Baptism of Riley Koep, son of Austen Koep and Meghan Ballou (member) was during worship on March 5, 2023.

- **Worship/Membership/Mission Report:** Currently the average weekly attendance is 42.

62 were served Communion on April 2, 2023

19 were served on April 6, 2023 at Maundy Thursday service

70 members; no change.

Missions: Weekly – Meals on Wheels; Monthly – Morrison County Food Shelf

April: One Great Hour of Sharing

- **Fellowship:** Nothing to report.

- **Christian Education Report:** 1) Consult with Sunday School teachers Vicky Lashinski and Colleen Waldoch on the last day of Sunday School. 2) Begin discussions on Vacation Bible School (VBS) – consider doing a one day VBS with family tied into worship on Sunday sometime in August – further discussion to be done on ideas and details.

- **Building/Maintenance Report:** New lights to be installed in the basement.

- **Presbytery:** Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys held a zoom meeting on April 18, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pastor Michael Hartwell and Terry Coffin were in attendance. About 60 people participated in the meeting. Business included the approval of the sale of Christ United Presbyterian Church in Marshall, the honoring of retiring pastor Lynne Matthews along with other committee and Presbytery business.

- **Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

- **Deacon's Report:** Nothing to report.

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

Old Business:

- a. Morrison County Food Shelf volunteers – (April 27th is next date) Everyone is invited to volunteer at the Food Shelf. The new working hours are 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please let Pastor Michael, Terry Coffin or Geri McLennan know if you are interested. We need volunteers please!!!
- b. New member orientation – planned for sometime in May. Session to provide a meal with some possible assistance from the deacons. More details to come.
- c. Tech Grant – equipment needs to be determined.
- d. Financial review to be completed for 2021 and 2022. Pastor Michael, Jake Farrow and Sue Fenske will complete the review.
- e. Audio video training – date unknown – more details to come.
- f. Possible joint July 2 service with Crosslake/Baxter – no new updates yet.

New Business:

- a. Session reviewed their personal information on the Church Officer form which will be sent to the Presbytery.
- b. We will be getting a new church website by June 30th. Our current one is being discontinued. Pastor Michael is looking at new options.
- c. The church will be having a clean-up day on Saturday, May 6 which coincides with Randall's Clean-up Day. Volunteers are needed to help at the church starting at 8:00 a.m. Items in the back room will need to be hauled to Randall drop off area.
- d. We have a budget for a piano player. If you know anyone who is interested in playing on Sundays, please let Pastor Michael know.
- e. Summer worship – to be determined. Considering one Sunday a month (not Communion or potluck Sunday) weather permitting.
- f. We will celebrate the high school graduation of one member (Brenna Magee) this spring. Deacons will assist with this.
- g. Terry Coffin was nominated by session as the Presbytery Commissioner. An alternate can fill in if she is unable to attend a Presbytery meeting.
- h. Community gardens in front of church – discussion to start regarding the planting and getting more volunteers to help.
- i. On Sunday, May 7th, please bring food items to church for the Randall Food Bank.


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marlys Olson, seconded by Terry Coffin. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. followed by prayers for the people and the Lord's Prayer led by Reverend Michael Hartwell.

Next Meeting date and time: May 17, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry L. Coffin
Clerk of Session



Our Family Story

July 23-28, 2023

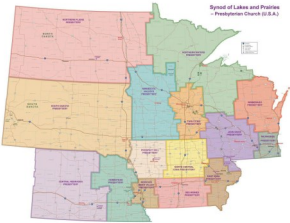
Synod School 2023

Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

69th Annual Synod School, July 23-27.

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA.

Join Presbyterian from through the region for a week of study, worship, and fun! There are classes and programs for all ages from basket weaving to Old Testament History. Each day includes time for



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