

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office or complete a request card and place in the offering plate. Requests are printed for one month unless otherwise requested.

Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

Dorothy Caine
Michael Enos
Emily Stern (Chuck and Karen Stern's Granddaughter)
Kent (Karen Stern's Brother)
JoAnne Shannon (Shara Goldenstein and Katie Gluth's Grandmother)
Marlene Knutson
Mary Berglund
Mari Johnson
Norm and Diane Tempel
Brad (Co-worker of Terry Woitaszewski)
Lori Green (Wife of Keith Green, Mother of Joanna Zuidema)
Richard Carver (John Carver's Brother)

Prayers for those Grieving:

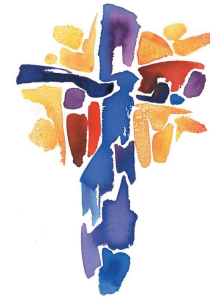
The Family of Shirley Underdahl (Ruth Underdahl-Peirce's Mother)
The Family of John Caine (Grandson of Dorothy Caine)
The Family of Doris Owen (Chuck Owen's Mother)
The Family of Steve VanHove (Vanessa Tatge's Uncle)

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

Rob Grunwald, Coast Guard, Duluth, MN;
Sam Husmann (Nephew of the Pastors) Navy, Everett, WA.
Peter Rampaart, Army National Guard
Captain Adam Konieska, Army Reserve, Kuwait

Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:

The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;
Minnesota Valleys Presbytery- Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, MN;
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND.



Announcements

Sunday, August 27, 2017

10:00 AM	Worship
11:00 AM	Fellowship

Sunday, September 3rd

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11:00 AM	Fellowship



Ridgewater Campus Ministry

Every school year is different, and there is constant change with the students we see at the Campus Ministry Center. In the past five years, we've seen incredible growth in numbers, as this past school year, we served roughly 9,000 meals to students and faculty who visit us for Tuesday and Wednesday meals. The meals have been a drawing point to build community and start discussion. It builds a trust and gets people from the community interacting with students who come here from all around the world (16 different countries and 26 states, that we're aware of). We have provided a place to help young men and women feel welcome in this community and at this school, and most importantly, explore faith. We explore faith primarily through discussion around those meals, but we also had an Alpha Course with a few dozen students rotating through, a women's study with loyal attendees, and a student-led study that was great. There is so much life out here, and your church has made such an impact in making that happen. We could tell story after story of God's faithfulness and interactions with students and faculty, and that doesn't happen without support like yours. On behalf of United Campus Ministry, we thank First Presbyterian of Willmar. For more information, contact Jeff Schmitz at 320-905-0345 or jeffreyaschmitz@yahoo.com.

Operating Statement Report:

Receipts through July	\$ 128,832
Expenses through July	\$ 140,822
Expenses in excess of Receipts	\$ 11,990

Contribution Statements from the first six months are ready for pickup in the Narthex.

Rummage Sale: The Annual Rummage Sale is Saturday, September 16. The church youth will again be holding their bake sale in the Narthex. Donations for the rummage sale can be brought in to the John Knox Hall Storage Room at any time during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

Rummage Sale Helpers: We are also needing helpers the week of the rummage sale September 11-15. If interested please contact Rita Dincau at 320-222-0745 or Diann Anderson at 320-382-6490. Thank you!

Blessing Box: We are in need of more donations for the blessing box outside the church, we are very low. If you have any donations to give please bring by the box or to the church during the week or on Sunday!

Projectionist Wanted: If you are wanting to help participate during worship and want to be behind the scenes, becoming a projectionist would be just right. The job includes coming about 30 minutes early and setting up the laptop and changing the slides when needed. If interested in starting this please contact Shara at the church office by phone or email 320-235-1263 or fpchurch@fpchurchwillmar.org.

The Golf Scramble is back--new day this year: Thursday, September 7, 4:00 p.m., Valley Golf Course. Come for golf, or come to socialize—all are welcome! Nurture and Fellowship will be furnishing pizza. Those wishing to golf, contact Shara Goldenstein at the church office (235-1263), Gary Manzer (491-7366) or Richard Lange (444-6949). The more, the merrier!

Hope Pregnancy Center invites you to their Annual Celebration of Life Event that will be held at the Willmar Conference Center on Thursday, September 14th, 2017. Kirk Walden, author and national speaker, will be their presenter. He will bring a unique perspective on the ministry of Hope Pregnancy Center and a bigger picture of the powerful impact of pregnancy help ministries across the nation. The social hour and silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner and program, including a Live Auction, at 6:30. No tickets required, but an RSVP is necessary to reserve YOUR place at a table; call 320-235-7619.

Family Promise: There is a single mother, seven month old twins, and a 9 year old son up in Family Promise right now.

Rice Hospice Program: The Rice Hospice Program will be offering Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Groups who have experienced a loss. Support groups will be held in Willmar at the Hospice Conference Room at Rice Memorial Hospital from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Mondays starting September 11, 2017 through October 16th. There is one being held in Granite Falls as well in the Conference Room 3 at the Granite Manor from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays starting September 13, 2017 through October 18th. Enrollment is open to anyone in the community and they ask for pre-registration two days prior to the beginning of a support group series. For more information, call Rice Hospice at 320-231-4450.

“Rally Day 2017”

Sunday, September 10th, 9-9:50 a.m. in the Family Café...Breakfast will be served in John Knox Hall at 9:30.

This event is for the whole family...People of ALL ages are invited to this special kick-off event!

During this time we will be talking with parents and children about communion, and why it is so important to our faith. Not only will we be baking our own bread, but we'll be using it to take communion as a whole group, led by Pastors Leanne and Scott. This meaningful act will be a great way for parents to help teach their child about communion and answer some of those difficult questions that families wrestle with when it comes to this sacred and symbolic sacrament. Our goal is to help educate parents with small children and offer this time to participate in one of the most meaningful acts that we do as Christians.

If you are able to help prepare, serve and clean up before, during and after the meal of French toast sticks, sausage and fruit please contact Jill Boeyink. Everything is pre-cooked so you won't have to bake anything. Come and make this family of faith event special as we launch into a new year of Christian education programming!