

15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m. September 6, 2015

Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Bober

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life
w/Let Us Break Bread Together"*

CALL TO WORSHIP --From Psalm 34:1-8

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: We will worship the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on our lips.

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

People: We will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

People: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good! Let us worship the Lord.

* HYMN 510 (verses 1,3,5)

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

* OPENING PRAYER

Father, you know that we have sinned. You know that we have hurt each other, been unkind, and thought only of ourselves. You have given us grace and mercy; help us to extend the same to our brothers and sisters. Free us from holding grudges, from gossip, from passing judgment. Let us never pour shame upon another, but instead love and peace. Help us walk with

each other towards forgiveness and restoration. Thank you for the beauty you will bring to our relationships because we have sought your healing. We are yours, Father. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Doug Stueven

HYMN 404

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 21:1-6

(Page 284 in the Pew Bibles)

SPECIAL MUSIC

FPC Men's Quartet

"Lord Listen to Your Children"

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:23-28

(Page 992 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Clint Loveall

Picking grain and picking nits

* APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of the saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God our thanks
and praise...**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER

led by Ron Jenkins

OFFERING

Offertory

Bober

"Victory in Jesus"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 514

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

Nursery Available for Pre-K and under

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- **Busy Bags available in the Narthex**
- **Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.**

Participating in this morning's Reformed service are: Clint Loveall and Michael Gewecke, Pastors; Margie Burrell, Liturgist; Arla Stover, Pianist; Lee Riemersma, Kirk Huisenga, Nor Top & Doug Stueven, Men's Quartet; Eulyn Riemersma, Men's Quartet Accompanist; Ushers are Bernie & Marcia VanRoekel and Dan VanBeek; Greeters are Ryan & Erin Davelaar; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Wes Farmer, Video; Sara Fisher & Sarah Kennedy are in charge of the Nursery; Edna VanderWolde & Nancy Radcliffe prepared our coffee.



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Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Donna Gray on the passing of her nephew, Andrew Zajac.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Sandy Krout on the passing of her brother this past week.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Dick Morris on the passing of his wife, Shirley, this past week.

Message from the Deacons

The Deacons ask for your help in order that we might continue to help with special needs in our congregation and in the community. If you know of any needs, please give them to the attention of Kirk Jensen or any Deacon.

Please use the "Deacon Envelopes" located in the pew racks to make contributions each Communion Sunday for the work of the Deacons. We are the hands and feet of Jesus and may He find us faithful in His service.

Thank You

Dear Family & Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

My recovery is doing better than anyone expected, I know the prayers from all of you is a big factor. The visits from many of you were so much appreciated.

I listened to 1st Pres by radio this morning, it was great and surely made me want to be there in person. Can't wait for my full recovery so can return to church.

Velma Ashburn

POET Dinner Event

The next POET event will be held at The Clubhouse Restaurant at Boji Bay (behind Perkins) on Monday, September 14th at 7pm. Please RSVP at www.fpcspiritlake.org

Sunday School Kickoff

Make sure to join us for our Sunday School kickoff breakfast at 10:10am on Sunday September 13th. We will share with you more information about these exciting changes, take questions, and celebrate the exciting year that lies ahead of us!

SLHS Football Breakfasts

First Presbyterian Church is hosting breakfast and team devotionals on varsity game days. This has been a great experience for us and we are thankful for the opportunity to welcome the team. The numbers have grown steadily and we are regularly serving about 75 young men at each meal. In order to keep up with the demand, we need your help. This can involve donating food, cooking, serving, or coordinating volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of a breakfast team, please call 336-1649, check the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or check our website at www.fpcspiritlake.org

Handbell & Choir Practice

The adult Handbell and Chancel Choir will begin practice on Wednesday, September 9th. The Handbells will practice at 7pm followed by the Chancel Choir beginning at 8pm. We are always interested in new faces - especially ringers who would like to be a substitute. Please contact me if you are interested at bbmendo@gmail.com"



Recharge Meal Server Sign Up

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex and ready for you to sign up to help set tables, serve and clean up for our weekly meals at Recharge (formerly WNF).

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to join the Women's Bible Study Group each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30pm beginning on September 15th in the Fireside Room.

High School Parent Meeting

All parents of our high school students are strongly encouraged to join us on September 9th at 7:30pm in the newly decorated youth room to preview the upcoming high school student calendar, to learn about the initial planning of next summer's mission trip, sign up for updates on activities for your student, and learn how you can help make our high school ministries a continued success!

Serve At The Banquet

The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex to serve the noon meal at The Banquet on Saturday, September 26th. If you have never done this please consider volunteering. It is a well-run Christian ministry with helpful leadership to guide volunteers through the process. It is also a very rewarding experience. Please note departure times and dress code on the sign-up sheet. If you have questions please call the church office.

Attention Ladies:

Our Annual Presbyterian Ladies Salad Supper will be held on Sept. 17, 2015, 6:00 PM at Lakeshore Center of Okoboji.

You are invited to attend an evening of fellowship, worship and good food hosted by the Mary and Martha Circles. Everyone is encouraged to bring friends. Our speaker is Bonnie Neisess. Bonnie is involved with Stonecroft Ministries. She will share her faith and journey through her topic "Life's Treasures and Teacups". You will be blessed with Bonnie's message.

Sign-up sheets for this event are located in the narthex. There is a place on the sheet to indicate if you are planning to bring a friend, and if you would like to carpool from the church. We will leave the church at 5:30pm. Please sign up by Tuesday, September 15th. Questions, please contact Lori Vicker (515) 249-6684, Sandy Krout 832-

3184, Gloria Ditsworth 330-9735 or Sharee DenHerder (712)441-1307.

Funeral Luncheon Coordinator Needed

First Presbyterian is in need of a PW member to fill the position of Funeral Luncheon Coordinator.

The Funeral Luncheon Coordinator duties include:

1) Visits with family about food they would like served for main dish and purchasing it.

2) Assigns one of the 4 service groups to: secure workers, call for salads and cake or bars, set up, serve, and clean up for a funeral.

If interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the church office or call Charlene Radcliffe at 330-6668.

Power Point Person Needed

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Sill for faithfully preparing the Power Point each Sunday for our worship service. Unfortunately, Chris is unable to continue this for us, so we are in need of someone with those skills to continue with those duties. Please contact Clint if you are willing to help.

Ladies...Mark your calendars!

The fourth annual Fall Women's Retreat is being planned for Saturday, November 7, at Lakeshore Center (Presbyterian Camp). Becky Linn with Follow Hard Ministries will again guide an inspiring get-away day for women of all ages. This year's theme is Identity Restored—Who I Am In Christ. Watch for more details!

Lakeshore Center of Okoboji

"Camp I Believe" is a free Day Camp for children and teens, ages 7-17, grieving from death of a loved one. "Camp I Believe" is a place where children can Heal, Play, and Grow. The focus of the camp is on healing, but as a camp for kids, it's also fun, with variety of outdoor activities, that will take place in a safe, supportive, and caring environment. Three delicious meals will be provided to all campers and volunteers. "Camp I Believe" is Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 8:30 am - 7 pm at Lakeshore Center at Okoboji, 1864 Hwy 86, Milford, IA 51351.

For more info call Sharma at Lakeshore Center at 337-3313.

Events at Lakeshore Center

9/24-27 – Hobby & Craft Retreat

9/26 – Fall Work Day

Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to join the Men's Bible Study group beginning again on Thursday, September 10th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 6

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

Monday, September 7

Office Closed

Wednesday, September 9

7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

7:00pm-Adult Handbell practice

7:30pm-High School Parent Mtg

8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, September 10

8:00am-Foster Care Review Bd

9:00am-Men's Bible Study

9:30am-Mary Circle Meeting

6:30pm-Martha Circle Mtg

Sunday, September 13

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Anniversary Celebration of Bob & Lynn Peterson

10:10am-SS Kickoff Brunch

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

2:45pm-Worship Service at Welcov

Rides to and from church for this week is Marcia Eckerman ~ 336-5429, and next week is Bev Pratt ~ (712)253-7415.

Hospital Deacon: Marcia Eckerman

Week of September 13

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Bart Duncan

Ushers: Dan Van Beek and Jack & Sherryl Jones

Greeters: Ryan & Erin Davelaar

Video: Dan Vicker

Nursery 1st: Heather Sprague & June Howatt

Nursery 2nd: Sarah Dirks

Coffee: Ray Miller & Janice Clark

**Each week we remember First Pres families in prayer, this week
please pray for**

Mary Cornell
103 21st St., Unit 5, Spirit Lake

Ron & Marie Niebruegge
2210 Boston Ave., Spirit Lake

Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Nicole Hintz, Ethan Burk, Jody Ferguson, Shane Feist, Grant Vietor, Jim & Judy Arens, Jose Reedy, Mary Smith, Anita Stockdale, Jamie Nebelsick, Barb Hanisch, Jack & Peg Luhring, Jay Anderson, Bill Estes, Kay Monson, Brock Tuntland, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Sharon Caskey, Paul Donnenwerth, Pat Dalton, Brian Jones, Donna VanHolland, Gene Kuehn, Kathy Hoppe, Connie Hoppe, Tom Gruber, Marj Struthers, Lori Johnson, Marj Roseberry, Marcia Andersen, Mitchell Elmquist, David & Michele Swanson, Melinda Gustafson, Dolly Kooima, Talia Patton, Velma Ashburn, Martha Woodard, Ben Kelly, Connor Rowley, Betty Elgin

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1st LT **Whitney Lewis**, 2612 SE 8th St., Moore, OK 73160; SSG **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040, **Billy Joe Travis**, Sioux City Navy Recruiting Office, Sioux City, IA, **Ryan Mackey**, 829th EN CO, 519th MP BN, APO AE 09342, **Kyle Klaassen**, PFC, 49 Ann St., Milford, IA 51351, SPC **Orvis Nygaard**, Laramie, WY

Missionaries

Hello support team!

I have exciting news- all my hands are filled in and my plane ticket is bought! I will be leaving on Sunday, September 20th for Romania! I am so blessed.

Praise God for the wonderfully, refreshing time at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. I always feel so welcomed and loved- a church overflowing with the love of Christ.

Pray that I am wise with my "in between" time, I grow ever closer to God as I prepare to go, for the hearts of the Romanians that I will meet, even though I won't know the language, they will sense God's presence in the way I live my life.

Mandi Rodger

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