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The Winnebago First Presbyterian Church

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## Pastor's corner

### The Pathway of Truth Brings Clarity, Comfort, and Peace

Greetings to my Winnebago Church family in the wonderful name of Jesus our Savior. In last October's newsletter, I mentioned that Jeremiah 6:16 shows that the Lord invites people to "... ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. ..." Also, I included the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28 which gives us an unconditional gift of "... rest [refreshing, renewal, blessed quiet] for your souls." (Amplified).

This month, I would like to reinforce what Jeremiah and Matthew tell us about rest by sharing the assurances of the Lord from John 14:27. The Lord offers us calm in a troubled world when he emphasized that "27 ... My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]"

Obviously, many people are not asking for the "good way" that Jeremiah emphasizes. Many do not "walk" in the "good way." Thus, too many people continue to flounder and become more bewildered as each day passes. If they would only look at the offers of rest from our God and Savior, they would not have to pretend that they are "okay". Turning to Jesus would enable them to stop being confused and their daily struggles would be greatly reduced because they would encounter balance and contentment. The church needs to assist people in understanding that connecting with the Lord will help clarify daily living. This clarity can assist in cultivating true potential, enabling them to have meaningfulness in their accomplishments as they grow in their spiritual walk with Christ.

I encourage each to accept the invitations given in Jeremiah and Matthew so that we can find the comfort, meaningfulness, and balance that God desires us to possess in our daily living

Blessings to all...

Pastor Carroll

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# Building



# News :



## Session Synopsis

On September 11<sup>th</sup> Session met with a full slate of items to discuss. Pastor Anita moderated and began the meeting with prayer. Jan Merchant sat in and has expressed interest in joining our church. She has attended recently our Sunday worship and feels like WFPC is a good fit for her Christian journey. After some questions and answers and letting us know she makes good pies, Session welcomed her and will have a formal announcement in the coming weeks.

Pastor Paul Nelson, our PNC liaison in this district attending the meeting to explain the Yoking process. Churches can Yoke or share a pastor between them when conditions are suitable. Dakota Presbyterian has expressed interest to work with us. The concept has many benefits and can possibly bring in great talent however, the distance between the two churches is great and poses problems. At this time we will decline the offer.

The August minutes were approved and the clerk noted the procedural change in communion would start on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Elders will assist the pastor and serve members in their seats. The Treasurers report was also approved and Pastor Carroll shared with us that he will be on vacation from September 19 through October 4<sup>th</sup>. The worship committee will locate pulpit supply pastors and elders will pitch in with welcome and announcements at the Sunday services.

The nominating committee will meet on September 21<sup>st</sup> to enlist members to fill open seats in Session, Deacons and Trustees for the 2018 calendar year. Getting yourself out of the pew and into a group can be rewarding and it truly benefits both you and the church. Please give this some consideration.

It is nice to announce that Matt Lerch has been hired to serve as our janitor. He comes to us with good experience and seems to be the correct fit. The dates for the Cantata and the Children's Christmas program were discussed along with Christmas Eve services. It's hard to believe that 2017 has moved so fast.

Pastor Anita closed the meeting with prayer.

Rick Carr - Clerk of Session

## Trustees

This month the Trustees have been busy obtaining bids for new epoxy flooring in some of the lower level areas. Some need updating due to deterioration from the flood, but mostly from aging.

We also had some repair work and the yearly maintenance done on the elevator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Rittmeyer

## Deacons

Sue Jansen opened the meeting with prayer. There were 7 members present with Pastor Carroll, and 2 members absent.

Julie Nichols read the secretary's report, shared recent correspondence, and collected monthly activity reports. Betsy Parrish shared the Sunshine report with cards being sent to celebrate birthdays and special occasions, as well as best wishes for improving health. Many congressional concerns were shared, with some updates provided by the members.

There was a discussion on names to submit for the Thursday evening nominating meeting where Session, Deacons, and Trustee positions will be filled.

Communion will be served in the pew on Sunday, October 1, and the following assignments were distributed. The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. on that day to prepare.

	Loaf	Cubes	Juice
10/1	Mary	Julie	Avis
11/5	Betsy	Karen	Lisa
12/3	Avis	Jim	Sue

The group concluded the meeting with prayer and assembled the fall gifts.

Next meeting: October 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Nichols, Secretary



**PW**

## Women of the church

Summer is over, school is back in session, and we are getting back to our routines.

The Church World Service Kits program has been very successful, thanks to everyone's generous contributions. We exceeded the amount of school kits that we collected last year. 60 school kits, 12 hygiene kits and 7 clean-up buckets were completed. These items were taken to the Presbytery meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Clean-up buckets and other kits that were brought to the meeting, were transported to the Elgin warehouse where they will be redirected to Texas, Florida, or other locations in need of them. CWS and PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) will stay in the affected areas throughout the recovery effort. Due to the need for more kits, we will continue the program for a short time more. The completed kits will be taken to the Presbytery meeting in November. There are flyers on the table that explains what goes into a kit. Please pick one up and keep it handy. When you find a bargain on an item from the flyer, please pick it up.

We are looking forward to the Annual Turkey Dinner and Fall Mini-Bazaar! Mark your calendars for October 21<sup>st</sup>. The bazaar will also have an additional feature, a beautiful warm throw blanket that will be raffled off. Plan to check-out our Mini-bazaar which opens at 3 p.m. You can do your shopping before or after you eat.

Are you crafty? Do you bake? PW would appreciate donations of crafts and

baked goods for the Mini-Bazaar, please contact me at 815-243-8080.

Soon, the PW Search Committee will be contacting church members for new officers. Please pray about and consider an office, if you are asked.

We appreciate your help with all the projects and events that we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Sunday, PW Moderator

## Workcamp 2018

An informational meeting for potential workcampers will be Sunday, Oct. 1 following the worship service. This year, we will be traveling to Greeley, CO to attend camp from June 24-30. Tentative plans are to leave June 22 in the morning and return July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Workcamps give youth groups a chance to serve community residents in need through home repair, basic construction, and painting. They'll build relationships with their crew and those they serve. We currently have 12 spots reserved for this camp. Campers will need to pay a \$75 (non-refundable) deposit by Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. More information will be presented at the meeting.

Workcamp fundraisers include selling Anna's Bucks, Culver's Share Nights, selling workcamp shares, and participating in our annual rummage sale. Possible new ideas would be appreciated as well.

In 1976, Colorado sustained a catastrophic flood. The following year, Thom Schultz, founder of Group Publishing, organized church youth groups from across the country to come to Colorado and help rebuild the homes and lives of the flood victims. More than 300 teenagers and their youth leaders participated in over 50 projects. As a result, Group Cares was established as the nonprofit partner of Group Publishing. Since then, more than 450,000 mission trip participants have racked up more than 13 million volunteer hours serving people in need. These participants have gained a new understanding and deeper faith in Jesus by serving others. The mission opportunities keep growing, and the same passion that prompted the first Workcamps continues to help teenagers from all different Christian denominations grow closer to Jesus and take on the challenge of service by helping people in need.

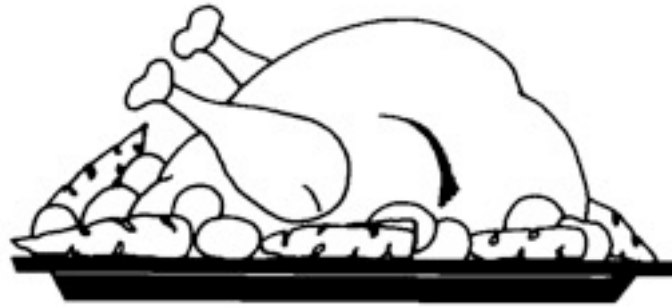
Teens entering high school in 2018 (currently 8<sup>th</sup> graders) and adults are welcome to join us on this mission of Christian service. This is our 22<sup>nd</sup> year participating in a Group Mission Trip. It is an amazing experience as we shine God's light on those in need. Praying you will join us on this incredible adventure. Please contact me for more information.

In Service to Him,

Barb Whitney  
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# ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER AND FALL BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**



**SEATINGS AT 5-6-7 P.M.**

Dinner includes: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, veggie, coleslaw, cranberry relish, roll, pie & beverage

**TICKET PRICES:**

Adults (11+) \$10

Children (5-10) \$5, children 4 and under are free

*Carryouts available from 5-6:30 p.m.*

**For tickets call:**

Shirley Burkhart 815-335-2276 Sue Jansen 815-335-2081

Betsy Menge 815-964-2683 Church office 815-335-2051

*Join Us for Dinner, stay to shop...*

Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale starts at 3 p.m.

***\*\*\*New this year\*\*\****

A raffle for a handmade warm, throw blanket



**OUR GREETERS  
AND USHERS**



**Thank you notes...**

Thank you to the newsletter helpers:  
Betsy & Tracey Menge, Mary Weires,  
Fritz & Gwen Vietmeier.

**Deadline for the November newsletter  
is October 11.**

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**Service Helpers**

The Session has asked church members to take turns helping out at our Worship services. You will receive a letter listing your day to help. Thank you for your time and service.

**Greeters:**

Ted & Kristy Busch  
Mike & Michelle West  
Jeff & Ann Fuller  
Cindy & Tom Erb  
Janet & Michelle Erb

**Ushers:**

Norm Dean, Jim Morrison, Chuck Rittmeyer, Greg Rittmeyer, Dave Nichols, Jim & Rita Mitchell and volunteers.

**Projectionists:**

Kaleigh Freimuth  
Rachel Rittmeyer  
Renee Rittmeyer

**Acolytes:**

Joe and Grace Erb  
Thea and Tianna Mitchell  
Taggart Freimuth, Madyson Goike  
Mikayla and Isabelle Gray  
Mitchel Cunningham, Jason Luna

**Our Church Groups**

**Ruth Circle**

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday October 17, starting at 1:30 p.m. Norma Warkentien and Dixie Leden are your hostesses.

**Chicks with Sticks**

Chicks with Sticks meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Ann Fuller's home. If you like to knit or crochet, join us as we work on various community projects. For more information, please call Ann at 815-335-7402.

**Church Budget**

Beginning checking	\$21061.31
YTD Revenue	\$76754.68
YTD Expenses	\$83396.23
YTD Transfers	\$ 8851.67
End checking	\$21468.90

Sincerely submitted,

Janet Erb

## October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	<b>2</b> PW Kitchen cleanup 7p Session	<b>3</b> 7p Boy Scouts #705	<b>4</b> 7p Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	<b>9</b> Columbus Day (regional holiday) 6:30p Pack Committee	<b>10</b> 7p Boy Scouts #705 7p Chicks with Sticks	<b>11</b> Newsletter deadline 7p Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6p Rockford Rescue Mission	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	<b>16</b> 7p Boy Scout Committee	<b>17</b> 1:30p Ruth Circle 6:30p Deacons 7p Boy Scouts #705	<b>18</b> 7p Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5p Turkey Dinner and Fall Bazaar
<b>22</b> 9 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	<b>23</b> 7p 7:00pm Boy Scout Patrol	<b>24</b> 7p Boy Scouts #705 7p Chicks with Sticks	<b>25</b> 7p Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween 7p Boy Scouts #705	<b>Nov 1</b> 7p Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>





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