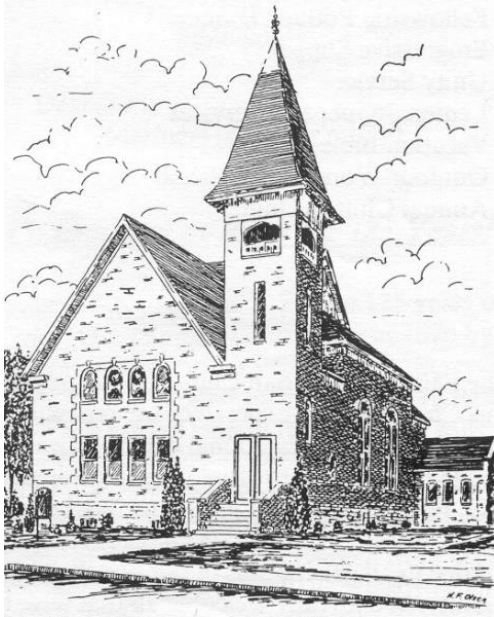


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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1-20:** Diaper Collection for Common Cup – sizes 4,5,6
- Oct. 13:** Silver Lake Lions Fall Brunch. SL Auditorium 8:30-Noon
- Oct. 20** Senior Recognition Day – Honoring church members 80 and over.
- Oct. 27** Mariners Halloween Party
- Nov 17:** Volunteer Sunday – Honoring all the church volunteers
- Nov. 24:** Old Log Theatre Trip – “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder”

Worship Services – Sunday, 10am. Communion Services - the first Sunday of the month.

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Pastor's Letter

The below article appears in The Valley Bridge weekly newsletter from the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys.

What I learned from a potter



Many years ago at Stony Point Conference Center, a potter participated in our planning meeting. As the potter worked at her wheel, she recited Jeremiah 18. Between my amazement of the craft of throwing clay and taking in the reading, I heard God. The visual illustration of the clay vessel seemingly pulled out of the air and also the process of smashing it and making something new is etched in my memory. This week, as the Christian education year begins, are you feeling emboldened to reshape, rework and make something new? Over the summer, I've attended several meetings in which

the call for the Church to do something different was spoken loud and clear. I heard the call for the Church to reassess its values. Pastors were encouraged to embrace public ministry through active engagement...simply getting out of the building, being a part of the community, using their power and influence to impact economic and social change. Church members were asked to find their place using their spiritual gifts to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace. These are not new expectations of what it means to be Presbyterian. The Great Ends of the Church are:

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind

The shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God

The maintenance of divine worship

The preservation of the truth

The promotion of social righteousness

The exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world

As you plan ministry this fall, keep in mind these core principles of our Reformed faith. Tap into what ignites in your spirit when you hear these words. We are living in the era of the postmodern Church. However, I believe the Gospel is as relevant today as at any time. Just because fewer people attend church on Sundays, it does not mean fewer people are searching for answers to life. Or that fewer people need peace, want community, need forgiveness, love or grace, or want to know God. A part of making something new is to discover how we might reshape our work so that more people can find the road of life through the Church.

Consider again the call to reshape something new. Creating something new means taking on a new consciousness. It means being comfortable with the unfamiliar, and it may mean failing forward. In the vision of Jeremiah 18, the prophet was invited to learn how things work in the life of Faith, nothing is a loss in God's economy, and most things are not beyond redemption. How are these principles central to what we teach about God? Sitting with these questions is a helpful practice as you shape ministry this fall.

Blessings and Peace,

SanDawna Ashley, Executive Presbyter

Session Report

Fall Greetings! Where did our summer go? Seems like only yesterday we were gearing up for July 4th and now school is back in session. We had our yearly review of our minutes book in August and several members have been able to attend Presbytery meetings throughout the summer. Please keep it in your hearts as to serving your fellow congregants by being an Elder. The session will be searching for three new members beginning January, 2020.

Deb Jensen, Clerk of Session

Treasurer's Report

-January through August, 2019- This year through August, the general fund has Income of \$117,363.51 which includes an estate gift of \$65,085.70. Budget to actual expenses are on target at 61% through August. Ordinary Net Income is \$40,452.36. Based on giving activity, without the estate gift, the general fund would have a Net Loss of -\$24,633.34

Looking at the revenue from investments (Other Income), we have Net Income of \$82,067.94. As a note, Investment Income on our New Covenant mutual funds is published quarterly so the total Net Income does not include income or loss from July and August.

Marjie Nelsen, Treasurer

Faith Presbyterian Church of Silver Lake Profit && Loss Budget vs. Actual General Fund

	Jan - Aug 19	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
41000 - Miscellaneous Revenue	400.00		
41500 - Legacy Bequests - Estate Gifts	65,085.70		
41800 - Building Fund	1.00		
42000 - Per Capita	2,156.15		
43000 - Cemetery Contributions	45.00		
46100 - Mission Offerings	135.50		
49500 - Tithes/Offerings	42,810.49		
49550 - Pola Czesky Revenue	<u>6,729.67</u>		
Total Income	117,363.51		

Expense			
60000 - Administrative	9,177.38	18,453.00	50%
61000 - Christian Education	574.29	6,355.00	9%
62000 - Church at Worship	2,344.13	4,760.00	49%
63000 - Church Property	21,562.93	27,144.00	79%
64000 - Mission	6,929.99	8,952.00	77%
64900 - Stewardship	0.00	300.00	0%
65000 - Pastoral Ministry	36,222.43	59,600.00	61%
66000 - Worship on Wed Expense	100.00		
Total Expense	<u>76,911.15</u>	<u>125,564.00</u>	<u>61%</u>
Net Ordinary Income (Positive due to Bequest)	40,452.36		
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
49600 - Bank Interest	29.69		
70500 - Investment Interest & Dividends	5,479.50		
70600 - Unrealized Gains and Losses	<u>36,106.39</u>		
Total Other Income	<u>41,615.58</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>41,615.58</u>		
Net In-			
come	<u><u>82,067.94</u></u>		

Faith Presbyterian Church of Silver Lake
Balance Sheet by Class
As of August 31, 2019

	<u>General</u>
ASSETS	
Current As-	
sets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 - FCB General Checking xxx13	11,974.16
10100 - FCB General Savings	21,337.43
11000 - Hutchinson Coop Investment	111,969.80
11100 - New Covenants Investments	<u>398,897.95</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>544,179.34</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>544,179.34</u>
TOTAL AS-	
SETS	<u><u>544,179.34</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
25100 - Dostal Scholarship	<u>174.50</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>174.50</u>

Total Liabilities	174.50
Equity	
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	461,936.90
Net Income	<u>82,067.94</u>
Total Equity	<u>544,004.84</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>544,179.34</u></u>

Deacons' Report



Greetings from the Deacons! The fall season is definitely here. We are all experiencing the shortening of daylight, the crispy evening temperatures, and the back-to-school feeling. I can't forget that the football season is also here adding to our busy schedules!

We just want to let you all know that we have been a prayerful group of caring Deacons over the summer months. Daily and multiple requests for thoughts and prayers have been coming our way and we have been diligent in our efforts to provide them for our members and community at large.

Deacons have been visiting individuals and delivering food and conversation to some folks. If you would like to have a visit please call the church and one can be scheduled for you or someone you know. Please know that times have changed and it isn't like a few years ago when you could just 'drop-in' and be sure to find a willing person to visit with!

There are privacy issues and medical appointments along with just other things that prevent that. The Deacons include Helen Jensen, Joy Nunvar, Barb Quast, Betty Williams, Doris Wraspir, Linda Brooks, Margie Fronk, Linda Prochaska, and JoLen Bentz.

Just an FYI...Concerning Larry T. Ondrachek. A memorial service was held on February 8, 2019 at the Faith Presbyterian Church, following his death on January 30th. A private family burial service was held at the church cemetery, on the Theodore Ondrachek family lot, Friday, August 16, 2019. May He 'Rest in Peace'.

JoLen Bentz

Personnel Committee Report

All is well in the personnel dept. Megan is doing a fine job, & continues with extra training. Carol has been busy with shampooing the carpet in the Fireside room, office and the entry way (thank you for this fine job).

Doris, Bruce, and Nancy

Christian Education Report

We hit the ground running this year looking forward to another year of youth empowerment! We were excited to start WOW in the first week of Oct as we did last year. I really want to get more kids to stay after confirmation / high school and be active members of the Church, any ideas, suggestions, or volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated!



Britany Jensen

Music and Worship



The Music and Worship Committee has been meeting during the summer months planning for fall activities.

On Mother's Day small gifts were given to the women and likewise, on Father's Day the men received a small gift.

The annual Pork Chop/Sweet Corn Dinner was held August 22 and was a great success.

September 8, 2019 was the outdoor service. Everyone was asked to bring a lawn chair. At this service Jerry Brooks was installed as

our new elder to fill an open 2-year term. The service was followed by a potluck dinner. Chicken was furnished. This was purchased with proceeds from the Pork Chop Dinner.

Senior Recognition Day will be October 20th. All members 80 years and over will be recognized. A biography will be read of each one. A potluck dinner will be held, but honored guests will **NOT** be asked to bring anything. The Minnetonka Flute Ladies will also be performing that Sunday.

Volunteers of the church will be recognized during a service on November 17.

Pocket Change Sunday continues to be the last Sunday of every Month. This money is to be a silent helper for those in need. A gas card was purchased for a family that had a lot of gas expenses. Please remember your change these Sundays. Jars are always in the Sanctuary and Fireside Room.

Youth Sunday and a Contemporary, Blended Service were tabled.

If you have any worship issues see any of the members:

Jacki Rossi, Barb Wawrzyniak, Bret Nelson, Barb Quast, Laura Pieper, Rev. Ashley, or Dorothy Merrill.

Dorothy Merrill



Building and Maintenance

Members: Dorothy Merrill, Brent Posusta, Mark Krcil, Jerry Brooks, and Jerry Quast

This has been a very busy summer with the remodeling of the Manse, new doors, windows, and 90-minute fire door leading into the attached garage from the Manse. Added a new water softener in Manse basement, presently looking at adding a shower, possible tub in Manse bathroom.

Many thanks to all those involved in getting and installing our new secretary desk and book shelves, those folks include: Southwest Initiative, Margie Nelson, Ken Merrill, Jake Wendolek, Brent Posusta, Mark Krcil, Jerry Brooks and all the people who helped clear out the office before we moved everything in.

Added a table and chairs over into the Pastors office.

It was a little cold in church during services but I believe that the air conditioning has been adjusted.

We had some water come into the basement by one of the air conditioner; I believe, with all the rain we have had that water collected in the window well and it leaked into the basement. Thanks to Carol Dennison for the extra work cleaning it up. May have to purchase some covers for the window wells so that doesn't happen again.

All exits, front door, east door, and ramp door now have fire exit signs installed just in case of fire and they have lights that will come on if power is lost.

Foster mechanical will be checking furnace and air conditioners this fall so that all will be in working order for winter.

Jerry Brooks

Silver Sails Mariners

The Mariners served lunch at Music in the Park on June 27th. We served approximately 125 people. The event was held in the auditorium because of weather. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

August 11th, we had our annual picnic at Bentz cabin on Lake Marion. Special thanks to Ken and JoLen for hosting this picnic again. After a delicious potluck dinner, we had our meeting.

Our next meeting and Halloween party will be held on October 27th with a potluck meal. Mariners will serve coffee at fellowship hour after church on the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 1.

Mariners will donate \$250.00 to the food shelf in October.

The Relay for Life donated 223 pounds of food on behalf of the Mariners, to the McLeod County Food Shelf. The Mariners collected 29# of food at their picnic for the Food Shelf.



Skipper, Jerry Brooks

Pastor Nominating Committee

I would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers and hopefulness for the Pastor Nominating Committee. As we continue to meet and search for a pastor to fill our pulpit we continue to meet challenges along the way. Sometimes we are frustrated and distressed, but always hopeful that the right person will be sent to us. We have extended our search to the United Church of Christ and the Lutheran Synod in hopes of using their search process as well. The Presbyterian Church USA has a partnership with these churches and we are allowed to work with them through the search process. We continue to ask for your prayers and thank you for your patience and understanding. We know that it is a long process but are working diligently for you.

Barb Wawrzyniak



News and Notes



Martin Luther stated "As long as we live, there is never enough singing". I am so thankful that our church has a big group of singers and that music is so important to the church. As the new year for choir and handbells begins we start fresh with a renewed spirit of our love of singing. As we sing a variety of songs throughout the year there are songs of praise, of thankfulness, of love for our God, the songs of Christmas and of the joyous Resurrection at Easter we want to bring you the joy of music to your heart that it may lift you up or perhaps make you feel the love of Christ more in your life. This year we received a generous memorial gift from Larry Ondrachek for music so with use of his memorial we have purchased some new music for both the choir and handbells which is uplifting and upbeat. We thank him for his love of music and letting us share it with you. Oftentimes we get in a rut over what hymns to sing and even though we like those old familiar ones, it's good to mix things up and try new ones, so be prepared for some new hymns to learn throughout the year. The words and message in the songs alone are what is important and "we're never too old to try new things". Our handbells will begin practicing soon, but we are missing a key piece to the group this year. As one of our ringers has graduated and moved on to college we have an empty space in our group. If you are interested in playing handbells please contact Barb. We will train you to play - the only requirement is that you can count. If you are interested in joining choir or playing handbells please let Barb know. Everyone is welcome and we would love to have you join us for singing, laughter and friendship.

Barb Wawrzyniak

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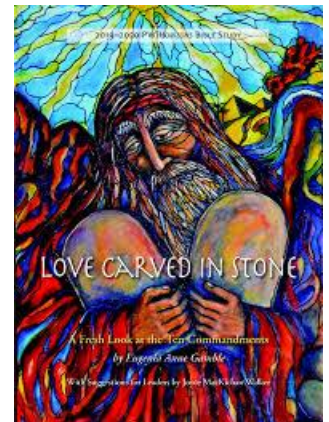


**"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"**

Presbyterian Women

We are continuing and determined to continue with our monthly PW meetings. After the Salad Luncheon things are a little slower. We do try to see that there are flowers for Sunday Services. A motion was made and carried to give a \$25.00 donation for the Devotional booklets. The October meeting was held on the 2nd at 1:00 PM. Bible Study – We are very excited as this time. Our study is called “Love Carved in Stone”. What do you think of when you read this title? Its about “The Ten Commandments!!! I have started reading it and its so interesting!! These are the Laws from our Lord and Savior. The author is Eugenia Anne Gamble we will have the first lesson on October 2nd. Please come and join us!!!

Donna Holm, Secretary



Pola-Czesky

Faith Presbyterian’s Pola Czesky Eat Stand did very well this year. This committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way. Set-up and clean-up are always a lot of work. Total sales were \$5245.00, total expenses were \$1582.29 and 15% profit must be turned over to the Pola Czesky Committee which was \$527.91. After Pola Czesky percentage and sales of leftovers added, we are reporting \$3339.47 in profit. Again, thank you to everyone. Committee: Stan & Pat Horstmann Betty Williams, Doris Jerabek, and Ken and Dorothy Merrill

Dorothy Merrill

Old Log Theatre Trip

Now that summer has flown by...it's on to fun fall activities! We have group sales tickets at the Old Log Theatre in Excelsior for the **Sunday, November 24, 2019, 2:00pm** performance of "***A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder***". We'll be eating right on site at the Cast & Cru Restaurant that is attached to the theatre. Dinner seating begins at noon. With your payment, I also need your menu selection. The choices are: Beef, Pork, Fish or Vegetarian Pasta. This includes potatoes, seasonal vegetable, salad, dinner roll, dessert, coffee, tea or soft drink. There is also a full bar with drinks for extra purchase. The cost for dinner and show is **\$57.20/person** which includes tax and gratuity. **Note:** Paid tickets are non-refundable. Deadline to sign up and pay is **November 1** and the plan is to carpool to the theater. My contact information: Phone number is: (320) 583-1060. PO Box 503, Silver Lake, 55381 if you want to mail your payment. Please make checks out to me, as I'll be paying the total with my credit card.

The play:

A distant heir to a family fortune sets out to speed up the line of succession by using a great deal of charm...and a dash of murder.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder is the knock-em' dead, uproarious hit and the most-nominated show of the 2014 season. With 10 Tony nominations and 4 wins, including Best Musical, Book, Direction and Costumes, it also earned seven Drama Desk Awards (including Best Musical), four outer Critics Circle Awards (including Best Musical) and one Drama League Award (Best Musical). When the low-born Monty Navarro finds out that he's eighth in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family, he figures his chances of outliving his predecessors are slight and sets off down a far more ghoulish path. Can he knock off his unsuspecting relatives without being caught and become the ninth Earl of Highhurst? And what of love? Because murder isn't the only thing on Monty's mind...

Friends and family are **MORE** than welcome!

Joleen Nowak
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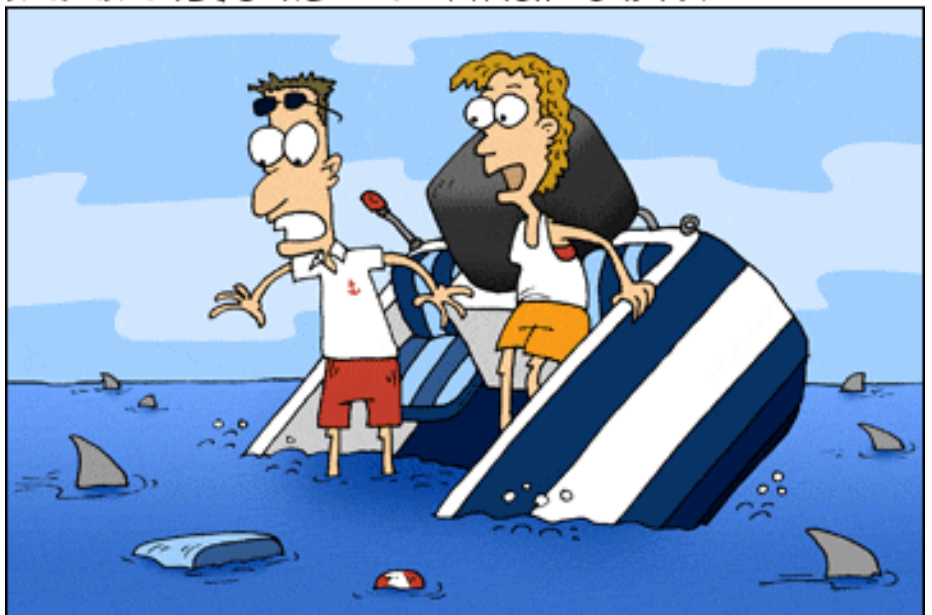
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