

Our Journey Together

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THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW.
 LUKE 10:2, NIV

I am finding that the more time we are spending in our sermon series on the prophets, the more convicted I am becoming about certain things—namely our collective discipleship. I have always seen a need for all followers of Christ to continually grow and learn and deepen both their faith and extend their service, but this series has restoked that fire within me.

I am reminded of the vow we all take as a congregation each time someone is baptized: “With God’s help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.”

This vow we make to the parents, to the child, but also to one another. And so, I want to do more to empower all of us to grow in our service to others, to do all I can to help you be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

I am planning some opportunities for this fall for study, for prayer and for service to our community. But I would love to hear from you in what areas you feel you need to grow. Is it in prayer, in knowledge of Scripture, in application of your faith to your daily life, in love of others, in letting go of sin and the guilt/shame it brings, in service opportunities, in learning how to share your witness?

We all need help to grow into the fullest versions of ourselves, and I want to help all of us do just that. I also want to see our church reaching out to our community more. I want us to move beyond our church walls to share the love of Jesus with others.

So, be watching for upcoming opportunities to grow in our discipleship, to reach out to a hurting world, to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. Let’s get to work and see what God will do!

Pastor Teresa



The growth committee at the Pine Creek Church was severely misdirected.



Content Due

Do you have items you would like included in next month’s newsletter? If so, please have them into the church office no later than Aug 24.

Bell Tower Refurbish Complete!

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the bell tower refurbishment project! The 50 foot structure has been scraped, repaired, and painted, and is again ready to point the way to our church and welcome members and visitors to be part of our community of faith.

Folks who worked on the project include: Jim Keeter, Gene Moncur, Merle Jenner, Marshall Conkey, Max & Linda Conkey, Joe & Andrea Fiala, Kayla Wagner, Mary Breitling and Virgil Whetsel.



Financial Update from Administrative Council

Financial Update as of June 30, 2022:

2022 General Fund Income Year to Date:	\$125,753.31
2022 General Fund Expenses Year to Date:	\$85,426.87
General Fund Difference:	\$40,326.44



Our hearts are with the families of both Helen Dalton and James R. Keeter, Sr (Big Jim) who have made their transition to eternity. We had the great honor of celebrating their lives and resurrections this last month, but we want to continue to hold their loved ones in prayer as their lives are forever changed by their loss.



Birthdays:






- Aug 01 Ashley Conkey
- Aug 03 Tim Hamill
- Aug 04 Nancy Ames
- Aug 04 Dorothy Fawcett
- Aug 05 Mason Breitling
- Aug 06 Mary Wagner
- Aug 08 Ila Norton
- Aug 09 Logan Whetsel
- Aug 13 Kayla Wagner
- Aug 17 Joe Fiala

- Aug 23 Tania Ruhnke
- Aug 24 Bill Canham
- Aug 29 Abby Breitling
- Aug 31 Hans Otteson
- Aug 31 Janice Purrington

Anniversaries:

- Aug 03 Janice & Curtis Wilbur
- Aug 07 Gary & Barb Bates
- Aug 13 Eric & Marla Bertsch
- Aug 28 Justin & Kayla Wagner

August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Pastor Teresa gone to Higher Ground Retreat Aug 1-5 Meals on Wheels –Aug 1-5—pick-up time 11:00				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Head Start Screening 2-4pm	 United Women In Faith UWF 2:00pm Sanctuary	 United Women In Faith Work Day 10-2 Trinity Lutheran	Leadership Team 6:30pm Library Mission U 7:30pm Sanctuary		Lanz Reunion Fellowship Hall & Kitchen All Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				 FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA Food Truck Noon-1pm		
28	29	30	31			

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - AUGUST READINGS

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	1 Chronicles 11 -12:22	Romans 14:19-15:13	Psalms 89:46-52
2	1 Chronicles 12:23- 1 Chronicles 14	Romans 15:14-33	Psalms 90:1-10
3	1 Chronicles 15, 1 Chronicles 16:1-36	Romans 16	Psalms 90:11-17
4	1 Chronicles 16:37-1 Chronicles 18	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	Proverbs 19:3-12
5	1 Chronicles 19- 1 Chronicles 21	1 Corinthians 1:18- 2:5	Psalms 91:1-8
6	1 Chronicles 22, 1 Chronicles 23	1 Corinthians 2:6-16	Psalms 91:9-16
7	1 Chronicles 24 -26:19	1 Corinthians 3	Psalms 92:1-15
8	1 Chronicles 26:20- 1 Chronicles 27	1 Corinthians 4	Proverbs 19:13-22
9	1 Chronicles 28, 1 Chronicles 29	1 Corinthians 5	Psalms 93:1-5
10	2 Chronicles 1:1-17	1 Corinthians 6	Psalms 94:1-11
11	Ecclesiastes 1 -3:22	1 Corinthians 7:1-16	Psalms 94:12-23
12	Ecclesiastes 4 - Ecclesiastes 6	1 Corinthians 7:17-35	Proverbs 19:23-20:4
13	Ecclesiastes 7 - Ecclesiastes 9:12	1 Corinthians 7:36- 8:13	Psalms 95:1-11
14	Ecclesiastes 9:13- Ecclesiastes 12	1 Corinthians 9:1-18	Psalms 96:1-13
15	2 Chronicles 2 - 2 Chronicles 5:1	1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13	Psalms 97:1-12
16	2 Chronicles 5:2- 7:10	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1	Proverbs 20:5-14
17	2 Chronicles 7:11- 2 Chronicles 9	1 Corinthians 11:2-34	Psalms 98:1-9
18	Song 1, Song 2, Song 3, Song 4	1 Corinthians 12:1-26	Psalms 99:1-9
19	Song 5, Song 6, Song 7, Song 8	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13	Psalms 100:1-5
20	2 Chronicles 10 - 12	1 Corinthians 14:1-19	Proverbs 20:15-24
21	2 Chronicles 13 - 15	1 Corinthians 14:20-40	Psalms 101:1-8
22	2 Chronicles 16 - 18:27	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	Psalms 102:1-11
23	2 Chronicles 18:28- 2 Chronicles 20	1 Corinthians 15:35-49	Psalms 102:12-17
24	2 Chronicles 21 - 2 Chronicles 23	1 Corinthians 15:50-16:4	Proverbs 20:25-21:4
25	2 Chronicles 24, 2 Chronicles 25	1 Corinthians 16:5-24	Psalms 102:18-28
26	2 Chronicles 26 - 2 Chronicles 28	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Psalms 103:1-12
27	2 Chronicles 29 - 31:1	2 Corinthians 1:12-22	Psalms 103:13-22
28	2 Chronicles 31:2-33:20	2 Corinthians 1:23 - 2:11	Proverbs 21:5-16
29	2 Chronicles 33:21- 35:19	2 Corinthians 2:12- 3:6	Psalms 104:1-18
30	2 Chronicles 35:20- 2 Chronicles 36	2 Corinthians 3:7-18	Psalms 104:19-30
31	Micah 1, Micah 2, Micah 3, Micah 4	2 Corinthians 4	Psalms 104:31-35





Tell us what you would be interested in.

Please return this to the church with your selections made.



Which of the following sermon series would you be interested in?

(select all that apply)

- Ask the Pastor—You would submit questions that we would address during the sermon
- Series on a particular book of the Bible. Which one/ones? _____
- Series on a certain topic/topics. Such as? _____

Which of the following group studies would you be interested in?

(select all that apply)

- Bible 101—Learn more about how to read and understand the Bible.
- Deepening your relationship with Christ
- Understanding Current Events through Faith
- Other _____

How can you serve our congregation and visitors?

(select all that apply)

- Usher/Greeter
- Serve Coffee Fellowship
- Help lead youth group on Wednesday evenings
- Visit shut-ins and nursing home patients and/or send cards
- Help run technology on occasional Sunday mornings
- Read Scripture or lead Children's Time in worship
- Sing in the choir

What sort of community events would you be interested in helping with?

(select all that apply)

- Chili Cookoff
- Family Fun Night
- Holiday Cookie Swap

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New seat, new perspective

In older sitcoms, family members, especially parents, each had their own chair in the living room. No one else sat there. If its "owner" wasn't present, the on-set chair remained empty. Church can be like that too, with people claiming the same seat week after week. Our view of the service and of fellow worshipers is familiar and comfortable.



Recently, our family was "bumped" back a bit, which felt surprisingly different at first. But we interacted just the same with the service. As a bonus, I talked with different people. And after church we stayed to visit a bit longer.

I'm glad church seats don't have nameplates. And I'm thankful that God nudges me out of my comfort zone from time to time, giving me a new perspective.

—Janna Firestone