

WELCOME - We are delighted to welcome back John Vriesema as the guest preacher for this Sunday's service. Please join us as John shares an inspiring message from the Word. We look forward to gathering with you for a meaningful time of worship and community.

NAC BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES! The Deacons would like to thank everyone who contributed to purchasing school supplies this year.

CONNECTIONS MONTH

Join us in filling volunteer needs and registering to attend activities and events. Please see the connection corner for registration forms, volunteers forms, and more info about where you can get involved. Additional info will be added each week.

SPOTLIGHT:

Coffee Break Women’s Bible Study is a cozy, relaxed space for women to explore the Bible! We **meet every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. from September to May in the Fellowship Hall.** Whether you’re new to the Bible or have lots of experience, Coffee Break is a welcoming place where everyone feels comfortable sharing and learning about God and what he wants for us. Each session starts with a group presentation, followed by small group study, sharing, and prayer—and, of course, plenty of coffee and treats! We also offer free childcare if you need it. We’re excited to meet you! For more details or to get involved, call Coffee Break Coordinator Anna Bloem at bloemmab@yahoo.com or simply come by! We’d be thrilled to have you!

Men’s Bible Study Men’s Bible Study meets at Pleasant Street **every Thursday morning at 7:30-8:30am starting on Sept 10** with a study of the book of Romans. Coffee, baked goods, and Bible study materials are provided. The late Adrian Butyne led the group for many years and before he passed in 2017, his final request was to keep the Men’s Bible Study active. We pray that more men will help fulfill that obligation and can join us. You may contact Harold Blaue at blaue69@verizon.net or Jack Crawford at john.h.crawford@verizon.net.

Prayer Group gathers **every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm** to lift up Pleasant Street Church, its members, our community, and all of us—the nation and the world. We have members in our congregation who offer prayers for individuals and groups. We especially enjoy praying for Cadets, GEMS, and Middle School students as they meet. We usually meet on Midweek Wednesday nights, the same time as the youth groups, but we also meet whenever we need to. We feel so blessed to bring our needs before the Lord in prayer. Our meeting times change depending on what we hear. We’d love for anyone who wants to join us! Please contact Anna Bloem at bloemmab@yahoo.com

SENIOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - Join us for our last coffee fellowship of the summer on **Wed., August 26th from 9:30-11am.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL GLOW GAMES NIGHT - Middle schoolers and their families are invited for pizza, fellowship, campfire, games, and glow sticks **at Fairwoods on Friday, August 28th, from 6-9pm.** Parents and guardians, please plan to stay for this event. **RSVP Mark True at: MSyouth@pscrc.org** so we know you are coming!

FAIRWOODS ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ - This year’s chicken bbq fundraiser will be **Saturday, August 29th.** Dinner is **5-7pm** (or until we run out). Cost: \$17 for a half chicken; \$13 for a quarter chicken. Kids under 5 eat free. Dinner also includes: salad, corn, rolls, baked potato and desert. All are welcome! Cash/Check only.

POLICY & SAFETY MEETING - It's important that all children and youth volunteers, join us for our yearly Policy and Safety Meeting on **Wed, September 2 at 6:15pm** in the fellowship hall. You will learn updates to our policy, get an outline of policies and best practices, and receive a printed or emailed copy of the updated Safe Church Policy. This is a good time to fill out volunteer forms (needed yearly) and CORIs (needed every 3 years) as well. If you are unable to make it, please **contact Kate Martinka: kate@pscrc.org** so you can still receive this important info.

- PLEASANT ST. KIDS** - We would love to help your children become devoted followers of Christ! Check in and get a name tag at the kids cart in the fellowship hall before service.
- **NURSERY** - (Babies-Age 3) during the service for Bible stories, music, play, and more!
 - **KIDSTREET** - (Age 4-2nd Grade) dismissed before sermon for a Bible story, craft/ activity, music and more!
 - **ECHO** - (3rd-5th Grade) dismissed after the sermon for 10 minutes of connection (except the last Sunday of the month).
- * All ages are welcome for the duration of the service. There is always space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** - On 5th Sundays we will hold a family service where we all worship in the sanctuary together during the duration of the service. We will now be offering nursery during these services.

Ministry Staff — How Can We Serve You?

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Matthew Burns; matthew@pscrc.org
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Shepherding Pastorates — Alphabetical By Last Name:

A-Bt — Elder Sandy Wynja & Deacon Taryn Flagg
Bu-Fz — Elder Scott Schneider & Deacon Karyn Schneider
G-Kt — Elder Steve Stinson & Deacon Beth Bol
Ku-Nz — Elder Mike Anema & Deacon Brian St. Denis
O-Tq — Elder Dexter Greene & Deacon Cathy Greene
Tr-Z — Elder John Woudenberg & Deacon Jodie Woudenberg

WELCOME

We’re so glad you’ve joined us!

August 23, 2026, 9:30am

Fruitful: Growing in Grace

John 15:1-17

I am the True Vine

Guest preacher: John Vriesema



If you have been worshipping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries.

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

M	6:30p	Celebrate Recovery
T	7:00p	Executive Team Meeting
W	9:30a	Senior Coffee Fellowship
	6:30p	Prayer Group
Fri	6:00p	MS Youth Event @ Fairwoods

Prayer of Preparation

Thank You, Father, for the depth of truth
that is discovered in Christ, my true Vine.
Through His life in me, may my life produce
much fruit that glorifies the Father in heaven.
In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 113

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the
name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord
be praised, both now and forevermore. From
the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his
glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord
our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and
the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the
needy from the ash heap; he seats them with
princes, with the princes of his people.
He settles the childless woman in her home as
a happy mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

SONG: Blessed Be Your Name

SONG: Behold Our God

RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.
We forget our neighbor's needs and do not
love you above all else. We confess that we
need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in
our own hearts.

**Restore us, God Almighty; make your face
shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance - Isaiah 40: 1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: Prayer Of St. Patrick

Offering: Ministries of Pleasant Street

SONG: My Labour Is Not In Vain

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ is with you.

And also with you.

KidStreet Dismissal *{age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed}*

WORD

Congregational Prayer

Scripture John 15:1-17

Sermon

SEND

ECHO Dismissal *{Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed}*

SONG: Abide With Me

Apostles' Creed

Benediction

SONG: Who You Say I Am

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ!

