

MINISTRY STAFF — HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

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SHEPHERDING PASTORATES — Alphabetical by last name:

- A-Br** — Elder Emily Fortna & Ruth Bandstra
- Bs-Eo** — Elder Thalia Towle & Deacon Kate Mogan
- Ep-HI** — Elder Chuck McGrath & Deacon Lauren McGrath
- Hm-Mc** — Elder Sue Cooper & Deacon Beth Bol
- Md-S** — Elder Dawn Lefrancois & Deacon Dexter Greene
- T-Z** — Elder Tony Brookhouse & Deacons Connor Kuik, Mike O'Rourke

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. Please pick your children up from nursery and KidStreet after the service, but students in Echo will be released to come to the fellowship hall.

- **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 to reflect and get to know each other, lasting 15 minutes. We don't meet on the last Sunday of each month.
- All ages are welcome to stay in the service. There is space under the balcony and in the fellowship hall if you need to get the wiggles out.
- **FAMILY SUNDAY** All ages worship together when there is a 5th Sunday; there is no Nursery, KidStreet, or Echo.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — For Nellie DeVries who is in St. Camillus for rehab— please pray for all residents as there is an outbreak of covid at St. Camillus. Keep in your prayers Carol Lewis as her ulcer is not healing. Prayers for Richard and Gloria McMahan, who have recently both recovered from covid. 'Our God is still in the business of healing His beloved children'—Hebrews 13:8

BLESSINGS — to Alan & Beth Bol who celebrated 42 years of marriage last Tuesday and Bill & Sandy Vis who will be celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary next Tuesday. 🥰

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS — At our congregational meeting in December, we'll be selecting new elders and deacons. Please forward names and offices to Brett Buma by **TODAY!**

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

ADVANCE NOTICE — Faith Promise Sunday will be on October 16. This will kick off the Faith Promise Pledge Drive, our church's way of raising money to support missionaries both in the USA and abroad. More details to follow!

MINISTRY GROUPS — Many small group and ministry opportunities are being offered to adults and youth this fall for anyone to be an attendee, a helper, or a leader! After worship, look in the connections corner in the fellowship hall.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY — Starting next Wednesday, September 21. Lead by John Vriesema. Sign up sheet is in fellowship hall—we hope you join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Will begin a new season Monday, September 26 at 9:30am, studying the book of Ephesians. We would love to have new members join us. Please call LeeAnn Lukianuk at 603.793.9107 or Judy Metzger at 716.665.0899 for a study guide.

COFFEE BREAK RETREAT — Join us on October 14-16 in Ashford, CT for a Coffee Break retreat with other Coffee Break groups. Special this year; high school ladies are invited to experience this formative weekend for the incredibly low cost of \$35. The full cost of the retreat, accommodations, and meals is \$200. Early Bird registration discount \$20 prior to September 23. Scholarships available. Registration is on the flyer on the ffee Break bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us!

508.234.5268 + Office: 8a-4p Mon-Fri

September 18, 2022 + 9:30am

Fall Sermon Series - 1 Corinthians - "The Message of the Cross"



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: Fellowship Hall
- T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall; Childcare
- 6:00p Women's CR Step Study: Under the Balcony
- 6:30p Divorce Care: Classroom E
- 6:30p Grief Share: Fellowship Hall
- W 6:15p Midweek @ PS 🍷
- 6:30p Prayer Meeting: Under the Balcony
- Th 7:00p Men's CR Step Study: Classroom E
- Sa 9:00a Praying The Psalms; Women's Study: Fellowship Hall

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your Holy name. Amen.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth.

Sing to him a psalm of praise.

SONGS: *This I Believe*

Build My Life

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing mercy.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

You call us to love our neighbors, and yet we do not listen.

Father, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed.

We pray you grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMIT

Morning Offerings: *Ministries of Pleasant Street*;



SONG: *Reckless Love*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5; 3: 1-4 + “The Message of the Cross”

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

SONG: *Take My Life*

SEND

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

SONG: *King of Kings*

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

The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.