

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2023

As the golden hues of autumn envelop northern Minnesota and the crisp air beckons us into the embrace of October, our church is preparing to celebrate a significant event: World Communion Sunday. This day, observed on the first Sunday of October, holds a special place in the hearts of Presbyterians and many other Christian denominations across the globe. It's a day of unity, a day where believers everywhere break bread and partake in the Lord's Supper, transcending boundaries and differences.

In the spirit of World Communion Sunday, let us draw inspiration from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. This epistle, written while Paul was in prison, is an enduring testimony to joy, unity, and perseverance in Christ.

1. Unity in Christ: "Stand firm in one spirit" (Philippians 1:27)

The central theme of World Communion Sunday is the unity of the global church. As we gather around the Communion table, let us remember Paul's words to the Philippians: "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

Our diverse expressions of faith, culture, and tradition merge into one body during Communion, illustrating the profound unity that exists in the global church.

2. The Joy of Fellowship: "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3)

Amid his tribulations, Paul found joy in his relationship with the Philippians. As we share the bread and wine this World Communion Sunday, may we also share in the joy of Christian fellowship, being grateful for our church community and the larger global church family that we are part of.

3. Perseverance through Trials: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

October, with its changing colors and dropping temperatures, heralds the coming of winter—a time where nature teaches us resilience and perseverance. As we navigate life's seasons, let us lean on Christ, our source of strength, much like Paul did during his time in prison.

4. The Peace of God: "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

In our world, filled with challenges and uncertainties, the Communion table is a place of solace and peace. As we partake in the Lord's Supper, let's open our hearts to experience the deep, unexplainable peace that only Christ can give.

This October, as we join hands and hearts with believers from every corner of the earth to celebrate World Communion Sunday, let's be inspired by the words of Paul to the Philippians. As a church family in northern Minnesota, we are intricately connected to the larger tapestry of Christ's body worldwide.

May our shared Communion serve as a profound reminder of our unity, joy, perseverance, and peace in Christ Jesus.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Wendy

Lectionary Readings for October 2023

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
10/1/23	Exodus 17: 1-7	Psalm 78: 1-4	Phil. 2: 1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32
10/8/23	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Psalm 80: 7-15	Phil. 3: 4b - 14	Matthew 21: 33-46
10/15/23	Isaiah 25: 1-9	Psalm 23	Phil. 4: 1-9	Matthew 22: 1-14
10/22/23	Exodus 33: 12-23	Psalm 99	I Thess. 1: 1-10	Matthew 22: 15-22
10/29/23	Deut. 34: 1-12	Psalm 90: 1-6 & 13-17	I Thess. 2: 1-8	Matthew 22: 34-46

Happy October Birthdays

3 – Roxanne McMillen	18 – Mel Moschler
4 – Travis Erickson	20 – Rusty Moorefield
5 – Vickie Musakka	22 – Neil Larson
7 – Jeff Kroll	23 – Angie Cantlon
9 – Sylvia Chad	25 – Jaclene Hjelle
9 – Emily Hadrava	29 – Dan Hestetune
18 – Jim DeVries	29 – Dawn Keelin
18 – Wyatt Koski	29 – Steven Peterson

Session Highlights

- Session is continuing to pursue the options of either selling the CE building or finding a new tenant to rent part or all of it.
- Concerns have been expressed about church finances. Creative solutions may need to be pursued in the coming months.

Discovering Scotland Tour

Rev. Wendy is working with Scotus Tours to help plan and lead a tour of Scotland Oct. 7 – Oct. 15, 2024. The tour will feature the history of Presbyterianism in Scotland. Others outside of the church will be welcome to attend. Members of our church who sign up by this Oct. 29 will receive a \$100 discount. Please contact the church if you are interested or would like more information.

Katie's 70th Birthday Party

Katie Larson would like to invite everyone to help her celebrate her 70th birthday! The celebration will take place in the fellowship hall at our church on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Calendar

Mondays, 1:30 p.m. Food for Thought
 Tuesdays, 2 p.m. Bible Study (not 10/17)
 Sun. Oct. 1, 10 a.m. World Communion Sunday
 Sun. Oct. 8, 10 a.m. Heritage Sunday
 Sun. Oct. 22, 10 a.m. Rev. Workman preaches

Contacting Dorothy

We are sorry to announce that Dorothy Tyndall has moved back to Canada to be closer to family. We will miss you, Dorothy, and hope that you are getting settled into your new home! Dorothy's contact info is below if you would like to stay in touch with her.

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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will start meeting soon to identify a new class of Elders and Deacons. Please contact the office if you would like to serve the church in this way.

Stewardship Letters

Stewardship letters will be mailed out late October. We hope everyone will thoughtfully consider their support of the church. Pledges will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 19.

Congregations Caring for the Earth

Congregations Caring for the Earth will be meeting soon to regroup and discuss ideas for projects moving forward. If you would like to get involved or have ideas to share, please contact the church office.

Christian Education & Youth News

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Children's Sunday School October Weekly Thoughts

Sunday October 1
Matthew 21:23-32

*It is not enough to say you will obey,
you also need to follow through. We should do
what we say.*

Sunday October 8
Matthew 21:33-46

*You can't stop God from doing what He
is going to do.*

Sunday October 15
Matthew 22:1-14

*Many are called, few are chosen.
Do not be too busy for God.*

Sunday October 22
Matthew 22:34-46

*Love your God with all your heart and love
your neighbor as your self.*

Let All that You do
be done in **Love**

**World Communion
Sunday**
October 1, 2023



Heritage Sunday
October 8, 2023



Trunk and Treat
Tuesday October 31, 2023
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
AEOA Parking lot



Follow Jesus' example.

Follow the maze 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12








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Christian Education Calendar

Sunday Oct. 1	Sunday Oct. 8	Sunday Oct. 15	Sunday Oct. 22	Sunday Oct. 29	Tuesday Oct. 31
World Communion Sunday Parable of the 2 Sons 	Heritage Sunday Parable of Tenets in Vineyard 	Parable of the Wedding Feast 	Render unto Caesar, Render unto God 	The Greatest Commandment 	Trick or Treat Happy Halloween 