

November...time for thankfulness!



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY to:
3rd grader Ellie Friedley on the 3rd.

While the church continues to remain in 'lock-down' until further notice, we must never forget the passage from Hebrews 10:24 that says "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Even though we aren't together in our church building for prayer, song, fellowship and meditation, we can talk to God and have Him in our hearts anytime. Plus.. be sure to join in and follow the Sunday worship found on our church website each week. Remember, Jesus prayed wherever he was ... in the desert, in the boat, in the yard, garden... there is no limit to your where you want to talk to Him.

Attached you will see a *Sweet Treats Gospel Story* that I found on Pinterest. I would have sent it to you in the mail but didn't think it would have looked this good when it arrived in your mailbox, so maybe you can make one for yourself and share it with a friend!!

Hope you all have a safe and thankful Thanksgiving vacation, and know all the Youth Group teachers and myself really wish we were with you each Wednesday and Sunday... soon, we hope, very soon. We love and miss you all.

"For God hath not given us the
spirit of fear,
but of power, and of love, and of a
sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

Sweet Treats Gospel Story

The Bible tells us we have all sinned. Because of that
our future looked darker than the



But then Jesus came. He was the only person to live
who never sinned. So even though there was no



on for Him to be punished, Jesus
chose to die for your sins and my sins. But He didn't
stay dead. After 3 days the stone rolled back with a



and Jesus walked out alive! Because
Jesus defeated death we can put our faith in Him and
He will give us eternal life. That's a gift worth more
than



In Gratitude...

Adele Duranso,
Christian Ed Director



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

**GIVE
THANKS**
FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE



1st Glen Gaulke,
2nd Pat Patterson, Dee Cayo, Ellie Friedley,
3rd Warren Johnson, Bob Rider, **4th** Bud Denton,
6th Katherine Paulson,
7th Jay Woolf, John Dougherty, **9th** Jo Reichling,
10th Michael Bartling,
12th Ann Jacobucci, Deane Galloway,
14th Aggie Ripley, Michael Orlowski,
15th Roy Ahonen, Harland Klagos,
 Jalina Wilson/Manuwal,
16th Charlotte Glashagel, **18th** Zack Wilson,
22nd Carol Brewer, **24th** Walter Semenok,
25th Steve Willson, **27th** Debby Patterson,
28th Barbara Kramer, Judy Ruch, Cassie Lee,
 Jason Kingstad,
29th Stephen Russell, Marianne Bogumill,
30th Joan Dioszegi, Justin Haas



1st Tom & Barbara Kramer,
3rd George & Bernadette Nelson,
23rd Eric & Mary Koster

We give thanks to You O' God, (in spite
 of the CORONA issues), for all that
 you have blessed us with this past year.

people Helping People



MISSIONS UPDATE:

Mission Committee is happy to report to the
 congregation that all obligations budgeted on the
 international, national, and local levels for the
 fiscal year 2019-2020 will be met. Both the
 committee and our session feel strongly that
 serving and helping others through our mission
 outreach is a vital responsibility of our church
 work. We pray that these monies will give hope
 in this time of uncertainty and that through these
 donations we show our love and concern for
 others.

Total Missions giving – estimated - \$14,725.00

Kay Krans, Missions Chair

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Recipe just in time for Thanksgiving...

Colonial Pumpkin Bars

¾ cup margarine	2 cups sugar
4 eggs	2 cups flour
1 – 16 oz. can pumpkin	2 tbsp baking powder
½ tsp baking soda	1 tsp cinnamon
½ tsp salt	¼ tsp nut meg
½ cup walnuts	

Heat oven to 350 degrees, cream margarine and sugar.
 Add eggs and pumpkin then add dry ingredients and
 mix well. 5 min. Stir in nuts. Spread in 15X10 ½ inch
 pan and bake for 30 – 35 min. Cool and frost.

Frosting

1 – 3 oz pkg cream cheese	½ cup margarine
1 tsp vanilla	3 cups powdered sugar

Combine softened cream cheese, margarine and
 vanilla. Gradually add sugar, mix well and spread on
 cooled pumpkin bars.



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met at the Manitowish Waters Community Center on October 1 and 15 to continue our Bible study "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament." In Lesson 3 we focused on the scriptural and traditional role women have played in carrying much of the burden of lament for society. From the earliest Biblical times women were skilled in the arts of mourning and lament. We see this referenced particularly in Jeremiah, Chapter 9, where God has brought women, who were often invisible in society, to the forefront of national leadership, instructing them to lead the people in lament. This was in the time of the Babylonian Captivity, and there was indeed much to lament. The word of the Lord, delivered through Jeremiah, instructed the women to learn songs of lament, to teach them to their daughters, and to pass the skill of lament from one generation to the next. We learned also about the therapeutic function of lament, wherein the mourning women brought the community together in a public show of communal grief. Finally, we focused on contemporary lament — lamenting the abuse of women's bodies, as expressed in the #MeToo movement, and the systemic racism and political chaos rampant in our society today. In the end, we are invited to teach our children (passing the skill from generation to generation) the very simple structure of lament: address God, tell God what is wrong, ask God for help, and trust and thank God.

Lamenting death was the focus of Lesson 4. We looked at two questions: Can we truly lament the death of a loved one? If the help we want is to have them back, how can God respond to our lament? Mourning and lamenting have

sorrow, suffering, and grief in common, but the elements of lament include a request for God to ACT and a statement of assurance of being heard/trusting in God. It is possible to mourn without lamenting. Mourners don't ask for God to act and change the situation. Lamenters do. When we call on God for help following the death of a loved one, God sends us "angels" to walk with us and comfort us — and remind us that Christ broke death's hold on humanity with his resurrection. This is a central message of our faith. There are, however, many circumstances of death that we can truly lament with all our hearts — children dying, innocent people killed as a result of senseless violence such as racism, PANDEMICS. We DO protest the injustice of these deaths, and we DO call for God to act and change the systems and practices that lead to such deaths.

As you can see, this is a VERY interesting study (in a long line of very remarkable Bible studies), and we hope you will consider joining us in the upcoming weeks as we continue the topic. In November we will again meet in the Manitowish Waters Community Center, on Thursday, November 5, and on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, at 9:30 AM.

Kay Suffron
Moderator_



Women of the church,

We are creating a newsletter for our **PW in Northern Waters**. This will be an outreach for person, churchwide, community and the other women in our Presbytery. A get to know you kind of thing. We are going to try quarterly, and take it from there. If anyone has questions, concerns, ideas to share, please contact one of us. We need to keep each other uplifted in prayer and gratitude. We are all going through something, so I am sending you all healing energy, hugs and prayers!

Just an idea of the type of articles that will be included ...

Things to ponder:

When we plan anything, are we asking for God's way? Or, might we be doing our own planning without praying? God's Way ... YAWEH ... almost sounds the same, doesn't it? As we move on into our different normal, we need to ask God to show us how to help others, his way.

Hope Dougherty, Moderator, Northern Waters Presbyterian Women.

Region 4 Leader: *Jean Abramson*, member of the Board of the Presbyterian Women for Northern Waters



Christmas for Kids

Emily Bokern and Kristin Semmerling
Christmas for Kids Committee

Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Christmas for Kids program. As of the writing of this article, North Lakeland School, the Mercer Food Pantry, and our congregation are still gathering the names and wish lists from the community, so we will not have the confirmed number of participants until after this newsletter is published. We will be able to report the total number of children benefiting from this program in the next newsletter. Last year our program provided gifts for 73 children in our community. An envelope is included with this newsletter, to help facilitate your donation, as you are able, to this important cause.

If you have not already signed up to be a shopper for the Christmas for Kids program, you can still do so by emailing Emily Bokern at emilybokern@gmail.com. The shopping bags will be passed out, to those who have signed up, in the church parking lot on **Saturday, November 7th from 11:30-12:00**. Detailed instructions on our "drive through" pickup will be sent out to those who have signed up. Our goal is to minimize contact and help the process go smoothly. The gifts will be returned to church on **Saturday, December 12th from 11:30-12:00**. Shoppers will be sent an email before this date giving instructions on this "drive through" process. Masks will be worn for both pickup of the shopping bags and drop off of the gifts.

Your support of this program is greatly appreciated, especially during this challenging time.



LOOSE COIN OFFERING FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER

goes to DOVE

If you would like to donate to the loose coin program...you can do so when you send in your envelopes – just indicate the amount you would like to give... Thank you.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE YOU ARE NOW?

Greetings dear friends,

We are now Minnesota residents after 29 years of living in Presque Isle. Due to COVID 19 the Canadian/US border has been closed since March, so we cannot cross to our cabin on the Canadian side of Sagagana Lake, Ontario. So we divide our time between our US cabin on the mainland of Saganaga and the Grand Marais house. Having this time has allowed us the opportunity to organize, throw items long overdue, and plan future dreams!

We've managed to see individual families of our kids and grand kids and had one whole group gathering this summer.



We miss our WI friends, miss not havening social gatherings, but did enjoy seeing Chips and Suzanne passing through Grand Marais on their BWCAW canoe adventure. We look forward to hosting them INSIDE our home in the future!

Stay safe everyone!

Dick & Becky Kayser



PRESBTERY OF NW PRAYER ROTATION

November 29th –

Presbyterian-Congregational Church of Ashland,
Rev. James Deters, Pastor



COURAGEOUSLY BOLD

Some time in September I received hearty support from Pastor Chips and Session to present a 2-minute video message on stewardship for the congregation. I went about this task with great enthusiasm, and I felt we covered many points quite well. But in hindsight I realized that two minutes was not enough time to properly express my gratitude for our congregational spirit of generous giving during the current year AND appeal for pledged support for 2021. Consequently, I take this opportunity to ask that we all make a **COURAGEOUSLY BOLD** pledge to continue the work of our church in 2021.

Recognizing the complexity of life in the face of the pandemic, the life of our church must go on. We are one of very few churches in the north which is maintaining a full service schedule as well as a mission commitment. So I ask you to consider what you can contribute, in light of other expenses, and return your pledge form to the church office as soon as possible. To facilitate this effort, the date for pledge return is extended to the end of November, and a pledge form is included with this newsletter.

Manitowish Waters Community Presbyterian Church will survive even though we cannot meet together in person for the moment. I am reminded of the Russian Orthodox Church, shut down in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution of 1917, and not public again until the late 1980's. That church community went on in secret for nearly 70 years. We will emerge from this pandemic in a much shorter time frame than that, and when we do we must be strong — spiritually and financially. As I write this message, we are considerably behind in our stewardship response, so I ask you to please prayerfully consider and return your pledge for 2021. With everyone's help we can make it the best year ever!

With many thanks,
John Suffron



Let Us Pray...

Dear Lord,
Today we give thanks for our many blessings,
As we pray for those in need.

We give thanks for our family and friends,
As we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms,
As we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our good health, As we pray for those who are ill.

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity,
As we share our blessings with others.

Today and always may the love of God enfold us, the peace of God dwell with in us and the joy of God uplift us.

Amen.



Boulder Junction Food Pantry schedule

November

Thursday 5th – 10:00 – 11:30 am
Thursday 12th – 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Thursday 19th – 10:00 – 11:30 am
Tuesday 24th – 3:30 – 5:00 pm

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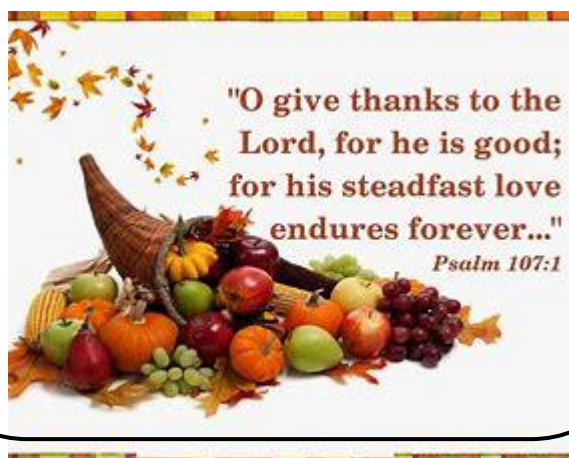
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Please join us in worship



at ... mwcpc.org



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Manitowish Living Waters

Manitowish Waters Community Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Moving through Changing Waters

Hello friends, as Suzanne and I sat at the table for breakfast this All-Hallows Eve day, she, looking out across the half-frozen lake, said, "If I didn't know there were buoys marking the dead-heads on the lake, I'd say there were three Swans out in the middle of the ice." I glanced out at the lake, did a double-take, and left the table for the binoculars, saying, "The buoys are much further down the lake." Sure enough, three Trumpeters were lying on the thin ice in the middle of the lake. Two of them slept, while one kept her head up on guard. They were lying in wait, taking a breather on their trek down from the further north. They seem to mark the beginning of spring with their arrival and autumn parting with their departure. We also seem to be resting on thin ice between seasons. One day moves to another, days become weeks, weeks move to months, and now, months become nearly a year. It feels like eons we've been dodging, zigging, and zagging around the Red Tide of the Coronavirus. Months ago now, I spoke of the Tide reaching the Northwoods. As Wisconsin is now making national and even international news with Coronavirus's skyrocketing rates, it seems the Tide is finally lapping at our doorsteps. That doesn't bode well for a quick re-opening to regular worship services; however, it's on my radar. I've pushed the pews off to the sides of the sanctuary and bunched them up toward the back to enable us to spread out the flexible-seating sanctuary chairs for better social distancing when we do start a gradual re-opening.

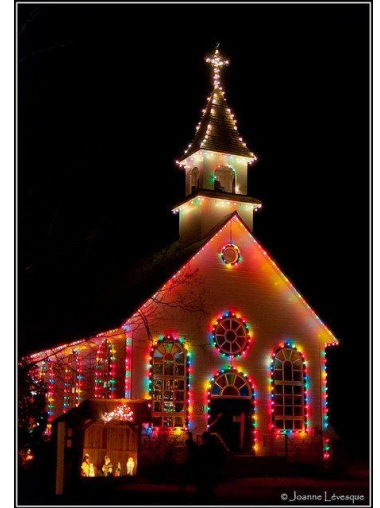


We've been waiting on the new sanctuary camera for months now and are finally getting the last parts of the package pulled together. We were a few weeks late at the gate ordering the camera, and we ended up behind a long list of churches seeking to do the same as the Coronavirus made its debut. Phil St. Clair is currently pulling the Video Ministry together. When the time comes for safe partial re-opening, the camera will enable me to disassemble the current movie-studio appearance right in front of our chancel area, making filming and conducting live services contemporaneously much more viable. Until then, however, we're still rolling along virtually. I think my Annual Report probably addressed some of the Session and my thinking about this whole Coronavirus issue. Having said that, though, we need to be able to connect.



We need some additional ways to enjoy fellowship with one another. Elder June Rojahn is helping this process, serving as our Media Ministry Coordinator, helping orchestrate all the happenings on our Website at mwcpc.org. We currently have a FelCon flying around the church. I've begun Zoom Youth Fellowship and Confirmation meetings on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30. I'm calling it our Youth FelCon

I am entertaining the idea of trying to develop cell-groups within our church to meet virtually. One possibility would be to join me in small group meetings on Zoom where we could just share what is happening in our lives. Those who have not yet participated in video gatherings can initially be a bit intimidated, and at first, they feel strange. They require a bit of time to navigate through the logistics of the communication comfortably. Given time and experience, however, you will become increasingly content with the format, and at least for me, they do help alleviate the sense of isolation. Another possible idea would be arranging church-based snow activities. We could plan winter walks, snowshoeing excursions, or maybe a group to decorate the outside of our church property this Advent Season. Suzanne is also part of Book Group, which has continued through the season of the Red Tide. We could have similar groups through the church, reading some contemporary or classical spiritual texts, and discussing them together on Zoom or other virtual networks.



Letter-writing is also becoming a lost language among many of us. At one time, people used to use these things called pens to write notes of support and encouragement to others on various kinds of parchment and send them through an ancient guild known as the United States Postal Service. I've been finding the little cards and notes coming through our good-ol' snail mail, both nurturing and therapeutic. Simple phone, text, e-mail messages, or new social media networking are other possible ideas for enhancing our communication. I'm merely throwing a few ideas to you to help prime the pump of your creative ideas. Please share your thoughts, ideas, or needs with me. You can reach me through the church phone message machine 715-543-2998, the church email, manwtrschurch@centurytel.net, or contact me directly on my phone at 715-776-2998. Please share with me your suggestions, critiques, ideas and feelings. Or, simply an update on you and yours we could share.

And, of course, may we all be counting the many ways in which we've each been blessed over the past year. Perhaps letters to one another to that effect would be one simple and powerful way of expressing our gratitude to the God who has given so much to us.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully Yours, *Chips*



P.S. As my tag at the top of this Pastoral missive indicates, one Chit-Chat replacement name I'm considering is "Manitowish Living Waters" What think thee?