

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – JUNE 2023

JUNE Newsletter

Celebrating, Serving, Loving & Growing with God and Each Other

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Farewell, and God Go With You

Dear Friends,

(How wonderful that we have become friends in such a short time.)

Serving as the Bridge Pastor for this congregation has been a true blessing for me. Being a pastor, preaching, leading worship again after five years on the “injured list” is a gift. You gave me back a piece of what cancer stole from me.

However, even with all your support, and the protective limits placed on my service, I find that I cannot sustain even this level of service, month after month. My health just can't keep up. So I have informed the session that my last Sunday will be June 18. I'm sorry.

Some things I have discovered about you:

You are friendly and welcoming. Thank you for the warmth with which you have drawn me in and made me part of this family.

You care deeply about the well-being of others. I see it in your prayers, in the service of your deacons, and in your exceptional care of me. You have done everything to make sure I was not overburdened. Thank you.

You are engaged in your community, and desire to do more. The first “Music on Marschall” event was a huge success, with more to come. The community garden shows your care for people in a tangible way.

You have talented, dedicated, generous leadership. There are many people who step up and serve in a variety of ways. You have kept the church running smoothly through these months with almost no help from me. And more than just kept it going – you have been creative and moved forward with plans for the future. The leadership you need is already here.

One concern: some people give many, many volunteer hours to the church. Might they get tired? Are there some who are content to let others do the work? I do not know all of you, or your personal situations. I just raise the question of how to spread the tasks around a little more.

Our time together has been life giving to me; thank you. God is at work in this congregation, and He will continue to guide you into the future He has for you.

Peace,
Pastor Meg

Stated Session Minutes
First Presbyterian Church, Shakopee, MN
Thursday April 20, 2023

Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established.

Opening devotions and prayer were led by Loren Wolfe.

The stated session meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Shakopee was called to order at 6:40 on Thursday, April 20, 2023 by Moderator Meg Newswanger through Zoom.

Roll Call

Class of 2023

LuAnn Amberson
Loren Wolfe

Class of 2024

Rene' Vanoni

Class of 2025

Edie Cook
Michel Makem
Paul Sindze

Elder excused: LuAnn Amberson

M/S/C to approve the agenda

Clerk's Report

M/S/C to approve minutes of March 16, 2023 stated session meeting with corrections to class years.

Deacon's Report

Deacon's minutes were received.

Administration and Finance Report Rene' Vanoni

The Committee met. Lyle and Michel will head up the garden committee. They are planning to add several new plots. Around May 1st compost will be delivered from the Mdewakanton Community. Help will be needed to turn the dirt. The dishwasher needs to have an out-of-order sign on it to be up to code. The budget is doing okay.

Worship and Faith LuAnn Amberson

Graduation Sunday will be June 4.

Meg is willing to suggest study materials for the summer, fall and Advent, but she will not be available to lead them. Session felt the Committee should decide what they want to do and submit it to Session. Also Meg will get her summer schedule to the committee ASAP.

Mission and Outreach Edie Cook

No meeting.

Personnel Loren Wolfe

Pastor Search Committee consists of Loren, Rene, Edie and Paul.

M/S/C to employ Carol Balvance as an office assistant for \$15.00 an hour. Included will be back pay for the months of March and April.

M/S/C to accept all committee reports.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Meg informed us that she will be less available in July.

Old Business

The "Music on Marschall" committee is meeting and plans are coming together for all 4 Mondays of Music.

New Business

There are people interested in joining the church. Loren volunteered to seek information on what is acceptable to the Presbytery for membership transfer.

M/S/C to approve building use requests for Betty and Elizabeth Hvidsten on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 9am to 9pm.

M/S/C to approve use of the double Sunday School rooms each Thursday at 11 am for a Bible Study Group from The great Commission's Ministry. They will rent for \$100.00 a month.

Edie Cook will have devotions at the May 18, 2023 meeting.

Communion Servers for May 7, 2023 are Michel Makem and Loren Wolfe.

M/S/C to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Pastor Meg closed with prayer.

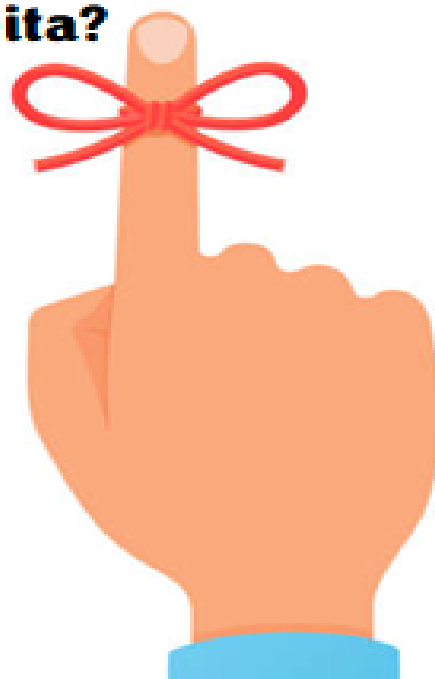
Respectfully submitted,

Edie Cook, Clerk of Session

Have you paid your 2023 Per Capita?

A big thank you to those who have paid their Per Capita payment for 2023. And just a gentle reminder to you who haven't, asking if you would consider paying the 2023 Per Capita of \$37.50.

**Thank you,
Finance Team**





June 6

Richard Olin
Joel Makem

June 11

Delphine Akufongwe
Royle Nimpa

June 12

Betty Engel
Declan Vanneste

June 14

Sue Sergeant

June 27

Emmanuel Obeng



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Beeney

Linda Brooks

Marinda Gay

Alice Larsen

Matthew Durban

(Barbara Metz' Grandson)

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

June 4

Steve, Annette, Nathan &
Jenna Nicholas

June 11

Douglas Norland

June 18

Dick & Frieda Olin

June 25

Jan Oliverson

GARAGE SALE

There has been some interest expressed in having a church garage sale (sometime this fall).

If you are interested in chairing (or co-chairing) with someone please contact Mary Wolfe – 952-393-3973



DEACONS NEWS

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26

June is here, along with warm summer temps!

Everyone was pleased with the Reunion Potluck event, and we want to thank everyone for all the help we received.

Please join us on June 4th, to celebrate Graduation Sunday, and our church member Joel Makem. Coffee and cake to follow the service.

We are in the process of setting up the Photo Boards in the Fellowship Hall. There are many pictures already up, so be sure to take a look at it.

If you have a photo of you, or your family we would love to get it on the board. It will help us all to get to know each other's names. I will be happy to take your picture and get it on the board, just let me know. (Mary Wolfe)

We would like to open our nursery again. If you would use the nursery of if you can help, as frequently or infrequently as you are able, please contact Rose Schmitz.

"Give a ride" : If you are in need of a ride, you can contact Jim Perry at 612-220-7977, and he will make sure someone will pick you up.

Please contact a Deacon if you would like a visit, or have any needs.

In Christ's love,

Shirley Ackerman	952-334-3202	Verneil Ewert	952-237-2201
Linda Brooks	952-240-9502	Lyle Crider	952-496-0822
Marinda Gay	952-445-1031	Jim Perry	952-492-5952
Rose Schmitz	612-670-6309	Harriet Volding	218-209-1982
Mary Wolfe	952-393-3973		



*Thank
you!*

**On behalf of the
Kenya Kids Families
and the
"Easter Bunny"
we would like to
thank First
Presbyterian
Church of
Shakopee for
the 31 Easter
Baskets we
received.**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

SEPC COMMUNITY GARDEN



Plots Available!



Call to Inquire

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In all your ways
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM

and He shall direct your paths.

PROVERBS 3:6

Congratulations
ON YOUR GRADUATION!



Joel Makem
SHAKOPEE HIGH SCHOOL

Daughter of
Michel Makem & Victorine Akufongwe

Granddaughter of
Pauline Akufongwe

Will attend The College of St. Benedict



Lydia Oliverson
MOUND WESTONKA HIGH SCHOOL

Granddaughter of
Jan Oliverson

Daughter of
Scott Oliverson & Kalli Ostlund

Will attend University of River Falls



Seth Kennedy
CHANHASSEN HIGH SCHOOL

Grandson of
Lyle & Roberta Crider

Son of
Beth & DJ Kennedy

Will attend UCLA



Daniel Kilmer
IMG IN BRADENTON, FLORIDA

Grandson of
Lyle & Roberta Crider

Son of
Chris Kilmer & Chad Kilmer

Will attend the University of Minnesota



Anna Taylor
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
WITH HONORS

Granddaughter of Sue Taylor

Daughter of
Jason & Gina Taylor

Will begin work at U.S. Bank of Minneapolis



Nicholas Beeney
PARKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
IN GEORGIA

Grandson of
Donna Beeney

Son of
Mark & Lorri Beeney

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid,
nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9



The Deacons have some funds to help with the cost of summer camp.



If you would like more information, please contact:

Mary Wolfe - 952-393-3973

GAME DAY



**Mondays
June 12 and June 26**

Fellowship Hall



I've Moved!

Susan Sergeant

1855 10th Avenue West
Emerald Crest - House #2, Suite 8
Shakopee, Minnesota 55379

Happy sweaty-
thighs-sticking-to-
plastic-chairs
season!



You're Invited

*to an Open House in celebration of
the graduation
of*

Joel Makem

on

June 30, 2023

at

3:00 pm

1523 Savanna Dr
Shakopee MN 55379





SUMMER Concert Series

Free Will Offering for
CAP Agency &
Southern Valley Alliance

First Presbyterian Church

909 Marschall Road – Shakopee, MN 55379

Free Dinner
5:00pm

Entertainment
6:00-7:30pm

Please bring a lawn chair!

Music on Marschall

June 26th

Homeward Bound



Homeward Bound has been contributing to the Twin Cities' music scene for the better part of the last two decades. Steeped in the rich vocal harmonies of 70s and 80s pop, our repertoire includes rock, pop, blues, country, gospel and even a little reggae, funk and rap from time to time.

Partnered with **Cub FOODS**

July 24th

Barsolo Brothers



Two long time musicians now perform as "The Barsolo Brothers". The duo plays "feel good" favorites from the 1950's, 60's and 70's, and works humor and occasionally a set of bagpipes into their act.

The "brothers" are bass player Dennis Kelly, who is also with the St. Paul-based Buster Phalen band. Guitarist Mark McNeill was Shakopee's City Administrator for more than 18 years.

Partnered with **Turtle's BAR & GRILL**



August 28th

Loren Wolfe



Loren Wolfe is an accomplished guitarist, singer, songwriter, and entertainer. His musical stylings cover many genres, from rock and gospel to country and jazz. Loren can be found rocking the 50's, and 60's at private parties, playing all the country classics at senior centers, or performing at music festivals around the Midwest. In addition to Loren performing a wide range of musical genres, his impersonations and specialty shows are truly unique, and make Loren a one of a kind entertainer!

Partnered with **?????**



What a wonderful night! It was great to see so many people (over 100) enjoying the food, music, and fellowship on a most gorgeous May evening. Thanks to each of you for your work in making this event a true success!

From Carol printing the posters and inserts, to the lemonade makers and servers, to the table-chair setter uppers, to the canopy erectors, to the servers, to Loren for getting the Valley News article and Tom, ALL of you deserve a huge Thank you!

Dominoes did a great job with the Pizza and Pasta! Everyone enjoyed the food and there were few leftovers! So fun to see the pride that Jeff and his crew take in their food service!

To the Glory of God goes all our praise!





REUNION LUCK

The Reunion Potluck event was great. The Worship Service was beautiful, with lots of music!

The food was delicious, the game was fun, and as always, great fellowship!

A big **THANK YOU** to ALL who helped to make it possible - The Music and Worship team, the musicians, the Deacons, Pastor Meg, Berge and JoAnn Hanson, and the MANY volunteers that helped to put it all together!



**Happy Father's
Day!!**

The righteous *man* walks in his integrity;

His children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7