

September

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating, Serving, Loving & Growing with God and Each Other
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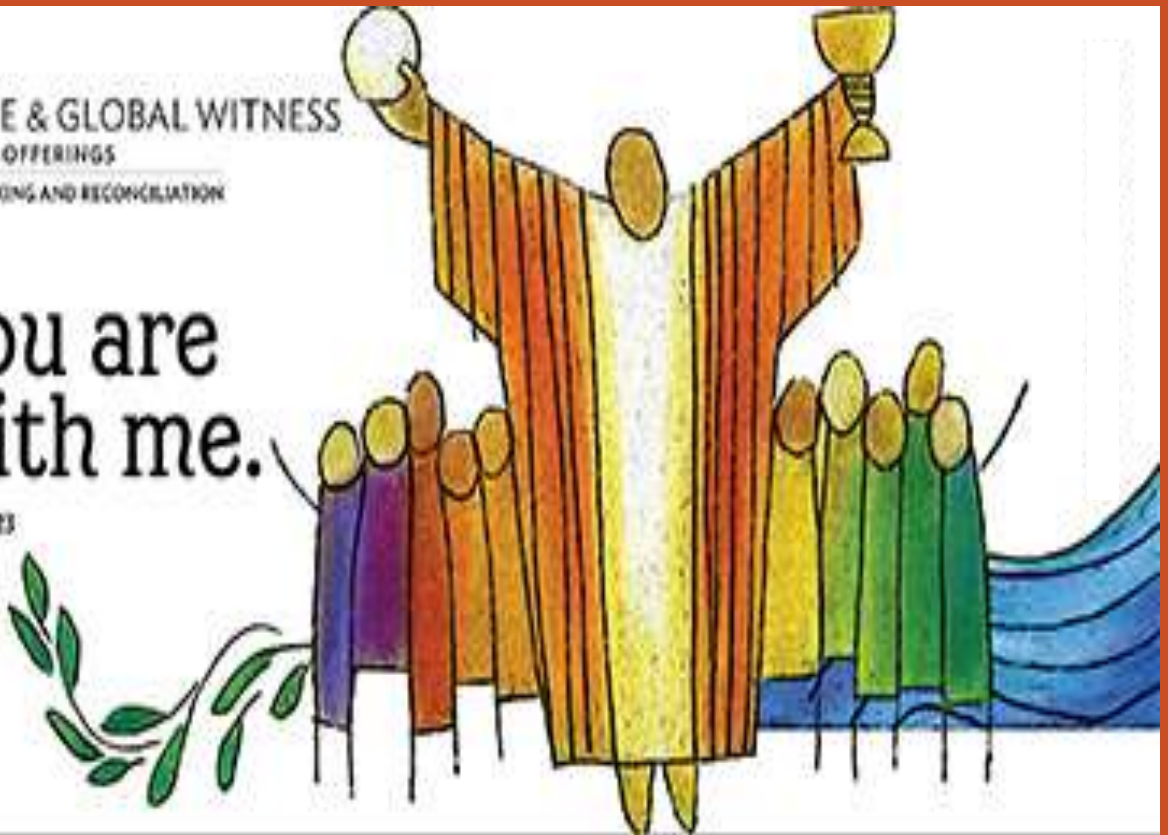
SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PLACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

You are
with me.

PSALM 23





Meditation on Psalm 123

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

This psalm started as individual cry in verse 1 and it turned to be national or public cry in the rest of the psalm. This is to remind us how important to keep the prophetic voice that most times start with individual and powerless people, who has the power to wake up our conscious and strait up our spirit, when we get drunk by our own selfish interest. The psalmist invited us to understand people's need according to their perspective.

The psalmist began his story by looking for the true ruler and the real master, who hold power over all these powerful people, who are at ease and who are making fun of others. The image we can see here is group of people who are desperate for help and suddenly they lift their eyes up and the other group who are at ease are in a place where they can't see people from equal perspective. When you are on the top of a big building you barely see anything and you can't hear what has been said on the street.

When the psalmist put his or her eyes on God then they freed themselves from hatred and false expectation by other people. In other words, how many times we were injured because we seek help in the wrong way or from wrong people. Stop disappointing yourselves and seek the lord from all your heart and from your entire mind.

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Medhat Yoakiem

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

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

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Medhat Yoakiem.

Devotions were given by Edie Cook.

The stated session meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Shakopee was called to order at 6:30 on Thursday, July 20, 2023 by Moderator Medhat Yoakiem.

Roll Call

Class of 2023

LuAnn Amberson

Loren Wolfe

Class of 2024

Rene' Vanoni

Class of 2025

Edie Cook

Michel Makem

Paul Sindze

All members present. As this is Pastor Yoakiem's first session meeting with us, we all introduced ourselves.

M/S/C to approve the agenda

Clerk's Report

M/S/C to approve minutes of May 18, 2023 Stated Session meeting and June 18, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

The Presbytery has requested a copy of the title to the church. Rene will locate this.

Beacon is having an informational meeting at Resonate Church, Upper Level, on July 26 at 7 pm.

Deacon's Report

Deacon's minutes were received.

Administration and Finance Report Rene' Vanoni

Report given.

Mission Edie Cook No meeting

Worship and Faith LuAnn Amberson

On September 10 Bibles will be given to children who have not received one.

M/S/C Approve an on-going midweek study (now called Thursday Chat).

LuAnn encouraged the Session to think about services for Christmas Eve.

The next meeting for Worship and Faith will be Sunday, August 6 at 11:30.

Personnel Loren Wolfe

A new pastor, Medhat Yoakiem, has been hired.

Pastor's Report

He is developing relationships with members of the congregation as he started just 3 weeks ago. We celebrated our first Communion Service together.

M/S/C to accept all reports

Old Business

The "Music on Marschall" will host the third meal/concert on July 24, 2023. A 15,000 grant has been awarded for next year to continue the "Music on Marschall" and to expand.

New Business

M/S/C to approve Affinity Plumbing for \$4,737.58 to provide water source for community garden.

The sound system was discussed. Discussion will continue on this issue.

M/S/C to approve use of church building to Elizabeth and Betty Hvidsten for August 22, September 17, October 26, November 14, December 7, and December 19.

Loren Wolfe will have devotions at the August 17, 2023 meeting.

Communion Servers for August 6, 2023 are Paul Sindze and LuAnn Amberson.

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

Pastor Medhat closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Cook, Clerk of Session

Sept 3 Todd Myhre
 Sept 12 Ginny Tietz
 Sept 13 Ruth Wittek
 Sept 14 Judy McGovern
 Sept 20 Fiona Vanneste
 Cindy Perry
 Sept 27 Jim Perry
 Sept 30 Don Larsen Sr.

September Birthdays



GAME DAY



**Mondays
 Sept 11
 And
 Sept 25**

**Fellowship
 Hall**



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sept 3

Jean ScheerHoorn

Sept 10

Tom, Monica, Ella &
 Arlo Schmit

Sept 17

Rose Schmitz

Sept 24

Ron Seelye



Donna Beeney Family
 Linda Brooks
 Alice Larsen
 Matthew Durban
 (**Barbara Metz' Grandson**)

LET US PRAY

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

Our August meeting was our first meeting with Pastor Medhat. He was able to meet the Deacons and find out some of the many things we do. We look forward to working with him, as well as doing some visitation with him as he gets a chance to meet with our homebound members, and others who would like a visit.

We are also preparing for the September 10th Potluck dinner after the worship service. Be sure to see the info on the flyer in the newsletter, and Sunday bulletin.

Be sure to check out the Photo Boards in the Fellowship Hall. We have lots of pictures up. If yours is not up, let me know. I will be happy to take your picture and get it on the board.

(Mary Wolfe)

"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		



The Mission and Outreach Commission is looking for new members to plan for the next year. If you have ideas for Missions for the Month, like to create bulletin boards, or want some input on this commission, please contact Edie Cook by September 15.



Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Join Us for our

Thursday Chat

Each chat will include scripture reading, selection from the Upper Room and discussion questions. ~ with treats following



Thursday, September 14 – October 12 – November 9

2:00 pm

September 14 Leader: Lyle Crider
October 12 Leader: Pastor Medhat Yoakiem
November 9 Leader: Jan Oliverson

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BACK to SCHOOL



In addition to the school supplies donated on the table in the Narthex, Miranda Gay & Abbey Bosard purchased \$650. 00 of school supplies from the generous donations received for our August Mission of the Month.

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**First
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Church**

Welcome Back

FALL POTLUCK

Sunday, September 10

immediately following the 10:00 am Worship Service

**If you are unable to bring a dish, Don't worry...
Please come, there will be plenty of food.**

***Dessert, Beverages and Rolls
will be provided***

Names starting with:

A-J

K-Z

Salad

Hot Dish or Casserole

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Music on Marschall

Such a great evening with about 130 in attendance at our last Music on Marschall, featuring our own, Loren Wolfe, and pizza from Domino's. The free will offering received of \$429 will be donated to the Southern Valley Alliance.





First Presbyterian Church Community Garden in full bloom.

