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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ:

As I sit here in my office, I am so blessed to be called by you to be your Pastor. You have opened your arms to me and my family and said, "Welcome Home", thank you for that. I am so excited about what God has instore for Peoples and First. We together are going to continue the mission and ministry, worship together, proclaim Gods word together and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

I wanted to take a few moments to tell you a little about who I am. I grew up in northern WI right on Lake Superior. I spent my time either in church or the music room at school. I have been a musician since the 6th grade. I was very active in all aspects of music growing up, I was in orchestra, choir, band, show choir, theater. I was principle bass for the Duluth Superior Youth Orchestra, my high school orchestra and after graduation I served as principle bass for Dakota Valley Symphony in Burnsville MN. I was in several choirs in jr. and sr. high school as well as the church choir. I continued my music after graduation when I started directing church choirs which I did for almost 25 years. I also sang with the Fargo-Moorhead Master Choral for a short time. I have a strong knowledge and passion for the music and liturgy of the church. I believe in the liturgical style of worship and feel that it brings so much meaning to

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MISSION STATEMENTS

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our worship time and life.

I obtained my EMT certification in 2004 and have been active on both full time and volunteer service ever since. I hope to be able to continue my service in this area. I served in Law Enforcement for about 4 years as well.

In my years in church music ministry, I always felt a call to lead, not knowing that one day it would lead me to the pulpit. I was asked several times to fill in on a Sunday and it just really continued to weigh on my heart and when I was given the opportunity to look at Synodically Authorized Minister I felt that it was time to answer the call. I have a passion for the church, for serving others and for proclaiming the word of God. As, I am called into Lay Ministry I also feel the call into Ordained Ministry and hope to in the near future work on becoming ordained in the UCC.

My family consist of my wife Alyssa, together we have 6 children and 2 grandkids. Alyssa has 3 boys, Taygen 24, Hunter 23, Wyatt 20. I have three girls, Olivia 17, Caylen 13, and Marisa 11. My girls are with us during the summer months so you will see them around. Hopefully Alyssa's boys will make an appearance now and then. We are excited to be a part of the Sidney/Savage community.

My day of sabbath will be Friday I will take this day to be with family and tend to my personal well being, I will be around the church and community during the week. I can be reached at any time, for any reason, via my cell phone: 715-294-0157 (texting is

MISSION OF PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL

To provide an environment in which people of all ages can participate in the worship and praise of God through the teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, music, prayer and the sacraments: to provide Christian education and outreach to people of the church family and in the community: to join with other churches in the basic and special support of missions.

MISSION OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

To worship God, to develop our youth, to expand our Christian fellowship and to respond to our community and wider church needs. Through our study of the living Word of God, we will provide a lasting spiritual atmosphere.

From Pastor's Desk Cont.

ok) or my email is joshuawrau@gmail.com.

Over the next few months you may see different things in worship or different styles of doing things. Whenever you get a new leader there will be some changes, I believe that worship is central to who we are and so there may be some changes in how we do things. One thing you will notice starting in July is that we will begin having Holy Communion two Sundays a month. I call this a *Holy Experiment*. We will celebrate the Lords Table on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and I will personally offer Holy Communion to anyone that desires it after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Holy Communion is one of the two sacraments in the United Church of Christ, and it is one that I feel we should celebrate on a regular basis. I look forward to worshipping with you and enhancing our worship life.

It is my hope that I will get to visit with all of you either at the church or in your home so that we can get to know each other and continue the ministry of Peoples and First. Thank you again for calling me to be your new Pastor and I look forward to ministering with you.

Gods Peace,

Pastor Josh



REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

Peoples Congregational Church: Jeana Barnhart, Duane Bergemann, Kathy Crowell, Clara Cundiff, Aaron Franz, Ron Gurney, Lois Kalberer, Jan Scheetz, Doris Swenson, Shari Viall, Peggy Zadow, Anita Scheetz, Tom Scheetz, Nancy Obergfell, Robyn Heck, Dick Davidson, Judy Jensen, Bill Forrester

First Congregational Church: Leslie Hagler, Amelia Messer, Sandy Quinnell, Even Sunwall, Sharon Quinnell, Craig Seeve, Linda Lowry, Sandy Ler, Harvey Hamburg, Leonard Odenbach

PRAYER LIST

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Barone
James Messer
Lawrence Hergenrider
Nickie Shenk
Robert Goss
Bransen Cundiff
Mike Shenk
Don Franz
Nyle Hurley
Nancy Beiswanger
Maura Beiswanger
Vaughn Molden
Henry Maurer
Rod Kalberer
Aaron Filler
Maggie McCarty

2nd
3rd
6th
8th
13th
14th
16th
17th
18th
20th
21st
21st
23rd
26th
30th
30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Linda Lowry
Bill and Mary Forrester
Herb and Shari Schmierer
Bruce and Nancy Beiswanger
Mike and Nickie Shenk
Brad and Marci Cundiff
Doug and Penny Filler

2nd
6th
11th
14th
16th
21st
28th



PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

Present: Keith Bostrom, Vic Gustafson, Tom Scheetz, Belinda Larson, Jeri Stone, Kristen Haugen, Mike Gear

1. Opening Prayer
2. No minutes from previous meeting (Lack of Quorum)
3. Belinda L. presented the Treasurer's Report. Keith B. moved to accept the report. Vic G. Second – Motion Passed
4. Christian Education – Kristen H.
 - a. There will be no Vacation Bible School this summer.
 - b. Honorary Grandparents Sunday was led by the Sunday School.
 - c. Church Dinner and Graduation Sunday which recognized Casey Rehbein was held May 15th, 2022.
 - d. Nathan Williams continues to meet with Henry M. and Ethan K. for confirmation.
 - e. Kristen suggested a gift card for Nathan for his time and help. Vic G. moved that the church purchase a \$100 gift card. Belinda L. Second – Motion Passed
5. Outreach
 - a. Soup and Salad Luncheon income was approximately \$2,000.
 - b. Garage Sale in October – Bring items to the church and put them in the Kindergarten Classroom.
6. Property
 - a. We hope to replace the boards on the front of the church this summer.
7. Finance, Endowment, Worship, Old Business – None
8. New Business
 - a. Pulpit Supply Company interviewing possible candidates this week.
9. Adjournment

Jeri Stone/Mike Gear

Announcements

Peoples Congregational Church's Garage Sale coming in October 2022. Bring your items to church and put in the Sunday School Room closest to the kitchen starting May 1, 2022. NO CLOTHS PLEASE!

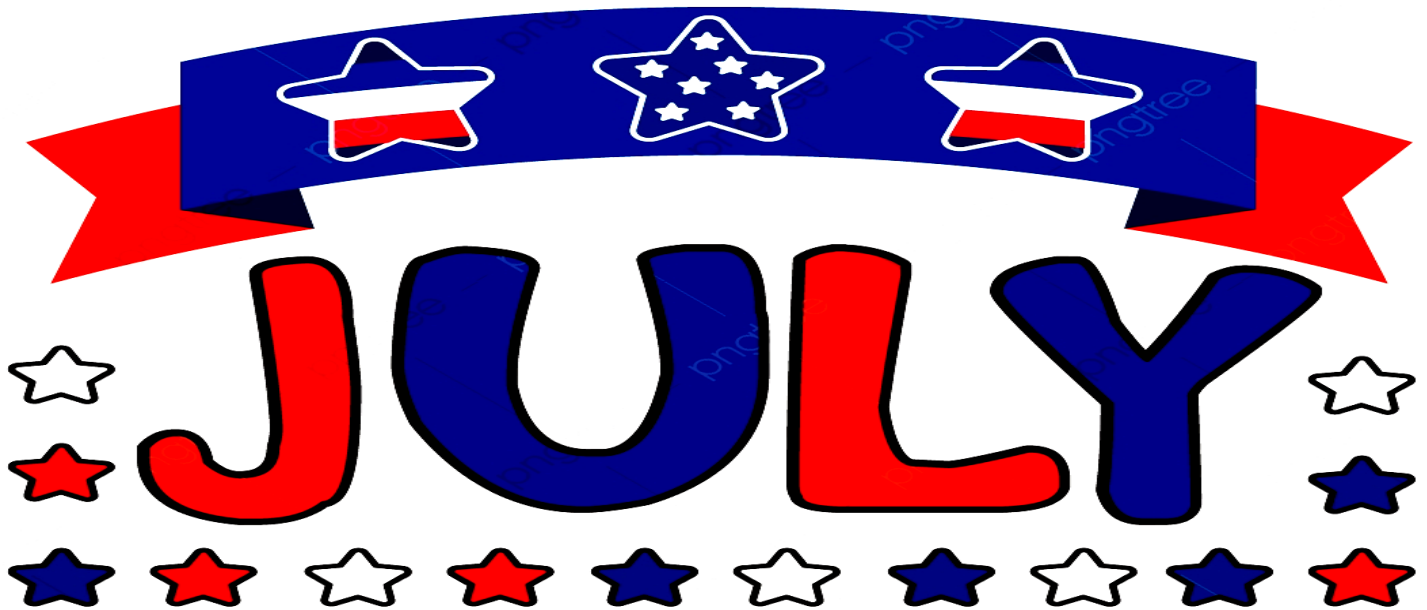
Pastoral Visits

Pr. Josh would like to get to know you and your family. There are sign up sheets in the narthex of both churches, please put your name and number down. Pr. Josh will start contacting people and setting up times to meet.



July 2022

zSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Communion 9am Worship (F) 11am Worship (P)	4	5	6 10am Chapel Talk at Peoples 1pm Peoples Coffee	7 Devotionals at First @ 10am	8	9
10 9am Worship (F) 11am Worship (P)	11	12	13 10am Chapel Talk at Peoples 1pm Peoples Coffee 2pm Manor Worship	14 Devotionals at First @ 10am	15	16
17 Communion 9am Worship (F) 11am Worship (P)	18	19	20 10am Chapel Talk at Peoples 1pm Peoples Coffee 2pm Manor Worship	21 Devotionals at First @ 10am	22	23
24 9am Worship (F) 11am Worship (P)	25	26	27 10am Chapel Talk at Peoples 1pm Peoples Coffee	28 Devotionals at First @ 10am	29	30
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