

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHANGING TIMES: UNDERSTANDING HOMELESSNESS:** The documentary discussion group, “Changing Times...” continues its series with *The Human Experience*-Part 1. Two showings with discussion to follow will be presented at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Willmar on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM and Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. *FPC is one of five Willmar area churches that will host monthly documentary/discussion meetings on topics of importance.* Both meetings are open to the public. Please come and share your thoughts on homelessness in Kandiyohi County.

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE BRAIN:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Brain, sponsored by Pact For Families, is bringing a national expert on gender differences to Willmar on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Leonard Sax will keynote on “Why Gender Matters.” He’s the author of “Girls Adrift” and “Boys on the Edge.” You can register online at [pactforfamilies.org](http://pactforfamilies.org).

**COMMUNITY WIDE MESSIAH SING-ALONG:** Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4PM at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar. Handel’s Messiah is one of the most beloved works of all time. Vinje is hosting a community sing-along for anyone who would like to participate. SINGERS should arrive at 2PM for a rehearsal. Please invite everyone you know to join together in signing this famous work! A free will offering will be received to defray the costs of the event.

**LUTEFISK & MEALBALL DINNER:** Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6:30PM. Meal includes lutefisk, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn glorified rice, romegrot, lefse, flatbread, rosettes, milk and coffee. Adults- \$13.00, children ages 5-12 -\$6.00.

**THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday, November 13 .....	8:45 a.m.	Adult Ed.
.....	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
.....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
.....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
.....	11:00 a.m.	Worship Committee
.....	11:00 a.m.	Nurture & Fellowship Committee
.....	6:00 p.m.	Community Meal
Tuesday, November 15.....	6:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
.....	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee
Wednesday, November 16 .....	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation (G)
.....	6:00 p.m.	Gospel Rock
.....	6:30 p.m.	Bells
.....	7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth
.....	7:45 p.m.	Choir
Thursday, November 17 .....	9:30 a.m.	Quilter’s
.....	4:30 p.m.	Soul Sisters
.....	6:30 p.m.	Music Team
.....	7:00 p.m.	Session
Saturday, November 19.....	10-11:30 a.m.	New Deacon/Elder Orientation
.....	6:30 p.m.	Holidaze Parade
Sunday, November 20 .....	8:45 a.m.	Adult Ed
.....	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Program Practice in JKH
.....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
.....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>

**Ushers:** Connie & Kali Jensen      **Greeters:** Marie Grunwald  
**Projectionist:** Karen Lange      **Pulpit Assistant:** Jill Boeyink  
**Organist:** Marcia Overton      **Coffee:** Cory & George Christensen

**LAST SUNDAY:** 121 members and visitors gathered for worship. 35 adults and children gathered for Sunday School.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORMS** are on the stand at the back of the sanctuary-please give to the ushers. We also ask for prayer requests at the time of congregational prayers.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Diann Anderson; Virginia Molitor and the passing of her mother; Bob Clark; Julie Ruter; Bonnie Fritze; Ersie Quimby.

**FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING ELSEWHERE:** Rob Grunwald, U.S. Coast Guard – Lake Michigan in Two Rivers, Wisconsin; Jon Underdahl-Peirce – Peace Corps, Burkina Faso West Africa, Jeffrey Johnson, Army National Guard – Afghanistan; Steph Ourada, Army – Afghanistan

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS/ADVENT:** After worship on November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating the sanctuary and hallway for Advent/Christmas! You are invited to get something to eat and drink downstairs, and then come back up and help us decorate-the more the merrier (and quicker)!

**SALVATION ARMY:** Our mission envelopes, in the pew racks, are to be used in November for the local Salvation Army, for their emergency help of those in need. The Salvation Army serves as a major clearing house for emergency needs in our community, and our church works through them whenever we can. Please give to this important emergency fund that helps our local community!

**MITTEN TREE MISSION:** A Mitten Tree Mission for the Salvation Army will take place in our church through December 17<sup>th</sup>. Hand knit mittens, scarves and hats for all ages, especially teens are needed. If you don't knit you may purchase items or provide yarn. If you have any questions please contact Dorothy Caine or Sally Packer. Thank-you!

**ACTS OF RANDOM KINDNESS:** Remember to share your Acts of Random Kindness stories in the ARK located on the counter of the kitchenette in the Narthex. There are paper/pencils for you to write down an act of kindness you have done or witnessed, and place it in the slot on the top of the ARK. All of these stories will be printed in the January/February edition of the VOICE Newsletter.

**“FAITH TALK OF THE WEEK”:** “When do you take time to pray? Why at that time?” Discuss this at home or with friends!

**Your pledge supports the church in its present mission; your endowed gifts supports the church in its future mission! Have you remembered your church in your will?**

**SUNDAY ADULT ED CLASSES:** November 20<sup>th</sup>-Bernice on Attitude; November 27<sup>th</sup>-No Adult Class

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** This fall we are trying an experiment with our music in worship: one Sunday the piano will be the main accompaniment, along with the music team, and the other Sunday the organ (and also sometimes the piano) will be the main accompaniment, along with the choir. This will make it easier to plan ahead, to coordinate our different kinds of music, to use our music staff's gifts in the most effective ways, to give our music volunteers a break-and time to be with their families!-and to provide more time to prepare. We will be asking for your feedback later this fall, to see how this is working. Meanwhile thanks for letting us experiment, as we strive for the most worshipful experience that we can provide!

**THE PEW BAGS ARE READY!** The pew bags are ready and are for sale. Displays are set up in the hall and also downstairs at the entry of JKH. Act quickly or you will loose out, because when they are gone, they're gone.

**“CALLING ALL SAVERS”** The Visual Arts Team is looking to you! Somewhere in a folder, file, a drawer, a box, a photo album... in your attic, basement or garage... is something related to First Presbyterian Church from yesterday/yesteryear! It may not even look important, but who knows-your memories may be our treasures! It may be a photo of your son as one of the Three Kings; it may be a wedding photo showing the chancel area of our old church; it may be a photo of session members from the 1940's; it may be a youth event program; it may be a brochure from the Stewardship Committee telling how the church will spend your contribution to the building fund; a thank-you from a community service project; it may be a long-lost banner featuring our new church; it may be a piece of furniture or a brick from the old church building...who knows what you may find in your “collections”??

Please look. We don't know what we want, we may not be able to use all that you find, but we want to consider all possibilities as we begin our work in planning a “First Presbyterian Heritage Corner/Room” display. We will log all items that come into the office. It would be helpful if you could jot down the year and the story about the item(s). Please consider gifting your items to the church to have them preserved and just think-these items will no longer be taking up space in your collection!

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact one of us. ~Linda Jans, Sally Packer, or Mark & Nancy Chamberlain.

**SAFE AVENUES WOMEN'S SHELTER:** Please consider donating gently used or new toys, books, children's items, etc., or make a monetary donation to the Jr. & Sr. High youth to purchase items to wrap and deliver to the Safe Avenues Women's Shelter on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Youth are invited to meet at the church at 6PM that evening to travel to Wal-Mart, purchase gifts, return to the church to wrap their items and later deliver them to Safe Avenues.

Once the gifts are delivered, we'll return back to church for a sleepover. Please bring \$3 to help with the cost of food and you may invite one friend. Parents may pick you up at 9AM on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the Narthex.

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**WILLMAR AREA FOOD SHELF:** Volunteers Needed!! (624 Pacific Ave SW, Willmar)

Shopping Assistants: Teach clients to walk thru and fill their own orders, assist clients that are unable to shop by themselves.

Receiving/Back Room: Help take in donations, stock shelves.

Volunteer Janitor: Light cleaning.

Volunteer Donation Pick Up Drivers: Pick up donations at local retailers in the mornings or afternoons. Days needed: Monday-Friday.

Call or see Laura Jorgenson at 235-2641