

September 2021

*Sunday Services:
8:30 in Oconto
& Live on Zoom*

10:30 in Marinette



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A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

The Messenger

Reminder!

**Stacy is in the church office
Mondays and Wednesdays
8:30-12:30 and Fridays as
needed.**

**Pastor Craig is in Oconto on
Mondays and Wednesdays.
He is in Marinette on
Tuesdays and Thursdays.
You can always call either
church office or Pastor's cell
phone as needed, 604-3922**

****As always please contact
the church office or a session
member if you have any
questions or concerns,
835-3922**

coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

*Deadline for the August issue is
September 20, please email articles to
Amy: amy@eapetersonfamily.com*

Belief -

Presbyterians, like most Protestant churches, believe in what is known as "the priesthood of all believers." All Christians have equal status in God's eyes, there is no special class of Christians. However, some people's gifts are well suited to the tasks of preaching, pastoral care, or other forms of leadership, and these people are "called" to lead the church. Our leadership consists of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders who serve on the session, and the Board of Deacons.

Our current group of elders are: **Don Sikma** (Finance Elder - 2021), **Craig Bahrke** (Property and Grounds Elder - 2022), **Kristy Patenaude** (Ministry Elder - 2023), **Jim McDowell** (Elder at Large - 2021), and **Wil Anderson** (Elder at Large - 2021), and we have one open position of Elder at Large - 2021. **Polly Exferd** is the clerk for session and **Nikki Giese** is the Session Recorder. We thank all of them for their service to our church and our community.

thank you!



All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & families including:

Sterling Heyrman (Navy – Great Lakes Naval Training Center).

Michael Beck finished his military career in June after 9 years of service. He and his family continue to reside in Fort Worth, TX. He is starting a career in service with a medical equipment company. They thank you for the prayers over his service. He left with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition:, Athelstane, Wausaukee, Forest Larger Parish (Lakewood, Wabeno, Laona), First American Lutheran, Oconto

For the families and friends of those who have passed away: **Cindy Reed, Rev. John Lyford, Jean Lyford, Pat DeWitt, Eileen Hoehne, David Matravers, Honey Schroder, and Dr. Charles Awen**

General Prayers: Deets Aland, Songhee Buck, Margaret Dakins, Currie Sowle Dulata, **Pete Gabrielson**, Vicki Haag, Ted Haakonson, Bennett Heyrman, Rick Jose, Rosetta Lehman, Stella McCarthy, Gary Miller, Barb McNutt, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Ruth Sebero, Diane Staidl, Sue Stodola, Sue Strandt, Dean & Judy Swaer, and Diane Williams

Need to add someone to the prayer list? Is an update needed on the prayer list? Please contact Stacy in the church office with additions or corrections – Thank you!

Paster's Ponderings...

As the school year starts up, many of us will be getting back into a welcomed routine of life. After 18 months I too am excited to get back into a routine as I “finish the race” of my Doctoral studies. The events of the past 18 months have pushed my completion date out, and I am now looking to graduate in December of 2022. In order to achieve this goal I will be designating several periods of time (3-7 days each) to focus on writing, some of which will include travel to Dubuque. During these times I will have a list of other clergy available for emergencies. After serving with this congregation for almost 13 years, I know that you are all more than willing to step in and help each other through the tough moments of life. Thank you for your continued prayers for my studies, and I look forward to seeing the results of my upcoming research impacting the ministry of FPC for years to come!

Pastor Craig

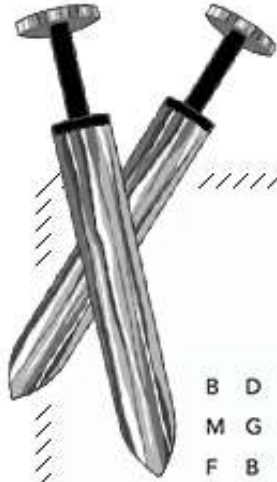
CHECK OUT THE NEW ADDITIONS AROUND THE CHURCH



The new Window Memorial board is mounted just inside the front doors, right above the Memorial Gift Book. Thank you to everyone who helped to support the installation of the new windows.

With the closure of the Legion Golf Course, there were many benches that were given to the families. We are thankful to have John B. LeMay's bench providing a place of rest near the front door of our house of worship. John and Gloria did so much for our family of faith.





Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

ARMOR OF GOD

B D T U V C L V U Z I E F P I I A P G A
M G T G T B E L W F S P Y A U C R O Y E
F B V A C W T L X A T H J U W P R U D X
G W R R V F V I W U D E F L Z I O O K A
W R C E E L O H I M Q S V U D R W P A A
L O I G A M N G B T B I C J I F S F Q A
M G R G L S H R K G R A U X J M C L A S
S Q G D H F T Z U B V N G T G V X L V W
H P H R O T B P J M L S G U F F P U L O
U Z A I Q F E V L K K M B L A K E H H R
E B H A S Z G O K A E V I L I C Y E O D
K P B R Q T Q O U P T X G F T Y B L T U
T S R E Y I R W D S S E K O H R A M T Y
O Q K A L J E E E J N X Q B V N H E F C
W W X R Y T E Z N U U E W Y Y H S T W T
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O S G R A A R B Q R T S F S M S Q F P U
G K Q C S H I E L D V H B I K K A J R T
R C H J Z T P S A L V A T I O N R N T H
L B W L V G K K Q P W I I P E A C E Z N

FAITH
PAUL
SWORD
PRAYER
FEET
HELMET

BELT
SHIELD
ARROWS
WORD OF GOD
SALVATION
STRENGTH

TRUTH
ELOHIM
RIGHTEOUSNESS
BREASTPLATE
PEACE
EPHESIANS



For more free Bible resources and Teacher Packs including coloring pages,
worksheets, quizzes and more visit our website at:
www.biblepathwayadventures.com

PLEASE READ

Rev Craig Alwin is inviting you to join a scheduled Zoom Worship Service.

Topic: FPC Oconto Sunday Worship

Time: 08:30 AM

Worship will start at (or about) 8:30AM. This invite is being shared with people outside our local congregation, so don't be alarmed if you don't recognize someone. If you see or hear anything inappropriate, please unmute and let us know so that person can be muted or blocked. (There have been reports of malicious activity like this called "zoom-bombing" which is why we use passwords and don't publish the meeting info on the web or social media.) Anyone who joins the meeting early can unmute themselves and share joys, concerns, or whatever's going on. All are welcome to hang out after worship for "coffee hour" fellowship.

Please, respect the privacy of others by not sharing info without their permission.

A) To join the worship service with your phone audio only:

(This will work with any landline, flip phone, or smart phone)

1. Dial the phone number **1-312-626-6799**
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
3. You will be asked to enter another code *OR* press # again: **ONLY PRESS #**
4. Enter the password: **8353922**
5. You will automatically be muted to prevent feedback and distractions
(whenever a noise is detected, the visual screen switches to that participant)
 - a. You can mute or unmute yourself by pressing ***6** during the meeting
 - b. You can "raise your hand" to let us know you want to talk by pressing ***9**

B) To join the worship service with your computer or smartphone:

1. Download the Zoom App
2. Join the Zoom Meeting by one of the following options:
 - a. Use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85623683669?pwd=bitsbUtMeUJISWtZSXIHRzY0MVBGdz09>
 - b. Open your Zoom app and manually enter the following
 1. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
 2. Enter the password: **8353922**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT 8:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY!

Your Session is maintaining our in person meeting guidelines based on the CDC's most recent recommendations. We will continue to welcome mask usage at any time, but are not requiring masks if you are fully vaccinated. We ask that everyone continue to honor social distancing for family groups as much as is possible. We want to continue to living out the Biblical command to live with respect for all, and expect all inside our building to honor those who prefer mask usage or extra distance in their presence. Hand sanitizer and masks will continue to be available.

Additionally, we will be opening the sanctuary windows and running the air exchanger to bring in fresh filtered air during worship, so please dress as if you were worshipping outside. For those who choose to gather online, will continue the live Zoom connection as it has been (details on the previous page.) Our goal is to gather together as the Body of Christ in worship.

Please remember, your Session may, at its discretion, revise or adjust these procedures as they see the need based on public health guidance and the situation of our local context. Remember Church is not where you are, but who we are together. Please join us to share in worship.

Need help with one of the worship options? Have a question? Need to contact a Deacon or member of Session? Call the church office at 920-835-3922.

Need some guidance? How about Taking Faith Home?

Have you received your weekly sheets? They are being sent via email. Have a new email address? Prefer them sent a different way? Please notify the church office at 920-835-3922 of any changes or corrections.

This is a great tool to use individually or as family. It has many options, for prayers, readings or even explaining church traditions.

