#### September 2022

We miss you! Join us Sundays at 10:30 AM for Worship Service



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A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

# The Messenger

Please take note ...

Pastor Craig is in Oconto on Mondays and Wendesdays. He is in Marinette on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can always call either church office or Pastor's cell phone as needed, 920-604-3922

As always please contact the church office, Deacon or Elder if you have any questions or concerns. The office phone number is 920-835-3922.

Thank to Michelle McDowell for contributing articles for this newsletter. Having something you want to share? Please let the office know!

#### coming soon >>> In The Next Issue

Deadline for October issue is Sep. 20, please email articles or updates to Amy: amy@eapetersonfamily.com Thanks!

### Potluck – September 11, 2022

The youth group would like to invite everyone to a Family Back-to-School potluck after service on September 11th! Please bring your backpacks, briefcases or bags to service for a Blessing of the Backpacks & stay after service to share in some fun! We will have some outdoor games & activities as well. If you have questions please reach out to Dawn (920-371-4411) or Michelle (920-835-5275). Hope to see you there..let's send our youth back to school with a little fun!





All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & families including: Sterling Heyrman - Navy.

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

General Prayers:

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!

# Sunday School Update...

Sunday School is meeting again!! The youth will be helping around the church and during worship times so attendance will be super important. The older youth will also be helping with Sunday School along the way. Sunday school dates for the remainder of the year are: September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18. Sunday School meets from 9 AM -10:30 AM at church.

Please reach out to Michelle McDowell, Dawn Steele or Kristy Patenaude with any questions or concerns about youth activities. PLEASE consider helping out as we work to get out youth involved in church, the community and with each other.

# Need Help? Have a Project? Have a Job for our Youth?

The youth group is ready to serve you!

The Youth group is looking to help out anyone in our community. Do you need help with a painting or staining project? How about yard clean-up? Or maybe planning ahead for some raking this fall?? How about another small project in or around your home?

Please contact Becky Schlueter at 920-373-7148 with your needs and to see if it would be a project our youth could tackle for you.

# Planning ahead...

The Deacon's pantry and Bread by the Bay Food Pantry are always accepting donations. If you are able to put a few more things in your cart next time you shop, please do so. Bring them to church to help fill our cart and pantry shelves.

Our church will again this year be helping out with Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps premier community action program. There are multiple ways to help: buy to toys to donate (for children ages Newborn-17), host a collection box at your business or place of work (maybe have a friendly challenge or competition to help boost donations), volunteer to distribute collection boxes or pick them up. Volunteers are also needed to help sort toys.

If you are able to help, have questions or want to simply know more about this wonderful community project please contact Stacy in the church office, 920-834-3922.

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September 11, 2022 – Blessing of the Backpacks Service at 10:30 AM Bring your backpack, briefcase, satchel, or rolling suitcase! Whatever carries your work/homework for you, Bring it along! Youth Group Fundraiser a Success!

The youth group would like to thank Eric Peterson along with his family for such a fantastic event on August 16th! "Elvis" was in the house! The event was well-attended but there were some open seats. Through a generous donation from one of the spectators, Lori Stenstrup, the additional seat donation amount of \$5 per seat was donated to the youth. Eric & Amy have donated \$723 from this event which we are forever grateful for!! Thank you Eric & Amy  $\bigotimes$ 



#### **PLEASE READ**

#### Rev Craig Alwin is inviting you to join a scheduled Zoom Worship Service. Topic: FPC

#### **Oconto Sunday Worship**

#### Time: 10:30 AMish

Worship will start at (or about) 10:30 AM. 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: **<u>xxxxxxxxxxx</u>**
- 3. You will be asked to enter another code OR press # again: ONLY PRESS #
- 4. Enter the password: **xxxxxxx**
- 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 <u>computer</u> or <u>smartphone</u>:

- 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=bitsbUtMeUJISWtZSX1HRzY0MVBGdz09

- b. Open your Zoom app and manually enter the following
  - 1. Enter the Meeting ID: **<u>xxxxxxxxxxxx</u>** 
    - 2. Enter the password: **xxxxxxx**

Up earlier on Sunday? Follow Pioneer Presbyterian Church on Facebook to listen in on their service at 9:00 A.M.