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July 28, 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

Coming Events

The church's website is www.schallerpresby.com



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will next be celebrated during worship on Sunday, August 4th. 🔔



Next Meeting for Christian Growth will be on **Wed., August 14th** at 5:30 p.m. We will meet to discuss Open

House and meet the kids/parents for Purple Gang. Also need to start planning **Christmas** Program. 🔔



Reminder: The next stated Session Meeting will be **Wednesday, August 21st** at 7:00 p.m. 🔔



BLESSINGS OF THE CHILDREN'S BACKPACKS

Your backpack goes with you all year, in nice weather and rain and snow, on your happy, good days and your sad, bad days. It carries what you need, and when you forget it you feel lost and worried. Who does that remind you of? That's right! God!

On Sunday, August 18th the children are asked to bring their school backpacks to be blessed during the morning worship. 🔔



PURPLE GANG

We will begin Purple Gang on **September 11th** at 3:30 p.m. I believe that the program has maintained its popularity as we seem to attract between 15 to 20 children per year. Our theme during this Fall will be Old Testament Heroes and the Spring Theme will be the miracles of Jesus.

I and the other adults in the program have formed bonds with the children and believe that we have witnessed to the love of God in Jesus Christ. We hope and pray that we are planting a seed of faith that will result in people who are rooted in Jesus Christ and who spread the seed of his word to others. 🔔



Confirmation class will resume on **September 8th**. I enjoyed working with Courtney Pyle and Parker Currie last year and look forward to our further explorations of Christian discipleship and what it means to be a Presbyterian. 🔔

2019 Per Capita amount is \$40.66. It is very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages **all members** to contribute. Please make checks out to Schaller Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark your check "Per Capita." 🔔



CHURCH FLOAT

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped getting the float ready and to everyone who rode on the float!! The work and dedication is very much appreciated. 🛎

GIVING BACK TO GOD

We exist to serve, but we need to be good stewards and pay our bills. Please spend some time in prayer for our church and its mission. If we are sincere, God will provide. 🛎

AUGUST 2019 SERMON PASSAGES

August 4

Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-5

August 11

Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 12:46-50

August 18

Hebrews 4:14-5:10; Matthew 26:36-40

August 25

Hebrews 9:1-14; Matthew 12:1-6

Our Congregation In Action

AUGUST USHERS

08/04 – 08/11 Jane Bisenius and Dorothy Ploeger

08/18 – 08/25 Aaron & Sarah Jacobson

SEPTEMBER USHERS

09/01 – VOLUNTEERS

09/08 – 09/15 Scott & Lorna Currie

09/22 – 09/29 Stuart & Angie Claussen



USHERS: Ushers will serve for 2 weeks. PLEASE be there 20 minutes before service. Welcome everyone and hand out bulletins. Count and post attendance. Take up offering. If unable to serve find a replacement.

PLEASE have new visitors sign guest book. 🔔

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday Mornings			
06/30	12	07/07	21
07/14	Worship at Methodist Church		
07/21	34		



(Ushers **PLEASE** Post Church Attendance)

Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man.

--Dwight L. Moody



Elders

August: Bruce Mentzer

September: Phil Diersen

Elders remember this includes helping count the Sunday Offering. 🔔

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST

04 Communion

11 Betty Franken and Carolyn Young

25 Adam & Melanie Pyle

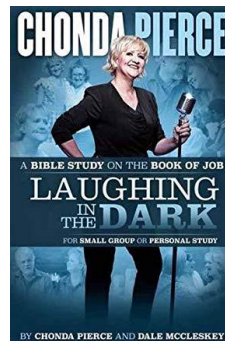
SEPTEMBER

01 Labor Day Weekend

15 Early Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Chicken Dinner

* Schaller Fireman's Breakfast

(If unable to serve, please exchange with someone.)



LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

Please let me know if you need me to buy a book for the upcoming Bible Study on the Book of Job. I have the DVD if anyone wants to watch before the study. As part of the study, we will look at various aspects of

the DVD to explore how Job helps us through the most difficult times in our lives. The study book is 9.99 and the study will start in September.

We don't change God's message – His message changes us.



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Newsletter deadline with September information is Sunday, August 25th. 🔔

God loves his children, not because of who they are, but because of who He is! 🔔



Our Church, Our Session, Our Members in Care Facilities, Our Homebound Members, School Kids and Teachers, Cathy Sydnor, Janice Rydberg, Holli Safely, Sue Diersen's

Niece Kelly, Mitch Mentzer, Judy Fells in the loss of her mother, Mallory McDonough, Don & Jeanette Peterson in the loss of their daughter Marcia, Clayton Woodke, Rose Sackett, Bob Halder, Beth Langner, Roger Beebe, Alex Kron, Doug O'Bannon & his family, Lyle Noll in the loss of his mother, The Marcia Peterson Loucks Family, The Shantel Ploen Family, the Military, our President and Congress.

JOYS: CONGRATULATIONS to Kayla Ronfeldt and Keagan Struchen who were married on June 29th. Kayla is Jim & Cathy McDonough's grand-daughter.

50 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY: Congratulations to Rev. Duane Queen who celebrated his 50th Ordination Anniversary on July 7th.

-SEND A CARD--MAKE A PHONE CALL--SEND AN EMAIL--VISIT--SAY A PRAYER—

If you would like to request prayers, contact Rev. Michael Sydnor (Phone: 712-275-4691) or Denise King (275-4516). 🛎

Prayers are so very powerful!



May the love of the Lord flow gently and freely into your heart, giving you peace and strength.

With Sympathy to the Families Marcia Peterson Loucks and Jane Dimmick.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4. 🛎

Anything that makes you pray, is a blessing

Prayer Quote:

I choose not to be a product of my circumstances. I choose to be a product of prayer. God is BIGGER than my circumstances.



ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniv.	Name
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08/03	Bruce and Jackie Mentzer
08/13	John & Brenna Franken
08/29	Jim & Missy Kestel

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Birth day	Name
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08/09	Beverly Alderson
08/09	Stuart Claussen
08/11	Rev. Kenneth Fells
08/20	Shirley Claussen
08/27	Kallie Pyle

A little smile adds a lot to your face value.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our children need teachers. You can team teach or sign up for a single week to the entire school year. We have positions available for both grades 1st-3rd and 4th-6th. Bible Study curriculum with detailed lesson plans are available. You can even review lesson plans with a consultant if you desire. Please contact Rev. Michael Sydnor (712-275-4691) if you are interested in teaching for a week, every other week, or a month. 🛎

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met on July 17 and a quorum was present. Here are some of the subjects discussed.

MISSION: David Sydnor is leaving to go to New Orleans on August 11th and the Sydnor Family would like to host a dinner to raise funds for his trip in Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 9th at 6:00 PM. David will be representing the Schaller First Presbyterian church through a program called Youth Adult Volunteer (YAV) in New Orleans working with individuals in Mission needs though out the city. In particular, he will use his Spanish to help people of Hispanic descent. He will live in New Orleans for 10 months helping the residents through various endeavors and although his room and board are taken care of, mission work requires some funds to help him with expenditures throughout the year. Dinner will be on Friday night with brisket sandwiches, sides and bars on the menu. Plates will be 10.00 each. We hope everyone in our church can help with his endeavor. More info will be in newsletter.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH: MSC that Michael go ahead with purchasing next years VBS Program. Jane Bisenius reported that Popcorn Days Food Stand was a success. We only had buns, pies, and cookies left over. We used the pies and cookies for Fellowship after church on Sunday the 21st.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Janice Ploeger to contact someone in Schaller to see about repairs to sign on church grounds. Wood work on framing and sill need to be fixed. Other men in Session will explore costs to put up a fence on property near alley after the discussion on property lines were brought up with neighbor. We have solved the dispute but want to avoid this discussion in future. Bids were given to fix down spouts and gutters to manse. Flooring repairs to Fellowship Hall will take place soon under direction of George Turnquist, Kirk Langner, and Bruce Mentzer.

PASTORS REPORT: Michael has asked for leave to attend a seminar on "The Art of Transitional Leadership" in Buffalo, MN on Sept 16-20th. MSC.

This is a Continuing Education Program for ministers. Next month, Lou Baker from Committee on Ministry, will join our session meeting. One basic question asked when they visit is "What can Presbytery help us with as a church?" If you have any questions you want relayed, please give them to a Session member to be addressed.

Next meeting is August 21, 2019 7:00 PM

NOLA: A Year in the Big Easy

Life goes through many hiccups. We believe life will go one way, however; at times, it will go in a direction you were unable to foresee. For me, this is true in my YAVS journey. I was fully geared to work with the Y and their education service. They provide tutoring for children and adults, and help those without high school diplomas get their GEDs. The program also works with jobs seekers getting people's resumes ready to be sent off.

Unfortunately, due to funding cuts, I will not be working in partnership with the Y. This does NOT mean I won't be going to New Orleans. I will still be going to New Orleans, but as for my mission, I don't have a clear understanding of my placement. I don't want to send out false information, and the information I do have is rather vague. I want you all to be well informed about my time in New Orleans. If you want to see what I'll be doing you can follow my YAV blog. Type in <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/yav-new/david-sydnor/> If you are inclined, feel free to donate. This helps me and my fellow YAVS. Every little bit helps. Have a blessed day.

-David Sydnor

RIDDLE

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

He just knew there was something fishy about it. 🐟

Why God Made Teachers

When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

--Kevin William Huff

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God's Precious Gift! --
Deborah Lynn Gladwell

Children are God's precious gift to man,
We are to love them and raise them.
And when they are grown, give back to him.

When they are born they're like a clean slate;
Ready for you to write instructions.
That will guide the direction they should take.

For this very important task,
You must get on your knees.
And God's guidance you must ask.

Hug and kiss them everyday.
Instruct them in God's work,
And teach them to pray! 🛎



