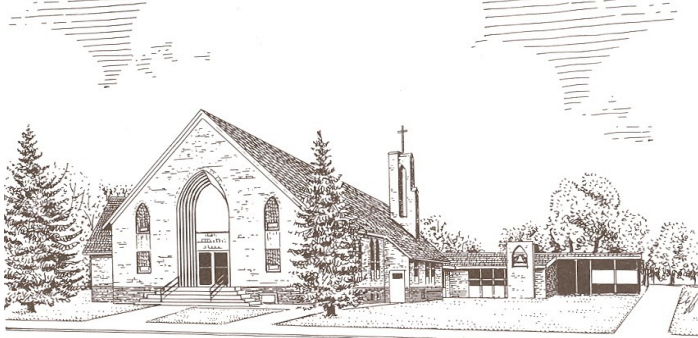


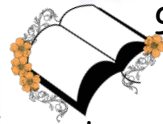
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2024 Newsletter
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Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM

Secretarial Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Sunday Choir @ 10:00 AM

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 AM

*1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Prayer Ministry @ 12:00 PM*

Tuesday Handbells @ 1:30 PM

*Thursday Bible Study at the
Horizon Lodge @ 2:00 PM*

*1st Friday of every month
Community Meal @ 11:30 AM to
1:00 PM*

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW
US ON FACEBOOK



Mark Your Calendars!!

Enjoy a home cooked meal and an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new friends on Friday, September 6th, starting at 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Conrad. The menu is BBQ Meatballs, Cheesy Potatoes, and Dessert. Everyone is welcome at our tables.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

BRING A FRIEND!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



PASTOR'S CORNER



New Years Day

For our students, be they kindergarten-ers or college age, the New Year started in August this year—maybe September. My niece left for Rice University in Houston, one of the those sad yet joy-filled days for our family. No doubt other parents and relatives experienced the same whether their child was leaving the nest for the first time ever to begin kindergarten, or going to join Champ, the Bobcat, or Monte, the Grizz.

It is also a New Year at church. Summer has been quiet—except for our tenacious First Friday Community Meal cooks and hostesses, some early bird planners who purchase and pack school supplies for student backpacks, get materials ready for the sewing class, help staff the food pantry or dish up the sweet stuff for our Ice Cream Social. Actually, now that I think about it, church hasn't been so quiet after all.

Matthew 22:37-39 says, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind...[and] you must love your neighbor as you love yourself...” Sometimes loving your neighbor takes a stretch but the rewards are mighty. Churches are probably the biggest volunteer organizations in any community. We run on volunteers who love the Lord with all their being and love their neighbors by volunteering to organize and put on the Annual Whoop-Up Worship in the Park, to cook meals for anyone who wants to join us for lunch, volunteering to teach classes, to keep the buildings sound and in good shape, to help youth groups do mission work or go camping or shop for food stuff for the food pantry and other community organizations. They give of their time, talents and money to help others know that Jesus loves everyone of us, whether you believe in a higher power or not.

This new year First Presbyterian Church needs parents and neighbor-loving souls to help cook, chaperone, teach, supply and guide our children and youth groups. The rewards are mighty. Your time will be blessed with appreciative smiles and hugs, kids laughing and having fun. The payback is youngsters who are doing more than staring at their cell phones, couch surfing, bored to death, or searching in all the wrong places for love. Spend a night a week or once a month with these kids—it's time well spent. Happy New Year!!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for ADULTS at GLACIER CAMP

The autumn TIM Talks will be held at the Camp, September 15th-17th. The subject will be “Fear Not - The Gospel in Two Words.” We will explore the different places where this mandate is found, from the book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation and talk about how relevant this message is to people in our world today.

“Come to the Waters” Event

San Francisco Theological Seminary/Glacier Presbyterian Camp is providing a “Come to the Waters” event with a special on-line and in person experience this Fall. “Teach Me Your Way!” is a series of seminars exploring texts from the Psalter and Lamentations in a way that is both in-depth and interactive. The first four sessions starting Thursday, September 26th will be on-line and the in-person event at the Camp set for October 20th-22nd.

TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD!

Pathfinding Along the Contours
of Faith and Ministry

A “Come to the Waters” Seminar

Join us for a series of interactive workshops for lay and ordained ministry leaders.

Plot a more meaningful pathway through faith and ministry, using prayer, art, worship, and Scripture.

Travel with us towards refreshment, resilience, compassion, and solidarity.

Online: Thurs 26 Sept; 3, 10, and 17 Oct, 2024.

7.30-9.00 pm Mountain. Free: all are welcome!

In-person retreat: Sun 20 - Tues 22 Oct, 2024.

Glacier Presbytery Camp, Lakeside MT.



Ask about Continuing Education or graduate credit.

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SEPTEMBER LAY READERS

Sept. 1 Sean McHenry
Sept. 8 Roma Lee Fuson
Sept. 15 Carol Bain
Sept. 22 Gary Klette
Sept. 29 Martha Orcutt



DEACON'S LIST

Sept. 1 Jeanne & Arlene
Sept. 8 Amy & Nikki
Sept. 15 Karen & DJ
Sept. 22 Jeanne & Karla
Sept. 29 Carol & Arlene



2024 WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat was held at Glacier Camp Spruce Lodge August 16th-18th. Eleven of the eighteen churches in the Presbytery were represented by approximately 30 people. Conrad sent 7 women; we were blessed to have an anonymous donation to provide scholarships for those wanting to attend. Reverend Tim Lanham presented two sessions entitled "Words of Life, the Bible as our Living Library of Faith, and two sessions entitled "Scripture as a Guide to Joyful Living". Music was led by a great team from Harlem. A book discussion on "Lessons in Chemistry" was led by the Helena Presbyterian Women. Helena also presented a Mission project; the ladies stuffed small stuffed animals. Cheryl Thompson from Seeley Lake presented an art project on liturgical art. The participants created a display for the Sunday morning worship. Due to weather, the boat ride on Swan Lake was postponed due to weather. A Necrology ceremony honored those women from Glacier Presbytery who have passed away in the past two years, and tea lights were lit in their honor. Old friendships were renewed, new friendships were made. There was much laughter and visiting, and quiet reflections on the deck, looking at the serene waters of Flathead Lake. We were also blessed with wonderful weather (no smoke) and great food. Plans are already in the works for the 2025 Women's Retreat, which will be held August 15th-17th, 2025.

2024 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

"Do Everything in Love" was the theme of the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 7th-11th. Kim Cooney and Carol Dayrider represented Glacier Presbytery at this event, Carol as a voting delegate at the business meeting. Many different sectionals were presented on a variety of topics, all of which related to the Biblical text for the Gathering. There were four plenary sessions. Thursday, August 8th included Rev. Cindy Kohlmann's "What's Love Got to Do With It?" keynote. Friday, August 9th morning plenary with Rev. Yung Me Morris "Did You Eat Yet?" talked about how hospitality is shown in Korean culture. The 2024-2025 Horizons Bible Study: *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. A dance, a Bible study preview and a talk about neighborliness highlight Friday evening's PW Plenary. "We are indeed 'fearfully and wonderfully made' was the message of the Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz. There was also an update on Frontera deCristo, part of the Presbyterian Borderlands Ministry that does work at the U.S. southern border. The co-moderator of the 226th General Assembly preached on the language of love in the closing Plenary on Sunday morning. All in all, this was an incredible experience. The next CWG of Presbyterian Women will be held in 2027 and I would love to attend again.

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNITY MEALS - The team served a meal each month through the summer, with surprising attendance, considering many people have summer activities that take them out of town. The July meal, which was the day after the 4th, was our smallest attendance during this time and we still served about 40 meals.

FOOD PANTRY - Treats and drinks were served 3 of the 4 months. As we set up outside, the June serving had to be canceled due to rain and other weather.

SCHOOL CLOSETS - There haven't been any requests from the schools for clothing items, as the inventory of clothing is adequate at this time. However, there is always a need for hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, etc.) which may be dropped off in the Narthex boxes.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICES - In July, twenty-five (25) hygiene kits were prepared and mailed to the Little Rock Arkansas facility. These kits contain 7 items (hand towel, washcloth, Band-Aids, bar soap, nail clippers, comb, and a toothbrush) that are distributed to victims of natural disasters.

AFTER SCHOOL SEWING CLASS - On their last day of classes on May 10th, the girls finished their 10 quilts and celebrated with ice cream treats at Olson's Drug. There has been early interest from parents and children for participation in the classes this coming year, which will be beginning in September (date to be determined). Projects and materials are in the gathering process. In August, instructor, Karen Burditt, will take the machines to the Bernina shop in Great Falls for the annual maintenance check.

CASA BACKPACKS - On August 7th, fifteen (15) backpacks were filled with the required school supplies for students in age groups K-12 in the CASA program. Nancy Powell joined us in the packing of the bags. The backpacks have been picked up by the director and are in the process of being distributed.

Attention will now be turned to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for shipping in mid-November.

Karen Burditt Karla Wittmier
Pat Keil Martha Orcutt
Della Kellogg Arlene Newmiller



CALLING ALL RINGERS!

The Glorioso Ringers will begin their rehearsals on Tuesday, September 10th at 1:30 PM. We welcome anyone who wishes to be a part of our bell choir whether young or old. No experience necessary.

If you or anyone you know is interested in ringing please contact Jan Carter at (406) 278-5409. Or, better yet, come to our rehearsal and see and hear what it's all about!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will meet on September 12th, at 10:30 AM. This meeting is a No-Host Luncheon. Kim Cooney and Carol Dayrider will give reports on the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. Everyone is welcome to attend.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CONRAD



Session Highlights - August 2024

NOTICE: The church charge account at IGA will be closed, and we will switch to a reimbursement method for future church expenses. If you have any questions, please visit with Greg Kellogg or Pat Keil.

The Church Finances:

July 2024:

Operating Income:	\$5,616.00
Operating Expenses:	\$9,204.20
July Balance:	-\$3,588.20
Year-to-Date Balance:	-\$16,158.35



The Discipleship Committee reports:

1. Plans are underway for our continuing youth programs.
2. Additional help is needed. Please contact Marla Bruner or Pastor Judy if you are interested.

The Outreach Committee reports:

1. First Friday Community Meals continue to be well attended.
2. After School Sewing Class will begin in September.

The next Session meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM.



PRAYER LIST

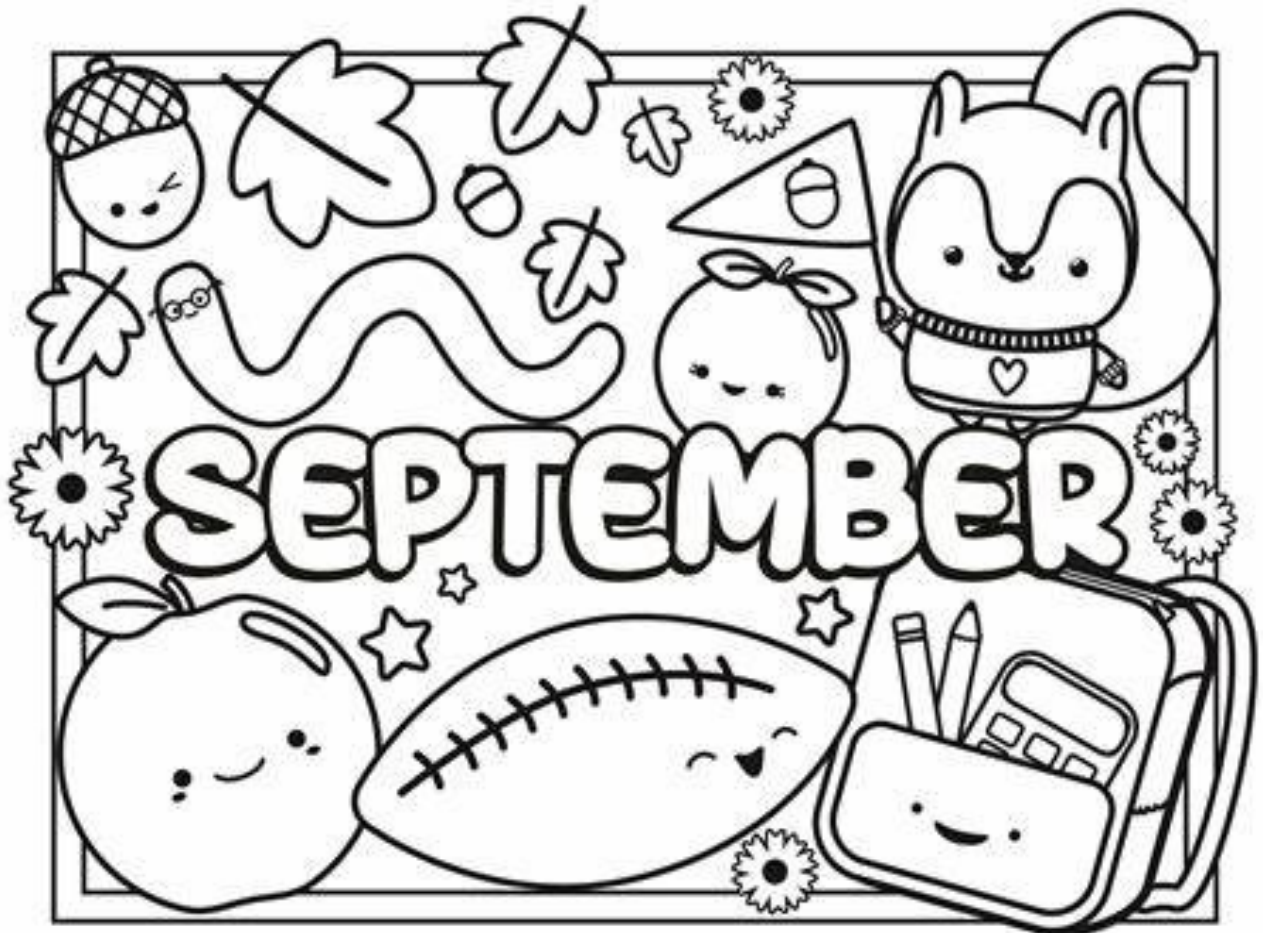
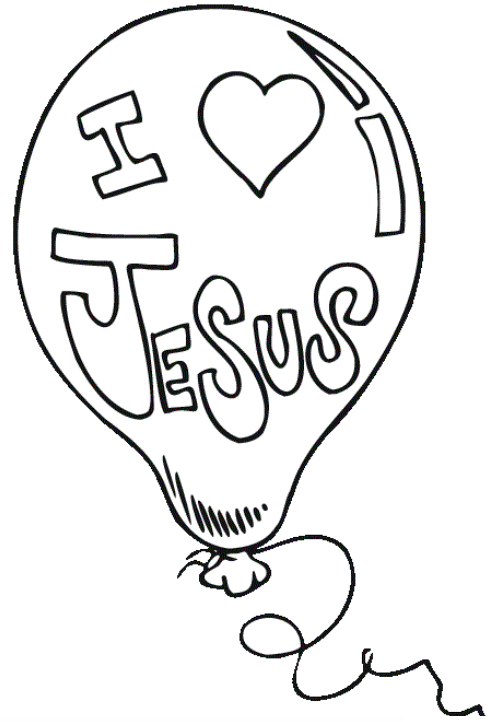


Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of Lucas Fowler, Family & Friends of Elsie Lamma, Family & Friends of Dolores Wittmier, Kristine Ries Prewett, Helen Stordahl, Rosie Johns, Opal Ayers, Dell May, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana Ahmed, Brandon Newmiller, Helen Elliott, Pearl Severtson, Barb Malone, and Hazel Jones.

If there is a name that you would like to add or remove from the prayer list in the bulletin, please call the church office, 406-278-3043. For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-271-5295.

Kid's Corner Coloring Time

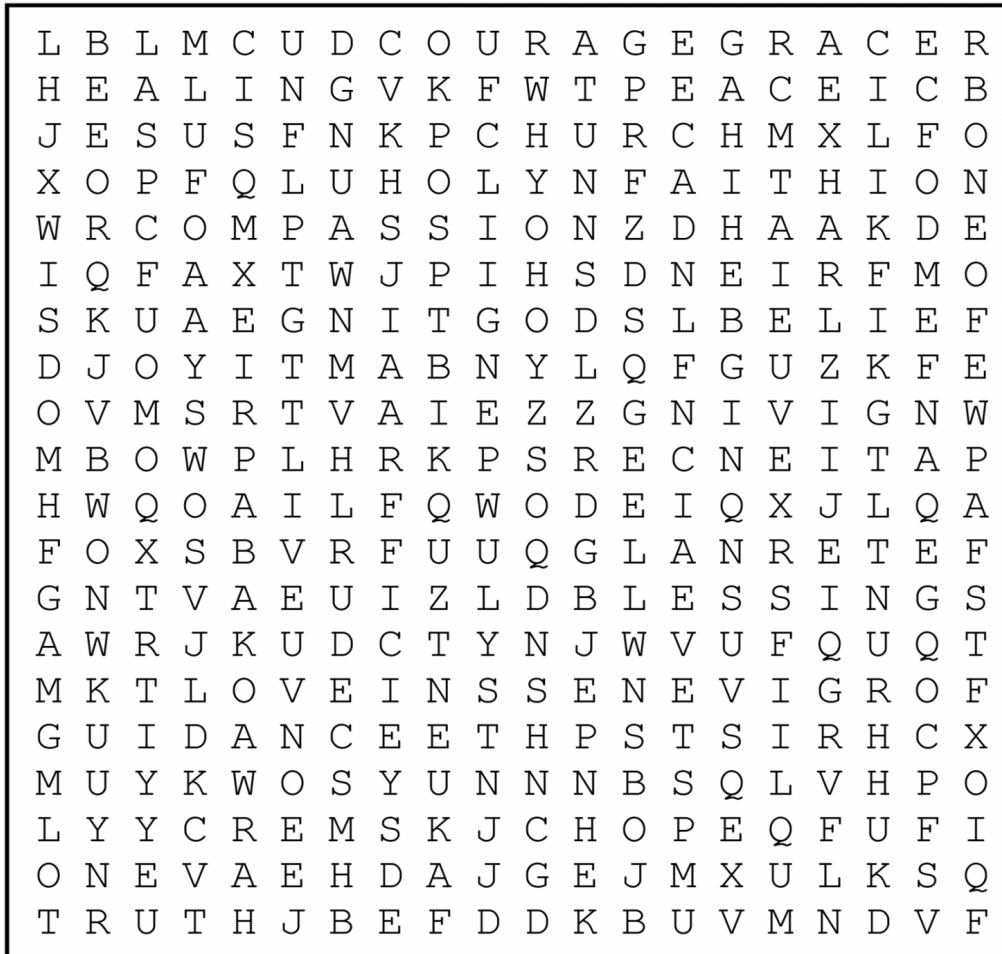
Fall Into God's Word!



KID'S CORNER



✝ Church is Fun ✝ Word Search

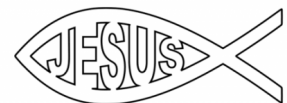


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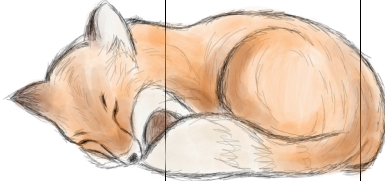
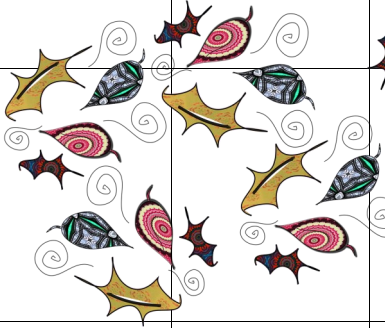

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SALVATION
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WISDOM



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Worship 11 AM 15th Sunday after Pentecost Communion 10AM Choir</p> 	<p>2 OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>3 10:30 AM Worship Comm. 12PM Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5 2PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge</p>	<p>6 11:30 AM to 1PM Community Meal</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Worship 11 AM 16th Sunday after Pentecost 10AM Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 10AM Finance Comm. 1:30 PM Handbells</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 10:30 AM PW Meeting & No Host Luncheon 2PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge</p>		
<p>15 Worship 11 AM 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10AM Choir 10AM Bible Study 12:30 PM Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p>16 7PM Session</p>	<p>17 12PM Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM Handbells</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 2PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge</p> 		
<p>22 Worship 11AM 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10AM Choir 10AM Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 1:30 PM Handbells</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 2PM Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge</p>		
<p>29 Worship 11AM 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10AM Choir 10AM Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> 					

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September Birthdays

2 **LABOR DAY**

3 Val Kellogg

4 Quinn Koosmann

5 Jesse Kallstrom

6 Peggy Floerchinger

Barbara Perry

Nikki Koosmann

7 Stephanie Keil

Bridger Russell

8 Bobbi Yeager



9 Kay Severtson

Lourdes Russell

11 Clifford Paulsen

14 Zoe Yeager

17 Douglas Banka

18 Pearl Severtson

20 Ron Prewett

Collette Stinar

Allison Broesder

Greg Kellogg

Bill McFarland

David Arends

September Anniversaries

1 Ron & Juanita Prewett

26 David & Jane Brown

