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SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



There are those times in life where we find ourselves in places or situations that we don't want to be. We struggle with work or projects that are not working out, financial challenges, family issues, or those things that are just not working out like we envisioned.

Where is God in all of this, we ask? Part of that question comes from a false belief that somehow as a Christian the struggles in life will go away. There is no biblical or theological foundation for that belief. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:21-29^{*1} about self-deception and the association between hearing and doing the word

or acting on the word. He said it is like a wise man who built his house on the rock and a foolish man who built his house on the sand. When the storm came, as they always do, the house on the rock had a solid foundation and was able to withstand the storm, while the house on the sand did not withstand the storm. We understand the importance of having a firm foundation that helps us in life. But we overlook the fact that both the house of the foolish and wise man experienced the storm. We are not protected from the storms of life, but we do not go through them alone and we have confidence that whatever comes our way, Christ walks with us.

In my life, as I look back at tragic and difficult experiences, I have come to see that over time I have grown and matured in my faith because of those experiences. They were still painful and at times when I recall them I still feel personal pain from some of them. I truly believe that God does not waste any of our experiences when we have committed our lives to him and are following Jesus Christ. The challenges that we face can be instruments that help us to grow beyond where we are and into where God is leading us, even if that was not the purpose of those events.

We may not understand all the “why’s” of the circumstances we find ourselves in, but we can trust in the hidden work of God that prepares us for a leap forward in our developing faith. These moments can be as M. Robert Mulholland calls a “small part of what has been going in a long, steady process of grace, working far beyond our knowing and understanding, to bring a spiritual awareness and a new depth of wholeness in relationship with God in Christ.”^{*2} May it be so in all of us.

God is doing a good work in us and God has more in store!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

^{*1} *The Discipleship Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version, Including Apocrypha* (Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox Press, ©2008), 1709-10.

^{*2} M Robert Mulholland and R Ruth Barton, *Invitation to a Journey: a Road Map for Spiritual Formation*, revised and expanded. ed., Transforming Resources (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2016), 25-27. 2



Worship Service Times
will **NOT** change on July 1st
The new time change for this year
(2018) will be on October 7, 2018

Alburnett's worship service will continue to be
at 9:00AM through 9/30/18.

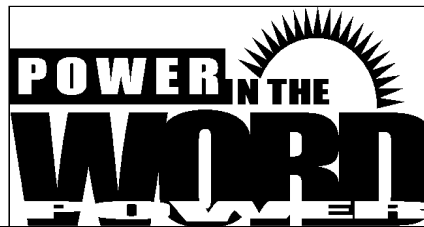
Prairie Chapel's worship service will continue to be
at 10:30AM through 9/30/18.

Then **effective October 1st** the worship times will switch.

Prairie Chapel's worship service will start at 9:00AM

Alburnett's worship service will start at 10:30AM

These worship service times will stay in place until January 1, 2020.
And they will switch every year after that on January 1st. This will
make the publication of our worship services much simpler for
marketing purposes.



JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS

June 3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23--3:6
June 10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1; Mark 3:20-35
June 17 4th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 15:34--16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
June 24 5th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 17:1a,4-11,19-23)32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Newsletter Deadline for July 2018 Newsletter
Newsletter Articles due in Office Friday, June 15
Newsletter Folding Party Thursday, June 21

SAMARITAN'S CHEST - Confidential assistance of individuals or families in our local community.

Money that is collected in the chest goes into the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help with special needs and confidential assistance of individuals or families within our local community, mostly for food and gas.

The Good Samaritan Fund has been established to impact the lives of people who are in need of small emergency assistance

The Good Samaritan



and is funded by donations from individuals who want to assist others as an expression of Christian love.

There will be a sign and container (chest) set out on the first Sunday of each month for these donations.

*The Good Samaritan Fund
Because others passed them by ...*

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

ARE YOU MOVING?

Please let us know your new address, so we can keep sending you the newsletter! Would you prefer to receive the Newsletter by email? Fill out the back of a prayer card, drop a note to the office or leave a message or email. Thanks!!

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FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2017 Expenses Budget: \$85,000
Fact: needed per Month for Expenses: \$7,083
Fact: needed per Week for Expenses: \$1,635

Contributions		Attendance	
4/29	\$1315.00	4/29	39
5/6	\$1353.00	5/6	47
5/13	n/a	5/13	51
5/20	n/a	5/20	n/a
5/27	n/a	5/27	n/a

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 RODNEY SMITH
3 REECE BURNS
3 NANCY BAHR
7 JERRIS RICHARDSON
8 RICHARD BURNS
8 ETHAN LOGSTON
9 DUSTIN LANGE
10 COOPER FRANKLIN
12 THERESA PHILIPP
13 BRANDY STEVENSON
13 DANA SPERFSLAGE
15 JEREMIAH MCGRAW
17 MITCH GOAD
24 BECKY ANDERSON
26 DORIS FRAZIER
28 JUNE SMITH
30 RHONDA LANGE



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

3 MICHAEL & BELINDA HENLE
4 GERALD & ELAINE HOUTS
4 KENNETH & JILL HUNT
10 ARDITH & CAROL SMITH
21 KEN & SHIRLEY ANDREWS
26 RYAN & SHELLY BURNS
28 DAVE & PAM KIRK

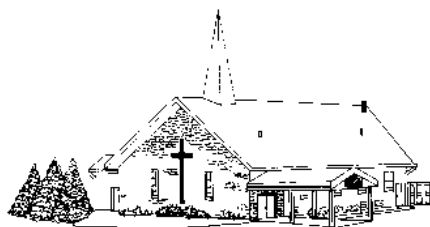
If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

"Like" Pastor Jon's Facebook Page: It will have Information on Alburnett Services & Activities.

Like page: www.facebook.com/PastorJonIA His posts on Parish information will also appear on the Prairie Chapel Facebook Page.



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STEWARDSHIP

When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...

PRAYERS: Pray for Peace. Pray for those recovering from illness and surgery, and undergoing treatments or in hospice care. Pray for the safety of all military, police, firefighters and EMT personnel. Pray for our elected officials, that God may give them wisdom.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

4/29	48
5/6	48
5/13	68
5/20	n/a
5/27	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

4/29	\$1502.55
5/6	\$1801.00
5/13	\$1205.00
5/20	n/a
5/27	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS...to everyone who has donated towards our Furnace Fund. Thank you for helping us cover this sudden major expense.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30PM at the church. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!. See you there!

UMW: Our next meeting is Thursday, June 21 @ 7:00PM.

Program & Devotions: Sharon Bowers. Hostess: Rae Kinkead.

Mission Project-Food pantry fill up cleaning supplies

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE! An Open House celebrating Nicole Lilleberg's graduation from ACGC High School will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 10AM-1PM at her home, 6011 180th St NE, Atwater, MN. Nicole plans to attend Concordia College, Moorhead next fall where she will study Exercise Science and join the Cobber Track & Field team.

1 MARGARET MEYTHALER
2 ZACHARY NIELSON
6 JOHN SAWYER
7 KASEY NEBERGALL
10 LUCAS LILLEBERG
12 DIANA YEISLEY
17 MITCH GOAD
19 ROY BOWERS
20 JEFF YEISLEY
22 PAULINE OLINGER
25 ABBY RITZE
26 PHYLLIS LAMB
28 LEAH NEBERGALL
28 CAITLIN ROBERTSON
28 HANNA LILLEBERG
29 MARCIA JORDAN
29 CHRIS NOVAK

2 RICK & FAITH MARTIN
5 LEANN & JAROD BOWMAN
7 TRAVIS & CARRIE ROBERTSON
11 MIKE & JENNIE CLEMENS
13 TIM & KAITLYN LYTTLE
14 WALTER & LAURA FALCON
15 SPENCER & AMBER JORDAN
17 KASEY & LEAH NEBERGALL
18 JEFF & MARCIA JORDAN
23 MATT & JAMIE WALTHER
23 NICK & ABBY RITZE
24 IMRE & LORNA KERTESZ
24 WILLIS & KARON DETTMAN

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