



ST. PAUL'S SCOPE

Faithful and Welcoming Church

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From Our Pastor ~ Rick Mortimer

Watching the news seems to always be a harrowing experience. Sometimes it is hard and difficult stories that demand the headlines. Sometimes, not as often as we'd like, but sometimes it is the good and encouraging reports that get the attention, as when a lost hiker is found, or someone survives a fire or accident. Weather related tragedies can be scary, since they could happen here – a fire, a flash flood from 10 inches of rain, a tornado touches down destroying homes and lives.

And watching the collapse of Afghanistan and the desperation of trying to evacuate before the Taliban imposes its' harsh and repressive style on their people... it is immensely frustrating.

For each of these: the flood ravaged home, the fire consumed property, or even a destroyed nation, I imagine a common thread is despair over seeing all the hard work vanish, literally go up in smoke, washed away in a moment, or lives lost in vain. Yes, as hard as it is, Job's lament still speaks to the perspective of one who trusts in Jesus: *"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."* This need not be a cynical, depressing, or defeatist statement, as some might take it. It is to acknowledge that if we have been given ANYTHING, we are blessed! And if we have nothing, or what we have has been taken, we have a new opportunity for a fresh start... to begin anew, or renew our activities and participation.

Can we not have this mindset as a congregation? If Covid has taken away some people and in-person meetings, can we not find new ways to meet, or new friends and acquaintances (not that the ones we've lost are to be de-valued, or ever replaced!!). If the church building were destroyed by fire or tornado, would that end this congregation? If kids go off to school, or take a job some distance from here, or people retire to Florida, does that mean there are not other people in town that can be served, loved, and welcomed?

If we have tried before, it is hard to avoid resignedly thinking, "Well, here we go again". But "Here we go again" can be spoken with eagerness and joy if we believe that the Lord will open new opportunities for us.

Back to Church Sunday is an opportunity to start anew. It is a new school year. It is a new season in the Covid battle. It is a day in history that will never be repeated. There is one and only one September 19, 2021. Let us go at it again, Lord, that the full measure of those being saved may be brought into your house!

Pastor Rick

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Scope Deadline

The *deadline* for articles to be included in the October SCOPE, is the 23rd of September.



Scriptures For Worship In September

Date	Theme	Scripture
9/05	Calm in the Chaos	Psalm 23
9/12	Battling the Blues	Psalm 42
9/19	Facing Your Fear	Psalm 34
9/26	Addressing the Advance of Age	Psalm 71





Attendance for the month of August

Date	8:00am	10:15am	Sunday School	Online Viewers
August 1	51	41	16C, 17A	146
August 8	58	76	30C, 24A	194
August 15	57	68	14C, 22A	139
August 22	61	45	9C, 4A	139
August 29	62	48	16C, 21A	n/a

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lector</u>
8:00 Sept 5	Gregg Haege Lynn Gipson		Mary Wandling
Sept 12	Brian Rippelmeyer Scott Weber	Olivia Joseph	Lori Kaiser
Sept 19	Brian Rippelmeyer Scott Weber	Olivia Joseph	Lynn Gipson
Sept 26	Stan Niemann Tami Hughes	Jacob Pruett	Tami Hughes
Oct 3	Stan Niemann Tami Hughes	Jacob Pruett	Donna Smoker
10:15 Sept 5	Dale Fiedler Pam Kramer		Dale Fiedler
Sept 12	Dale Fiedler Pam Kramer	Cameron Harms	Vicki Channer
Sept 19	Chad Lindauer Amy Walton	Braden Burton	Amy Walton
Sept 26	Kim Borja Julie Rickert	Aiden Kuhn	Terry Groth
Oct 3	Chad Lindauer Amy Walton	Braden Burton	Donna Asbridge

Organist Schedule

September 5	Andy Channer
September 12	Ruth Vogel
September 19	Andy Channer
September 26	Ruth Vogel

Blood Pressure Checks

September 12	Donna Asbridge
October 10	Mary Wandling
November 14	Jeanie Stumpf

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood pressure checks will be conducted in the Baltz parlor on Sept. 12 and will continue on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

If you are scheduled to serve, please remember that we are counting on you! If you cannot attend, switch with another volunteer and let the office know. Thank you.

PASTOR EARL'S RETIRMENT PARTY POSTPONED



With Pastor Earl and Johanna's blessing, the event scheduled for September 10, 2021, has been postponed for the time being. Let's look forward to better days ahead that will allow a safe and comfortable retirement recognition gathering.



**The Church office will be closed
for Labor Day
on Monday, September 6, 2021.**



Parish Nurse Ministry

At the request of the Church Council, the Health Cabinet will survey the congregation to determine the need and/or desire to continue funding the Parish Nurse Ministry at St. Paul's.

Please plan to attend on Sunday morning September 12th, to complete the survey so your voice can be heard.

If you cannot attend on September 12th, please contact the office to obtain a survey form.



The committee continues to meet regularly to review the few ministerial profiles received each week and discuss ways to move forward in the pastor search. We thank you for respecting the confidentiality that is essential in the search process. Please continue to pray for the Lord's blessing on our work.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Neff
08/23/2021



Choir News

After a hopefully restful summer, the choir resumed rehearsals on Wednesday August 25, 2021. I've been recruiting some young talent to join the group and selecting more contemporary music.

For those of you who would like to join the choir, please contact me. It's not too late! I would like to also add a SPECIAL invite to any Senior High student that would like to sing.

We are a welcoming group that has a lot of fun, but at the same time, this hard-working group has a strong passion of worshipping through music.

I'm excited and am looking forward to working with the choir again this fall.

Andy Channer
Music Director



Holy Baptism

Cecelia June Mueller, daughter of Andy & Alyssa Mueller, was baptized on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at St. Paul's. She was born on November 12, 2020 and has

an older sister, Saylor, who is 4 years old. Sponsors were Nicole Schilling and Hans Mueller.



2021-2022 Confirmation Classes

7th graders

Braden Burton Son of Ryan & Andrea Burton
Jacob Pruett Son of Tim & Leslie Pruett
Ethan Zobrist Son of Jaren & Jodi Zobrist

8th graders

Cameron Harms Son of James and Sarah Harms
Olivia Joseph Daughter of Christopher and Jamie Joseph
Aiden Kuhn Son of Ryan and Jamie Kuhn



Food Pantry Needs

The Freeburg Food & Clothing Pantry's "Meal a Month", a "Needs Menu" (donations) will be collected on the second Sunday of each month "Monthly Food Collection Sunday".

Needs for the month of **September** consist of: Canned soup, Canned fruit, Rice mix, Potato mix, Pancake mix, and syrup.

Food collection Sunday is **September 12**. The pantry appreciates your donations and support!!

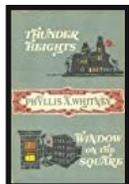
The
Library
Nook

Christian Fiction: *Even Now / Ever After* by Karen Kingsbury -- Sometimes hope for the future is found in the ashes of yesterday. **EVEN NOW** A young woman seeking answers to her heart's deepest questions. A man and woman driven apart by lies and years of separation...who have never forgotten each other.



With hallmark tenderness and power, Karen Kingsbury weaves a tapestry of lives, losses, love, and faith-and the miracle of resurrection. **EVER AFTER** 2007 Christian Book of the Year Two couples torn apart - one by war between countries, and one by a war within. In this moving sequel to *Even Now*, Emily Anderson, now twenty, meets the man who changes everything for her: Army reservist Justin Baker. Their tender relationship, founded on a mutual faith in God and nurtured by their trust and love for each other, proves to be a shining inspiration to everyone they know, especially Emily's reunited birth parents. But Lauren and Shane still struggle to move past their opposing beliefs about war, politics, and faith. When tragedy strikes, can they set aside their opposing views so that love-God's love-might win, no matter how great the odds?

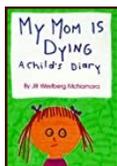
Fiction: *Thunder Heights / Window on the Square* by Phyllis Whitney – (*Thunder Heights*) Camilla King knows little of her family history, having never met her estranged relatives. Her late father wanted it that way. But when she receives a startling invitation from her immeasurably wealthy and ailing grandfather, Orrin Judd, to return to Thunder Heights, the crumbling mansion on the Hudson where her mother died under mysterious circumstances, Camilla complies, partly out of curiosity for the family she never had, and partly because of whispers of an inheritance. (*Window on the Square*) Having just lost her brother and mother in a tragic accident, dressmaker Megan Kincaid has never felt so vulnerable and alone. Then comes the startling request from the wealthy Brandon Reid of Washington Square to work as a private caretaker to his violently tempered nine-year-old stepson, Jeremy. Megan reluctantly accepts, despite the facts of Jeremy's troubled past. Two years ago, the boy accidentally shot and killed his own father, a brilliant and esteemed New York district attorney.



Non-Fiction: *Remembering with Love* by Helen Steiner Rice -- In each chapter of this book, a different facet of Helen Steiner Rice is captured in a loving remembrance by her close friends and associates, followed by choice selections of her prose, personal correspondence, and her poetry.



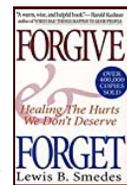
Children/Young Adults: *My Mom is Dying: A Child's Diary* by Jill Werberg McNamara -- "What will happen



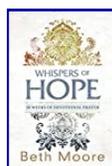
to me if my mom dies?" This question, along with many others, is answered when a girl named Kristine learns her mother is dying. Through 17 conversations with God, Kristine begins to understand her feelings. Written in diary form in conversational tone, the book includes a discussion supplement to help parents and children talk about death, grieving, and God's love. Full color.

Religion/Spirituality: – *Forgive and Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve* by Lewis B. Smedes -

For all of us who have been wounded by another and struggled to understand and move beyond our feelings of hurt and anger, Lewis Smedes's classic book on forgiveness shows that it is possible to heal our pain and find room in our hearts to forgive. Breaking down the process of healing into four stages and offering stories of real people's experience throughout, this wise book provides hope and solace for all who long for the peace that comes with forgiveness. This classic is now available in an updated paperback PLUS edition with a reader's guide and other bonus materials.



Prayer/Devotionals: *Whispers of Hope* by Beth Moore Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing, but how in the world do we do that? In fact, how should we effectively pray to begin with? Best-selling author Beth Moore addresses these practical and pervasive matters in *Whispers of Hope* by walking readers through an easy to remember and apply method of prayer, coupled with seventy daily devotionals and followed by prompts to put this prayer method into practice. Indeed, *Whispers of Hope* teaches the manifestation process of powerful Word-saturated prayer in response to a daily Bible reading. In turn, you will better understand how devotional reading and prayer are central to a stronger relationship with God.





Building & Grounds

The entire membership of the Building & Grounds Committee met on 8-2-21.

The thermostats in the sanctuary and the Baltz Parlor will be reprogrammed so that when settings are temporarily changed,

they will return to their original settings, hopefully resulting in saving electric usage.

In July, considerable flooding occurred in the basement of the education building due to a fitting in the toilet breaking. Members cleaned the area.

Kim Borja and her son, and Chad Lindauer trimmed the shrubs around the church and education building, excluding the three aging shrubs nearest the south entrance of the church, as consideration is being given to their replacement in the fall. They also removed the trimmings.

The city was informed of the church's desire to have the alley on the west side of the education building lowered.

Drainage pipes have been placed on the east and north sides of the Food & Clothing Bank and connected to the downspout. The underground drainage pipe has been run out to the road ditch. Ground has been seeded and straw applied. Two dead trees were also removed nearby.

The guttering and downspouts were installed on the parsonage.

The large billboard on the north end of town was stabilized with rock by Herschel Parrish. He plans on filling in the pot holes with roadamill, a temporary fix for the Food & Clothing Bank parking lot.

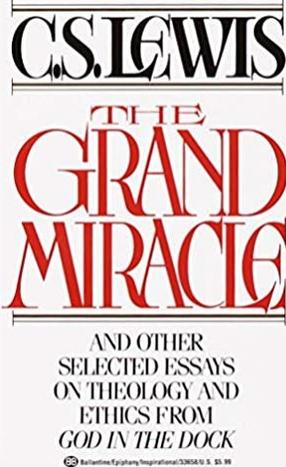
A committee member filled in the cracks in the parking lot next to the Ministry Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanie Stumpf

Sending Healing Prayers

Hospitalized
This Past Month

Jim Kaiser
Marilyn Culli



The C.S. Lewis Reading Group will begin a new title, *The Grand Miracle and Other Selected Essays on Theology and Ethics*, beginning Monday, September 13th.

This is a collection of 26 essays on a variety of topics, selected from a larger collection of Lewis's writings, *God in the Dock*. The book was edited by Walter Hooper. A sampling of the topics to be read and discussed include: Miracles, Religion and Science,

Work and Prayer, The Decline in Religion, Modern Translations of the Bible, On the Reading of Old Books, What are We to Make of Jesus Christ, Answers to Questions on Christianity, and What Christmas Means to Me.

If your heart feels the slightest tug to come closer to Jesus through C.S. Lewis's insights, or if you would like an introduction to Lewis's perspectives, we invite you to join us. Our group meets informally via Zoom on Monday evenings. For more information, please contact Nanette Wiesen (618) 277-3241 or Dale Fiedler (618) 830-6765. *The Grand Miracle* is available in paperback at both Amazon.com or Christianbook.com.

With Deepest Sympathy

Anita Kessler

August 22, 1930 to August 24, 2021

*Mother of Susan Frentzel, Helen Vidmar,
John Kessler, and Ann Lossau*

Council Corner

Council held its monthly meeting for August and all but two council members were in attendance. Scripture reading and prayer to open the meeting was directly correlated to the recent news of Afghanistan being taken over by the Taliban and just what might be coming to our once great nation and the sense of urgency that we may be faced with as we may be seeing the prophecy shown to John in what Jesus TOLD him to write down in the book known as Revelation. After all, we really are supposed to be bringing people to a personal relationship with God, the Triune God and I for one feel that we need to be actively involved in the church and it's ministry to proclaim the Good News and to make discipleship our number ONE goal here at St. Paul's.

Council reviewed the financial reports and due to the large generous donation from a couple months ago have kept us out of the red, but our expenses out weigh our normal contributions month to month, so once again I encourage you to continue with your weekly offering as the business side of maintaining and running the church with its many missions goes on despite everything else that has been shut down or canceled.

We did not have our youth leaders in attendance for this meeting to hear any updates, but we pray that their activities and attendance are very supportive of the hard work and long hours that are dedicated to them by their leaders. By the way, Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Chadwick Lindauer on their recent marriage and May God bless the union of those two wonderful members of St. Paul's.

Council was updated on the Pastoral search committees thoughts and decisions on looking for help outside the U.C.C denomination to possibly have prospective pastors profiles sent to us that would be more in line with our somewhat more conservative views on Christianity and how we expect to carry out Gods Word to those who want and need to hear it. Council approved the recommendation to proceed with contacting the EA, Evangelical Association to have our church listed with their service to send profiles and resumes to St. Paul's U.C.C.

We had representatives from Teeny Tot, Colleen Vermilion and Heather Adamson address council with concerns over the estranged relationship that Teeny Tot feels they have with St. Paul's and how someone in the church gave out false information that caused Teeny Tot to have toys, games and other supplies taken from them or thrown away. We offered our most sincere apology and are going to get the channels of communication opened up between Teeny Tot and Christian Education, along with Worship and Music to make sure something like this never happens again.

We ended the meeting in just a little under an hour and all in all I feel like we had a very productive meeting and we will get to the work at hand.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Weber

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Freeburg Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off BBQ Raffle

1st Place: Traeger 650 Grill 2nd Place: Blackstone 28" Flattop Grill

Tickets: \$10.00 Each

Drawing Held at the Freeburg Fall Festival on October 2nd at Village Square Park

Birthdays in September

9/01	Keith Brauer, Jr. Matt Huskey Joyce Muskopf	9/16	Marilyn Culli Olivia Main
9/03	Becky Young	9/17	Elissa Garland
9/06	Lindsey Bird Emily Kuhn Georgie Nahass	9/18	Nora Smith
9/09	Briar Endsley Jackie Tewell	9/20	Paden Muskopf
9/10	Julie Kern	9/21	Carrie Emge Amelia Rickert
9/11	Cheryl Groth Steven Klann Colton Pierce	9/22	Alexis Haege David Endsley
9/12	Tori Main Leslie Pruett Chloe Schanuel	9/23	Donna Asbridge
9/13	Isabella Borja Terry Groth	9/25	Sandy Dickens Rachel Hughes
9/15	Ryan Boike Sandra Bollmeier Kathy Lickenbrock	9/26	Mary Endsley Brad Garland
		9/27	Aaron Neff
		9/28	Peggy Emery Floyd Schlueter
		9/29	Susan Fiedler Lisa McDonald
		9/30	Doris Obernagel

Happy Birthday!

ST. PAUL'S FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Fill Your Cup

Join us for this one-day retreat full of worship, discussion, and sharing with fellow sisters in Christ about the joys + struggles we face everyday. Come ready to fill your cup full of God's presence!



September 25, 2021
9am to 9pm
Cost: \$30
Lunch & Dinner included
Freeburg location

Contact Virginia @ (618) 791-6424





View From the Aisle Seat

Have you ever traveled by plane? If you have then you know the window seat is a cherished place that passengers sometimes bicker over. Not only do you get a bird's eye view, see take off and touch down, but can also peer out into the clouds from a very nice vantage point. You're first to know everything about the flight. "Oh look, we're over water." "Hey, I see land, guess we'll be landing soon." "Yikes look at those clouds, turbulence is coming..." Another often overlooked positive point is you can close the window itself and lean over for additional rest space!

Recently I had the opportunity to travel to Florida with my husband for a Pampered Chef Incentive Trip that I earned the year prior. For this trip we decided to venture into the skies and fly, and for that flight I offered my husband the window seat. It seemed to ease his concern with flying (only his second flight) and provided some entertainment too. He would see things and point them out to me, and although I was only one seat over, I couldn't see exactly what he saw. "Oh look, another plane." I'd crane my neck in an attempt to see, but usually gave up and just said, "oh yeah." Frustrated, I never did see what he was so excited about. The plane windows are small with an odd curve, and it warped the view from the middle seat, so even glancing over made my head spin at times.

In life we don't always have the window seat. Some trips we're blessed and others we have to trust in the journey without any visual cues. In these situations, we often give ourselves headaches, migraines even, constantly trying to see what's up ahead. When the thing we need most, for the migraine or just the ride, is to sit back and rest. Trust in the captain of the plane to guide us along to our destination.

But we don't do that. We don't trust... and we don't rest. Instead, we busy ourselves. Most download videos or audiobooks, play games or fill out crosswords to pass the time. Some passengers will start up a conversation with a stranger across the aisle, or others put on their neck pillow and binge watch their favorite show. When the flight attendants come by and offer up expensive drinks and snacks, we charge ourselves crazy, only to find that our purchase isn't really that satisfying. Or perhaps we even spill our cup and find ourselves in a sticky situation a mile high.

To be direct about this little article: trust God and rest in Him. Know that he has plans for you. Surely, you'd love to know what-how-when... but we aren't always meant to. When you catch yourself leaning over from the aisle seat trying to catch a peek out the window, sit back and say a prayer instead. Remember, 'the captain has illuminated the seat belt sign,' but no worries there's a light available if you'd like to read your Bible.

*Love & Light,
Virginia "VA" Lugge
Youth Minister*

To dive deeper into the scripture & learn how God pilots our journeys, even through turbulence, read more in the book of Isaiah.

Thank You!

Hello Deb, all Mission Committee Partners, and St. Paul's UCC members!

It is a wonderful day in our neighborhood and I hope you are enjoying yours too!

I am so excited about our relationship. It has been a number of years since I met you and each year, you get better.

Our relationship this year has just been unbelievable. In my file room, I noticed someone had put some items in there to store and I immediately asked them to remove them. As I said that, I also said, "Some wonderful ladies cleaned and organized this room, now take that out. We have a beautiful garden sign, a garden, and iPads now!

You are all the best!! Thank you all so much!

Brenda Crisp
Uni Pres Kindercottage

"Thank you" goes out to Jim Jacobs for his dedication in picking up the donuts on Sundays.

We also thank Cheri Emge for volunteering to take over where Jim left off so that St. Paul's members may continue enjoying donuts on Sundays.

Mike Walton & the congregation of St. Paul's UCC,

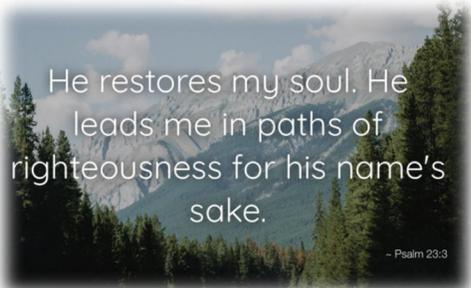
I wanted to say "Thank You so much" for the beautiful prayer shawl and for all the prayers and thoughts that were for my well being and healing. You are all very caring and thoughtful and I appreciate you all very much!

I was back in the hospital for a week, but am home and I'm getting stronger. I do appreciate any prayers and well wishes!

Thank you and God Bless You All!
Dawn Williams

Homecoming Cake Stand Success!
A big THANK YOU to the members of St. Paul's and St. Joseph Churches for providing cakes, cupcakes, and pie for the 2021 Freeburg Homecoming. There was a wide variety of delicious baked good that were enjoyed by the attendees on both Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21. All homecoming proceeds are used to support the Freeburg Recreation Park.

Debbie Ross



He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- Psalm 23:3



My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

- Psalm 42:2

Second Mile Benevolence Offering

The Benevolence offerings that you mark on your envelopes each month are Second Mile offerings for special mission projects.

Our **July** offering for **Freeburg Terrace** was \$170.00.

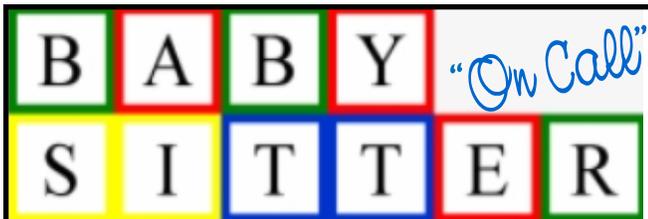
Thank You!!!

September ~ Habitat for Humanity



Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

Habitat has an open-door policy: all who desire to be a part of this work are welcome, regardless of religious preference or background. Habitat for Humanity has always had a policy of building with people in need regardless of race or religion, and welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds.



The following is a list of St. Paul's youth who are interested in baby sitting. Please keep them in mind when you need someone.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Lindsey Mank	24	233-0678
Maggie Matchett	18	719-9299
Carmen Stein	17	803-0704

If anyone would like to be added to this list, please call the church office at 539-3262, or send an email to Donna Wiskamp (donna@stpaulsfreeburg.org).

Women's Guild



The meeting of the Women's Guild on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 was called to order by President Rita Baker at 12 noon.

Pastor Rick said the prayer before we were invited to eat. The birthday girls, Rita Baker and Marilyn Borger, were invited to lead the line to our luncheon. The lunch was provided by Tiff's Café of Marissa, IL and consisted of Fettuccini noodles and chicken breasts, salad and rolls. Dessert was made by our hostess, Karen Neff, which consisted of delicious 7-up cake and chocolate individual cakes with sunflower decorations on top. The tables were also decorated with sunflowers in vases and large cookies wrapped with the story of the sunflower. The story of the sunflower encourages us to turn away from negativity and to focus on the littlest of positives and face the brightness of God's possibilities.

Linda did the devotional on Proverbs 31. Women are to live out God's will and be Women of Noble Character.

Treasurer Betty Jones reported we had a balance of \$1,128.27 before paying \$200 to Tiff's Café and \$25 to Charlie Merker which left us a new balance of \$903.27.

Rita mentioned that we received a thank you letter from Mind's Eye for a contribution.

Under new business, Cheri Emge asked if we would be able to give \$100 to Kathy Kromat for meals as she and Cec drive to Texas for more rehab. After a discussion, a motion was made by Cheri and seconded by Betty Jones to give \$100. Motion carried. It was also brought up for discussion whether we could give \$100 to Dean & Teresa Huston for expenses as they eventually travel back to St. Petersburg after Dean gets out of rehab. Debbie Ross made a motion seconded by Betty Weber to give \$100 to Hustons also; motion carried.

Prayer Shawl report: Sharon Klann said we have plenty of prayer shawls to give away. The group could use some more people to help crochet also.

After the meeting was closed, the rest of the time was spent explaining and playing BUNCO. After we all finished, tallies were pulled for prizes. Everyone received a prize. A good time was had by all!

September meeting will be Tuesday, September 14. Hostesses will be Jeanne Hartmann and Vicki Helms. The speaker will be Penny Kessler to speak on Peace Corps.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Emery

The Church Calendar - September 2021

Normal Sunday Schedule

8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship

9:05 am Sunday School and Fellowship Hour

9:05 am 7th Grade Confirmation

First Sunday of the Month - Communion at both services

Hello September!

Sept 1-Wed: Teeny Tot Open House 6pm-8pm

Sept 2-Thurs: Painting 9am

Sept 5 - Sun: Communion Sunday

Sept 6 - Mon: Office Closed - Labor Day
E & O Meeting 6:15pm

Sept 7 - Tues: Service & Communion @ Cedar Trails 1pm
Food Pantry 2pm-4pm

Sept 10 - Fri: **POSTPONED**-Pastor Earl's Retirement Party

Sept 12 - Sun: Blood Pressure Checks
Food Collection Sunday
7th Grade Confirmation begins 9:05am

Sept 13 - Mon: Pastor Search Committee Mtg. 7pm

Sept 14 - Tues: Women's Guild 12pm

Food Pantry 2pm-4pm

Stephen Ministries 6:30pm

F&C Bank Board Mtg 7pm

Sept 15 - Wed: 8th Grade Conf. begins 5:30pm

Sept 16 - Thurs: Painting 9am

Food Pantry 5pm-7pm

Sept 19 - Sun: Back to Church Sunday

Sept 21 - Tues: Freeburg Care Center 3:15pm
Council Meeting 7pm

Sept 22 - Wed: Fall begins

Adult Bible Study 7pm Zoom

Sept 23 - Thurs: Scope Deadline

Sept 24 - Fri: F & C Clothing Sale 9-11am

Sept 25 - Sat: Women's Retreat 9am-9pm

Sept 27 - Mon: Pastor Search Comm. 7pm

Sept 28 - Tues: Stephen Ministries 6:30pm

C. S. Lewis Bible Study: Monday 7:15 pm

Bible Study: Sunday at 9:05 am, Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Quilting: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am, Thursday 6:00 pm (Ministry Building)

Boy Scouts: Tuesday 7:00 pm (Basement)

Faith Journey: Wednesday 6:00 pm (Church)

Choir: Wednesday 7:00 pm

The Outlet: Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm (Youth Room)

Reconfirmation/Adult Bible Class: Thursday 7:00 pm (Ministry Building)

8th Grade Confirmation: Wednesday 5:30 pm

Freeburg Community Calendar

Sept 6: Village Hall Closed

Sept 2: Rules of the Road @ Freeburg Township 1:30-:3:30pm

Sept 10 & 11: St. Joseph Picnic

Sept 11: Community Wide Yard Sale

Sept 21: Blood Drive @ Freeburg Township 1pm - 6pm

Oct 2: Freeburg Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off @ Freeburg Square Park 11am

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