

In Touch with FPCR

FPCR INVITES YOU TO STUDY THE BOOK OF JOHN

The second Bible Study covering the Book of John will be held on Sunday, October 17. The group meets one Sunday a month at 10 a.m. at the church. Consider joining your FPCR family and study leader, **Elaine Schmidt**, for an educational, interesting, and lively discussion. A study guide is provided.

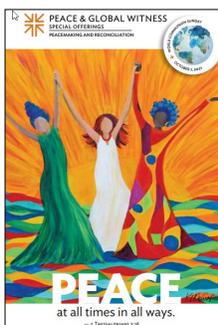
Worried that you were unable to attend the first class or about making a commitment to attend EVERY month? Elaine and the group will welcome you even if you cannot commit to perfect attendance.

Please see or call Elaine Schmidt (262) 224-3929 with additional questions OR to reserve your seat. Friends are always welcome!



OCTOBER 10—PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of four special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be collected at FPCR on October 10, 2021. The purpose of this special collection is to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice.



Individual congregations determine a local use for 25% of this offering. Another 25% is retained by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Unable to attend on October 10? Feel free to mail your donation to FPCR, PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR services on **October 10** and **24**.

The next meeting of the Bible Study (Book of John) is **October 17**.

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.

www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome for upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Services.

OCTOBER 10

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 7

NOVEMBER 21

Updated information is posted on the website: www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com

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SCOTT SCHOENI SHARES NEW HOBBY

On September 19, **Scott Schoeni** added beautiful accordion music to the service at FPCR. As a “student” for the past two plus years, Scott has found he enjoys learning by taking lessons from Rachel, his 85-year-old teacher. He practices pretty much every night after work.



He is also intrigued by the instrument itself. After taking lessons for a while, he became curious one Sunday when **Cheryl Weber** mentioned an accordion she owned which needed to be “looked at”. Scott began checking out YouTube, Google, and books for information about accordion repair. Once confident with knowledge he gained, he began taking Cheryl’s instrument apart and successfully repaired the “sticky” keys and cleaned the inside workings of that instrument. That accordion is shown in the picture to the left and was the one he played for the parishioners on September 19.

What’s next? He will, of course, continue his lessons. Additionally, he has procured a few other accordions and is working to fix them!

If you were unable to attend the service on September 19, you may enjoy watching the video on the FPCR website at:

<https://www.firstpresbyofrichfield.com>.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:



Carol Frank

Jim Frank

Ron Grunke

Ron Grunke’s Daughter, Shelley

Joyce Koehn

Cathy Manthei

Daryl Schmidt

Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.



Rick Romanski and Family who recently lost Rick’s Aunt Helen.



OCTOBER 31 LOCAL SERVICE OPTION

If you are interested in a local service on October 31, **Paul Zachow, MAPS**, will be supplying the pulpit at Faith United Church of Christ at 10:00 a.m.

The address of the church is 2895 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI. Elaine Schmidt is able to give you directions to the church if you would like to attend.



SERMON JOTTINGS

With our present schedule, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. Here are the summary notes from the September services by Pulpit Supply Mr. Paul Zachow, MAPS.

Date: **September 19, 2021**

Text: **James 3:13 to 4:3 and 7-8**

Sermon: ***Submit Yourselves and Draw Near to God***

The book of James is written for numerous churches in the Ancient Near East and in the early days of Christianity. The message is calling people to seek the wisdom of God rather than the corrupt world and culture in which they are living at the time.

- We are called to seek the wisdom from God rather than the corrupt, selfish, greedy, uncompassionate, and bigoted culture in which we live today.
- Jesus followed the wisdom of God rather than the “wisdom” of the world.
- Today we are called to be in the wisdom of God, but not the culture of the world—“in the world, but not of the world.”
- This is a call to peace and to loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- The FPCR family follows God with its gentle spirit as well as generosity with one another in times of joy, sorrow, challenge, and illness.
- Additionally, FPCR follows God with gifts to help the community, country, and world. Examples include: Food Pantry, hurricane relief funds, and the mission pledge to help other countries.
- We are called to bring this faith and following into the world today. This is being the church. It is love, hope, justice, righteousness, shalom . . . and being a faithful disciple of Jesus.
- We are called to draw near to God with an attitude of gratitude and gentleness—not hostility, anger, selfishness, greed, or exclusion.
- We are called to have a relationship with God—to become friends with God.

Date: **September 26, 2021**

Text: **Mark 9:38-50**

Sermon: ***Have Salt in Yourselves and Be at Peace***

The verses in this scripture lesson are about “insiders” and “outsiders”. Jesus is teaching the disciples about discipleship. When they noticed someone other than Jesus ministering to a person, they were not happy. Jesus tells us that, “Whoever is not against us is for us” in these verses.

- Selfishly, the disciples felt they were in “competition” as students of Jesus. Jesus is teaching that all are welcome to minister in his name and in the name of God—an important lesson for us today, as well.
- Jesus set an example of inclusivity. We are to welcome and include all people in our church and the world. The church is not a club!
- Salt was a precious seasoning to give food zest and preserve it.
- Salt can be in the form of what we go through in life--the challenges we face.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following individuals with birthdays in **October**. We wish you many more years of God’s blessings.

3 - Noah Deibert

12 - Cathy Romanski

25 - Kathleen Schmidt



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Jerry and Alice Schmitz enjoyed a recent vacation to Canada. They found the scenery to be varied and beautiful and the people welcoming and kind.

Top Left: Lake Louise near Banff. The water temperature was just above freezing and rarely gets above 40 degrees F.

Top Right: An elk bugling to gather his lady friends together!

Bottom Left: The Athabasca glacier. The picture is hazy because it was snowing on the glacier as we made our way carefully over a small area.

Bottom Right: Mama and baby Black Bear on Sonora Island looking for crustaceans along the waterfront.

SERMON JOTTINGS (CONTINUED)

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- Salt can be looked at as something that gives us life—God is there for us always.
- God calls us to be “salted”—to be an agent and missionary for God in the church, our workplaces, and the world.
- Salt can be used as a metaphor to challenge injustice—counter all of the greed, selfishness, hunger for power and money, lack of compassion, bigotry, and hate we see in our world.
- We are called to be “salted in love” for everyone.
- Having salt in ourselves means to serve others, be humble, to welcome all people to minister in Jesus’s name, to welcome and accept all people, and to live together in peace. This saltiness preserves and enhances the community among us—in the church, our community, and the world.
- Having salt is a good thing. However, it is important not to lose our saltiness—then we are ineffective. We are called to use our saltiness to help others.