



In Touch with FPCR



NEW FILL AND LAWN FOR FPCR!

Oh my gosh, when you drove into the church parking lot on September 25, did you think it looked just a bit unfamiliar?

Mike Heppe re-landscaped and added fill around the building. This was a task that had been discussed and September provided the right time to see the project to fruition.



Mike brought in soil, leveled and angled it away from the building, and then planted grass seed. He then turned the rest of the task over to the Lord who blessed us with good growing conditions. If you look closely the next time you are at church, you will see little wisps of grass already spouting.



We are grateful to Mike who took the lead, procured the supplies, and did the heavy lifting on this important project. Everyone is excited that the lawn will be easier to walk across and that there will no longer be water in the basement. Plus, it looks SO nice!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR on **October 2 (Communion Service), October 9 and October 23.**

The next Bible Study is **October 16.**

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 2

**COMMUNION SERVICE
COMMISSIONING FOR
ELDER COMMUNION
INSTALLATION OF ELDER**

**BY ANN GIBBS,
PRESBYTERY OF
MILWAUKEE**

OCTOBER 9

**SERMON: THE WORD OF
TRUTH**

OCTOBER 23

**SERMON: GOD'S SPIRIT
POURED OUT FOR US**

Updated information is posted on the website: www.FirstPresbyofRichfield

ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

Elders

**Carol Frank
Jim Frank
Debbie Heppe
Melissa Kujawa
Rick Romanski**

Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

Deacons

**Emma Kujawa
Cathy Romanski**

JOIN THE OCTOBER 16 BIBLE STUDY

The next adult Bible Study is **Sunday, October 16**, at **10 a.m.** via **Zoom**. The group will discuss John 11.

A link to this online meeting will be sent on Thursday, October 13. To join for the first time, please email FPCR or contact Elaine Schmidt.



BE LED FORTH IN PEACE

The **Peace and Global Witness offering** will take place October 2 and October 9 at FPCR.

This special offering is used to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. FPCR keeps 25% of this offering which will be donated to the Slinger Food Pantry. The PC(USA) Mid-Councils retain 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

SLINGER FOOD PANTRY



Rick and Cathy Romanski, our Food Pantry Liaisons, report that the Food Pantry is looking for hygiene items and any food items you are able to donate. Supplies are low. Items from FPCR will be delivered after the October 23 service. To support the Pantry with a monetary donation, place it in the collection plate using a "Food Pantry" specific envelope. Checks may be mailed to FPCR, PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076. Please indicate "SFP" on the memo line of your check.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

**Carol and Jim Frank
Carol Frank's son, Jim
Ron Grunke
Ron Grunke's daughter, Shelley
Rick and Cathy Romanski's granddaughter, Brynn
Rick Romanski's cousin, Kathy
Daryl Schmidt
Leslie Schmidt
Jean Zeller's granddaughter, Ashley**

Please pray for **Deanna Wojcieszak and her children Owen, Connor, Lydia**, and **Ian** on the recent loss of their husband and father, Eric.

SERMON JOTTINGS



With our present schedule, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. Here are brief summary notes from the September services.

Date: **September 11, 2022**

Text: **Luke 13:10-17**

Sermon: ***A Healing Presence***

Jesus was preaching in one of the synagogues and encountered a woman who could not stand up straight. Jesus laid hands on her and she was healed. She was grateful. The synagogue leader was angry—Jesus was “laboring” on the Sabbath. The crowd was rejoicing over the thing Jesus did.

- Jesus saw the woman as a person of worth, a child of God—not an outcast.
- Jesus was demonstrating love, acceptance, grace, and healing.
- We should follow Jesus’s example and use our gifts and talents to be a “healing presence” in the lives of others in today’s world.

*At my lowest, God is my hope.
At my darkest, God is my light.
At my saddest, God is my strength.
At my weakest, God is my comforter.*

Shared by Elaine Schmidt at the August 28 Bible Study.

Date: **September 25, 2022**

Text: **Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

Sermon: ***Our Refuge and our Fortress***

This Scripture is a psalm of trust in God—for protection and for confidence in Him. He will be here for us in all of the times of our lives. It is a psalm of compassion and assurance.

- We are reminded that God is faithful, loving, compassionate, just, and steadfast.
- God reminds us that we are His and He is with us always.
- The Psalms remind us that we can all speak with God at all times and through all things.
- We are not promised a life without adversity, but we ARE promised that God will be with us through those adversities.
- We should all “grab ahold of God’s hand to guide and nurture us in our lives.”



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

REST IN PEACE ERIC WOJCIESZAK

Eric Wojcieszak was a man of many talents and interests. He died suddenly on September 20 at the age of 58. Our sympathy and prayers go to **Deanna Wojcieszak** and her children **Owen, Connor, Lydia, and Ian**

Eric was a graduate of Purdue University where he majored in accounting and minored in French. Most recently he worked for Oshkosh Corporation as a Manager of Proposal Operations.

Eric was extremely mechanical and loved everything about cars. He also enjoyed trees and plants, history, and traveling off the beaten path. There was always an adventure when Eric was around. Mostly, however, he loved his family!

A private family funeral was held. Cards may be sent to Deanna’s home (see directory). A GoFundMe has been established for the family and can be accessed by searching his name on www.GoFundMe.com.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET ...

REQUEST AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Please email **FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com** with your preferred email address so we are able to send you an electronic copy of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

Thank You

Thank you **Jean Schoeni** for handling technology during the September Bible Study.

Thank you **Emma Kujawa** for the interesting and "fun" prizes selected and wrapped for the September 25 picnic/social.

Thank you to all who helped make the Picnic/Social a success! You may have done some planning, brought a dish to pass, picked up and delivered the ham/rolls, cleaned the basement and organized the kitchen, purchased game prizes, or added to the conversation to make the day fun for all!

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THE CHURCH PICNIC/SOCIAL WAS MUCH FUN!



Pictures courtesy of Elaine Schoeni



The FPCR family came together for lunch and a game on September 25. There was a lot of socializing, good food, and laughter. It was good to be together outside of a service!

Top Left: **Jim Frank** enjoys lunch. **Scott and Allen Schoeni** in the background. *Top Right:* **Cheryl Weber** watches **Kate and Emma Kujawa** hand out prizes. **Elaine Schmidt** is enjoying the mystery of the bagged items. *Middle:* **Jean Zeller, Cathy Romanski** and **Carol Frank** listen to **Rick Romanski**. *Middle:* **Paul Zachow, Debbie Hepp**e and **Jean Schoeni** enjoy **Keith Clark's** Halloween soap (a skull). *Bottom:* **Ken Schmidt** and **Melissa Kujawa** wait their turn at the game.

