

# In Touch with FPCR

## SUMMER BRINGS A SMORGASBORD OF EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES

*FPCR is blessed to have a church family with a variety of careers, hobbies, and pursuits making the group interesting and fun . . . and summer just adds to the stories! You might enjoy a little peek into a few summer activities.*

### SUMMER SCHOOL?

**Ryan and Jackson Kujawa** attained CSIA Certification at the end of a week-long training session and a cumulative test. CSIA, or the Chimney Safety Institute of America, certifies chimney professionals so homeowners are able to find reliable, experienced, highly-trained chimney and venting professionals. Congratulations Ryan and Jackson. Now we know who to call when we are in need of advice about our chimneys!

### BONDING OVER COFFEE

**Jean Zeller** and her grandson have a standing “date” every Monday and Friday throughout the summer. He wows her with his home-crafted iced coffee, and both enjoy the visit. We also hear she checks in with a fish who resides near the coffee machine. What a great start and end to each week!

### THE BEAUTY OF ALASKA

**Rick Romanski** recently spent 11 days with his grandson and his grandson’s scout troop in Alaska. The group was awed by the scenery where they fished and boated, on the clear lakes of Alaska. Next time you see Rick, ask for additional details about this once-in-a-lifetime bonding experience!

### IMAGINE THIS AS A CAREER!

**Carol and Jim Frank** are awaiting a visit from Jim’s grandson who travels around the country painting large murals on buildings, etc. He works with an artist who creates the design. He then transfers the scaled drawing to the building and paints it. Carol Frank reports he will be in Wisconsin during August and will be paying them a visit. Wouldn’t it be fun if he painted a building in this area?

### WORK DAY INTERRUPTIONS

**Allen Schoeni**, Textron Aviation, General Mitchell Airport, cannot say that recent work days have been boring. The Milwaukee Air and Water Show took place on July 22 and 23. For Allen, one of the plusses of this annual event is that the Navy’s Blue Angels were scheduled to fly in the show. When in Milwaukee, they are based at Mitchell Field . . . and they PRACTICE. Fun but probably not great for your concentration. They thunder overhead “playing” in the air, taking off, and landing as you work. Brain jarring!!



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars to attend FPCR services on **August 6** and **August 20**.  
Next month’s Bible Study will take place on **August 27**.  
The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline.  
[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**All are welcome for upcoming 10 am Sunday Services.**

**AUGUST 6  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
SERMON: FEEDING ALL  
WHO ARE HUNGRY**

**AUGUST 20  
SERMON: GOD'S HEALING**

▶ **SEPTEMBER SERVICES ARE  
THE 10TH AND 24TH WITH  
MR. PAUL ZACHOW,  
MAPS, PULPIT SUPPLY**

**Additional and updated  
information is posted  
on the website:  
[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield)**

## ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

### Elders

Carol Frank  
Jim Frank  
Debbie Heppe  
Melissa Kujawa  
Cheryl Weber

### Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

### Deacons

Emma Kujawa  
Cathy Romanski

### Treasurer

Alice Schmitz

## AUGUST 27 BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: PEACE IN A TIME OF TROUBLE

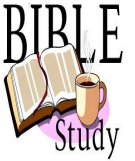
The next Bible Study is **Sunday, August 27**, at **10 am** via **Zoom**. A link to this online meeting will be sent on **Thursday, August 24**. To join the group for the first time, please email FPCR or contact leader, **Elaine Schmidt**.

The group continues to study the Book of John and will discuss John 16:16-33 next month.

Last month, the purpose of the lesson (*Secrets of the Spirit*) was to help us realize the power and availability of the Holy Spirit as we face struggles and problems in our lives. The lesson emphasized that the Holy Spirit is present in every true believer. When the disciples faced the

reality that Jesus would die, they were scared, angry, confused, sad, just as we are when we lose someone we love. Jesus announced that the Counselor (Holy Spirit) would come. Jesus explained that having the Holy Spirit would be for our good and the good of the world. The Holy Spirit will help us understand what is written and help us apply that truth to our world today.

The lesson also discussed that one of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to bring glory to Jesus. It also challenged believers to remember the Spirit's presence in worship.



## AN INTERESTING BIBLE TO EXPLORE

Are you looking for a Bible with explanations of various topics you question? Ask **Carol Frank** or **Elaine Schmidt** about *The Charles F. Stanley Life Principles Bible*. The Bible includes practical articles, notes, and sidebars to help the reader understand what the Bible has to say about life's most important questions.

## SUMMER NEEDS AT THE SLINGER FOOD PANTRY

### **Meals in a Can**

(examples: Ravioli, Spaghetti, Spaghetti-O's)

**Chunky soups**  
**Saltine crackers**  
**Shampoo**  
**Conditioner**  
**Toothpaste**  
**Laundry detergent**  
**Paper towels**  
**Toilet paper**  
**Kleenex**

The Pantry is very grateful for any/all donations. Please place your donations in the bin found in the Church's narthex. Cash donations are always welcomed and appreciated! Checks payable to FPCR may be mailed to PO Box 22, Richfield, WI 53076. Include SFP in the memo section of your check, or make a cash donation at the church by placing your donation in the offering plate using the special envelope found on the narthex table. Again, mark SFP in the memo section 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; Debbie and Mike Heppe's daughter, Erin; Melissa Kujawa's father, Bill; Jean Zeller's granddaughter, Ashley; Hartford High School Student Athlete, Michael Turner; and Daryl Schmidt.**



## JULY SERMON JOTTINGS

**Date:** July 9, 2023  
**Text:** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
**Sermon:** Christ's Yoke  
**By:** Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

*Jesus is teaching a crowd about carrying a yoke, servitude, or discipleship. The Roman Empire during this time rejects Jesus' teaching saying he is "drunk." Jesus is calling all people to the reign of God where everyone is loved, accepted, and cared for.*

- Jesus came to bring God's reign to all people. He did this through compassion, hope, and love.
- God shows Jesus' role to the commoners and the marginal.
- The weary, burdened, and oppressed are invited to take the yoke which is kind and good with a small burden (Matthew 11:30).
- Supporting mission causes here and abroad eases other's burdens (sharing in the yoke).
- Jesus is present more in times of need than in times of much.
- What burden do you need to lay down? How have you been made weary? How can we make this a more "just" world?
- Following Christ helps us find rest and hope and purpose.

***My yoke is kind, good . . . Its burden is small.***

*(Loosely Summarized from Matthew 11:30)*

**Date:** July 23, 2023  
**Text:** Romans 8:12-25  
**Sermon:** Waiting in Hope with Patience  
**By:** Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

*This lesson is about Paul speaking to the early Christian church. He is telling the people to wait and hope. God gives us the strength to sustain us.*

- Life is messy and complex. That which brings life and new life into our lives, to the church, and to the world relies on hope with patience.
- We live in anticipation of a new birth of freedom, a new day of loving, and an inheritance of life abundant. *Feasting on the Word, Yr. A, Vol. 3, Pgs 256 and 258, David M. Greenhaw.*
- Where do you need hope with patience in your life? the church? the world? Remember, we are called by God to have hope in times of transition. This can give new life and new hope.
- We often live in the "already and not yet" place. That is where "here and now" and "there and then" overlap and intersect. *Feasting on the Word, Yr. A., Vol. 3, Pages 257, Karen Chakioan.*
- We need to remember our blessings and God's love for us in tension. Waiting in hope and patience is the "not yet" in our lives, the church, and the world.
- The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes. God searches the heart and knows the mind of the Spirit . . . and ultimately, as we know, all things work together for good for those who love God.

***"But if we hope for what we do not see,  
we wait for it with patience."***

*(Romans 8:25)*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following individuals with birthdays in **August**. We wish you many years of God's blessings.

**8 - Richard Schmidt**

**18 - Kate Kujawa**

**18 - Cheryl Weber**

**22 - Elaine Schmidt**

**28 - Cheryl Koehn  
Terman**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to the following couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in **August**. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come!

**2 - Keith Clark and Jean  
Schoeni**

**19 - Ryan and Melissa  
Kujawa**

**24 - Jim and Carol Frank**

## 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

- **Carol Frank and Jean Zeller** for flowers to brighten the sanctuary during worship services.
- **Cathy Romanski and Scott/Shelley Schoeni** for yummy treats after the July 9 service.
- **Scott Schoeni** for performing beautiful accordion music at the July 23 service.
- **Mark and Cathy Manthei** for "scouting out" a new stove for the basement. Pick up and delivery should occur soon.

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## CONGRATULATIONS, KATHLEEN SCHMIDT

Congratulations on your retirement **Kathleen Schmidt**! August 4 marks Kathleen's last day at West Bend Mutual Insurance after working for the company the past 48 years (yes, you read that number correctly). Imagine the stories Kathleen could tell us about change in the work environment and in the insurance industry.

Also interesting is that her daughter, **Katie Schmidt**, recently took a job at West Bend Mutual Insurance. Do you think Mom had plenty of excellent advice for Katie as she began her career at West Bend Mutual?

The FPCR family sends Kathleen prayers for many happy years of retirement and Katie for many years in a fulfilling job/career.

## TIME FOR THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC



August 20 marks the date for the annual FPCR church picnic. You won't want to miss this event. The day begins at 10 am with a church service by **Paul**

**Zachow**, MAPS, Pulpit Supply, whose message for the day is titled, "God's Healing". There will be special music by a guest musician.

The service will be followed by a picnic complete with hamburgers, brats, and all the "fixin's". What could be better than lunch at a church picnic on a nice summer day in Wisconsin with a great group of friends?

After lunch, there will be plenty of time to grab a chair and visit with others from the FPCR family or play a game of Bags (aka Corn Hole). Rumor has it we might be singing Happy Birthday to two special people from the FPCR family and extending a huge thank you to **Paul Zachow**, our Pulpit Supply. Definitely events which require cake and ice cream!



We would love to have you join us. If you wish to contribute a dish to pass, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact **Debbie Hepe**; if not, just come. It should be a wonderful afternoon!

## Meeting

FPCR's next session meeting will be held via Zoom on **Monday, August 28, at 6:30 pm**. The meeting will be moderated by **Pastor Cathy Manthei**. A link to the meeting along

with a copy of the agenda will be emailed to all session members on Thursday, August 24.

**Members of the Congregation:** Please contact an **Elder** or **Elaine Schmidt** if you have a topic you would like to add to the agenda for the session to discuss at the meeting.



## FPCR CELEBRATES JUSTIN REMILLARD ON HIS RECENT GRADUATION

Congratulations to **Justin Remillard** who received his diploma in *Machine Repair* after satisfactory completion of an apprenticeship with Bradley Fixtures Corporation. He now has the status of journey worker. Justin is the son of **Brenda and Daryl Schmidt** and grandson of **Ken and Elaine Schmidt**. Most of the FPCR family remembers Justin from the years he completed Sunday School and his confirmation classes with Rev. Koehn. Way to go, Justin!