

In Touch with FPCR

UPCOMING COMMUNION SERVICE

On Saturday, July 31, 2021, **Pastor Cathy Manthei** will visit us once again. She and Elaine Schmidt are in the process of creating a Saturday late afternoon or evening communion service for FPCR members and friends.

At this time, please mark your calendar and plan to gather at the church. Additional details are still “in the works”. You will be notified by email (phone if email is not an option) when they are finalized. Also, remember that you can find updates on the website (<https://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com>).

Thank you, Pastor Manthei. We look forward to this Saturday evening service and are so blessed to have you as our friend!

JULY 18 SUNDAY SERVICE OPTION



*June 20 Flowers
by Carol Frank*

Looking for a service on July 18, 2021? **Paul Zachow, M.A.P.S.**, will supply the pulpit at *Faith United Church of Christ*, 2895 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI.

Directions: Left out of the FPCR lot onto Hwy. 164 for approximately 1.5 miles. Left onto Cty. Hwy. E for 1 mile. The church is on the corner of Hwy. E and Slinger Road.



*June 6 Flowers
by Carol Frank*

UPDATE ON MEMORIAL TO REV. DONALD KOEHN

To honor Rev. Koehn and his example of caring for others, a memorial check was sent from FPCR to the Slinger Food Pantry in his name.

Additionally, many of you know that he left several poster-sized drawings often used to illustrate lessons from his sermons. The posters are often displayed during church holidays such as Easter and Christmas. Efforts are underway to preserve these posters for future enjoyment.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR on **July 11** and **25** as well as a **Communion Service** on **July 31**.

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.

JULY 11

JULY 25

JULY 31

**SATURDAY EVENING
COMMUNION SERVICE
DETAILS FORTHCOMING**

AUGUST 15

AUGUST 29

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

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



PIANO, VIDEO, TRAVEL, ROBOTICS . . . OH MY!

Shira Gui, keyboardist at FPCR, loves to travel. She has visited Mexico, the US Virgin Islands, China, France, Spain, Italy, and the UK. Venice has been her favorite place because it is on the water, and everyone travels on foot or by boat in Venice. Along with her love of travel, Shira enjoys creating videos of the places she has visited and looks forward to being able to create more of them in the future.

A 15-year-old freshman (soon-to-be sophomore) at Arrowhead High School, Shira is a busy young lady with a variety of interests. She has been taking piano lessons for the past 11 years, and as we all know, plays beautifully.

At Arrowhead, she enjoys the robotics team where she is able to program and build robots to do specific tasks. They then compete against teams from other schools. She also enjoys videography. Her skills at filming,

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns or are awaiting test results:

Carol Frank

Jim Frank

Ron Grunke

Ron Grunke's Daughter, Shelley

Joyce Koehn

Rick Romanski's Aunt Helen

Daryl Schmidt



Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.

Jean Zeller and Family

Family of Lucille Schultz

Pearson Children

IN MEMORIAM

Lucille Wittenberger Schultz

July 25, 1931—April 13, 2021

Several remember Lucille Wittenberger Schultz who was a member of FPCR for many years.

Lucille attended FPCR with her parents William and Adella Wittenberger and siblings Robert and Janet. She was confirmed at FPCR and she and husband Alphonse "Bud" Schultz were married at the church in 1953.

She is survived by her children **Gerald** and Linda Schultz, **Paul** Schultz, and Todd and **Lisa** Strook as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives, and friends. Her parents; brother, Robert; son, **John**; and husband, **Bud**, preceded her in death.



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 June services.

Date: **June 6, 2021**

Text: **Psalm 130**

Sermon: ***Waiting for the Lord***

This reading is a psalm of lament or complaint from the Israelites to God about feeling hopeless and waiting for Him. Waiting is not easy for any of us, but Psalm 130 is good news. There is hope in the midst of waiting.

- What if you exchange the word “waiting” for “hoping”—much more positive, isn’t it?
- The blessings we have are a gift from God. His grace in our lives and His love are gifts to us.
- Even in the midst of suffering and challenge, we are encouraged to bring everything to God. He loves us and cares for us—always.
- God does not keep track of our shortcomings. He is forgiving, gracious, merciful, faithful, compassionate, and loving.
- Place your hope, trust, and confidence in God—even in the midst of waiting or suffering.

*HAVE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE
IN GOD ALWAYS!*

Date: **June 20, 2021 (Father’s Day)**

Text: **2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

Sermon: ***Open Your Hearts***

The apostle, Paul, is calling the ancient Corinthian Christian church to open their hearts in reconciliation to one another and to God. Paul is also calling us in this place and time to open our hearts to God in reconciliation and peace.

- Sometimes when things do not work the way we would like, we are frustrated or angry with God. That is okay—we are only human. God will not abandon us—no matter what.
- The world needs more kindness, compassion, love, and caring for and about others.
- We are all ambassadors for Christ. We are all agents of Christ and God’s love, reconciliation, and forgiveness in the world.
- We should open our hearts in love to and with one another in charity and in grace.
- On this Father’s Day, give thanks to our fathers and to those who have been like a father to us.

*GOD IS WITH US AND LOVES
US UNCONDITIONALLY—ALWAYS*



For the glory of God and in memory of Jeff Zeller, Paul Zachow began the June 6 service with an a cappella solo, *For All the Saints*. It is posted on the church website if you missed it: www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com. Thank you, Mr. Zachow!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

3 - Tim Wang

7 - Cora Schmidt

11 - Rosemarie Schmidt

31—Kenneth Schmidt



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

to the following couple who is celebrating their wedding anniversary in **July**. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many years to come.

9 - Paul and Debbie Schmidt Fait

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET . . .

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GUI ENJOYS PLAYING CLASSICAL MUSIC

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editing, and recording videos allow her to create updated videos for her school. She particularly enjoyed making one for Veteran's Day.

With an interest in a career in healthcare, Shira belongs to the Future Health Professionals-HOSA club. HOSA's goal is to help students become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration, and experience.

She is also part of the Forensics club and is an excellent writer. One of her recent accomplishments was winning the Silver Key for her critical essay, "Reflection on Handling the Coronavirus in the United States" through the Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards program. Shira reports, "In that essay, I was able to write down my real reflections on handling the coronavirus through my own experiences, research news and analysis from the web, and give my own thoughts and wishes." Earning this award meant that her voice was "being heard and that my views and values were being seen". This motivated Shira to continue expressing her thoughts to better serve her community.

In addition to all of this, Shira enjoys biking as well as tennis, which she has played for eight years. She sees her music becoming a beloved hobby in the future and is setting her career sights on either healthcare or computer science.

Shira enjoys coming to FPCR to showcase musical selections. She often selects various pieces of classical music. She also appreciates the welcoming environment. The parishioners at FPCR love having you at the keyboard, Shira. Your preparation, skills, and love of music show through whenever you are playing for us. Thank you.



THANKS, KATE AND ELAINE

Thank you, **Kate Kujawa**, for singing "Jesus Loves Me" during our church service on Father's Day. Everyone in attendance enjoyed hearing you sing that beloved hymn.

Thank you, **Elaine Schmidt**, for the special readings you presented to honor our fathers and those who have been like a father to us in recognition of Father's Day.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

FPCR would like to extend congratulations and good wishes to the following students who are 2021 graduates:

Hanna Bertucci—Northwestern University

Keegan Schmidt (*Douglas Schmidt's son*)—Ripon High School.



God be with each of you in your future pursuits.