

In Touch with FPCR

WHAT FUN THE FPCR FAMILY HAD TOGETHER

The FPCR family gathered in the Fellowship Hall and outdoors on Sunday, August 20, after the service for the annual picnic. This year's picnic included celebrating both **Ken Schmidt's** and **Elaine Schmidt's** 80th birthdays AND thanking **Paul Zachow** for his service to FPCR as the Pulpit Supply over the past five years. FPCR was so blessed to have a wonderful group in attendance and was thankful for extended friends and family who attended to celebrate and enjoy visiting with each other.

Here are a few pictures from the picnic. You will find additional pictures at <https://www.firstpresbyofrichfield.com/picture-galleries> (if you are viewing this newsletter online **OR** by (1) opening the website, www.firstpresbyofrichfield.com and (2) clicking on the menu item titled *Pictures*. You should be taken to a gallery of pictures from the day.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendars to attend FPCR services on **September 10** and **September 24**.

Next month's Bible Study will take place on **September 17** via Zoom.

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

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UPCOMING SERVICES

All are welcome for upcoming 10 am Sunday Services.

SEPTEMBER 10

SERMON: LOVE AND LIGHT

SEPTEMBER 24

SERMON: GOD'S KINGDOM

**MR. PAUL ZACHOW,
MAPS, PULPIT SUPPLY**

*Additional and updated information is posted on the website:
www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com*

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Deacons

Emma Kujawa

Cathy Romanski

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Alice Schmitz

SEPTEMBER 17 BIBLE STUDY

TOPIC: JESUS PRAYS FOR US

The next Bible Study is **Sunday, September 17**, at **10 am** via **Zoom**. A link to this online meeting will be sent on **Thursday, September 14**. To join the group for the first time, please email FPCR or contact leader, **Elaine Schmidt**.

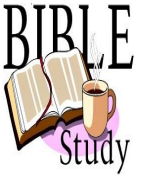
The group continues to study the Book of John and will discuss John 17 on September 17.

The purpose of August's lesson (*Peace in a Time of Trouble*) was to equip us to handle difficult situations. The lesson emphasized that we all have a Comforter and never walk through life alone.

We talked about the fact that the disciples leaned on Jesus to solve problems. Once he

was gone, they still had problems. That was difficult for the disciples to understand and continues to be difficult for us to understand. He is interested in YOU. He knows our needs and cares for us. He wants what is good for each of us. Through Him, we have peace. We know that we are never alone. Elaine Schmidt recalled one of Rev. Koehn's favorite reminders: God is with us 7-24-365 (7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and 365 days a year).

Joy, peace, and love are offered by both the world and Jesus. The difference is that what the world offers doesn't last—He will be with us always!



SUMMER NEEDS AT THE SLINGER FOOD PANTRY

Chunky soups (#1 need)

Tomato Sauce

Tomato Paste

Juice (Any Kind)

Coffee

Tea

Brownie Mix

Cake Mix

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.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Peace and Global Witness offering will be accepted on **September 10 and 24**. This is one of four special offerings sponsored by PC(USA). FPCR retains 25% (sent to the Slinger Food Pantry) to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace; 25% goes to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for ministries of peace and reconciliation; and 50% is sent to Presbyterian Church (USA)/Presbyterian Mission to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

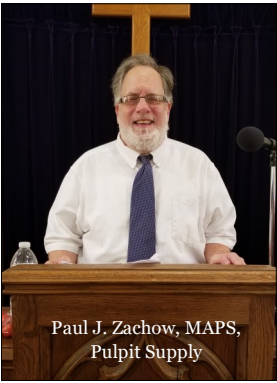


✝ PRAYER REQUESTS

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; Val Heidtke; Debbie and Mike Heppe's daughter, Erin; Melissa Kujawa's father, Bill; Annette Schmidt; Jean Zeller's granddaughter, Ashley; Hartford High School Athlete, Michael Turner; and Daryl Schmidt.

Please also pray for: **the people of Hawaii and of Ukraine.**



AUGUST SERMON JOTTINGS

Date: August 6, 2023

Text: Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon: Feeding All Who are Hungry

By: Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

The scripture is a story of compassion for feeding all who are hungry—in this case, 5,000+. Prior to this, the imprisoned John the Baptist was beheaded. The disciples told this news to Jesus, and he went out on a boat to meditate and pray. A crowd followed, so Jesus came ashore. He ministered with acts of healing and compassion. This was a deserted place, and the disciples explained to Jesus that the people were hungry and should be fed. The disciples suggested Jesus tell the people to find food in the nearby towns. Instead, he chose to feed the people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus had the crowd (5,000+) sit down. He blessed the loaves and fishes and gave thanks to God. The disciples handed out the food. There was plenty to eat with leftovers.

- This is a call for us to be fed and filled as we come to God's table for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This spiritual food comes only from God.
- This is also a call for us to be the hands and feet of Christ to help feed a hungry world - physically and spiritually.
- Where in our lives do we hunger for God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit? We are called to bring our hunger to God.
- Compassion is what motivates Jesus in his ministry. Compassion calls us in our ministries and lives as well. God works through us to help those in need and those who hunger.
- We live in a world that is not compassionate. We are, however, called to following the way of compassion.

Date: August 20, 2023

Text: Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon: God's Healing

By: Paul J. Zachow, MAPS, Pulpit Supply

The scripture is about healing and acceptance. The setting for the first part is Jesus teaching the people that what we say and how we treat one another matters. The second part is about the unmarried Caananite Gentile woman whose daughter is possessed by a demon. She is asking for her daughter's healing. She persists because she has great faith in Jesus and in God. Jesus finally listens and heals the daughter.

- All people need to feel accepted, loved, and cared for as beloved children of God. Inclusion can be very healing; exclusion, very shaming and wounding.
- As a church, FPCR tries to show great hospitality and to welcome strangers. This is being part of the body of Christ and the "kin-dom" of God.
- May we come to God for healing of ourselves and one another, AND may we also be called to be healers of one another and ourselves. This only can come from God working through us.
- Where in your life do you need healing and acceptance which only can come from God?

To make the world a sadder OR happier place each day is within the power of each of us by just the things we say.

From bulletin at UCC Calvary, Rev. Donald Koehn's previous church; submitted by Jean Zeller.



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

26 - Deanna Wojciescak

27 - Alice Schmitz

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Once all the i's are dotted and t's are crossed on the pending contract for **Pastor Cathy Manthei**, she will be FPCR's next minister. The session and Cathy are hoping for an October 8 start. You will be kept "in the loop!"

In the meantime, please add her contact information to your FPCR directory:

Pastor Cathy Manthei
Phone: 262-949-6750
Email:
mantheicj@gmail.com

Pastor Cathy will be available to you whenever you have a pastoral care concern.

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.



- **Everyone** who attended the August 20 service and/or picnic. Special thanks to our guests including the Heidtkes, Mantheis, Catalina DeSua's Mother and Grandmother, and the family of Ken and Elaine Schmidt. What a wonderful day at FPCR!
- Thank you to those who organized, set up, cleaned up, and/or brought a dish to pass for the picnic—especially the **Heppes** and **Kujawas**.
- **Carol Frank** and **Jean Zeller** for flowers to brighten the sanctuary during worship services and picnic.
- **Catalina DeSua, Cora Schmidt, and Scott Schoeni** for performing beautiful music at the August 20 service.
- The stove has arrived in the FPCR kitchen! Thank you to **Scott Schoeni** and **Friend** for picking up and delivering the stove and to **Pastor Cathy Manthei** for coordinating the acquisition.

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SESSION MEETING UPDATE

Your session met on Monday, August 28. A few discussion items included:

- Revision of the contract for Pastor Manthei, for submission to the Presbytery's Commission on Transitional Ministry (CTM).
- A property/building walk will occur after the service on September 24 in order to assess and prioritize projects.
- Approval of two additional musicians to ease Shira's and Catalina's responsibilities as we return to weekly services.
- Approval to re-commission Elaine Schoeni for Communion.
- "Zoom church" in the event of inclement weather.
- Bible Study occurring on a week night once we return to weekly services. The group is interested in completing the study of John.

Please see one of your elders (listed on page 2) for more information.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAIR SEASON



Jayden and Cora Schmidt, daughters of **Daryl and Brenda** and granddaughters of **Ken and Elaine Schmidt** enjoyed the work they put in for the past year at the Washington County Fair (July) and the Wisconsin State Fair (August). Among the awards were Showmanship for Cora and Supreme Champion for Jayden with her 2-year-old cow. Jayden placed 10th in Showmanship at the Wisconsin State Fair.



Top: Jayden at the WI State Fair in West Allis.
Middle Left: Cora in the ring at the Washington Co. Fair.
Middle Right: Jayden working hard in the ring.
Bottom Left: Jayden hoping a few final words will prepare her cow, Harmony, and herself for the Futurity Show at the County Fair. The dress was made by Mom Brenda from a picture.
Bottom Right: Jayden and Dad Daryl before the Futurity Show.