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December 29, 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

## Coming Events

The church's website is [www.schallerpresby.com](http://www.schallerpresby.com)



Miracle Quilters

Miracle Quilters will be meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 1 p.m.



CHRISTIAN GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Christian Growth Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m.



January 12th.

### Approaching Deadline

Those responsible for annual reports PLEASE give them to Denise no later than Sunday,



Elders Meeting

Called Session Meeting January 12th.

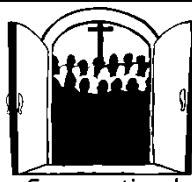
Reminder the next stated Session Meeting will be Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m.

### PURPLE GANG



Purple Gang will resume on Wednesday, January 15th at 3:30 p.m.

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil...It has no point!!



Congregational MEETING

### Congregational/ Corporation Meeting

On Sunday, January 19th following worship we will have a pot-luck dinner with meetings

immediately following. Business will include Annual Reports. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting. (Snow date will be January 26th.)

Following the meeting the Christmas decorations will be packed away for another year.



### LADIES BIBLE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JOB CONTINUES IN JANUARY

Next Bible Study is January 16th, 2020. We will continue our study on Job as we pick up Job Chapter 2:1-10. This study opens with a very good quote to reflect on: "Grief never ends but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor lack of faith. It's the price of love." How many of us get so discouraged and cannot move through the next phase of our life because of the loss of someone close? This study will help us to understand part of our grieving process and how we can move on but also learn what God has in store for us next. Please join us in the evening as we meet in Fellowship Hall for a brief clip, a heart healthy discussion and snacks. Even if new to the lessons, we can catch you up to speed. Come join us at 7 PM.

## OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION.

### JANUARY USHERS

01/05 – 01/12 Courtney Pyle & Parker Currie  
 01/19 – 01/26 Missy & Jim Kestel

### FEBRUARY USHERS

02/02 – 02/09 Richard & Florene Cork  
 02/16 – 02/23 Scott & Lorna Currie



**USHERS:** Ushers will serve 2 weeks. Please be there 20 minutes before service. Welcome everyone and hand out

bulletins. Count and post attendance. Take up the offering.

(If unable to serve find a replacement.)

**PLEASE** have new visitors sign guest book.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE



#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

12/01	39	12/08	44
12/22	29		
12/15	Worship & Children's Christmas Program (65)		
Christmas Eve		(51)	

(Ushers PLEASE Post Church Attendance)

**ELDER** for January: Jane Bisenius  
**ELDER** for February: Bruce Mentzer



**Elders remember this includes helping count the Sunday Offering.**

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

### JANUARY

01/05 NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP  
 01/19 Congregational Meeting (Pot-luck)  
 Melanie Pyle, Audrey Currie  
 Joyce Currie

### FEBRUARY

02/02 Communion  
 02/09 Missy & Jim Kestel  
 02/23 Lutheran's Pork Chop Dinner  
 (If unable to serve, please exchange with someone.)

### 2020 Per Capita

2020 Per Capita amount is \$40.76. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

### January 2020 Lectionary Readings

January 5

Psalm 103:1-5; Mark 1:21-45

January 12

Psalm 103:6-14; Mark 2:1-22

January 19

Psalm 126; Mark 4:1-34

January 26

Psalm 89:1-4; Mark 5:1-20

### Note from Denise King



Newsletter Deadline with January information is Sunday, January 26<sup>TH</sup>.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

12/01	4	12/08	14
12/15	NO S. S.	12/22	8



### Anniversary Congratulations!

Anniv.	Name
01/26	Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Birth day	Name
01/02	Jordan Grothe
01/04	George Turnquist
01/05	David Sydnor
01/12	Brett Currie
01/15	Dylan Johannsen
01/23	Dan Bailey
01/27	Bonnie Currie
01/28	Denise King
01/28	Carolyn Young
01/30	Shane Reimers

### Poem for Christians

Instead of making a New Year's resolution  
Consider committing to a biblical solution  
Your promises are easily broken  
Empty words, though earnestly spoken  
But God's Word transforms the soul  
By His Holy Spirit making you whole  
As you spend time alone with Him  
He will change you from within. --Mary Fairchild



A big thank you to Angie Claussen, and Theresa Bailey who served on Christian Growth and Phil Diersen who served on Session. Your service has been much appreciated.

Thanks also to those continuing to serve and welcome to those newly elected!

### Session Members

Class of 2022  
Jane Bisenius\*  
Julie Langner\*  
Janice Ploeger\*

Class of 2021  
Kirk Langner\*  
Cathy Sydnor

Class of 2020  
Lorna Currie\*  
Aaron Jacobson\*  
Bruce Mentzer\*

(\*Indicates ineligible for re-election)

### Christian Growth Committee

Class of 2020  
Missy Kestel  
Cathy McDonough  
Jackie Mentzer  
Brenna Franken

Class of 2021  
Melanie Pyle  
Glenda Turnquist  
Denise King

Church Treasurer ( 1 year Term)  
State Bank of Schaller

Co. Lorna Currie

Tellers: Betty Franken & Cathy Sydnor



# OUR CHURCH IN ACTION



## YOUTH NEWS

Middle School Youth met on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had a delicious meal, devotion, and decorated sugar cookies. Our next meeting is on January 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.!

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Middle School Youth for the delicious cookies that were delivered to my house.

--Marilyn King

## SHARE THE WARMTH

The friendly snowman yielded many handmade stocking caps along with several coats, gloves, mittens, snow pants and head bands.

They were distributed to kids in our local area.

## THE GIVING TREE

We would like to thank you for helping with the tags for the Giving Tree this year. This helped many local children.

Colleen Hansen and Kari Limbert and Schaller-Crestland Ministerial Association

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!



The Reimer Families, the Pyle Family, the McDonough Family, Jane Bisenius, Shari O'Bannon, and Betty Franken who helped to give the church a festive look with the beautiful Poinsettias they so graciously donated to help decorate the church for Christmas.

Also, a thank you for Joyce Currie who so lovingly takes care of the plants.

Thanks to the everyone who stayed and decorated the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. These faithful ones included the Pyle family, Jim & Cathy McDonough, Bruce & Jackie Mentzer, Jane Bisenius, Denise & Marilyn King and Julie Langner.

Q: How do you scare a snowman?

A: You get a hair dryer!

## CHRISTIAN GROWTH



### A Round of Applause

We would like to give a warm round of thanks for those who helped make our Christmas Program a success this year. We had a lot of help from Cathy McDonough, who directed the program, worked on the costumes, the stage scene, and the roundup of cast of characters. Our pianist Janice made the night special with all the carols being played and was very helpful with the planning. The children who participated in the program. We thank the Christian Growth Committee for the goodies that were served for fellowship following the program, and for its leadership and volunteers, and all others who helped make this a warm and meaningful Christmas to celebrate the Christ Child. Blessings to you all.



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting was held December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the following members present: Aaron Jacobsen, Lorna Currie, Janice Ploeger, Jane Bisenius, Bruce Mentzer, Kirk Langner, Julie Langner and Cathy Sydnor.

**WORSHIP:** We have two new members coming our way on January 12<sup>th</sup> as Courtney Pyle and Parker Currie graduate from their confirmation class this last fall. Welcome our two newest members in church when you see them.

Communion dates for 2020 are February 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MISSION:** it was brought to our attention that the Meals on Wheels program that currently serves Early has had to be discontinued with the closing of the restaurant, Crossroads (Early) that supplied the meals. We as Session are looking into ways that we may be able to help support this program through sponsors and outside help through other organizations. If you have any ideas, please pass them along to members of Session. This sometimes is the only hot meal some of our seniors may get. Let's see if we can help support this valuable program for our seniors.

**CHRISTIAN GROWTH:** We have three seniors graduating this year. Jordan Grothe, Daniel Langner, and Beth Bailey. CG will be coordinating with those seniors on dates for the big event.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Sydnor announced the Elder Training taking place in Jan and Feb. Session leaders will be learning Spiritual Leadership during these training guides led by our interim presbyter, Ian McMullin. Training dates are Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, or Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Pray for our Session as they see where Gods leads them in 2020.

Meeting was closed in prayer at 7:30.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Church, Our Session, Bev Alderson, Jean Grundmeier, Jeanette Peterson, George Turnquist, Dexter Meseck, Alex Kron, Justine Miller and Laurie & Larry Miller, Roger Beebe, Holli Safely, Sue Diersen's Niece Kelly, Lynn DePrez (cancer treatments), the Military, our President and Congress.



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**JOYS:** Congratulations to Becca Kestel who graduated from Iowa State University on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

--SEND A CARD--MAKE A PHONE CALL--SEND AN EMAIL--  
VISIT--SAY A PRAYER--

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call Rev. Michael Sydnor (275-4691) or Denise King (275-4516).

## The Meaning of the Snowflake

Every new snowflake comes to the earth  
as a picture of our Saviour's birth,  
because they are sent from up above  
and remind us of God's care and love.

Each one is as intricate and small  
because Christ sees the details of us all,  
and just as two are never the same  
the Lord knows and calls us each by name.

Snowflakes gently cover the world in white  
and hide what's unlovely from our sight,  
showing us how He covers our sin  
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.

So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind  
and in every bit of white may you find  
a reason to celebrate anew  
and a reminder of His love for you.

--Holly Gerth

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