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## Presbyterian Church

### Midweek Update

**June 26, 2024**

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### Pastors Away June 20-27

Pastors Luna and Phil will be taking off a week of vacation from June 20-27. If you have a pastoral matter during that time, please speak to one of the Elders.

### Reflection Article

On Sunday, our scripture reading was Mark 4:35-41. I spoke of how I could relate to the apostles' fearful reaction to waves washing over the side of their boat as Jesus slept through a squall. Just hours earlier they had watched with the crowd that had gathered beside the lake as Jesus taught the parables of the sower, a lamp on a stand, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the growing seed. Then, when he was alone with the disciples, he explained the parables. The parable of the growing seed, Jesus explained, is what the kingdom of God is like. "A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how."

...Whether he sleeps or gets up, though he doesn't know how. These should be reassuring words that stay with me. I'm imagining that the disciples had felt Jesus' words resonate within them and that they were stirred by an intuitive recognition, an inner knowing that they were in the presence of truth personified. I'm reading an account of His words that day and my heart is stirred. Imagine standing on the shore of that lake, seeing his face, feeling the sunshine and the wind off the lake. Then, just like the disciples experienced that night in the middle of a dark lake, life gets scary, waves start to wash over the side of my boat, and I find myself at the end of myself, and I forget how the kingdom works! I forget that God has made me and, though I don't know how, God is going to bring growth, and with time, fruit from what seems like death.

It is reassuring to know that Jesus has invited me to bring my forgetfulness to God. In the Aramaic reading of "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil," Jesus teaches us to pray saying in Aramaic, "Wela tahlan l'nesyuna Ela patsan min bisha," which in English we can hear, "Don't let us enter chronic forgetfulness of soul and source. On the contrary, release us from acting unripely, not in tune with our self's healthy purpose."

I am grateful to be part of a community that reliably reminds me what the Kingdom is like!

## Summer Worship Schedule

We are changing our summer worship plan just a bit for the coming months and adding a Pancake Breakfast. We are also hosting two other congregations—what fun! Here is the current schedule:

- June 30 - Outdoor worship with Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church with a PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 9am before worship
- July 7 - Communion! Lisa Holden quartet Heartfelt! Visiting artists! LaGretta's ordination as an Elder!
- July 14 - Outdoor worship with First Presbyterian Church - South St Paul
- August 11 - Outdoor worship
- [Maybe] Sept 1 - Outdoor worship

## Pancake Breakfast June 30

We will have a pancake breakfast before worship service on this Sunday, June 30. The buttermilk pancakes are from a Schiferl Family recipe with a hint of whole wheat. They will be ready to serve by 9 AM. The Schiferls will be providing pancakes, pancake toppings, and breakfast sausages. We need a volunteer to take responsibility for making coffee and volunteers to help setup (8:30 AM) and clean up (some before and some after worship service). Folks can also bring fruit juices to share. Please email [Irschiferl@gmail.com](mailto:Irschiferl@gmail.com) if you plan on helping with this wonderful event.

## Next Backwoods Workday, Sat July 13th, 9:30a-12n

We are already planning the July workday—please put **Saturday, July 13th, from 9:30a-12noon** on your calendars. Bring your family, friends, neighbors! Any and all snacks brought will be eaten with gratitude!! 😊 Advised to have long sleeves and pants, hat, water and gloves. (BYO bug spray if desired.) We look forward to being with you Saturday morning, July 13th, 9:30a-12n. 🌳🌱🌲❤️

## June Mission is Guild

Our mission giving in June will go to Guild Services, where Michelle Trebtoske works. This is from their website:

*Guild empowers change through engaging individuals and communities, embracing their needs and elevating their voices. We do this work with a spectrum of services because mental illness is different for everyone, and everyone is worthy of shelter, connection, and stability. We recognize that systems built on racial inequity and social injustice significantly impact the lives of the people we serve and have resulted in high disparities in health care and the social determinants of health. We are fully committed to addressing these critical components to the fulfillment of our purpose.*

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries



### Happy Birthday to:

Ron Eggert	7/9
Jay McGregor	7/10
Elizabeth Schiferl	7/11
Richard Schiferl	7/13
Lily LeClair	7/19
Heather Clary	7/23
Isaac GebbenGreen	7/28

### Happy Anniversary to:

Lisa Holden & Jay McGregor	7/17
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