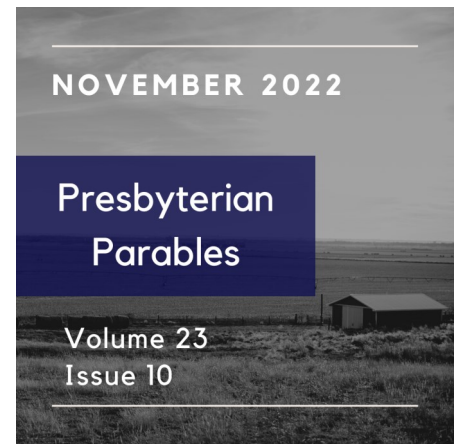


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *Lexington*

## EXCERPTS FROM EDDIE



Greetings church,

As we continue to contemplate the theme of “You Are Welcome” here, I wanted to flesh out some specifics regarding it as I am hearing that there is some confusion and misunderstanding surrounding it.

From its inception the theme of “You Are Welcome” here was intended as an outward looking theme and expression. Looking outward beyond the walls of the church, beyond the membership of the church and out into the community of Lexington. Members do not necessarily need to be told that they are welcome as they should already know and understand that. The theme was intended to communicate to members that they are the folks doing the welcoming of those outside the walls and outside of membership into the church! Why do you need to be welcomed into a place that you already are? Jesus charges us to go and make disciples. It is assumed that, as members, you are a disciple of Jesus and have already been on your discipleship journey for some time. The theme of “You Are Welcome Here” was to serve as an impetus for us to invite people who are not disciples of Jesus into making their journey of discipleship here with us. That we could be excellent partners in discipleship. That we could be supportive of people’s faith journeys. That we could be a place where lots of different thoughts and expressions could safely be made without being judged. Where faith could be explored. Where the work of discipleship, growth and becoming could be done.

When I tell people they are welcome here, this is what I have in mind. We’re all on our individual faith journeys together. We need one another and the community of Lexington needs us! Needs us to welcome them, to serve them, to disciple them and to be a safe place for people to make their faith journeys no matter what leg of the journey they might be on.

In His Service,

Pastor Eddie

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
12:30—2:30 p.m.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Teaching Elder—Rev. Eddie Mariel  
Dir of Worship Ministries—Holly Rickertsen  
Hostess—Linda Anthony  
Office Manager—Sarah Mariel  
Bookkeeper—Kimmy Schuster

**RULING ELDERS**

Dr. Fran Carlson	Allan McClure
Jeanne Burns	Kristin Psota
Sally Heusinkvelt	Bruce Rickertsen
Dian Lauby	Dan Roberts
Allison Luther	

Clerk of Session: Don Anthony

**DEACONS**

Judy Biehl	Rhea Musil
Dorothy Bremer	Tom Musil
Loretta Falkinburg	Carol Nelson
Steve Falkinburg	Tempie Roberts
Chuck Malcom	Jo Sherman
Darlene Malcom	Sharon Steinberger
LaDonna McClure	

**SERVING IN NOVEMBER**

**Ushers:** Larry & Sharon Steinberger

**Greeters:** Ken & Wally Fox

**Offering Counters:** Allan McClure & a member of Properties

**Lay Leaders:**

November 6th: Jessica Bliven  
November 13th: Fan Carlson  
November 20th: Tristan Copper  
November 27th: Judy Biehl

Loose Offerings during the month of October goes to:  
**Blanket Sunday**

**COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

Mission/Outreach Committee — November 7th, 5:30 p.m.  
Faith Committee — November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Congregational Care Committee — November 17th, 6:00 p.m.  
Properties Committee — November 21st, 7:00 p.m.  
Personnel Committee — November 15th, 6:30 p.m.  
Session — November 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

**WOMEN'S GROUPS**

-**FAITH CIRCLE** meets November 17th 9:00 am  
-**MARTHA CIRCLE** meets November 17th at 2:00 pm  
-**\*NEW YET TO BE NAMED CIRCLE\*** meets November 7th at 7:00 pm at Jessica Bliven's

**SERVICE COMMITTEE UP NEXT:**

GROUP A

### October 25, 2022 Session Meeting

Regular Session Meeting Location: Conference Room

Date: October 25, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm

Moderator: Rev. Eddie Mariel

Elders Present: Sally Heusinkvelt, Dian Lauby, Allan McClure, Jeanne Burns, Allison Luther, Kristen Psota, Bruce Rickertsen

Elders Excused: Dr. Fran Carlson, Dan Roberts

Elders Absent: none

Others: Don Anthony

Prayer and Devotions: Jeanne Burns

Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Session meeting Approved as presented.

Clerk's Report:

Communion:

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In home 10

Total 61

Deaths: 0

Marriage: 0

Transfers: 0

Removal: 0

Membership: 221

Attendance Report: No report

Financial Report: Passed as presented.

Balance 01/01/2022 \$19,201.92

Receipts 157,071.96

Disbursements 169,546.80

Balance 10/18/2022 \$ 7,027.08

Pastor's Report: Received as presented

Faith Committee: Recommendation to hold the Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm. Passed

Mission and Outreach: Moved that the Shared Ministry Pledge be designated 100% to Presbytery. Seconded and Passed. Recommendation that loose offerings in 2023 be designated as follows: January – CASA, February – Food Pantry, March – Six Pence, April 2-23 to One Great Hour of Sharing, April 30 and May – VBS, June – Food Baskets, July – Backpack program, August – L2 Kids, September – Presbyterian Disaster Relief, October – Parent Child Center, November – Blanket Sunday, December – Christmas Joy Offering. Passed

Properties: Received as presented

Endowment and Gifts: Recommendation that all future large requests for funds from Endowment and Gifts must be accompanied by at least 2 and preferably 3 estimates. Funds will not be disbursed without final costs. Passed

Congregational Care: Received as presented

Personnel: Received as presented

Deacons: Received as presented

Other Business:

Elders to serve Communion November 6: Bruce, Sally, Allan, Jeanne, Kristin

Next Meeting: November 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Devotions next meeting: Dan Roberts

Adjourned with prayer by Pastor Mariel

Respectfully submitted: Don Anthony, Clerk of Session

## Before Amen, The Power of a Simple Prayer

By  
Max Lucado

One of the most prolific authors, Max Lucado has written nearly 100 books based on his belief of Christian principles. Most of you have read at least one of his books, as there are many in our church library.

Max writes that, “The first followers of Jesus needed prater guidance. In fact, the only tutorial they ever requested was on prayer.” He gives us a simple, easy-to-remember, pocket-sized prayer:

“Father,

You are good.

I need help. Heal me and forgive me.

They need help.

Thank you.

In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Since November is when we celebrate Thanksgiving, I would like to emphasized that chapter. He writes that he is thankful for 26 items, one for each letter of the alphabet! This is an easy thing for all of us to do. Some of the items he shares with us are, “C-chocolate, E-exercises, H-heaven, M-miracles, N-naps, R-running water,” and other common things.

Max writes, “In Scripture the idea of giving thanks is not a suggestion or recommendation; it is a command. It carries the same weight as ‘love your neighbor’ and ‘give to the poor.’ More than a hundred times, either by imperative or example, the Bible commands us to be thankful.”

He gives us the thankful attitude of a very sick man named Jack. “Poor circulation took Jack’s color. Disease sapped his vigor. His hands trembled. Skin draped like cloth from his bones.” Jack told him, “I just talk to Jesus, I tell Him how good he is, I tell him, ‘Thanks.’ These are good times for me. I’m talking to Jesus.”

Max gives us this advice, “Don’t be too quick in your assessment of God’s gifts to you. Thank Him. Moment by moment. Day by day.” He ends that chapter by writing, “Thank God for everything.”

He tells where in the Bible to find each sentence of the pocket prayer:

Father—1 Corinthians 8:6

You are good—Psalm 31:19

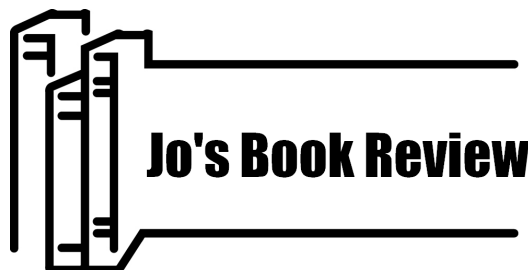
I need help—Hebrews 13:6

They need help—1 Timothy 2:1

Thank you—Psalm 100:4

In Jesus’ name, amen—John 14:13-14

Let us give thanks to God each and every day for everything that He has given to us.





**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

The last Sunday in October we celebrated All Saints Day and had a time of remembrance for all of those who passed in the last year.

Tammy Clark Bennett

Swede Nelson

Steven Nelson, son of Betty & Swede Nelson

Bill Smets

Pat Loudon

Earl "Bud" Brecks,

Ardith Bendler

Dale Holbein

Barb Poehler

Barb Calder, mother of Allison Luther

Jake Stansell - brother of Sarah Mariel

Fred Miller, uncle of Eddie Mariel

Don Anderson, uncle of Alice Screws

Larry Pedersen

Marjorie Ainsworth, sister of Carol Nelson

Vickie Saulsbury, sister-in-law of Carol Nelson

Kathy Rickertsen, sister of Sally Heusinkvelt

Don Sorensen, uncle of Sally Heusinkvelt

Mary Ruth Gauger, aunt of Sally Heusinkvelt

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

In October, elementary students 2nd grade and up received bibles! The service was joyful and the sanctuary was full of life and love! Those who received bibles were Freya Bliven, Makannah Sauer, Anthony Mariel, Aspyn Zamudio, Jack Saulsbury, Piper Hansen, Tilly Hansen, Giana Christensen, and Kinley Popken.

**50 YEAR MEMBERS**

The month of October was full of celebrations! Included in that was recognition of 50 year members. This year we celebrated Kristi Pebley being a member for 50 years.

# **CHURCH NEWS**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 1ST**

Operating Receipts: \$138,961.69	Operating Expenses: \$139,121.70
Surplus (deficit): -\$160.01	Roof Loan Balance: \$29,596.44
Payments Remaining for TY: \$3,001.83	Current Fund Balance: \$10,194.24



**Sunday Mornings in October & November | *Adult Sunday School*—Join us at 9 am in the Parlor for a study of the book The Post Quarantine Church.**

**Sunday Evenings in October & November | *Wisdom & Wine*—Join us at Mac’s Creek Winery at 7pm for a group study of the book We Want you Here.**

**November 10 | LMA Clerical Cookoff**

**November 23 | *No LOGOS Youth Group***

**November 24 | Community Thanksgiving Dinner at 11:00 am at The Crossing**

***November 27 | Start of Advent!***

We have transitioned to digital form for the monthly newsletter. You will be able to receive the newsletter on the website or have it delivered by email. If you do not receive it by email and wish to, please email us at [firstchurchlex@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurchlex@gmail.com). If you are currently getting the newsletter mailed to you and wish to continue to receive it by mail, email us or call us to let us know. Thank you.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Office Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p> <p>7:00 pm—Faith Committee</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>4:30 pm—LOGOS K-5</p> <p>6:00 pm—LOGOS Supper</p> <p>6:30 pm—LOGOS6-12</p> <p>6:45 pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>12:00 pm PW Lunch</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour</p> <p>9:00 am—Children &amp; Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am—Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm—Wisdom &amp; Wine</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>11:00 am—Knitting</p> <p>5:30 pm—Mission &amp; Outreach Committee</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Office Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p> <p>7:00 pm—Faith Committee</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>4:30 pm—LOGOS K-5</p> <p>6:00 pm—LOGOS Supper</p> <p>6:30 pm—LOGOS6-12</p> <p>6:45 pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>12:00 pm PW Lunch</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
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<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour</p> <p>9:00 am—Children Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am—Worship</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>11:00 am—Knitting</p> <p>7:00 pm—Properties Committee</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Office Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm—Session</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>NO LOGOS</p> <p>6:45 pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Coffee/Fellowship Hour</p> <p>9:00 am—Children Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am—Worship</p> <p>Advent Begins</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>11:00 am—Knitting</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 am—Office Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm—Session</p> <p>7:00 pm—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>4:30 pm—LOGOS K-5</p> <p>6:00 pm—LOGOS Supper</p> <p>6:30 pm—LOGOS6-12</p> <p>6:45 pm—Joy Ringers Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>			