

NEB-KAN Parish First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)
Falls City, NE Hiawatha, KS

October/November 2017

<p>WORSHIP TIMES: September 3rd —December 31st: Falls City 9:00 am / Hiawatha 11:00am</p>

REV. NANCY'S NOTES

While we might think of the Reformation as being one singular event or one smooth ongoing movement, it was really a series of movements within the life of the Roman Catholic church that changed the whole catholic church (the small "c" denotes that it is the universal Christian church) forever. When Father Martin Luther (he was a Roman Catholic priest) posted his 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church, he was the beginning of the reformation, but during this time, rumblings were heard from all over Europe.

Lutheran thought was moving down the Neckar River from Germany and Reformed thought was moving up the Rhine River from Switzerland. These thought processes met in the middle at Heidelberg. The tensions between the Lutherans and the Reformed Christians were powerful, due to the difference in belief of the presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Reformed belief was there was no bodily presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Lutherans felt this was a desecration of communion and its elements.

During this same period and adding to the controversy surrounding the communion beliefs was the ruler of this area, Frederick the Elector, who asked a couple of young men to write and prepare a catechism that would be acceptable to both groups and sides. The Heidelberg Catechism was born!

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NANCY'S NOTES (continued)

The Heidelberg Catechism opens with two questions concerning our comfort in life and in death. The knowledge that our only comfort comes in the form of Jesus Christ frames the entire remainder of the catechism. The catechism is in the form of question and answer and is still in use today for confirmation in many churches and faith traditions.

This is the first Creed that uses Biblical references and scripture to inform the affirmations and answers found in the Creed.

Happy Reformation Sunday during this 500th year of the reformation!
Wear red and enjoy the day!

Blessings to you and your family, *Pastor Nancy*

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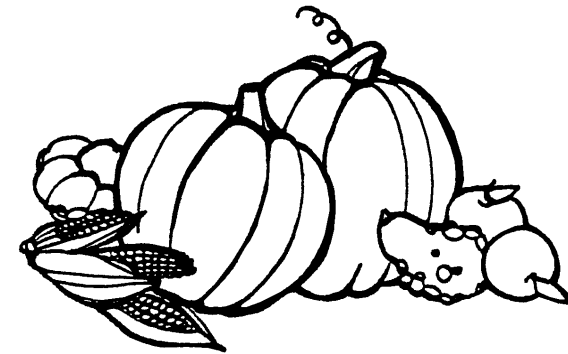
Fellowship Groups

Group F: *John Martin
Rick Martin
Carole DeBusk
Cassey Whalen
Debi Wright

Group P: *Denny & Judy Crawford
Marlene & Larry Schwarting
Mary Lou Johnson
Thelma Kirkendall
Larry & Sue Weast

Group C: *Chick & Carole James
Dick & Jennifer James
Terry & Pam Smith

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Thanksgiving Craft

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A Thanksgiving craft time after church will be held on November 12. If you have anything you would like to see completed, please feel free to let Jena Meyer know at jenaallen6@hotmail.com or 913-231-9393.

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee and cookies are served each Sunday morning. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship. Servers for Oct. & Nov. are as follows:

Oct. 01—Nancy Tuma

Oct. 08—Sue Weast

Oct. 15—Debi Wright

Oct. 22—Mary Jane Dawson

Oct. 29—Jena Meyer



Nov. 05—Morgan Pralle

Nov. 12—Courtney Riley

Nov. 19—Deloris Ripple

Nov. 26—Barb Rupe

Greeter for October—Pam Smith

Usher for October—Terry Smith

Greeter for Nov—Kristin Soden

Usher for Nov—Cade Soden

+++++++FALLS CITY NEWS+++++++

First Friday Breakfast

October 6 is our church breakfast. Drew Niehaus, Nuclear Communication Coordinator at NPPD will be the speaker. Come join us at 7am for good food and fellowship.

Birthday Concert

Jeanne Giles will be celebrating her birthday with a concert October 8 at 2:00pm at the Bickford Assisted Living, 4451 Old Cheney Road, Lincoln. Chris Hopp, son of Mark and Julie (Giles) Hopp will be performing. After the concert the Giles family will serve donuts and other goodies. All are welcome to join us or to send a card to Jeanne.

Presbyterian Women's Circle

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The women of the congregation will gather for their meeting in October on Monday the 9th at 7pm. Hostess is Sharan Kerl. We will meet at her house; 1740 320th Street, Hiawatha, KS. Car pool will leave from church.

November 13 Presbyterian Women will meet to prepare for the BAZAAR which will be held November 16. We will be meeting at the church.

Homestead Stated Meeting

Homestead will hold its Presbytery Meeting on Thursday, November 16, at 10:00am at First Presbyterian in Nebraska City.

Thanksgiving Baskets

On the first two Sundays of November we will be gathering canned goods and monetary gifts for Thanksgiving baskets. Food for the baskets will be gathered at St. Thomas Church at 16th & Harlan on Saturday Nov 18th and sorted into the baskets. **We will need volunteers to help with the sorting, packing and delivery.** Please join your fellow Christians in providing a holiday meal for those in need.



Thanksgiving Service

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Community Thanksgiving Service is being planned by the Ministerial Association. Falls City's Community Service is Sunday Nov 19th at 2:00 PM at St. Thomas Episcopal. Baskets of food will be delivered after the service. Several pastors from the community will participate in the services. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special service.

Community Diaper Closet

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we haven't been able to start this ministry. As the holidays start to come upon us we have decided to aim our opening after the first of the year. Please continue to collect items such as—diapers, wipes, and powdered laundry detergent. We will need help in a variety of ways; bringing products to the church; contacting banks and other places of business to set up diaper drives; bagging the diapers; distributing the flyers that Judy has made; talking to your neighbors and friends about volunteering to work an hour or two a month in the diaper closet; and you, as a member, volunteering in the diaper closet. Everyone's ideas and knowledge is valuable, so let Judy or Nancy know what you think.

Hay Ride

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The Parish Council is inviting everyone to attend a hay rack ride Sunday, November 5 at 3pm at the home of Larry & Sue Weast. All members of the parish are welcome to attend as well as any friends you might want to bring. We will be riding around their farm on the back of a hay rack. Afterwards we will have hotdogs, chips, and s'mores. It should be lots of fun and fellowship with friends.

Please RSVP to Pam Smith at psmith12362@gmail.com or 785-741-5563 or Pastor Nancy at nancy.tuma@comcast.net or 303-564-8360

+++++++HIAWATHA NEWS+++++++

Karla's Diaper Closet

We continue to be open on Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Due to the recent flooding in Texas from the hurricane, Karla's Diaper Closet held an emergency diaper drive. All diaper donations were sent to the Texas Diaper Bank in San Antonio. This is a non-profit organization whose mission is to address the diaper gap and its impact on individuals in crisis. It is the only organization in Texas that specifically provides victims diapers as disaster relief.

Stated Meeting

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas will hold their Stated Meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at Salina beginning at 9am.

Pumpkin Painting

We are going to be painting pumpkins October 22 at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. *You bring* the pumpkin or pumpkins you want to paint. We will be providing paints, brushes, stickers as well as everything needed to decorate your pumpkin(s). A light snack and drinks will be served.