



Voice of the Servant



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2024



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SUMMER
TIME



A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Church Family and Friends,

Beautiful summer days are upon us! Praise God for our recent rains and pray that rains continue to give us breaks in the heat and water for our crops. Make sure you take time to enjoy the awesome world God has created for us and....

*7 "... ask the animals, and they will teach you,
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;
8 or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
or let the fish in the sea inform you.
9 Which of all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
10 In his hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all mankind. (Job 12:7-10)*

We are blessed with life! Let us love and serve our Lord together taking advantage of the many opportunities to do so on our church calendar.

Helping with our Micropantry

Sharing fellowship together at our Family Free Breakfasts, July 13, August 17

Assisting with Vacation Bible School, July 29-August 2

Attending Fill My Cup on Thursday mornings

Taking one of our new evangelism signs to post in your yard

Joining us for worship on Sunday mornings

Also, please join us in lifting up in prayer those on our prayer list. We offer special prayers for our young people attending Stronghold summer camps. We pray for the campers and their counselors that the Holy Spirit might enlighten and inspire them.

Looking forward to loving and serving our
Awesome God....

By grace together,

Laurie Walker

Covenant Pastor





PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA

MAUA PARISH – IMENTI NORTH PRESBYTERY



STREET/SPECIAL FAMILIES'

PROGRESS REPORT



ACHIEVEMENTS



Mr. Mwongera, one of the street children doing loading and off-loading business in the market.



BACKGROUND

PCEA Maua Town Church is located about 100 Metres from Maua Town Center. This makes the church attract a lot of visitors during Sunday services and any other time events are held here.

Among these visitors are street children who visit the Church for food and other assistance. Their frequent visits made the leadership of the church think of a fairly sustainable way of incorporating them in the church. To offer not only spiritual nourishment but also help them cope with life, by way of having some income.

As a result, on 14th February, 2019, the church hosted about 30 boys and girls for prayers and breakfast. Since then it has become a routine to have these children every Sunday from 8.00 – 9.00am. Their program is well coordinated by the Parish Minister assisted by the Church elders and deacons.

Through the years, we have been able to reach to over 50 children from Maua Town and neighboring markets. The church has managed to provide not only food on Sundays but also clothing, empowering some to run small businesses, taking some back to school and attaching others in garages for apprenticeship.

The church plans to empower more street children to be self-reliant. To achieve this, we hope to partner with donors and well-wishers for funding, business community in town who can be willing to accept them for training (apprenticeship), educational institutions where they can be enrolled to complete their education or TVET colleges where they can learn some skills.

We also hope that through the funds received, we can be able to provide tools of trade to those already trained or attached somewhere.

Our pictorial coverage explicitly demonstrates some of the activities we have undertaken.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we are thankful to our creator for giving us will, strength and resources to support humanity.

We are also grateful to the **Church Mendota** for supporting this program with Kshs 177,650/=. We want to assure you that all funds collected will be utilized prudently and every coin accounted for.

In view of the above we kindly request for continued financial support to help empower our children and remove them from the streets.

Deuteronomy 15:11 "For the poor shall never cease out of the land, therefore I command you saying, you shall open your hand wide to your brother"

God Bless our Partners Church Mendota

Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry

Open House August 4, 2024

1-4 PM,

in the new building at

710 6th Avenue, Mendota



**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Abigail's Baby Bottles raised \$108.

If you still have a baby bottle, you can still return it.

Thank you for supporting this yearly fundraiser.



- ⇒ Has God blessed your garden this year with an abundance of produce?
- ⇒ If you go through your pantries and find extra non-perishable food items, consider donating to a local Micro-pantry.
- ⇒ When the kids go back to school, and you clean out your pantry and cupboards any extra can be donated? Don't just toss that out. Non-perishable food items are always needed at your local micro-pantries. Staple foods are always in demand at our micro-pantries, including but not limited to... canned tomatoes, peanut butter, jelly, Spaghetti O's, spaghetti sauces, pasta, rice, vegetables, fruits, breads, farm fresh eggs, mashed potatoes. Or, if you're able to donate these items, grab some on your next shopping trip. Please place the items inside the pantry or larger quantities inside the church 9-noon Monday through Thursday, and it will be stocked as needed.
- ⇒ Do you have spare time and would like to volunteer for an hour or two a month, reach out to us? We can use help stocking the shelves on Hands of Hope pickup days and fresh produce days.
- ⇒ Are you a business or organization and want to sponsor the micro pantry on a Saturday? This would give you a shout-out on the micro pantry page. All you can do is bring non-perishable food items and place them into the pantry on a Saturday of your choice! How cool is that? How ever you volunteer to help keep Mendota great. We see you, and we appreciate you! Have a safe and wonderful rest of your summer.

There is a sign-up on the table in Fellowship Hall to help fill the Micropantry.
Please prayerfully consider helping with this vital ministry.



Thank you to St. John's Lutheran Church

Roberto Guardiola from St. John's Lutheran Church collected non-perishable food items they collected at a conference.



Farming Edition

word search



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CHICKENS

FARMER

SOYBEAN

WINDMILL

COWS

FIELD

BARN

SHEEP

TRACTOR

HONEYBEE

SHOVEL

HAY

CORN

PIGS

SCARECROW

CARROTS

WHEAT

VEGETABLE

ROOSTER

EGGS

Session met June 11.
Communion will be served July 7.

Our Presbytery COM representative, Pastor Laurie Walker, met with Peggy. They updated our job offerings on the CLC website to appeal to a wider base of possible job seekers.

Pastor Laurie went on the recent Presbytery tour. Attendees saw the oldest church in Illinois (Galena), toured the Apple River Fort in Elizabeth, Illinois as part of the research into the name of our Presbytery “Blackhawk”, discussed establishing dialog with the Sauk Nation, and shared other pieces of history as they pertain to the area within our Presbytery. The September Presbytery meeting will be at Stronghold.

Session discussed the signs to be displayed in members’ front yards.

Our financial report shows us once again with a small surplus of income over expenses both for the month and year-to-date. Again, we couldn’t do it without faithful giving.

Pastor Laurie had the opportunity to take communion to our shut-ins, assisted by Carol Erwin. Pastor reports that the Free Family breakfast and the Fill My Cup weekly meeting are both blessings in the life of the church and the community.

We learned from Christian Education that 1) 20 children have registered so far for VBS, and there will be a VBS planning meeting June 24 at 6:30 PM at Zion – anyone interested is welcome to attend, volunteers will be handing out fliers at the food truck event on Main Street that evening at 6 PM – anyone is welcome to come help, 2) glue guns and glue sticks are needed for decorating and for VBS, 3) so far, 4 kids have submitted Stronghold Scholarship applications. We are hoping more area children will apply.

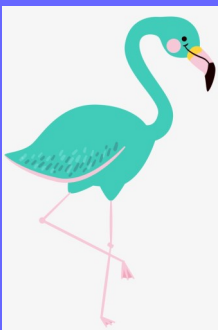
Rev. David Spaulding compliments Bill Bratney for his work in filling our pulpit with pulpit supply as the need arises. Worship and Music is trying to use more “spirit songs” in our time of worship.

Our Evangelism and Outreach committee reports that the Saturday Free Family breakfasts could use more attendees – everyone is welcome and those who attend always enjoy the time of fellowship and food. Our next two breakfasts will be July 13 and August 17 8:30 to 10 AM. Why not come and bring a friend ?

Our Mission Team received an email from Elder Joseph Bundy in Kenya letting us know that they have a new pastor. Their ministry oversees street families to develop their self-reliance.

Our next regular Session meeting will be August 20.

Submitted by Kim Van Rheenen, Clerk of Session



Income and Expenses at First Presbyterian May 2024		
	MTD	YTD
Budget	\$9,938	\$49,692
Income	\$7,498	\$51,849
Expenses	\$7,206	\$30,254
Reserves	\$ -	\$-









2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11a Produce sorting	3	4 Office Closed Observance of July 4 of July	5 Office Closed 12:30p HOH Pickup 3p unload & sock	6
7 10a Worship- Communion In-person & Facebook live 11a Fellowship	8	9 No Session This month	10	11 6:30p Webelos	12 Office Closed	13 8:30—10 AM Free Family Breakfast
14 9a Second Sunday Breakfast 10a Worship- In-person & Facebook live	15	16 11a Produce sorting	17	18 6:30p Webelos	19 Office Closed 12:30p HOH Pickup 3p unload & sock	20
21 10a Worship- In-person & Facebook live 11a Fellowship	22	23	24	25 6:30p Webelos	26	27
28 10a Worship- In-person & Facebook live 11a Fellowship	29 5:30p to 7:30p VBS Zion UMC	30 11a Produce sorting	31 5:30p to 7:30p VBS Zion UMC			



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Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit through every aspect of our lives, We strive to become more like Christ. Our purpose is to praise and worship God, Support each other as a family, and reach out to others to spread the good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ!



July Birthdays

02 Howard Brauhn
04 Diane Truckenbrod
05 Nancy Huss
08 Hailie Donahue
10 Bill Ennenbach
11 Debra Dullard
11 Deborah Inman
15 Peggy Etheridge
18 Andra Goy
18 Sandra Sanford
26 Cera Donahue
27 Keagon Cox

August Birthdays

08 Connor Dullard
11 Rubi Donahue
18 Mary Erbes
31 Sean Christen

"Fill My Cup"

Thursday's at 10 AM

All are welcome to fill their cups with caring, coffee and tea.



July Anniversaries

10 Trenton & Jamie Stanford

August Anniversaries

11 Bill & Joni Bratney



Free Family Breakfast

All Are Welcome!

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Saturday, August 17, 2024

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

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Continued Prayers

Julius Hagan—Belgium
Missionary
Kenyan Partners
Angie (Faye Smith)
Art Beck
Dorothy Becker
Dixie Tonozzi
Finley Walker (*Pastor's*

Grandson)
Janet Sutton
Jason
Jim Reilly
John Pohl
Margina & Larry (*Kay*
Christen)
Mike Boyle

Pam Schmidt
Pat Schmidt
Sarah Arter
Sandy & Donald Schultz
Tim Sondgeroth
Trisha Smith

July Lectionary Readings

07—2 Samuel 5:1-5; 9-10; Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
 14—2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15; psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
 21—2 Samuel 7:1-14; Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
 28—2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August Lectionary Readings

04—2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
 11—2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
 18—1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
 25—1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

July Ushers

July 7—Kay Christen, Carol Erwin
 July 14—Ron & Melissa Blum
 July 21—Chuck & Betty Baumann
 July 28—Lucille Barkowski

August Ushers

August 04—Kay Christen
 August 11—Kay Christen, Sandy Rebholz
 August 18—Kevin & Ann Goy
 August 28—Joni & Bill Bratney

July Pianists

July 7 —Peggy Etheridge
 July 14—Jake Schmidt
 July 12—Jake Schmidt
 July 28—Laura Sutton

August Pianists

August 04—Peggy Etheridge
 August 11—Peggy Etheridge
 August 18—Jake Schmidt
 August 25— Jake Schmidt



Second Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast July 14, August 11, 9 AM
 Please bring a breakfast goodie or dish to pass.

We will provide drinks and table service.
 If you have questions,
 please contact Diane Moore.



Weekly Coffee Hour

Please sign up to bring cookies or baked goods and to make coffee and set out cheese crackers and juice the morning of.
 Juice, coffee, cheese & crackers are supplied by the Fellowship Committee.
The sign-up is on the wall outside the Kitchen.



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Sunday Fellowship 11 AM, in-person/Zoom
Second Sunday Breakfast 9 AM



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Meeting code: 994 646 5263

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July 2022

August 2022

