

September BEAM

First Presbyterian Church

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September Birthdays!

01-Betty Brown; Pat Terevich

04-Easton Barkley; Parker Faust

07-Rick Wicklund; Madi Phelps

08-Laura Gwidt

11-Marcus Nordstrom

12-Miles Dunnum

14-Wayne Schmidt

15-Anna Schellpfeffer; Jackie Kluever

16-Charles Ehrhardt

17-Evan Buege

18-Melissa Krasowski

19-Hope Abbiehl; Richard Austin

20-Amanda Buege

21-Daniel Kluever; Jack Schaefer; Marlyn Wann

23-Dennis Rhyner

24-Beverly Dittmar; Jeff Hertz

27-Bret Miller; Peggy Heinz

30-Alex Klemp-North

*Happy
Birthday*

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** is received during the **Season of Peace**, which ends on World Communion Sunday.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote **the Peace of Christ** by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Congregations will give 25% of this Offering locally to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Our local contribution will go to the **Wausau Community Warming Center.**

I am back in the office and I am spending my time working on VBS and preparing for a new year of

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Dates to look forward to:

September 9th Sunday School open house and registration

September 16th First Day of Sunday school

October 7th FAF (Families at First)

We could use some more Sunday School teachers and nursery volunteers. Please talk to me if you would be willing to volunteer to lead and teach the youth of our congregation.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I look forward to an exciting year!
Andrea Ingvalson

Where Are Our Young Adults?

Deacons would like to put their "Caring Arms" around our young adults. Please help us keep them connected to their church by letting us know where your post high school children will be this fall. Are they working? In college? Technical school? Graduate school? Please give that information, complete with current addresses, (e-mail and street addresses please) to **Gail Smith** at 715-359-4763 or e-mail gailnickns@charter.net. Thanks for helping us stay in touch with our young adults.

CHRISMONS... Do you know what they are or how they came to be? Each winter you have seen them on the tree in the sanctuary in December. But this year, there will be three new Christmas trees, three different sizes and all will need many beautiful new Chrismons. So, here's some history of the Chrismon.

Chrismons were first made by a woman named Frances Kipps Spencer at the [Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia in 1957](#). She also thought of the word, Chrismon, which is a combination of Christ and monogram (meaning symbol).

The idea quickly spread to other churches. It is traditional that Christian groups make their own Chrismons with their favorite symbols on. Mrs. Spencer stated a tree was never finished until someone came to see it and had the story of Christ explained to them through the ornaments.

Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical (or Church) color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His Majesty and Glory. Ideas for fashioning them are developed from early Christian symbols, the Bible and church history.

On **Thursday, September 20**, please join us at 1:00 pm for our first afternoon of crafting as we make a number of our own new Chrismons to be displayed on our new Christmas trees this December. This will be a fun afternoon of fellowship. If you have a sharp scissors, hot glue gun and glue, fish line, small gold beads and sequins to donate for use, they would be appreciated.

Contact Karen Martinson or the church office if you have questions but please mark your calendar and help us make some church history of our own. Joan Kuehl has graciously made the poster and booklet found in the parlor explaining some of the history and meaning of the Chrismons. She has also made over 40 different patterns to follow. Thank you, Joan, for sharing your talents. We hope to see many of you on September 20.

Budget Time. All of the Teams and Sub-Committees should be working on their preliminary **2019 Budgets** as they are due to the Support/Budget Team by September 17. If there are program additions or changes you'd like to see happen, please contact that team and discuss inclusion of your idea in the 2019 budget.

September

Worship Team

Let's get back in the swing of the Music Ministry! September opens up new opportunities for all of us. **Anyone** can join our choirs or Worship Team, so let us know if you'd like to start the "new year" with us! Contact **Music Director Susan** susan@firstpreswausau.org or **Worship Team Chair Doug Klingberg** at djklingsberg@gmail.com

Worship Time moves back to 10:00 on Sunday, Sept. 9. Worship Team has decided to move worship time back to our fall-winter time of 10:00. This was a tough decision—many liked the summer 9:30 time, but we'll go back to the traditional time for fall and winter.

CHOIRS

- **Chancel Choir**--returns to Wednesday rehearsals on **September 5** at a new time: **5:45 pm**. On this first rehearsal, bring a snack to share with the bell choir at 6:45 for our annual Kick-Off Munchy time.
- **Handbell Choir**--return to Wednesday rehearsals on **September 5** at a new time: **7:00 pm**. On this first rehearsal, bring a snack to share with the Chancel Choir at **6:45** for our annual Kick-Off Munchie time.
- **New Creation Singers**--Grades 2-7 will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, **September 19 at 4:30** in the Third Floor Choir Room with Susan Schaefer.
- **SonLights Choir**--Age 4 – First Grade will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, **September 19 at 4:30** in Room 203 with Korrin Black.

Worship in September

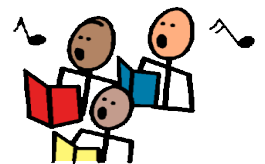
September 2: 9:30 am: Worship in the Chapel (Congregational Meeting afterward)

September 9: 10:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion and Chancel Choir
Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

September 16: 10:00 am Worship with Chancel Choir – Sunday School begins

September 23: 10:00 am: Worship and Sunday School with Handbell Choir

September 30: 10:00 am: Worship and Sunday School with Chancel Choir



SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 - 7:00 pm

The 2018-19 Chamber Music Concert Series begins with **BITS** of everything!
Hear our local musicians and teachers play and sing their favorites.



Other upcoming concert dates are Friday, February 1: Recital by Susan Schaefer
Friday, April 26: Crème de la Crème: High School Award Winners

Chrismons Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 20, 1:00 pm.

Our Chrismons need to be replaced and/or repaired for our Christmas **season**. Come help craft new ones!
Let the office or Karen Martinson know if **you can** be there.

