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Schedule

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
Fellowship: 10:15 am Following Worship
Sunday School: 10:15 am (during academic school year)

We have many members devoted to the prayer chain. This group responds to prayer needs and is activated by Pastor Scott Meier at any time or any day of the week. If you need prayer, please contact Pastor Scott during office hours at 515-545-3350 or after hours on his cell at 989-590-8146.

Please
Pray
for...



Praying for others is a discipline of the heart.

Ron Johanson & Family, Rich Pederson & Family, Merle Loseke, Dianne & Family, Jack Yates, Leslye & Family, Ron Pederson & Family, Julia (Tjaden), Jeff & Family, Delbert Dencklau, Deb (Bohn) Harris, Ellen Jane Lemberg, Norm Larson



October 5th - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 62, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:1-10

October 12th - Ruth 1:1-19, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:1-13, Luke 17:11-19

October 19th - Genesis 32:22-30, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5, Luke 18:1-8

October 26th - Revelation 14:6-7, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

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Badger Lutheran Church

NALC/LCMC



Greetings to all who receive and read this Newsletter from your Pastor, Scott Meier.

You are Forgiven for Him

As Christians we might use the phrase to identify ourselves and say, “We are the Family of God”.

What do you think identifies Christians as the family of God? It is an interesting question, isn't it?

Is there a family resemblance, do we “look” like each other? Do we belong to God's family because of our Christian actions, the things that we do? Is it a family because we share some DNA or relatives?

1 John 2: 12 I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

The apostle John writes this and directs this to us in the family – the little born ones. He makes the point that why he is writing this is because your sins are forgiven on account of - or for His name's sake.

John makes this point because we tend to hold onto our guilt and our shame and it affects our daily way

of living. This daily way of stuffing our guilty feelings deep inside ourselves causes us to treat each other poorly in the family of God. We are more likely to hold grudges against each other and to not forgive each other. We are often critical of each other and find the problems in other people's lives. We are likely to think of some of God's Family as worse than us by doing some comparison. By thinking that the kind of sins they have done are “worse” than our sin.

But that is horrible and untrue thinking and it is certainly harming the Family of God and driving wedges between people.

The Truth is that we are part of God's Family because he declares that our sins are forgiven.

This truth that is mentioned numerous times throughout the Bible is so central to Christian preaching and teaching, but it is a difficult truth to believe. Why you might ask?

Well, I was going to tell you, it is because we hear the words, though we might even give an intellectual nod to their truth but then we bring up our guilty feelings about sins in our recent life or even long ago in our past. We drag around guilty feelings like a chain and anchor shackled to our body.

When we don't acknowledge the forgiveness and that it cuts the chains – breaks the chains of guilt and – then we are still shackled to

pain and frustration and punish ourselves and punish the people around us. If I don't understand my own forgiveness then I won't recognize yours.

What the apostle John is declaring, when he says, “your sins are forgiven on account of His name” – he is saying that the reason you have been forgiven is not primarily for you, but on account of Jesus – to benefit of the ministry of Jesus.

We are to get our eyes off of our self-condemnation. The issue is if we keep on focusing on the guilty feelings for our past sins, keep beating ourselves up for the sin – the people don't see His forgiveness working in us. It hurts the reputation of Jesus among all the people of the world.

The main point is God's reputation, God's name – or we can say, the Holy Name of Jesus, our savior.

The forgiveness of our sins shows and is a witness for His grace and His mercy. As it says in Psalm 79: 9 Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

We improve the reputation of

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights

Badger Lutheran Council Minutes • UNAPPROVED • AUGUST 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:59pm by Allison McBride.

Secretary Report: The Minutes from August were reviewed and approved by Jim Vinsand and Mike Bruen.

Financial Secretary Report: Financial Secretaries Report reported by Jim Vinsand, the General Bank Account balance is \$13,839.60, Memorial Bank Account Balance is \$120,444.30, The Youth Bank Account Balance is \$22,575.98, the total income was \$16,529.93 and the total expenses were \$17,618.87. The expenses were higher because we made a quarterly payment for insurance which was \$4,000.00. Our Offering is starting to grow. We had a payment through the QR Code. Allison asked Jim about the donation that covered the Contemporary Service for Brady O'Brien which is \$75.00 per Sunday. We have 4 Sundays left; after that, would we like to fund this out of the General fund Jim asked. Motion was made by Brent Larson and seconded by Renae Gebers. The Financial Report was approved by Mike Bruen and seconded by Brent Larson.

Pastors Report: Reported by Pastor Scott, Month of August 2025 – Registered for LCMC Annual Gathering 2025 in Lakeville, MN (October 5- 8) – with my wife, Kim. Attending the Gathering is a high point of the year, like a family reunion/ homecoming. I get to see lots of colleagues and friends from around the country and world only once a year. I make connections with mission organizations.

There is opportunity to meet new people who have never been to LCMC Gathering – to Worship together, Study God's Word together, here some great Keynote Speakers (this is the 25 Anniversary of the origin of LCMC), go to some great Breakout Topics. Pastoral Care for several congregation members in grief and/or health crisis. Funeral, Sat. Aug. 9, for Bill Cote, Uncle of James Johnson of Badger, IA. Graveside service for Norris Overdahl at Blossom Hill cemetery, August 23, Saturday. Of course, all the regular assignments – Newsletter, Prep for Sunday Worship, and Sermons and Power-Point slides.

Business Management: Reported by Jim Vinsand, nothing to report.

Education: Reported by Renae Gebers, Sara wanted to thank everyone for the planning and execution of the Kickoff 2025. They had eleven kids for the first day of Sunday School. They will continue to do the one room Sunday School which takes place after the Children's Sermon. They are working on getting a calendar together for which teacher is working which Sunday. They also showed appreciation to the council for the Sunday School teacher appreciation gifts. It was a touching moment to see how many lives Brian Larson has touched. October we will be planning for Confirmation, October 26th. They will start working on the Christmas Program which will follow the VBS True North Theme.

Membership/Outreach: Reported by Michael Hendren, thank you to all who helped with Kick off Sunday. We had 83 at the Worship Service and 65 for lunch. They collected \$65.00 in Free-will Donations.

Michael has been working with Abee and Brent about a new event for kids. They will be putting together a Fishing Derby at Badger Pond, for next June. It will cost approximately \$250 dollars to stock the pond with Blue Gill. Abee would like to name it Harry Fisher of Men's Fishing Tournament. Michael was fine with that name. Michael is thinking June 7th for a date.

Missions: Reported by Renae Gebers, had heard on the radio that September 21st is invite someone to church national day. They are working on community and how to grow the church.

Properties: Reported by Mike Bruen, the Tuck Point will happen this fall. Jim asked what the cost of that was and Mike replied \$12,200.00.

Worship, Music and Arts: Reported by Abee Kelleher, Sunday is the Church picnic. Abee will be out there to set up. The kids at First Presbyterian are building a pantry. She is inviting the congregation to this event and bring a canned item for the Pantry. It is in honor of her dad Harry Armstrong. This will be at the Shalom Center. It will either be the 1st or the 8th of October. Abee will be in touch with Michelle. Renae also shared that Anna Armstrong is fighting Stage 3 Colon Cancer, they have a meal train started. Renae will find the link and share it.

Youth: Reported by Brent Larson, last month Brent reached out to the Messenger to see if they would be interested in doing a story on the Youths Canoe trip. He asked if anyone has seen the article in the Messenger. The Youth Group went to Fort Frenzy and there were 15 kids who showed up.

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Happy Birthday!

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1 - Brock Herzog
1 - Ollie Armstrong
1 - Jean Ann Lemberg
2 - Brad Axness
2 - Abram Larson
4 - Ava Larson
7 - Justin Smith
8 - Emma Bruen
9 - Mackenzie Jergenson
9 - J.C. Hatcher
9 - Chad Opheim
10 - Tielyr Clabaugh
10 - Karl Larson
10 - Zachary Pate
12 - Georgia Knudson
13 - Judy Kahler
13 - Londyn Johanson
14 - Jane Johanson
14 - Lindsay Johanson

14- Jennifer Jenson
17 - Leyton Brock
17 - Sandra Mickelson
18 - Kaylynn McGriff
19 - Zachary Lemberg
19 - David Schiefelbein
21 - Dana Westphal
22 - Karlee Egemo
24 - Kathy Hall
25 - Cody Condon
27 - Samantha Vinsand
27 - Josie Eldal
28 - Rick Pederson
28 - Chrissy Larson
29 - Amanda Oleson
30 - Tyler Craven
31 - Dianne Loseke

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Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00

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John 14:6 “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (NIV)

Question: Who will you share the hope of Jesus’ love and forgiveness with today?

Prayer Power: Dear Lord, show me which of my friends need Jesus’ love today. Help me to be a shining light of hope telling all my friends boldly of the love that you give to all who trust in you. Amen.

(written by Jeannie Blocher, Director of Spiritual Impact & Amy Stafford, President, of Body & Soul Fitness®)

Check out the YouTube video of the song: “Tell All My Friends” music video by SEU Worship, Sydney James <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbCOhcqMTZ0> . Here is the Lyric Link: <https://genius.com/Seu-worship-tell-all-my-friends-lyrics>

Body & Soul and RSVP BASE exercise program working here in Badger at the Badger Library. MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, 8am - As I have volunteered to teach their BASE class as it is VERY similar to the Longevity class.

Check out their website: <https://www.rsvpvolunteer.org/base-senior-fitness>

BASE stands for Balance, Agility, Strength and Endurance. RSVP offers the BASE Senior Fitness program Free in two counties: Hamilton and Webster.

--» Call me, Kim, if you have any questions 989-590-8174.

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check out: <https://bodyandsoul.lightcast.com/> Try for FREE for 30 days - access to ALL Programs - Cardio Strength & Flexibility™, Power Strength™, Dance Blast™, Gold™, Fit360™, Longevity Fit360™ and Faith & Stretching!

Check out the free YouTube videos this October and stay active and healthy. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTTwVLUikQ3fNAYDJF7I-nQ>

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Kim Meier 🌸
CPA & ACE Certified Teacher for: www.bodyandsoul.org

Romans 1:16, 17a “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith.” (NTL)

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(Youth)

The 17th is the first weekly Youth activity with First Presbyterian. Brent would like the First Presbyterian kids to join the activity on September 21st, 11:30am to 1:30 as well. He is also going to check when the Winter Jam concert in Des Moines.

New Business: Zach Dodge has a Ministry at Iowa Central. He was one of the cyclists in our “Bike to Church” event. Part of his college ministry is a radio show on 88.1, the Point. His show is on Wednesdays from 5-6pm and he has a Youth group Shout out. Abee spoke about creating a document for either nominating or maybe someone would like to serve on Sunday as Usher, Greeter, Communion, Reader, Coffee Host or maybe has interest in one of the Commissions. Allison brought up the list of Commissioners and Commission Members Ballot – 2025. She wanted to make everyone aware that there are a lot of people who will be finished with their term in February and to ask them if they would consider staying longer or if they know someone who would like to serve.



Readers

October 5th - Brent Larson

October 12th - Amy Herzog

October 19th - Clark Fletcher

October 26th - Renae Gebers



Theresa Pederson
&
Sandra Mickelson

Communion Servers



October 5th - Brent & Micah Larson

October 19th - Sandy & Clark Fletcher

Ushers

October 5th - Samantha McClintock, Brent Larson, Mike McBride, Bruce Johannes

October 12th - Rick, Royce & Reggie

October 19th - Amy Herzog, Al Fevold, Steve Johanson

October 26th - Renae Gebers, Jagger Wolfe, Kyle McGriff



October 5th - Leah Myer & Gabi Herzog

October 12th - Rylan Hewitt & Aubrey Raymond

October 19th - Leah Myer & Aubrey Raymond

October 26th - Emily Otto & Emma Loseke



Bible Study,
Mondays, 7:00 pm
Come join and dig deeper!



Coffee Hosts

October 5th - Liz & Wayne Sandven

October 12th - Mike & Kristi Bruen

October 19th - Hayden & Robyn Fevold

October 26th - Confirmation Reception



Greeters

October 5th - Amanda & Will Condon

October 12th - Mike & Kristi Bruen

October 19th - Nancy Axness

October 26th - Tammy Armstrong

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Jesus and His name is praised when people see that we believe we are forgiven. This also improves the Family of God, for as we believe in our Forgiveness: we are also convinced that our brothers and sisters in Christ are also Forgiven. This is what makes us Family - we are each Forgiven so wonderfully and completely and none of us deserved it. Jesus is that full love and mercy. That is what we have in common that so many people in this world will notice. When we live out of the reality that we are Forgiven - that we are benefitting because our Savior is a Chain - Breaker: Breaking the chains of guilt and shame - so that we are free in Christ. Then that Free in Christ truth is the truth that overflows our hearts and minds. And we know that is the truth for each of us confessing Christians - so we should definitely not be in the habit of dragging around an attitude that treats each other poorly, and that holds grudges. Instead, we should be quick to forgive others, we should get rid of a critical way of looking at each other instead keep reminding each other - You are Forgiven - thanks to Jesus. Let's praise the Lord, let us filled with Joy because of what He has done for each of us. That's what we can have in common as the Family of God - that can bring attention to Jesus - we have been: Forgiven on account of Jesus. Give Jesus the credit - show that you have believed and trust in His Forgiveness for you. Be that kind person that is thankful and filled with Joy.

Reaching Up to Jesus

Reaching In to the church

Reaching Out to the people

Making Disciples Of Jesus!

Pastor Scott Meier

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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith."

Romans 1:16, 17a

Let us be encouraged and equipped to:

- **WORSHIP!** - live unashamed
- **SHINE!** - live in freedom
- **TESTIFY!** - live our faith out loud
- **BELIEVE!** - God is unashamed of you
- **CELEBRATE!** - there is no one like our God
- **TESTIFY!** - live our faith out loud

Let's choose to live a life that **testifies** to God's goodness and grace! Let's live our faith out loud. When we praise God, we are giving Him the glory and pointing people to Him. When we experience answered prayer, we can stop and thank God with humble gratefulness and show our friends and our kids how good our God is. When we experience heartache, we can turn to God for comfort and express trust in Him, knowing that He will get us through it. This is a **testimony** that the world notices—our trust in God even during hard times. And when God gives us the open door to share our personal story of salvation, we need to share this good news with great joy and draw people to Him, giving them the opportunity to say yes to Jesus as their Savior and experience eternal life! Let's **testify!**

Tell All My Friends – by SEU Worship & Sydney James *"There's a whole wide world that needs to hear us. There's a people who need the power of Jesus. And for every question, doubt or wonder, for the people we love, we've got the answer. It's the good news. It's the gospel. It's a love so good, never runs out of style. Hey hey—tell all my friends that Jesus loves them. He's the One and One way. He mends broken hearts and won't leave when life gets hard."* Do you have friends who are broken, doubting and wondering what the answer is that will give them hope? You have good news you can share with them—tell them that Jesus loves them. Point them to the One who mends broken hearts. Remind them that He will never leave them even when life gets hard. Then be the good news by loving them like Jesus does. Be His light shining into their world. One person at a time you can share hope—the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ. It's time to tell all your friends!

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All Saints' Day



On November 2nd, All Saints Sunday, we will start the worship Service with a slide show featuring people who have passed away in the last five years. If you would like to submit a picture for All Saints' Day, please provide a name, photo with date of birth and date of death. Send it to Michelle at office@badgerlutheran.org or stop by the Church Monday - Friday, 8:am to 12:pm. No later than October 24th.

BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Group

EVERY
WEDNESDAY



Starting

September 17, 2025 at 5:00pm

Shalom Center 5:30pm - 7:00pm
501 N 12th St, Fort Dodge
5:00pm Dinner in the First Presbyterian Gym

LITTLE FREE PANTRY IN MEMORY OF HARRY ARMSTRONG

DEDICATION CEREMONY

OCTOBER 1ST

5:45 PM

SHALOM CENTER

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISABLE
OR PERSONAL HYGEINE ITEM FOR
THE PANTRY



Happy October from Missions Committee!!

We have finally got our Missions bulletin board updated down stairs. Stop and take a look!!

As a reminder, here is the list of the 5 missions that were voted in during our 2025 annual meeting: AFES, Lotus Women's Shelter, Bible Camp Support (Riverside, Twin Lakes, Ingham Okoboji, Lutheran Lakeside), Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack and Blessman Ministries.

We also continue to support our Child Fund child: Mabinty Camara. She is will be celebrating her 16th birthday on October 20th! Join us with sending her birthday prayers on this day!

This is the time of year that we want to extend a request to our church members: IF YOU HAVE A MISSION THAT YOU ARE WANTING OUR CHURCH TO CONSIDER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT, now is the time to submit your mission information to our committee.

What do you have to submit? We ask that you submit a WRITTEN note about the mission. Include what you like about it and why you think Badger Lutheran Church should support it. Please include any brochures, handout that you may have as well.

Deadline for you to submit your mission requests is December 15th. Please turn them into the church office, mission mailbox or Renae Gebers! If you have any questions, please reach out to Renae Gebers (515) 890-2464.

Last thing, we ask you pray for the upcoming Fort Dodge Mobile Food Pack!! We will share the date when we get it, it's usually the 1st Saturday in December!! We want to get as possible to help us pack meals for starving children around the world. It's easy and fun! A great way to spend 2 hours making a difference!

Cheering you on!!

Mission Committee: Tricia Nichols, Scott Fosseen and Renae Gebers

CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2025

FINLEY ARMSTRONG, GABI HERZOG,
RYLAN HEWETT & LEAH MYER

Badger Lutheran Church
127 2nd Ave Se., Badger, Iowa 50516

October 5th Youth Event

11:30 - 1:30



Fall Crafts, games, and a
light meal of Mummy Dogs
that the kids will make
themselves!



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
plus sausage & eggs

12 OCTOBER 2025
8AM - 12NOON

Badger Fire Station
Free Will Donation

