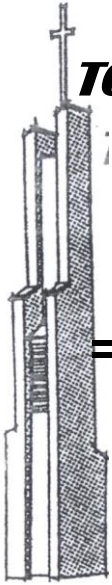


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## ***TOWER TOPICS***

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**LANCE LOVEALL, Pastor**

***DATED MATERIAL***

June 29, 2020

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JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*

All Sunday morning worship  
and other ramblings are available on our website at  
[www.kenoshafpc.org](http://www.kenoshafpc.org)



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As you probably know by now, the session voted at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to keep the church building closed for all meetings and gatherings. That affected not only church worship services and fellowship gatherings, but A.A. and ALANON meetings, Scout meetings, and private events. We did this for two reasons. First, we want the members of this church to be safe. Following the guidelines of the Kenosha Kickstart Plan we deemed it was unwise to open to gatherings of pretty much any size, but especially groups of potentially more than ten. The second reason is a social responsibility to be sure that First Presbyterian Church is not the place of, or cause of, the spread of the coronavirus. Not only will we be protecting the people of the church, we will do what we can to help others be responsible as well. That, we felt, was our moral and social responsibility no matter how badly we want to return to church and “get back to normal.”

Another factor in keeping church services online was that when we return to the building church will not be like you remember it. There will likely not be fellowship time, no passing the peace, social distancing will be maintained and masks will be mandatory. The nursery will be closed, the hymnals and bibles will be removed from the pews and there may not be congregational singing depending on how we can distance. With these restrictions, the worship service we provide online is as good or better than I can give you in person. And when we do return to the building, that online worship service will change as well, so for now I feel this is a better option.

Thank you for understanding and for continuing to support the church and be a part of the church community in a variety of ways. Thank you for your positive feedback about the worship services. Thank you for your financial stewardship and food donations. Thank you for knowing that just because the church building is closed, the church is alive and well. We look forward to being back as soon as it is safe and wise to do so. We will re-evaluate at our next session meeting (July 21<sup>st</sup>) and proceed accordingly and let you know what is happening. In the meantime, if you need anything, please let me know or contact an elder or deacon. The prayer chain has been busy, prayer shawls have gone out, and some online fellowship has happened, so be sure to be in touch if there is something you need.

And finally, thank you for your submissions for this and other Tower Topics. I have heard a lot of compliments about this format of member participation in the newsletter. So, thank you!

*Lance*

## **SESSION NOTES** (March-June)

The session has continued to meet (via Zoom since April). Most of our business has been in regards to the building closure and discussion regarding the safety and timing of re-opening the building. However, in May we met with and approved for membership our three confirmation students: Helen Bergeson, Wyatt Djuplin, and Emily Loveall. Congratulations to them! We also have sadly removed five members from the active rolls due to their deaths: Norma Jones, Mary Wirch, Vince Shuler, Janet Griffin, and Robert Harrison. Lance officiated the wedding of Ross Kotten and Becky Schultz in Racine on June 13, 2020.

Other session business and prayer time was spent around concerns for members that arose during elder and deacon contacts. Building concerns are being addressed as they arise: broken refrigerator in the old kitchen, lawn care, etc. Besides Lance's attendance in the building, a buildings and grounds team member makes routine tours of the church to be sure everything is in working order. The finance team remains impressed with the giving of church members in this time that has allowed us to continue our mission giving and fulfill our commitments. Zoom bible study, online youth group meetings, online children's Bible story readings, and weekly Sunday school emails for children have continued. A Zoom bingo night was held and a drive-through celebration of our high school seniors took place on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The work of the church continues!

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;  
Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism, and service;  
Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.  
We welcome all to our community of faith.

IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT

Tower Topics  
Kenosha, WI 53143  
Issue #271

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **General Operating Fund**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 5/1/2020 | \$89,322.58        |
| Receipts                   | \$19,158.85        |
| Disbursements              | <u>\$16,113.09</u> |
| Ending Balance 5/31/2020   | <u>\$92,368.34</u> |

## **Building Reserve Fund**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 5/1/2020 | \$69,066.22        |
| Receipts                   | \$ 50.00           |
| Disbursements              | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                   | <u>\$ 1.08</u>     |
| Ending Balance 5/31/2020   | <u>\$69,117.30</u> |

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# **CONGREGATIONAL CHECK-INS**

## **THE CROSBY FAMILY**

With gyms being closed during Covid19 our basement has become an at home gym. Justin does his pushups while Little Justin watches nearby. We soon noticed him becoming Daddy's shadow and doing his own baby rendition of pushups. We actually caught this moment on video and shared it on our Facebook page.

Aimee, Justin and Justin II.

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There's not a lot going on here. John continues to do translation work (French to English and English to French) for the PCUSA and for a mission organization in the UK. The PCUSA work is usually from Congo, so it gives him a chance to become updated on what

is going on with the church in Congo. The UK work tends to center more on French-speaking Africa in general. Finally, there is a man who lives down the hall from us who does not know how to cook. Before the pandemic, he would eat at restaurants or bring home food from a take-out. We found out that once the places were closed, he was basically eating bread and cheese every night, so now a couple times a week John (who does most of the cooking here – wonder why?) cooks enough more that he can take a serving down to our neighbor.

Sara has been trying to keep in contact with those she would normally be visiting each month plus some others who have had difficult situations arise during our isolation. Some are very lonely; others are waiting for some places to open up so that they can finish things that are just hanging over their heads right now. She's also been trying to get disciplined about exercise. Since the middle of June she has been making her Fitbit happy by getting in over 10,000 steps a day without leaving the condo (yes, she's going round and round in circles!). We've told Julia that when she has to sell the condo, she can advertise that it comes with an indoor track! She's also been doing a lot of reading.

As far as our health, we seem to still be mentally, emotionally, and spiritually ok. Both of us seem to be unhappy about spring and summer pollen and our allergies have been working overtime. Sara found out that she has to have cataract surgery on both eyes in August, which is probably a good time since there is not anything going on that she would be missing.

We continue to pray for our friends at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. We pray “in general” if we don't know what you exactly need prayer for and “specifically” if we know a more precise need you have. We look forward to seeing you all soon—but not until it is safe for all of us.

John and Sara Miles

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As we all live in this “unchartered territory” we have all learned to do things just a tad different!

Kim and I (we both work at the same company) have worked thru this time! “Beer is Essential” – we both had paperwork in our vehicles that said so! At one point we were on

4 days and I had Monday off and he had Friday off! Perfect!! After 41 years of marriage Kim began to do the grocery shopping!! That is a first!!

Phillip and Mariah bought a house (May 29<sup>th</sup>) in Lake Mills out in the country, about 2 ½ acres of land! I might add – deer (white ones too) appears at dusk! It is so peaceful there! Phillip has returned to wood working as a hobby! Has made a table for the deck, benches for the fire pit, bike rack, and a workbench thus far!! Phillip is coming to the end of his first phase of his apprenticeship, onto the next, as an electrical lineman. Mariah is a nurse at UW Hospital in Madison.

Patricia and Russell and Russell Robert and Langston have survived working from home. Teaching from home and going to school at home! Langston thought it was awesome – everyone was home! Patricia made the decision to change jobs. She said, “Lance always mentioned about a “call” he knew I would hear”! Well she is now the Director of Children’s Ministry at FPC (Presbyterian church) in Waunakee.

Just want to let Lance and all those that have helped with services online know that sermons, music and Bible readings have been wonderful! It is always great to begin my week “in spirit” with all of you!

Blessings!  
Kim and Mary Mock

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In addition to making masks, doing some quilting. Also walking about 25 miles per week in an effort to preserve my sanity.

Karen Leggin





When the boys came home from school in May from Madison they power washed the house and deck, looks great. Kevin and I planted a container garden and cleaned up the yard. He'll be home on and off all summer. Kurt and I drove out to Denver CO to help Karl get settled in his new apartment, get a car, ins. etc. He will be exploring and backpacking CO for 2 months then start a job in engineering at AP Engineering. Hope to go up north to family cottage to do some fishing. Made a few prayer shawls, masks, repaired 2 quilts and read a few books.

Pat Koesser

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Hi there, After an 8 hour day working from home I enjoy sitting outside and reading. It clears my head and allows me to jump into a mystery or a fantasy type world. My last book I read was "Daughter of Ireland" by Juliene Osborne-McKnight about a druid priestess and her travels to help a young child whose parents were killed help find a home and to find her own history of her parents. I am now reading Heather Graham's book "Tall Dark and Deadly" a thriller mystery. Miss everyone and pray all are well.

Katie Grum



Photos from the high school graduation drive-thru celebration on June 7, 2020.





## HORSES RUNNING (submitted by Ron Luthman)

I see horses running,  
So majestic, Gods creation,  
Powerful and mighty and full of grace.  
And for a long time, I gazed at a distance,  
Admiring what I see, but it wasn't me.  
I know the words of what God wants me to be.  
A man, a husband, a father, a leader of home and family.  
But what I see, I am not.

I hear horses running,  
Thundering, stampeding, threatening.  
It is Your voice awaking me, changing me.  
I confess that I am stubborn, blind to your call,  
A disappointment to my loved ones,  
A mocking to your desires for me.  
I am afraid.  
I know that where I am, is not where I should be.

I feel horses running.  
Your Grace over me.  
I can't do it alone, Your vision for me.  
I want to be the man, the husband, the father,  
The leader of my home.  
But I know not how to be.  
I plead, Lord, for you to teach me.

I am horses running.  
It is ALL YOUR Power in me.

Ron Luthman to my supportive brothers.  
PBC Men's Retreat, January 26, 1997, Mt Hermon.  
Bill Oudemolen, Teacher, Foothills Bible Church, Littleton, Colorado.  
Mike Benfert, PBC Palo Alto, "Becoming a Godly leader."  
Sam Teague and Dick Gatley, Brothers.

"If you have run with footmen and they have tired you out,  
Then how can you compete with horses?"                      Jeremiah 12:5

## DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES

### JULY 2020

- July 1** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Num. 22:41-23:12; Rom. 7:13-25; Matt. 21:33-46
- July 2** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Num. 23:11-26; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 22:1-14
- July 3** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Num. 24:1-13; Rom. 8:12-17; Matt. 22:15-22
- July 4** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Num. 24:12-25; Rom. 8:18-25; Matt. 22:23-40
- July 5** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Num. 27:12-23; Acts 19:11-20; Mark 1:14-20
- July 6** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Num. 32:1-6, 16-27; Rom. 8:26-30; Matt. 23:1-12
- July 7** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Num. 35:1-3, 9-15; Rom. 8:31-39; Matt. 23:13-26
- July 8** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; Deut. 1:1-18; Rom. 9:1-18; Matt. 23:27-39
- July 9** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; Deut. 3:18-28; Rom. 9:19-33; Matt. 24:1-14
- July 10** – Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; Deut. 31:7-13, 24-32:4; Rom. 10:1-13; Matt. 24:15-31
- July 11** – Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; Deut. 34:1-12; Rom. 10:14-21; Matt. 24:32-51
- July 12** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; Josh. 1:1-18; Acts 21:3-15; Mark 1:21-27
- July 13** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; Josh. 2:1-14; Rom. 11:1-12; Matt. 25:1-13
- July 14** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; Josh. 2:15-24; Rom. 11:13-24; Matt. 25:14-30
- July 15** – Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; Josh. 3:1-13; Rom. 11:25-36; Matt. 25:31-46
- July 16** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; Josh. 3:14-4:7; Rom. 12:1-8; Matt. 26:1-16
- July 17** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; Josh. 4:19-5:1; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 26:17-25
- July 18** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Josh. 6:1-14; Rom. 13:1-7; Matt. 26:26-35
- July 19** – Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Josh. 6:15-27; Acts 22:30-23:11; Mark 2:1-12
- July 20** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Josh. 7:1-13; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 26:36-46
- July 21** – Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; Josh. 8:1-22; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 26:47-56
- July 22** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Josh. 8:30-35; Rom. 14:13-23; Matt. 26:57-68
- July 23** – Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Josh. 9:3-21; Rom. 15:1-13; Matt. 26:69-75
- July 24** – Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Josh. 9:22-10:15; Rom. 15:14-24; Matt. 27:1-10
- July 25** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Josh. 23:1-16; Rom. 15:25-33; Matt. 27:11-23
- July 26** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Josh. 24:1-15; Acts 28:23-31; Mark 2:23-28
- July 27** – Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Josh. 24:16-33; Rom. 16:1-16; Matt. 27:24-31
- July 28** – Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Judg. 2:1-5, 11-23; Rom. 16:17-27; Matt. 27:32-44
- July 29** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Judg. 3:12-30; Acts 1:1-14; Matt. 27:45-54
- July 30** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Judg. 4:4-23; Acts 1:15-26; Matt. 27:55-66
- July 31** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Judg. 5:1-18; Acts 2:1-21; Matt. 28:1-10



## July Birthdays

Shelby Anderson  
Karla Piehl  
Karen Duquette  
Deb Kovachik  
Lori Barnes  
Pat Hanson  
Amber Langerman  
Courtney Ingraham  
Julie Lehman  
Rachel Bradbury  
Marilyn Schiller  
Earlene Frederick  
Bob LeFebve  
Teddi Griffin  
Julie Iorio  
Jennifer Frederick

## SESSION

Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)  
Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*)  
Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds, Worship)  
Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds\*)  
Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds)  
Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance\*)  
Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed\*, Personnel, Memorial)  
Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission, Memorial, Nominating)  
Todd Kotten (Building & Grounds)  
Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*)  
Leslie Pottorff (Mission\*, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)  
Jodi Prince (Fellowship, Nominating)

( ) indicates committee assignments;  
\*indicates Team Leaders

## DEACONS

Lori Barnes, Ron Bauman, Renee Brueckert,  
Sherry Craig, Teddi Griffin, Lisa Hawley, Penny  
Ingraham\*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy  
McGovern



## July Anniversaries

Gary & Kathy Anderson  
Ron & Pat Meinhardt  
Matt Gohr & Muriel Cunningham  
Mark & Jean Bourque