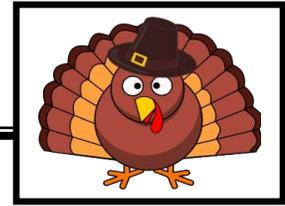


First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

November 2021



Small Talk from Pastor Anna

Friends in Christ:

What do you do to relax and de-stress your life? Last month I wrote about the importance of play and taking time to have fun. This month I want to introduce you to a new way of praying, as you move through a labyrinth. Labyrinths are not to be confused with mazes. In a maze you can get lost or stuck. You can't get lost going through the twists and turns of the labyrinth that can remind the one in the labyrinth of what we experience in life. It can feel at points like you're at a dead-end, but instead you turn and go in a new direction until you land in the center. When one arrives at the center of the labyrinth one can encounter God. One can stay at the center as long or as little as you want, but at some point you retrace your steps and find your way out of the labyrinth and into the world once again.

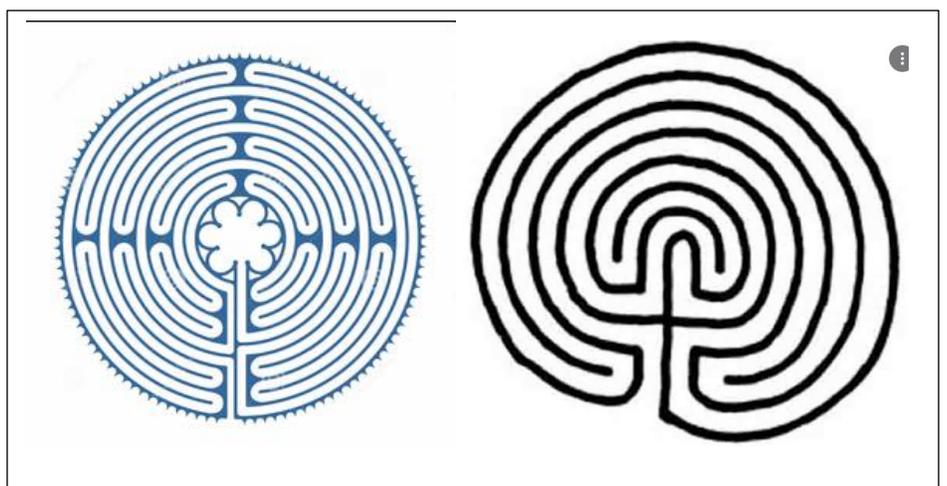
Why walk the labyrinth or use the finger labyrinth in which your finger walks through it? The labyrinth relaxes you in whatever form you do and lowers your blood pressure. There is none of the frustration you can experience getting lost in a maze. For those who would like to try a different way of praying that gets you out of your mind and into your body walking the labyrinth is a great way to go.

If you're interested in learning how to draw a labyrinth, I would be more than happy to show you. If I can draw one anyone can. Take a look at the labyrinths. The more ornate one is found in cathedrals such as Chartres in France. The simpler one is ancient before Christianity came into existence.

I want to remind you that I have office hours at the church Wednesday and Thursday, 1:30 pm - 4:30 p.m. However, the third week of the month my office hours will switch from Wednesday to Tuesday. Friday is my day off. Remember if you need to get a hold of me, you can reach me at 503/843-1938 or email me at annadeesmall@gmail.com.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Anna Small



Where are they now?

Lorna and Rev. Robert Peters served the First Presbyterian Church from January 2001 until Rev. Bob's untimely death in October 2002. This month's feature is Lorna Peters who now lives in Lawton, Iowa.

Lorna was born in Mallard, Iowa, along with her five siblings who are all still living. At four years of age, Lorna and the family moved to Sioux City where she attended school at Washington Elementary School. Junior and senior high school was held at East High. Once graduated, she moved onto college at Morningside College where she majored in social work. During her school years, she participated in vocal music and band. Lorna loved school and recalls her English teacher who she claims had a generous supply of red ink because she always corrected papers using red ink. However, this same English teacher has the respect of Lorna as her English helped Lorna to become a better writer. Lorna recalls the classes homecoming float as it was a work of art compared with the floats that are assembled in today's world.

High school came to an end in 1959 and she was off to college. During her freshman year of school, she met a young man, also attending Morningside by the name of Robert "Bob" Peters. They dated for two years and on August 20, 1961, the couple married. College life continued for both of them with graduation in the spring of 1963.

That fall, the couple moved to Dubuque where Bob became a salesperson for Sears and enrolled into Dubuque Seminary. Lorna and Bob started a family after two years. Lorna took on the responsibility of being a mother of Beverly, born in July 1963. Susan was added to the family in 1965 while Timothy arrived in 1968. Bob worked in retail just one year before being installed as a student pastor at Hazel Green Methodist Church, serving approximately 100 Wisconsin people. Lorna recalls these years as fun years with her young family, serving a church and attending seminary. Tragedy did strike the family during this time as Bob's Dad was killed in a car accident involving a drunk

driver. The loss of his father and how his father died had a large impact on Bob the rest of his life.

Seminary graduation came and it was time to move on from being a student pastor in Wisconsin to become a fully ordained pastor serving the Eden Presbyterian Church in Rudd, Iowa. The couple served this church from 1968-1973. This was a rural church as the manse and the church were located in a country setting out of town. Lorna was raised in Sioux City and therefore only had limited



knowledge of farming and farm equipment. She subscribed to news magazines like Farm Journal and Wallace Farmer to help her identify what a disc or combine looked like. Lorna continued to raise her family and raise a garden to help feed the family. Lorna taught Sunday School and was a leader in the Women's group of the church. At this rural setting, Pastor Bob, who had a love of horses, brought two horses from his grandparent's location to the Rudd acreage.

Eden Presbyterian held an ice cream social each year for the entire town. Home-made ice cream for everyone. Originally, they made the ice cream with hand crank freezers until some church members rigged up a system to use an electric motor to turn the freezers. The town did turn out and the lawn at this rural church was covered with people enjoying each other's company. After the Peter's family had moved onto another charge, they were invited back to enjoy another ice cream social but prior to the social, the manse burnt down. The ice cream social still proceeded just at another church in Rudd. Nobody had become ill or died from eating home made ice cream but the State of Iowa stopped the event because they were using raw eggs in the ice cream. So they switched to boughten ice cream. By the way, a new manse was built alongside this rural church.

In 1973, Pastor Bob and Lorna decided it was time for a change and they accepted a call from the Community Presbyterian Church in Lawton, Iowa. Pastor Bob began as pastor and Lorna directed the choir, led the women's group, and was involved in Presbytery and Synod activities. Over the 23 year stay in Lawton, the couple became very active in the community as Pastor Bob would drive a bus to

school activities. He announced football games, was score keeper for basketball games while Lorna became more involved with Presbytery committees and an active member of the community.

In 1998, a new challenge presented itself as the couple were called to serve Zephyr Point Conference Center at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Pastor Bob would serve as program director and camp ground minister while Lorna would serve in the area of arranging housing for campers, being responsible for office operations and helping with other loose end jobs. As program director, Pastor Bob was responsible for developing programs to be used at the camp, recruiting leadership personnel and ministering to all campground personnel. He was also in charge of the fundraising for a new Conference Center He finished that in two years.. Pastor Bob and Lorna loved the work and the 200 or so campers a week that would attend the various camps.

In January of 2001, Pastor Bob and Lorna wanted to get back into leading a church and they were called to the First Presbyterian Church in Glidden, Iowa. Pastor Bob fit right in with the community and Lorna volunteered to help the GR School with the speak up program. Things were moving along fine in Glidden until Sunday, October 13, 2002. Pastor Bob conducted church service that Sunday morning. After church, Lorna, Pastor Bob and Loretta Hansen traveled to the Pizza Hut in Carroll for lunch. While at the Pizza Hut, Pastor Bob suffered a heart attack and was taken to St. Anthony Hospital and died at the hospital.

Lorna continued to live in the manse for the next eleven months as she had obligations to fulfill. That year she was a commissioner to General Assembly and was to participate in the National Women's Meeting. Both of these events were high profile events in the life of the church. Furthermore, prior to Pastor Bob's death, he had begun a study on the book of Revelations so Lorna picked up where he left off and continued the study group. The group discussed scripture, hymns and other material that added comfort to people during tough times. Participants were able to share items that helped them conquer or at least deal with life's challenges.

During the summer months of 2002, Lorna and Bob purchased a house in Lawton. They rented it till retirement . Lorna had it remodeled so she could move in during

September of 2003. This became her home and remains so today.

The Lawton church was yoked with Bronson and Bob became pastor of both churches Their. arms were open to receive Lorna and Bob as a well-known former members. In 1987, while Pastor Bob and Lorna were pastoring the Lawton church, Lorna was Chaplain at Unity Point St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City. I From 1988-1998, she was Chaplain at that hospital. When she returned to Lawton in 2003, she picked up where she had left off and once again served the hospital as a Chaplain until her retirement in October of 2020,

In addition to Lorna's other studies, she became a Commissioned Lay Pastor and used this education over the years. She became a Lay Pastor at Rolfe while living in Lawton and served the Rolfe church for eighteen months. This was a commitment as she traveled 120 miles one way to serve this church. She would drive to Rolfe early Sunday morning, lead church and travel back to Lawton Sunday afternoon. If snow or bad weather was predicted, she would travel on Saturday and stay overnight with a cousin to serve the church on Sunday.

In 2009, Lorna wrote a book dedicated to her nine grandchildren entitled "How Can I Keep From Singing". This is a spiritual auto-biography of her life. The publisher printed 500 copies of this book and all but fourteen have been distributed. Lorna now has four great grandchildren that will reference the book. Other children will also benefit from learning of Lorna's journey with Jesus.

In retirement, Lorna doesn't appear to have laid down and quit, as the day following our interview, she would be leading a funeral service. Lorna also sings in a Barbershop Chorus. Of course, they sing barbershop music and do some guest appearances but mostly sing for the joy of singing.

Lorna's three children all live within ten miles of where Lorna lives and this is a blessing. Lorna's grandchildren are spread across the country with one grandchild still in high school.

It was great touching base with this great Christian lady who we new in Glidden for a very short time but a lady and her husband that have a lasting positive impression.

Presbytery Meeting Notes

Presbyterian Meeting was held Oct 23, 2021 on Zoom. It began with comments and instructions for those attending the zoom meeting by including our church name in the screen name. We then proceeded to have worship with communion (any bread and any liquid) followed by a Memorial of Teaching and Ruling Elders Service. The memorial, which was for those who passed in 2020 or before, included pictures and name of elders and pastors in the Presbytery. Robert Wagner of Glidden was included.

Kyle Nolan of the Presbyterian Foundation has a presentation after which a consent agenda was discussed and approved for discussion and vote later in the meeting. The budget for 2022 was presented with questions answer and then a voted taken to accept the budget and it approved.

The nomination committee then proposed those who had agreed to serve on committees for the future years. All were approved. There is still need of others, especially for a vice-moderator for the coming year.

We then welcomed visitors from the Lawton Community Church with a proposal to sell the manse and requested approval to list with a real estate agent with the result of selling the manse. The request was approved.

The three executives (Amgad Beblawi, Rev. Ian McMullen, and Rev. Annika Lister Stroope) for the three presbyteries gave their reports of activities during the past few months and hope for the future.

We were then notified applications to attend General Assembly are open and will need to be received soon. Additionally, a commissioner who is a Ruling Elder needs to be recommended by the session.

We voted to adjourn which was followed by prayer.

Next meetings are April 2, 2022 and October 22, 2022 with place and time to be decided.

Elaine Crawford, Commissioner for First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

Did you know?

The Session applied to the Albert Kruger Charitable Gift Fund for AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for First Presbyterian Church, Glidden United Methodist Church, Pleasant Ridge Church, Glidden American Legion, Lil 'Wildcat Education Center, Peace Lutheran Church, and the Glidden Ralston Community School District (2).

We are pleased to announce that we did receive these funds.

Jeremy Douglas will be purchasing the units thru Feld Fire and setting up several dates to train all persons interested in the use of the AED.

Pastor Anna initiated this procurement after identifying the need when she received CPR Training with the Boy Scouts.

Please thank the Committee for this Charitable Gift from Peace Lutheran Church.



The poster features a background image of a narrow, stone-walled street in an old city. Overlaid on this are three circular images: a green circle showing a cross-stitch of a fish, an orange circle showing a desert landscape with a winding road, and a yellow circle showing a stone archway with a cross. The text is centered and reads:

MISSION STUDY

Israel - Palestine

March 3-16, 2022

Join Presbyterians from across Iowa as we visit biblical sites, meet local Christians and church leaders as well as representatives from the Jewish and Muslim communities and learn about the Israel-Palestine conflict and peacemaking and reconciliation efforts.

\$2,750 for double occupancy include 11 nights of lodging, most meals, guides, tips, and on the ground transportation. Airline travel not included. Scholarships available.

Register online at <https://presbynciowa.org/israel-palestine/>

For more information, contact Amgad Beblawi at amgad@presbyteries.org or 502-592-3223.

Announcements and Updates:

**Session approved the transfer of membership for Leah Reever from Stuart United Methodist Church.

**Clerk met via zoom with the Tri-Presbyteries' stated Clerk, Annika Lister-Stroope, to learn about review of church meeting minutes.

**The elevator is in the process of being fixed due to needing after market parts to get the door to close. This is an ongoing challenge for the elevator company and Building/Grounds.

Kudo's Korner

To Madison Douglas and Zoey Stevens as they received bibles from the church as they each reached third grade.

Quotes of the Month

Be a reflection of what you'd like to see in others! If you want love, give love; if you want respect, give respect. You get in return what you give!

You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending.

Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4th-Wayne and Shirley Seaman Anniversary
- 7th-Tyler Stidham
- 13th-Jane Toyne
- 16th-Cooper Mueggenberg
- 19th-Blayce Nelson
- 19th-Mark and Jane Toyne Anniversary
- 19th-Bill and Elaine Crawford Anniversary
- 22nd-Zachary Mueggenberg
- 24th-Mark and Deb Adams Anniversary



Thanksgiving Dinner



Thanksgiving Dinner is on for Sunday, November 14, following the service, and the Parish Life Committee is looking forward to sharing a feast with all members who can attend. The committee is furnishing the turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy and drinks, including coffee. Congregation are to bring a dish to share with all and their own table service, except for cups that will also be provided.

This year we are asking for help with addressing member shut-ins who may wish to have a dinner delivered. If you wish to have a dinner or you know of someone who would appreciate a dinner, please contact Diane Thelin or Pastor Anna by November 3 so that we will be sure to have an approximate number of guests for preparation. We ask that volunteers be ready to help with deliveries, as well.