

# First Presbyterian Church of Alma

## A Note from Rev. Katrina

August  
2025



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In June the congregation spent time after worship choosing which values the church holds most in order to help us frame our future. These are the results:

If we combine "most important" and "somewhat important"

here are the top five:

Social Connection

Empathy

Respect

Kindness

Inclusiveness

If we only look at "most important" here are the top five (not too different):

Empathy

Kindness

Inclusiveness

Compassion

Service

If we add together "most important" and "somewhat important" and then minus those "not important" we get:

Empathy

Respect

Kindness

Integrity

Compassion

No matter how we look at it we have very similar top choices, with the repeated ones through all categories being: empathy, respect, kindness, compassion.

So, these are the ones we will focus on as we continue looking to the future.

Stay tuned for a luncheon and conversation lead by the session coming soon.

Peace,

Rev. Katrina



Session Representatives:  
Outreach - Sue Malone  
Spiritual Growth - Sue Deel  
Finance and Endowment and Stewardship - Michael  
Selmon  
Building and Grounds - Michael Selmon  
Personnel - Joyce Elsea

**Meijer Double Match Days!**  
**Buy at Meijer August 16 and**  
**support Food Pantry and**  
**Community Cafe!**

"A big thanks to all who donated, shopped, or volunteered their time for the rummage sale! This event is only successful with everyone's help."



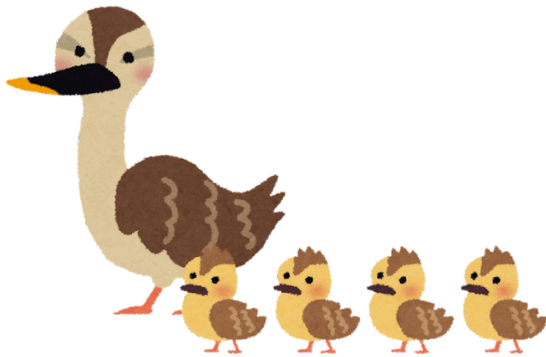
8-5 Katherine Smith  
8-10 Tim Lambrecht  
8-20 Julie Frick  
8-28 Barb Weis



8-15 Bob & Sue Deel  
8-16 Michael Selmon & Sarah Horn  
8-21 Jeff & Joyce Elsea

2025 Per Capita  
General Assembly - \$10.84  
Synod of the Covenant - \$3.40  
Presbytery - \$16.45  
**Total - \$30.69**

Have you paid your per capita this year? Now is a great time to do so if you haven't! Wondering what per capita is? This is an amount of money paid per member to each of the agencies above. This money helps to support the larger denomination, but also local congregations. When per capita is paid for General Assembly it helps to support the word done at GA (for example, it helped to pay for my stipend working as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate Co-Leader in 2024). Money to the Synod helps pay for things like anti-racism training and boundary trainings. At the Presbytery level it helps fund necessary positions like the Stated Clerk and Pastor to the Pastor. While this money doesn't directly go to the church, it helps develop the leadership of churches and support pastors and leaders.



### **CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS**

**Hooks and Needles will begin again this month! This is a weekly gathering, in the Chapel basement beginning August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be inviting Alma College students and are looking forward to having an hour of casual conversation, needlework knowledge and fun. Please let Rev. Katrina know if you are interested in joining.**

## **Coffee Hour**

**August 4th Carlene & Jimm Lyon  
August 11th Michael Selmon & Sarah Horn  
August 18th Nick & Jeri Piccolo  
August 25th Tiny Goggin & Mona Hirson**

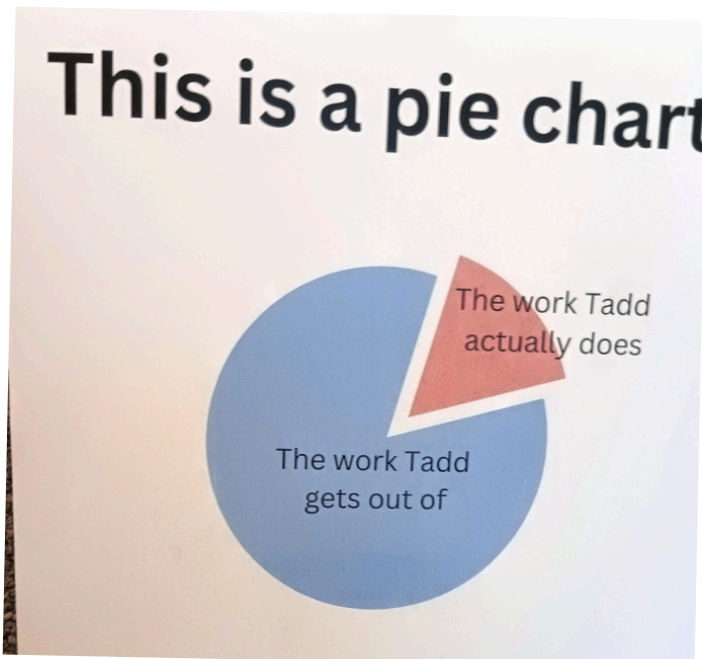




Introducing...



**Tadd Godfrey is the “hive collective” on staff. Wonder where something is stored? Ask Tadd. Wonder when something was purchased? Ask Tadd. Can’t remember the name of a long-ago member? Ask Tadd. Tadd’s history with the church is life-long, having attended worship with his parents, Don and Joan Godfrey, who were members. He and his brother, Craig, attended confirmation classes under Rev. Hillstrom in 1977. Tadd gained his financial knowledge at Western Michigan University where he earned a BBA in Business Administration, majoring in accounting and minoring in computer information systems and general business. In 1986, he married (Saint) Lisa and, in 2006 began as Financial Secretary, having assumed the job after Cindy Moerdyk retired. Tadd works an average of 20 hours a week, during which he processes all accounts payable and payroll; prepares monthly and annual financial reports including the annual budget; updates accounting software; reviews, analyzes and organizes all bookkeeping files and financial statements; attends Finance and Endowment Committee meetings; and advises Session, Treasurer and office staff on issues as they arise. Tadd also attends Building & Grounds Committee and helps with such things as repairs, sidewalk shoveling, and mouse catching among other things. His time outside of church includes owning and operating a firewood lot, delivering for City Cleaners, and always being ready with a helping hand for those in need.**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	1:30pm Food Pantry <sup>5</sup>	6	5:30pm Community Café <sup>7</sup> 10:30am Outreach	8	9
10	5pm Spiritual Growth <sup>11</sup>	1:30pm Food Pantry <sup>12</sup> 5:30pm Child Advocacy	13	5:30pm Community Café <sup>14</sup>	15	16
17	18 6:30pm Session Meeting	1:30pm Food Pantry <sup>19</sup>	20	5:30pm Community Café <sup>21</sup>	22	23
24 31	25	1:30pm Food Pantry <sup>26</sup>	27	5:30pm Community Café <sup>28</sup>	