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| **The First Word                              October 16, 2017** |

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| **Upcoming Events****First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico****October 16-29, 2017****Please Note: Shelly Ryan will be on vacation next week. The First Word will not be published on October 23, 2017****Tuesday (17th)**6:30 p.m.   Deacon Meeting (Conference Room)**Wednesday (18th & 25th)**7:00 p.m.   Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)**Saturday (21st)**Garage Sale7:30 a.m.   Men's Breakfast**Sunday    (22nd)**8:45 a.m.    Bible Study (Conference Room)10:00 a.m.  Worship (Sanctuary)**After Worship: Congregational Meeting to elect officers**                   Fellowship (Parlor)4:00 p.m.    Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)6:30 p.m.    Bible Study (923 N. Alameda)**Mon-Thur (23-26th)**Shelly Ryan Vacation**Saturday (29th)**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women of Sierra Blanca (Parlor)**Sunday    (30th)**8:45 a.m.    Bible Study (Conference Room)10:00 a.m.  Worship (Sanctuary)After Worship: Fellowship (Parlor)4:00 p.m.    Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)6:30 p.m.    Bible Study (923 N. Alameda)       **Birthdays**20th Liz Eastup21st Bob Raines28th Doris Carleton31st Connor Voris**Anniversaries**23rd Alan & Anna Marie Fiala29th Joe & Lavern Williams |

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**A Word from Pastor Steve****As we approach the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517, it is good to pause and celebrate the brave reformers who stood up to institutional church corruption and led a movement that made a difference.  These Protest-ants (the ones who protest) insisted that church leaders should conform to the very principles found in the Bible.  As Presbyterians, we have adopted the motto, "Once Reformed, Always Reforming."  This is a reminder that what happened 500 years ago is not the last word on making changes in the way the Church business is conducted.  We need to be attentive to the presence of the Holy Spirit in the present and make changes as we are inspired to change.  Let it be so.****Peace and grace,****Steve****Contact Steve by any of the following:****Personal Cell Phone (505) 715-9533  (Voice or text)****E-mail:  stevevoris@gmail.com** |

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| **Congregational Meeting****The Session has called a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, October 22, to elect officers and conduct congregational business.  Please mark your calendars.****The Slate of Officers presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:****Deacons****Lisa Capell****Patsy Navarrette****Becky Raines****EldersWilli Jung****Doris Bruton-Carleton****Liz Eastup****Nominations from the floor are permitted provided that the person being nominated has agreed to be nominated.** |

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| **Garage Sale****Our church will be holding a garage sale in Fiesta Hall on Saturday, October 21, in the morning.  If you have items to donate, you can begin bringing them to the church.  Call Willi Jung for more information.** |

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| **Men's Breakfast****Guys,****Join us for the Men's Breakfast a week  Saturday, October 21, at 7:30am.****We will have a light breakfast provided by Rick Coy, hot coffee, and a short devotional.  Then work a few cleanup items.****Saturday October 21 is the Church's rummage sale, and we can help get it started right.****There are always shrubs that need pruning.****Hope to see you next Saturday morning!****Bruce** |

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| **Choir****The Chancel Choir  rehearses at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.  The Bell Choir rehearses at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.** |

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| **Sunday Morning Bible Study****The Sunday Morning Bible Study meets in the Conference Room at 8:45 a.m., on October 22nd, the study will be on 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and on October 29th the study will be on Matthew 22:34-46.** |

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| **Sunday Evening Bible Study****The Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet on Sunday, October 15, on the topic of the Reformation.  The study meets in the pastor's home, 923 N. Alameda at 6:30 p.m.  Refreshments will be served.** |

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| **Chili Cook Off****The Chili Cook Off was a great success and raised $281.00 for missions.  Donations are still being accepted.** **A shout out to Rick Coy for winning the best chili award.** |

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| **September Finance Report****General Funds Budget****Receipts:   $  6,051.65****Expenses: $16,051.28****Difference: ($9,999.63)** |

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| **Community Thanksgiving Service****A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1302 W. Pierce, Carlsbad on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m.  All citizens of Carlsbad and the surrounding area are invited.  First Presbyterian Church will not have evening Bible Study that night, but are encouraged to attend the community Thanksgiving Service instead.** |

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| **Roswell Pastor Installation****FPC, Roswell has called a new pastor.  Rev. Dr. John Guthrie is coming to Roswell from Las Alamos.  His installation service will be Sunday, November 5, at 4:00 p.m.  Interestingly enough, Dr. Guthrie's uncle was the famous seminary professor, Shirley Guthrie, who wrote an important text book on Reformed Theology that every Presbyterian seminary student of a certain generation was required to read.** |

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| **Prayer Concerns****Rich Adamson, Nancy Beard, Sherry Kearns, Shirley Maxwell, Robert Navarrette****Homebound and Care facilities:****Rich Adamson, Dodie Hendley, Dick Mansfield, Scott Maxwell, Janie Patrick, Marianne Patrick,  Mabel Webber****Military:****Mollie Navarrette Acuna, Rey Acuna, Cody Ogden-Stell****Members/Friends Serving Overseas:****Carol & Leith Fujii (Thailand), Linsey Ogden (Peace Corps)** **The Prayer Chain Coordinator is Phyllis Readel.  If you have a prayer request, you may call either Phyllis at (441-6036) or the church office (885-2715).****Prayer concerns will be removed at the beginning of each month if we haven't received an update.** |

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