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## MAY BACK-PACK JELLY DRIVE

May is here! "Real" Spring has sprung. May is also the month where we consider assisting our young people in schools across our communities who lack food over the weekends. Our Outreach Committee, because of the generosity of our church family, has a wonderful history with the Back-Pack program at the Community Action Agency. Last year you donated almost 300 jars of jelly to be put into bags and given to children referred by school counselors and social workers. Last year the Back-Pack program was serving 900 children on any given Friday. Last week they filled and delivered 1,200 bags to schools for the children to take home. And this year again, we will be asking you donate jelly in plastic containers during the entire month of May. As we think about a little boy in kindergarten and his big sister in second grade, who worry about being hungry on weekends, our gratitude for being able to help, shines through! Think we can donate 300 plus jellies this year?!



Think of May, think of jelly, think of helping children. Thanks so much!

CLASS  
of  
**2018**  
Congratulations!



### **Drew Pengilly**

Drew is the son of David and Danette Pengilly, and is an active youth with First Presbyterian Church. Drew will graduate from Legacy High School, and plans to attend Bismarck State College in the fall for Digital Audio Production and Theater, with plans for a B.S. in Music Production.

### Other 2018 Graduates not pictured:

*Tyler Scherr*

*Zach Stromback*

*T.J. Ball*

**Congratulations to you all!**



## **PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...**

What will God do?

The Apostle Paul talks at length about variety of gifts and the diversity of callings that make up the church. He emphasizes that people of diverse backgrounds, nationalities, languages and experiences are poured into the same “gospel basket.” He praises the fact that, when the church is doing the will of God as planned, all of their individual gifts are employed for God’s use and again, their dedicated activities stir that “basket” resulting in surprises and miracles. God’s work is accomplished through mere people which sometimes seem randomly tossed together, yet scripture assures us, God has a plan.



When it comes to the working of the church, I am a big believer that the diversity and individual giftedness of God’s people is God’s greatest delight. I really do think of a church as God’s basket, which on occasion God shakes, just to stir things up, and the combination of gifts and experiences form and reform into amazing acts of grace and mercy. It can be uncomfortable for us, the church, to feel things shifting—people scatter to fill in the blank spaces and hold the community together—but this is never bad. It’s something like the way that the pieces of a kaleidoscope can never land badly, just differently—but each movement only changes the beauty of the image, but never destroys it.

In less than a month, God is adding me to the First Presbyterian Bismarck “gospel basket.” And, as the shuffling of gifts and diversity of experiences happens, the amazing Ashley is making an exit. That’s actually a lot for one community to absorb in a short period of time. My experiences of First Presbyterian Bismarck tell me that you are up to the task ahead.

But, let us remember this: God never shakes up the basket without planning a surprise of grace that serves God’s mission and advances the gospel. As I contemplate the upcoming years with you I cannot help but wonder:

What will God do?

I always think that the key is openness to wonder, to surprise and to discovery—the kind of willingness to go alone on God’s ride that can only come in faith. For this we know—God has a plan and continues to show it to us in every change. Let us watch, wait, work and maintain our openness to wonder as we discover together what God will do.





## THANK YOU

The Outreach Committee extends a huge thank you to Jerry Lindblom and his crew for preparing, serving and cleaning up for “The Banquet” on April 7th. It was also the first opportunity to proudly wear our new church aprons!

In addition to members of our church who generously donated monetary funds, cookies and bars, the work crew consisted of Barb Satran, Lynn Dodge, Jerry Lindblom, Winston Satran, Stan Halling, Clyde Johnson, John Richter (and not pictured Duane and Karen Ehrens and Kathy Wachter).

Mark your calendars—our next opportunity to serve “The Banquet” will be Thursday, September 5th.



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Another thank you goes to the many volunteers who participated in our recent “Blanket Tying Party.” Kaydee Gilchrist is shown with several of the blankets made that afternoon. These blankets will be distributed in August through Project Service Connect to those in need of services or who are at risk of homelessness in our community.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for always being ready and willing to help in our local mission projects.

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 13th (Mother’s Day), following the Worship Service, the Membership Committee will host an ice cream social. Please join us! Besides two flavors of ice cream and various toppings, bars and cookies will be served. Everyone, especially visitors, is welcome. Come and get to know each other better. It will be an opportunity to linger over conversation and eat treats.

Happy Mother's Day





**SUMMER MUSIC**

The Worship & Music Committee invites members of all ages to share your talents by participating in special music during worship services throughout the summer. There are many ways to get involved; you can sing with a group, sing a solo, or play a musical instrument

solo, or as accompaniment for someone. If you are interested, please sing-up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.

Thank you!



**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL**

The Administrative and Personnel Committee would like you to welcome Nathan Peterson as our newest employee. Nathan was hired as a part time custodian working four hours on Saturday mornings starting April 14th. His primary job responsibilities will be cleaning of the Child Care rooms. Our head Maintenance Manager, Les Hornbacher, has requested a reduction in hours from 40—36 hours per week. Nathan is married to Shelli Peterson, who you all see in the church office in the evenings and during Sunday Worship.

**PENTECOST OFFERING**

Pentecost Offering for Youth and Children At Risk

Each year our church, First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), conducts four church-wide special offerings to provide focus and to take faith-based actions on shared concerns. These special offerings allow church members to collectively participate in ministries of compassion, justice, Christian formation, education, peacemaking and global witness.

During Pentecost and especially on the day of Pentecost, May 20th, First Presbyterian members are asked to participate in the Pentecost Special Offering for youth programs and children at risk. Sixty percent of the proceeds are provided to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and 40 percent support children-at-risk programs in our church.





## **A NOTE FROM ASHLEY...**



My very first Sunday with First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Matthew introduced me to the congregation, and I received the biggest welcome hug I've ever received from a very special little girl. That little girl is now 2nd grader Annabelle, and I finished my last Sunday with First Presbyterian Church receiving another big hug from her, along with a very special moment during the Young Disciple's Message.

I found my calling to youth ministry back in 2004 at a Bible Camp in Texas. I was leading a Youth Leadership Camp and my campers likely taught me more than I taught them. It was at this camp that I was pushed into God's call of youth ministry, but also where I heard my favorite Bible verse:

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*It is right for me to feel this way about all of you since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."*

~ Philippians 1:3-11

It is with tears in my eyes that our young ones read that verse to me during my last Sunday with First Presbyterian Church, and the words rang true.

I've been graced with the joy of getting to know our amazing children and youth since I started work here in 2014. The kids have always been extremely fun, and very welcoming. We've had a great time taking over the church with games, and giggling together through movies. One of my favorite moments was my second to last Wednesday with the PresbyTeens where we shared thoughts and ideas about faith, and what role we believe God plays in our lives. Our teens shared so comfortably the incredible insight they've given to these topics, and I was wowed by the way they welcomed their different ideas.

It's been an incredible journey here, and I cannot be more thankful for the support and love I've received from the congregation. Someone new will come into this position and my prayers are for the person God is currently calling, along with this congregation in their discernment. As you wait, keep our families in your prayers, consider the time you can give to help support our youth program, and make sure you're recognizing all the good that is happening here at First Presbyterian Church—because there is lots of it.





**ASHLEY...YOU WILL BE MISSED GREATLY!**





## **A “NOTE” OF APPRECIATION**

Westminster Chimes will be wrapping up their ringing season on May 20th where they will join the Chancel Choir in a musical worship service. I'm very thankful to the dedicated ringers who contribute their time and talent to enable us to have regular contributions to worship. I would also like to thank the congregation for their kind words and prayers and their support at the Bellringer's Bakery.

Our volunteers this year were: Kara Richter, Juanita Hocking, Linda Tonolli, Alice Nix, Tammy Lelm, Pat Keller, Iris Giedd, Kris Ronningen, Kathy Gappert, Rosey Sand, Jared Calvert, Judy Tschider, Kathy Wachter, Shelly Heilman, Jim Rambo and substitute, Jean King. As the need arose, we would share subbing duties with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ringers including: Shawn Deisz, Gail Zimmerman, Becky Parkin, Karen Peterson, and Sue Howard.



We also had the pleasure of a charter member of our handbell program, Renee Stewart Loney, joining us in March when we attended *BellFest 2048* in Minnesota. The five musical compositions required at the festival have already been used in our services with the exception of one which will be presented after worship in May 20th. We hope you can remain a few minutes after the postlude when we play “City of Stars” from the musical *La La Land*.

~ Lael Hoerauf, director

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### ***FREE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL***

***MONDAY—THURSDAY  
JULY 30TH-AUGUST 2ND***

**5:30 pm—8:00 pm  
With Dinner Included**

**Ages: Kindergarten—5th Grade**

***6th Grade—200th Grade Volunteers Needed!***







**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Scholarship Committee of First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for our church community. To be eligible for a scholarship, the candidate must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or must have been an active participant in the life of the church at least three years. These scholarships can be used for any level of study beyond high school. Maximum eligibility for scholarships is four years; those years do not have to be consecutive. Graduate students are eligible for these scholarships provided that the four year maximum has not been reached. Applications are available in the Narthex or for download from the front page of the church website at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com). The application deadline is **May 15th, 2018**.



**CHILD CARE CENTER NEEDS...**

Month	Item
January	Wipes & Hand Soap
February	Kleenex
March	Paper Towels
April	Dishwashing Powder (Powder ONLY)& Bleach
May	Books – Infant to 5 years
June	Diapers – Sizes 4 and 5
July	Wipes & Hand Soap
August	Paper Towels
September	Kleenex
October	Dishwashing Powder (Powder ONLY)& Bleach
November	Toys – Infant to 5 years
December	Tree of Love





**DOWNTOWN HIGHER POWER LUNCH UPDATE**

June will be here soon. The 20th of June will be the first ever Downtown Higher Power Lunch held in our Parlor.

Our Outreach Committee’s Higher Power Lunch Team continues to be energized by the anticipation of our reaching out to businesses, churches and non-profits in our neighborhood, offering an hour of love, joy and understanding.

These lunches are nondenominational, faith-based gatherings to have lunch, to *Network*, receive *Inspiration*, feel *Connected* and to experience *Encouragement*. **NICE!**

Pastor Leanne has placed on her calendar our first monthly lunch and will lead us in welcoming our guests, in Christ’s name, to lunch in our Parlor. Grateful!

Soon we will be requesting your assistance with volunteering, making our quest to fulfill “Loving one another” in our downtown neighborhood. Watch for sign-up sheets on the Volunteer bulletin board in the Narthex.

If you have questions, feel free to contact a Team member: Gladys Cairns, Allen Hoberg, Ella Gutzke, Joe Satrom, David Massey, Jan Schultz, and Kathy Mayer.

More updates next month. Thanks for your support!



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**OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC**

The Outdoor Worship Service/Picnic has been scheduled for

***Sunday, July 15th***

More information to follow later!





## **CLEARWATER CAMP...**

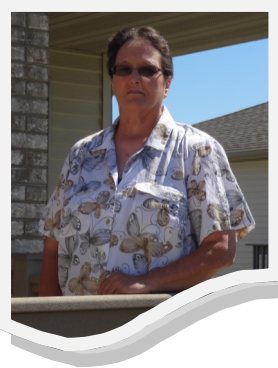
*\$150.00 to help send our kids to Clearwater this Summer!*

For the first summer in many years, the kids of First Presbyterian Church will be making the trip to Clearwater Forest in Minnesota! We know many of you have been to Clearwater, and we've heard so many great things about this Presbyterian Camp, and we are so excited to share it with our awesome children and youth! Kids as young as 2nd grade will be making the trip together July 22nd—28th, and need your help!

With the high cost of \$451 for a week of camp, we are hoping our congregation will support 2/3 of the fee for our 11 youth interested in attending camp. As we have raised funds over the years, we are comfortable paying 1/3 with our fundraised money, and are wondering if you're able to help us cover the rest. A simple donation of \$150.00 helps our campers so, so much! Please consider if you are able to help send one of our 2nd—12th grade youth to camp this summer, and donate a check to First Presbyterian Church, with "Clearwater Camp Donation" in the memo line.

Please pray for our youth as they consider this exciting week away learning about God and making new friends at this Presbyterian camp!





## **NURSE'S NOTES**

Greetings to everyone! Can you believe May 2018 has arrived? There is a special day this month for all you Mom's out there. I thought I would share a story about a mother I read in The Reader's Digest:

*My mother, a master of guilt trips, showed me a photo of herself waiting by a phone that never rings. "Mom, I call all the time," I said. "If you had an answering machine, you would know." Soon after, my mother agreed to have one installed. After my brother installed her answer machine I called and I did get the answer machine. This was her recording: "If you are a salesperson, press one. If you're a friend, press two. If you're my daughter who never calls, press 911 because the shock will probably give me a heart attack." ~ Susan Starace Balducci*

May 4th is National Prayer Day. I do have a story for you about prayer. My oldest sister, Pat, wanted a baby sister since her only sibling was a big brother. Pat's brother Gary did not want to hang around with his little baby sister. So she really wanted a little sister to play with. Our mother finally told her that they were expecting a new baby. She told mom and dad that she would really love a baby sister. Our mother told Pat that she should ask God for a healthy baby sister. So Pat prayed and prayed and prayed and prayed. The time came for the new arrival. Pat was so excited for this new baby. "Did God answer her prayers for a new baby sister?" Our dad came home to tell Pat and Gary that they had **three** baby sisters. Pat looked shocked, saying "God did answer my prayers." Gary, our brother, lost all the color in his face and stared at Pat in disbelief. Then he said, "Pat, your prayed too much. Now look what you did, and couldn't we get one boy?!" Pat was one busy sister from that day on. I believe Pat never ever prayed again for another little sister. **Three** was enough! She was the best big sister ever.

### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

### **The month of may is High Blood Pressure Education Month.**

First, let's define high blood pressure:

According to the American Heart Association, High Blood Pressure (HBP or hypertension) is when your blood pressure, the force of your blood pushing against the walls of your blood vessels, is consistently too high.

How your blood pressure and circulatory system work:

In order to survive and function properly, your tissues and organs need the oxygenated blood that your circulatory system carries throughout the body. When the heart beats, it creates pressure that pushes blood through a network of tube-shaped blood vessels, which include arteries, veins and capillaries. The pressure—blood pressure—is the result of two forces: the first force (systolic pressure) occurs as blood pumps out of the heart and into the arteries that are part of the circulatory system. The second force (diastolic pressure) is created as the heart rests between heart beats. (These two forces are each represented by numbers in a blood pressure reading.) There's a reason it's called the "silent killer".

Most of the time, high blood pressure has no obvious symptoms to indicate that something's wrong. The best way to protect yourself is being aware of the risks and making changes that matter.

High blood pressure often has no signs or symptoms:

- ◆ Many people with high blood pressure don't even know they have it.
- ◆ High blood pressure develops slowly over time and can be related to many causes.
- ◆ High blood pressure can not be cured. However, it can be managed very effectively through lifestyle changes and, when needed, medication.





**NURSE’S NOTES...(continued)**

**Know your numbers:**

The best way to protect yourself is to learn where you stand by measuring your high blood pressure.

BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC mm Hg (upper number)		DIASTOLIC mm Hg (lower number)
<b>NORMAL</b>	<b>LESS THAN 120</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>LESS THAN 80</b>
<b>ELEVATED</b>	<b>120 – 129</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>LESS THAN 80</b>
<b>HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 1</b>	<b>130 – 139</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>80 – 89</b>
<b>HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 2</b>	<b>140 OR HIGHER</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>90 OR HIGHER</b>
<b><u>HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS</u> (consult your doctor immediately)</b>	<b>HIGHER THAN 180</b>	<b>and/or</b>	<b>HIGHER THAN 120</b>

Note: A diagnosis of high blood pressure must be confirmed with a medical professional. A doctor should also evaluate any unusually low blood pressure readings.

**Recognize your risks**

Being aware of your risk factors—the physical and lifestyle attributes that can make you more likely to develop high blood pressure—can help you identify changes you can make to avoid the threats to your health that can result from your blood pressure being too high for too long.

First Presbyterian Church offers free B.P. Clinics once a month in the Conference Room on a Sunday from 9-10 am and 11 am—Noon. Please check the weekly schedule of events and the bulletin for the dates. You may also call the church at 701-223-6091 for times and dates. In May the B.P. Clinic will be on Sunday, May 20th, 2018.

We will be having a presentation from Nikki Wegner from the Alzheimer’s Association May 1st at Noon, called “Understanding and Responding to Behaviors of Alzheimer’s”. Please come join us in the Parlor at First Presbyterian Church.

Come join us every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 am in the Parlor for strengthening exercises. Join the fun, music and socialization. We plan to incorporate “Stepping On,” in our exercise classes to help with strengthening and balance to help with prevention of falls. We **WILL NOT** be having classes in the months of June, July and August. They will resume in September.





# Session Highlights

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 24, 2018

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Vickie Haas reviewed the Endowment and Memorial Funds of the church and explained that there are 3 major Endowment Funds: General Fund, Building Fund, and Child Care Center. There are various scholarship and program funds as well as some Session discretionary funds.

### CLERK’S REPORT

Deaths of Dorothy Fairman and Blanche Flynn were reported. Membership is 380.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$146,208	Budget	\$130,501
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$127,989	Budget	\$144,049
NET Income	\$ 18,219	Budget	-\$13,548
Unrestricted General Fund	\$202,066		

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (from meeting and minutes)

**Administrative and Personnel**—Dale Hoerauf and Linda Tonolli met with Kris Ronningen and Alice Nix from Christian Education Committee to discuss the position of a new Christian Education Director. This included a conference call with in-coming Pastor Leanne Simmons to examine the job description and determine qualities desired in a CE Director. It was decided to advertise the position in May and hold interviews in June after Pastor Leanne arrives and can participate in the hiring process.

**Christian Education**—Graduating seniors will be recognized on May 20. Several youth attended the Crystal Springs Retreat April 27-29. Harmon Lake event will be July 14. Dates for Clearwater Forest Camp are July 22-28. VBS will be led by counselors by Camp of the Cross July 30-August 2. The congregation may need to provide housing and meals for the counselors.

**Outreach**—One of the speakers for the first Higher Power Lunch will be Judith Roberts. Rebuilding Together event is May 5. Jelly for backpacks will be collected in May.

**Membership**—The outdoor service is July 15 at Sertoma Park Shelter # 11. Glencoe, Wilton and Mandan Presbyterian Churches may be participating. There will be an ice cream social after worship service on May 13.

**Property and Equipment**—Projects this summer will be mostly handled “in-house”. Dirt around trees in front will likely be covered with mulch. There is a recycling bin in the parlor. The committee has responded to questions from Boy Scout Troop #6 to expand their display case, move their Eagle display and have their flags on permanent display in Room 205.

**Stewardship**—Session approved 40% of Pentecost Offering be used for the outdoor playground equipment for the Child Care Center.





# Session Highlights

**Worship and Music**—The organ has been repaired and tuned. A sub-committee is exploring new choir robes. Communion servers are asked to find their own substitutes.

**Fine Arts Festival**—The committee will not be hosting a festival in 2018.

## **PRESBYTERY REPORT**

Jim Skaret and Shari Orser attended the Presbytery meeting April 13 in Casselton. This one day meeting was the first under the new Pod structure (replaced committees). There is a search committee for an Executive Presbyter; the new staffing model will reduce staff by two. PCUSA in Minot has a closing commission to deal with financial assets. The next meeting of Presbytery will be at Mandan FPC on October 8

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





## MAY'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>MAY</u>
Alisha Wohl	1st	Jared Calvert	17th
Gary Thompson	2nd	Denise Gratz	18th
Mallory Henriksen	2nd	Delores James	19th
Chris Henriksen	3rd	Saige Klipfel	19th
Kristi Ronningen	3rd	Grayson Hedland	20th
Magdaline Nji	5th	Ruth Beachey	21st
Mark Jensen	6th	Kathy Wachter	22nd
Eldora Kinnischtzke	8th	Mike Lannoye	23rd
Jenni Boeckel	10th	Marlynn Bonogofsky	24th
Tait Ronningen	10th	Brooke Lannoye	25th
Ed Wos	12th	Laurel Jane Stowell	25th
Paige Pengilly	13th	Vernon Spitzer	25th
Luke Pengilly	13th	Kaydee Gilchrist	26th
Barb Satran	14th	Muriel Peterson	27th
Nils Pearson	15th	Runick Fru Alah	28th
Tara Bitz	15th	Sebastian Charbonneau	30th
Carol Peterson	17th	Gary Lahr	31st

### ANNIVERSARIES

Fredrick & Alisha Wohl

5/5

Ron & Neva Carlisle

5/18

Lee & Doris Doolittle

5/24



All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from the church's membership database. If we made a mistake, or missed you or a loved one, we apologize and ask that you please let us know so we can update our system. If you do not want your birthday listed in a bulletin or newsletter, please let us know that as well. Thank you!





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		<b>12:00pm</b> Alzheimer's Class (Parlor) <b>5:15pm</b> Suzuki (205) <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (202) <b>5:30pm</b> Prop. & Equip. Comm. (201) <b>6:30pm</b> Lay Ministers (Parlor)	<b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>10:00am</b> Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) <b>12:00pm</b> Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm) <b>6:00pm</b> Membership Comm. (Conf. Room)		<b>8:30am</b> Circle (Parlor) <b>9:00am</b> Yoga (202)
<b>6</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School	<b>10:00am</b> Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) <b>5:00pm</b> Suzuki Private Event (Sanc/Parlor) <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts (Room 202) <b>7:00pm</b> Christian Ed. Comm. (Conf Rm)	<b>5:15pm</b> Suzuki (205) <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (Room 202) <b>5:30pm</b> CCC Board Meeting (Conf. Rm.)	<b>12:00pm</b> Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) <b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> <b>10:00am</b> Senior Exercise Class (Parlor)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Ice Cream Social (Parlor) <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) <b>5:00pm</b> Admin & Personnel Comm. (Parlor) <b>5:30pm</b> Worship & Music Comm. (Conf. Rm.) <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts (202)	<b>15</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Higher Power Comm. (Parlor) <b>5:15pm</b> Suzuki (205) <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (Room 202) <b>6:30pm</b> G.R.O.W. (Ramstad)	<b>16</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> <b>10:00am</b> Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) <b>10:00am</b> FAF Comm. (Conf Rm) <b>7:00pm</b> Deacons (Parlor)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9:00am</b> Yoga (202)
<b>20</b> <b>9:00am</b> Blood Pressure Clinic (Conf. Rm.) <b>10:00am</b> Worship ~ Celebrate Graduating Youth <b>10:30am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Celebrate Graduates (Parlor)	<b>21</b> <b>10:00am</b> Senior Exercise Class (Parlor) <b>12:00pm</b> Business & Finance Comm. (Conf. Rm.) <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts (Room 202)	<b>22</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (Room 202) <b>6:00pm</b> Session (Parlor)	<b>23</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Higher Power Lunch Comm. (Conf. Rm.) <b>6:00pm</b> Westminster Chimes Potluck (Parlor) <i>*Ramstad is reserved all day/evening for private event</i>	<b>24</b> <b>10:00am</b> Senior Exercise Class (Parlor)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:00am</b> Yoga (Room 202)
<b>27</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>*No more Sunday School until Fall</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Office Closed ~ Memorial Day</b>	<b>29</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Yoga (202)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



## May 2017 Usher/Greeter/Coffee Host

- May 7th:**                   **Captain:** Alice Nix  
**Ushers:** Letha Lewis, Kim Wassim, Matt Engel, Gail Christianson, Dave Nix  
**Reception Host:** Jan Gilchrist
  
- May 14th:**               **Captain:** Joe Satrom  
**Ushers:** Dick Weber, Wendy Skager, Vic Sonneman, Cindy Cross, Don Cross  
**Reception Host:** Mary Sherman
  
- May 21st:**               **Captain:** Corby Svihovec  
**Ushers:** Nanc Skaret, Steve Adair, Vic Sonneman, Ron Carlisle, Neva Carlisle  
**Reception Host:** Kathryn Brown
  
- May 28th:**               **Captain:** Nanc Skaret  
**Ushers:** Kathy Wachter, Steve Adair, Lynn Dodge, Alice Nix, Dave Nix  
**Reception Host:** Ann Lynch

### LAY READERS

**May 6th**  
*Volunteer Needed*

**May 13th**  
*Volunteer Needed*

**May 20th**  
*Dave Nix*

**May 27th**  
*Volunteer Needed*



*If you are interested in volunteering, you may sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex, or call the church office at:*

**223-6091**

### COMMUNION SERVERS

**May 6th, 2017**

Matt Engel	Jim Skaret
Allen Hoberg	Ann Lynch
Jay Cofell	Donna Richter
Jim Rambo	Kathryn Brown
Bob Kinnischtzke	Corby Svihovec

*Communion is available to be served at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation. Please call church office to schedule time.*

**701-223-6091**

# FAMILY NEWS

## Deaths

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the members who have passed away:

**Don Henriksen**  
**Blanche Flynn**  
**Irene Johnson**

Our sympathy is also expressed to:

**Juanita Hocking** and her family on the passing of her mother.

**Roberta Bishop** and her family on the passing of her mother.

**Dot Glaser** and her family on the passing of her husband, **Gerry Glaser**

*“And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.” ~ John 16:22*



## **SUMMER USHERS, GREETERS, AND LAY READERS**

Summer is quickly approaching with all the lure of its destination vacations, camping, and outdoor fun. As your vacation calendars begin to fill-up, please don't forget about the church. Help us by signing up to be an usher, greeter, reception host, or lay reader in June, July, or August. All three month's sign-up sheets are posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Than you for volunteering your time for these important roles.



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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Pastor

**Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons**

Staff

Finance Assistant

**Vickie Haas**

Administrative Assistant

**Charee Linton**

Organist/Pianist

**Arvy Smith**

Choir Director

**Debi Rogers**

Handbell Ensemble Director

**Lael Hoerauf**

Maintenance Manager

**Les Hornbacher**

Part-Time Custodian

**Nathan Peterson**

Membership Services

**Judy Lentz**

**Shelli Peterson**

Child Care Center Director

**Shawn Stettner**

Child Care Assistant  
Director

**Vanessa Hein**

