

HERE AND NOW!

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TREE OF LOVE

The Outreach Committee has set up the Tree of Love with much gratitude for your past loving actions.

The Tree of Love will be in the Narthex from November 18th through December 13th. Each paper ornament on the tree contains a gift request. Please take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item and return the ornament and gift item to the church by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th. **Please wrap your gift (or use a gift bag) and tape the ornament to the gift.** If your ornament request is a gift certificate, please place the gift card with the ornament taped to it in the box at the base of the tree. Your generous gift donations are for families with limited financial resources who attend the FPC Child Care Center. The Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity!



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*And whatever
you do, whether
in word or deed,
do it all in the
name of the
Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to
God the Father
through him.*

Colossians 3:17

*Train a child in
the way he
should go, and
when he is old he
will not turn
from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

*And whoever
welcomes a little
child like this in
my name
welcomes me.*

Matthew 18:5



*Join the Child Care Board in saying "thank you" to all of the childcare staff
who give so much of themselves to our littlest members!*

*We will be collecting cash and gift card donations for staff meeting dinners
- any amount (or pizza place!) welcome ~our goal is \$200.00!*

*~Donations accepted at the front office - make checks to FPC and specify
"staff meeting funds"~*



PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...

The Spirit of Giving...

I know the phrase, “the Spirit of Giving” is cliché – especially around this time of year when everyone and everything, from TV sitcoms to perfume commercials use the phrase for increased marketability and popular appeal...

... but I just had a chance encounter with someone whose family were among the Thanksgiving dinner hosted by First Presbyterian Church, and the “Spirit of Giving” is the phrase that is stuck in my mind.

This person’s eye lit up, describing the delicious food, the meaningful place to share Thanksgiving, the kindness and open friendliness of the servers, the greeters who met them at the door when they arrived. It is the third such conversation I had had since Thanksgiving, not to mention the sparkle in the eye of those who volunteered. I admit, I am deeply moved by the testimonies of care... and can’t help but think that each experience of care is another step up on the ladder of God’s grace that ends up leading to a transformed life.

I can spend a whole day planning a worship service, or going over committee functions or thinking about banners and parking places, liturgy and thumb-drives for upcoming events – that goes with the territory. But none of those activities include words that ever crossed Jesus’s lips. That is why it is infinitely more satisfying to be part of a ministry that is in direct compliance with the commands of Christ, “feed hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, take in the stranger, visit those in prison, care for the sick.” Doing things in Christ’s spirit of generous giving connects us to very words of the Savior; there is no more sure way to feel the meaning of our Christian journey than hands-on hope. There is also no more perfect way to be “church” – than to gather together knowing we have said yes to Christ, and followed through, then to worship, truly worship the One who’s will we have done.

This time of year, we talk a lot about the “spirit of giving” but when obedience is so direct, the church can say with confidence that they truly understand that Spirit. It is the Spirit of Christ, who in infinite mercy flows through us like a river, liberally watering our dry places - and with its flow, removing the refuse of self-protective withholding. In giving, we know that the Spirit is infinite, without the limitation of resources, that grace abounds and cannot be quelled, and that God is at work in us through us and around us. One truly cannot understand the force of a river’s current until one has tried standing in it... and one cannot understand the Spirit of giving until we have engaged in its flow and found it powerful.

So... let this be a blessed season, where in each one of us joins the direct forces of Jesus Christ by doing his words and where, by moving in the Spirit, we encounter what is the height, depth and width of the amazing love of God. As Ephesians states, “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

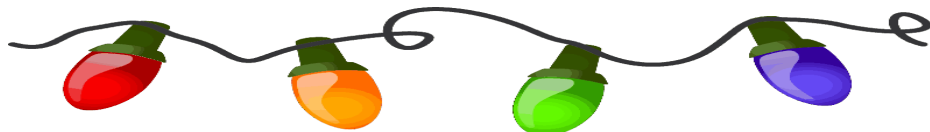
Leanne

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee, we offer our sincere appreciation for the congregation's response to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Together, we provided \$1,145 that will be used to promote peace around the world as well as right here in Bismarck. This is a very tangible expression of God's love at work in our congregation.

Thank You,

Steve Adair



WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

With Winter storms just around the corner, we wanted to take a minute to remind you of First Presbyterian Church's Winter Weather Policy. **Any time Bismarck Public Schools close, First Presbyterian Church and Child Care Center closes as well.** So any scheduled meetings or events will be cancelled automatically if the church closes due to weather. If you have any questions, please call the church office. Thank you for your understanding!



RED & GREEN POTLUCK

Following the Youth Christmas Program on December 9th.

The Membership Committee invites any and all church members to come together after the Youth Christmas Pageant on December 9th to enjoy each other and share food together. Families and guests are welcome! Please plan to bring a main dish, salad, vegetable dish, fruit or dessert to share.

Please invite friends and family to attend, and please sign up on the Volunteer board in the Narthex so we know how many places to set.

Thank you!

The Outreach Committee thanks you for the great response to collect items for the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry.

Your generosity is appreciated and will provide assistance to those less fortunate.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Your Outreach Committee's 2018 work plan included the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Months before November 22nd, a Thanksgiving Dinner community team began the work necessary to serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including pumpkin pie. Over 350 guests shared the food, the care and compassion.

Sharing their love with others were over 100 volunteers by peeling potatoes, making all the food including roasting and carving the turkeys, greeting and seating the guests, and cleaning up for the day! Lots of assistance from community businesses was received.

We wanted to express our special gratitude to the following members of our Presbyterian family who were able to help serve others on this unique day: **Lynn Dodge, Joe Satrom, Katherine Satrom, Steve Adair, Laura Adair, Ellie Adair, Dave Nix, Alice Nix, Ann Lynch, Tedd Gutzke, Ella Gutzke, Donna Richter, John Richter, Sue Sorlie, Daphne Cornell, Kathy Wachter and Gladys Cairns.** Special thanks to **Charee Linton** for her leadership, as she worked from 7:00 a.m. to the midafternoon clean-up on Thanksgiving Day to assist us all in doing our volunteer jobs while also managing our use of our church for this gratefulness day. And to the gracious and very talented **Duane and Karen Ehrens,** your expertise and skill make this day one to remember for everyone that enjoyed the amazing food, and those of us who get the honor of hearing the praises of stuffed bellies and gratitude for providing such wonderful food. Thanksgiving Day Dinner is on our Outreach work plan for 2019!



HIGHER POWER LUNCH

Your Outreach Committee will present a special pre-Christmas Higher Power Lunch December 19th. We start at 11:45 a.m. with lunch and conclude the program at 12:50 p.m. Celebrating the birth of Jesus with tasty food; networking with others; hearing a message from Karla Eisenbeisz, Director of the Banquet and sharing love!

Charee continues her helping work with the Higher Power Team providing the foundation our quest to be the Church. Watch for the volunteer sign-up sheet if you can help. If you would like to have lunch with us and others in the community, please go to www.fpcbismarck.com/higher-power-lunch and register.

Have questions? Ask any of the HPL Team: Ella Gutzke, Kathy Mayer, Joe Satrom, Allen Hoberg, Jan Schultz or Gladys Cairns.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Christmas Joy Offering December 16th, 2018

Offering a helping hand to dedicated church workers going through difficult times and helping build the next leaders for the Presbyterian Church are two of the good works you can do through a donation to the Christmas Joy Offering. First Presbyterian Church will collect this special offering on **December 16th**.

Clergy and other church workers who dedicate their lives to the church's mission often do so with lower salaries and life savings. The Christmas Joy Offering can help these people who have given so much to God's work as they go through emergencies.

The offering also goes to help fund Presbyterian colleges and high schools, especially to benefit students of color.

Stewardship Committee



KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

Your Outreach Committee is working on the development of our Work plan for 2019. We welcome your ideas for outreach activities. Please pass on your ideas to Kathy Wachter, Lynn Dodge, Gail Christianson, Dick Weber, Eleanor Sand or Gladys Cairns by December 13th.



In the new year we are proposing to form a group of persons who like to knit or crochet Prayer Shawls. **Carolyn Barks** will lead this gathering starting in January 2019. Shawls made will be used by Pastor Leanne and the Parish Nurse, Wanona Goetz, to present to the Church Family members. Perhaps the Deacons would also use them when they visit members. Think about joining this group for social and service activities.

More information to come in January!



CHILD CARE CENTER

The Child Care Center hosted an open house after church on Appreciation Sunday October 28, and we had a great turnout! Board members Ella Gutzke, Damita Engel, Carole Watrel and Becky Rosenkranz baked cookies and treats for about 50 guests, with Ella and Damita serving the treats. Child Care Center director Shawn Stettner, assistant director Vanessa Hein, and teachers Mary Jones and Emily Ehrens helped greet guests and answered questions about the Child Care Center.

Thank you to everyone who helped and who attended. We greatly appreciate you!



PRAYER CHAIN

A prayer chain provides the power and strength of collective prayer for those in need. If you would like to join the prayer chain, or have a prayer need, please contact:

Nanc Skaret at
skaret@bis.midco.net
Or 258-4703

You may also call the church office
at 223-6091



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Thanksgiving and Christmas have always been my favorite time of the year! There is a little spark of magic in being thankful and giving during the holiday season. The joy family brings getting to spend time together with old and new holiday traditions.

This year, I find myself more blessed and grateful with everything that has transpired! I have had personal changes and growth, career changes for the better, growing members of my family, and the list can go on and on. A huge personal step for me was becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church and joining all of you who I already consider great friends and family. Probably one of my favorite changes so far!

The new position as the Youth Christian Education Director has been wonderful! The relationships with the amazing youth at FPC has been a huge pleasure for me! Also, a position of many firsts! We are now in the middle of rehearsals for the annual Christmas Pageant....my first of many to come. As I stood back in our first rehearsal and looked at the kids and the joy I saw at who got what part, and those wanting more parts because they didn't have enough lines...and although the first rehearsal is never supposed to be perfect, and we are unorganized trying to figure out who should be where and when the angels shall enter and the shepherds exit stage right...I couldn't help but be filled with excitement and happiness about how perfect this new tradition is that I am adding to my own holiday fun!

Every year, each committee has the task of coming up with a work plan for the next year. I am so excited at the things to come in 2019! I am hoping the youth are just as excited and maybe we will start some new traditions to pass on to the future youth of FPC.

Triennium will be in the summer of 2019. This event only happens every 3 years, and our youth entering 8th grade—12th grade are invited to attend! For those of you who were unable to make it to the information meeting and are still interested in attending Triennium, please contact me ASAP and I will get the information to you! The deadline is December 15th.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season!

Merry Christmas,

Charee

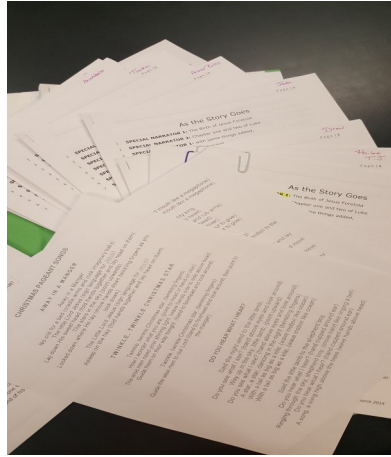


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Events:

Christmas Pageant! Sunday, December 9th

All PAC and PresbyTeens youth taking part in the Christmas Pageant are to be at Church on Saturday, December 8th at 11:00 am, and by 8 am on Sunday, December 9th. The Pageant will be during 10 am Worship, with a “Red and Green” Potluck hosted by the Membership Committee will follow in Ramstad Hall.



Movie Afternoon!

All ages are invited to join us in the Movie Room after Worship on Sunday, December 16th to enjoy the Christmas Movie “Elf”! We will be together until 1:00 pm, hopefully a perfect time for parents to enjoy some quiet time or some quick Christmas shopping.



PAC and PresbyTeens Schedule: Wednesdays at 5:45-7:30 pm

- December 5: Pageant Rehearsal
- December 12: Christmas Fun!
- December 19 & 26: No PAC or PresbyTeens
- January 2: No PAC/ or PresbyTeens



NURSE'S NOTES...

Happy December Everyone!

WOW! Another year coming to a close. 2018 has been quite eventful for our Faith Community. We have lost some great friends and family that have impacted us deeply. They will truly be missed by all. We have been blessed with a new pastor who has greatly met this faith community challenges. I have been so blessed to be able to work with the best co-workers and faith community members who make this job absolutely rewarding. Thank You! Oh and I do have another story for you! Surprise!

A married couple was strolling down the street in Bismarck, when the husband felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's starting to rain," he said to his wife. "I don't think so, it felt more like snow to me," she replied. "No, I'm sure it was just rain", he said. "Well, as these things go, they were about to have a major argument about whether it was raining or snowing. Just then they saw judge Red Rudolph, their local judge, walking toward them. "Let's not fight about it," the man said, "let's ask Judge Red Rudolph whether it's officially raining or snowing." As the judge approached, the husband stopped and asked, "Tell us Judge Rudolph, is it officially raining or snowing?" "It's raining, of course," he answered and walked on. But the woman insisted: "I know that felt like snow!" To which the man quietly replied:.....

"Rudolph the Red knows (Nose) rain, dear!"

December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month according to Health Tradition Magazine.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 251,700 toy-related injuries in 2010 throughout the United States. 72% were to people less than 15 years of age. Additionally, in 2007 alone, toymakers recalled over 19 million toys worldwide because of safety concerns such as lead paint and small magnets.

When it comes to toys and gifts, the excitement and desire to get your children their favorite toys may cause shoppers to forget about safety factors associated with them. Before you make these purchases, it is critical to remember to consider the safety and age range of the toys.

Prevent Blindness America has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to consider if the toys they wish to give suits the age and individual skills and abilities of the individual child who will receive it, *especially for infants and children under age three.*



NURSE'S NOTES...

This holiday season (and beyond), please consider the following guidelines for choosing safe toys for all ages:

- ◆ Inspect all toys before purchasing. Avoid those that shoot or include parts that fly off. The toy should have no sharp edges or points and should be sturdy enough to withstand impact without breaking, being crushed, or being pulled apart easily.
- ◆ When purchasing ***toys for children with special needs*** try to: Choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture; consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others; and think about the size of the toy and the position a child would need to be in to play with it. Consult the “AblePlay” website at www.ableplay.org for more information.
- ◆ Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check them for age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing them to be played with.
- ◆ Look for labels that assure you the toys have passed a safety inspection—”ATSM” means the toy has met the American Society for Testing Materials standards.
- ◆ Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (give a helmet with the skateboard).
- ◆ Keep kids Safe from ***lead in toys*** by: Educating yourself about lead exposure from toys, symptoms of lead poisoning, and what kinds of toys have been recalled; being aware that old toys may be more likely to contain lead in the paint; having your children wash their hands frequently and calling your doctor if you suspect your child has been exposed to lead. Consult the last two websites listed below for more information.
- ◆ Do **NOT** give toys with small parts (including magnets and “button” batteries which can cause serious injury or death if ingested) to young children as they tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the piece can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is not appropriate for kids under age three.
- ◆ Do **NOT** give toys with ropes and cords or heating elements.
- ◆ Do **NOT** give crayons and markers unless they are labeled “nontoxic”.



For more information:

- ◆ Call Prevent Blindness America at (800)331-2020 or go to their website immediately below:
- ◆ www.preventblindness.org/children/safetoys.html
- ◆ www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/toy.html
- ◆ http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/home/safe_toys.html
- ◆ www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/faq/toys.html
- ◆ www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002473.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ Sunday Blood Pressure Clinic: ***December 16th from 9:00 am—10:00 am and 11:00 am—12:00 Noon*** in the Conference Room. Please come join me and get your blood pressure taken.
- ⇒ Senior Strengthening Class held every ***Monday and Thursday from 10:00 am—11:00 am*** in the Parlor. There will be no classes December 20th—December 26th.

May the Christmas Season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter!

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Session Highlights

November 27th, 2018

NEW MEMBERS

The following members were approved by Session: Transfer of Membership—Becky Taylor-Liedtke, Patrick Liedtke, and Hannah Luciano. Affirmation of Faith—Charee Linton. These new members will be received by the congregation on December 2nd.

BAPTISM REQUEST

Session approved the request of Hannah and Roberto Luciano for the baptism of their son, Jack Timothy Luciano, on January 6th, 2019

CLERK'S REPORT

The deaths of Phyllis Lindblom, October 25th and Jilly Flynn Smyth, October 30th were reported. Membership is 374. (378 with the 4 new members)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$375,439	Budget	\$413,538
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$398,746	Budget	\$461,682
NET Income	- \$ 23,307	Budget	- \$ 48,143
Unrestricted General Fund	\$160,540.98		

COMMITTEE REPORTS (from meeting and minutes)

Administrative and Personnel—Session approved the resignation of Les Hornbacher effective November 8th, 2018 and the hiring of Nathan Peterson as full-time Maintenance Manager beginning November 28th, 2018.

Session approved the new job description for the Youth Director, Charee Linton.

Business and Finance—The committee has prepared a 2019 budget that will be discussed at the December Session meeting.

Christian Education—Practice for the Christmas program will be November 28th and December 5th as well as before the presentation on Sunday, December 9th. Children in grades 3-5 will receive Bibles on December 2nd.

Outreach—Donations were made to various non=profits and missions.

Property and Equipment—A water leak in the front storage closet was repaired.

Stewardship—A total of 145 pledges for \$310,180 have been received; 40 pledges were increased. Amount received is \$9,497 more than 2018. Session approved the Christmas Eve offering be used to support youth attending Triennium in July 2019.

Worship and Music—Session approved communion dates for 2018, first Sunday of each month plus dates during Lent and Advent.

Child Care Center Board—Session approved the transfer of funds from the CCC Endowment and the Memorial Fund, totaling \$19,329.93

Session Highlights (cont.)

Nominating—One Elder is still needed for a full slate of officers. A congregational meeting will be held on December 9th after worship service to elect the Elders and Deacons.

NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery Report—Jim Skaret reported on the October 8th meeting at Mandan FPC. Shari Orser and Gladys Cairns were the other commissioners to Presbytery. Three finalists will be interviewed for the Presbytery Leader Position.

Installation—Elders and Deacons will be installed on January 20th with Elder Training TBD prior to that date. Pastor Leanne distributed the book, “Transforming Congregational Culture” on which training will be based.

Budget 2019—Session discussed the proposed budget and tabled the vote to the December 18th meeting.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





December Facts

The 12th month of the year is an outstanding one!

December is the last month in the Gregorian calendar. Its name is based on the Latin term for ten. In the Roman calendar, December was the tenth month until the addition of January and February at the beginning of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere December has the shortest daylight hours and marks the beginning of winter. December provides the longest days in Southern Hemisphere, as it is the beginning of summer. December is a month home to many religious holidays.

Below are some fun facts about December:

1. The birthstone of December is turquoise.
2. Zodiac signs for December are Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 - January 19).
3. The birth flower of December is the Narcissus.
4. World's AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1st.
5. December 3 - International Day of the Disabled Person
6. Universal Human Rights Month
7. National Read a New Book Month
8. In December, Nobel Prizes are awarded.
9. On December 4, 1791, The Observer newspaper (the first Sunday newspaper) was first published in Britain.
10. Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25th.
11. On December 7, 1941, The United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese planes.
12. On December 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed.
13. Kwanzaa is celebrated on December 26 - January 1 every year.
14. National Stress Free Family Holiday Month
15. December 27th is National Chocolate Day
16. On December 29, 1862, the bowling bowl was invented.
17. Poinsettia Day is on December 12th.
18. On December 3, 1967, the first heart transplant was completed.
19. On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight.
20. On December 14, 1791, the Bill of Rights was passed.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES...

DECEMBER USHERS/GREETERS/RECEPTION HOST

- December 9th:** **Captain:** Wendy Skager
Ushers: Nanc Skaret, Matt Engel, Alice Nix, Corby Svihovec, David Nix
Reception Host: Debbie Gross
- December 16th:** **Captain:** Ann Lynch
Ushers: Nanc Skaret, John Richter, Donna Richter, Joe Satrom, Stan Halling
Reception Host: Alice Halling
- December 23rd:** **Captain:** Tedd Gutzke
Ushers: Wendy Skager, Ella Gutzke, Joe Satrom, Cindy Cross, Don Cross
Reception Host: Audre Goll
- December 24th, 5:30 pm** **Captain:** Jody Bachmeier
Ushers: Dick Weber, Corby Svihovec, Vic Sonneman, Don Cross, Cindy Cross
- December 24th, 11:00 pm** **Captain:** Joe Satrom
Ushers: Jim Skaret, Ella Gutzke, Tedd Gutzke
- December 30th:** **Captain:** Audre Goll
Ushers: Kathy Wachter, Lynn Dodge, Dennis Rosenkranz, Becky Rosenkranz,
 Larry Larson
Reception Host: *Volunteer Needed*



DECEMBER LAY READERS

Dec. 2nd	Carole Watrel
Dec. 9th	Christmas Pageant
Dec. 16th	Luke Pengilly
Dec. 23rd	Paige Pengilly
Dec. 24th	5:30 p.m. Mallory Henriksen
Dec. 24th	11:00 p.m. Shari Orser
Dec. 30th	Bev Patch-Larson

2018 ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

12/02/2018	10:00 am	Engel Family
12/09/2018	10:00 am	Wohl Family
12/16/2018	10:00 am	Liedtke Family
12/23/2018	10:00 am	Pete Emerson & Gloria Blanco
12/24/15	5:30 pm	Svihovec Family
12/24/15	11:00 pm	Tedd & Ella Gutzke



This Month's Anniversaries & Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

Linda Tonolli	1st
Grael Gannon*	2nd
Stan Halling	4th
Hailee Bitz	4th
Laken Gratz	8th
Bert Asselin, Jr.	8th
David Shockman	9th
Audre Goll	9th
Linda Stensrud	11th
Danette Pengilly	11th
Arne Arneson	12th
JoAnn Hodny	12th
Richard Belisle	15th
Janice Mayer	16th
Chris Hellman	17th
Laura Adair	18th
David Bachmeier	18th
Arley Gallup	19th
Bob Kinnischtzke	20th
Kade Massey	20th
Jae Reile	21st
Ella Gutzke	22nd
Bob Tonolli	22nd
Patricia Keller	27th
Doug Sturlaugson	28th
Shiny Mahlum	30th
Kaye Halvorson	31st
Caroline Barks	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

<i>John & Kim Dixon</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Paul & Kristi Ronningen</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Jim & Nanc Skaret</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>William & JoAnn Hodny</i>	<i>30th</i>

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!





DON'T-MISS EVENTS THIS DECEMBER

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Saturday, December 1st, 2018	9:00 am	Church Decorating	Church
	9:00 am	Yoga	202
Sunday, December 2nd, 2018	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	201
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, December 3rd, 2018	10:00 am	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	4:30 pm	Suzuki Music Classes	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Triennium Parents Meeting	Parlo
	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, December 4th, 2018	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	5:30 pm	Child Care Center Board	Conf. Room
	5:30 pm	Property & Equipment Committee	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee Budget Meeting	Conf. Room
Wednesday, December 5th, 2018	10:00 am	Parish Nurse Coalition Meeting	Conf. Room
	1:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens Pageant Rehearsal	Ramstad/Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, December 6th, 2018	10:00 am	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	12:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Conf. Room
	6:00 pm	Membership Committee	Conf. Room
Friday, December 7th, 2018		No Events Scheduled	
Saturday, December 8th, 2018	9:00 am	Yoga	202
Sunday, December 9th, 2018	10:00 am	Worship ~ Christmas Pageant	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Red & Green Potluck	Ramstad Hall

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Monday, December 10th, 2018	10:00 am	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Committee Wrap-up	Conf. Room
	4:30 pm	Suzuki Music School	205, 207, 209
	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, December 11th, 2018	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	12:00 pm	Munch & Mingle	Ramkota Hotel
	1:00 pm	HPL Meeting	Conf. Room
	1:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens Holiday Party	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, December 13th, 2018	10:00 am	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	6:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Deacons	Parlor
Friday, December 14th, 2018		No Events Scheduled	
Saturday, December 15th, 2018	9:00 am	Yoga	202
Sunday, December 16th, 2018	9:00 am	Blood Pressure Clinic	Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 am	All Ages Movie Day ~ <i>Elf</i>	207—Movie Room
Monday, December 17th, 2018	10:00 am	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	12:00 pm	Business & Finance Committee	Conf. Room
	5:00 pm	Admin. & Personnel Committee	Conf. Room
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, December 18th, 2018	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	6:00 pm	Session	Parlor

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Wednesday, December 19th, 2018	11:30 am	Higher Power Luncheon	Parlor
	1:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, December 20th, 2018		No Events Scheduled	
Friday, December 21st, 2018		No Events Scheduled	
Saturday, December 22nd, 2018		No Events Scheduled	
Sunday, December 23rd, 2018	9:00 am	Adult Bible School	201
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, December 24th, 2018		<i>Office Closed ~ Merry Christmas</i>	
	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Candle Light Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
Tuesday, December 25th, 2018		<i>Office Closed ~ Merry Christmas</i>	
Wednesday, December 26th, 2018	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir (?)	Sanctuary
Thursday, December 27th, 2018	10:00 am	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
Friday, December 28th, 2018		No Events Scheduled	
Saturday, December 29th, 2018		No Events Scheduled	
Sunday, December 30th, 2018	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, December 31st, 2018	10:00 am	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Church Closed for New Year's Eve</i>	
Tuesday, January 1st, 2019		<i>Church Closed ~ Happy New Year!</i>	

YOU ARE INVITED!

*We are proud to announce the
65th Wedding Anniversary
Of our parents
Chester Gail and Delores James
January 1st, 2019*

*Please join us in honoring them with a shower of cards to:
326 Eastdale Drive #13
Bismarck, ND 58501*



NEW MEMBERS...

We would like to take a moment to recognize and welcome the new members who were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, December 2nd:

Becky Taylor Liedtke

Patrick Liedtke

Hannah Luciano

Charee Linton

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons
Administrative Assistant/ Youth Christian Education Director	Charee Linton
Finance	Vickie Haas
Organist	Arvy Smith
Choir Director	Debi Rogers
Bell Choir Director	Lael Hoerauf
Maintenance Manger	Nathan Peterson
Membership Services	Judy Lentz
Membership Services	Shelli Peterson
C. E. Interns	Mark Jensen, Emily Ehrens
Nursery	Mary Jones
Child Care Director	Shawn Stettner
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