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2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS



2017 Confirmation Class

This May we look forward to celebrating and confirming a group of wonderful youth. Our confirmation youth have been meeting monthly learning from Pastor David Reiter. We will confirm Corby Svihovec, TJ Davis, and Kathryn Brown. All have completed different "Tasks of Faith", including mission work within the community, service in church, attending committee meetings and have interviewed family members about their faith, preparing them for being a member of our church. We hope you will join us in Worship to celebrate Sunday, May 7th as they help lead the service. We will celebrate with cake to follow.

Ashley Greenwood
Christian Ed. Director



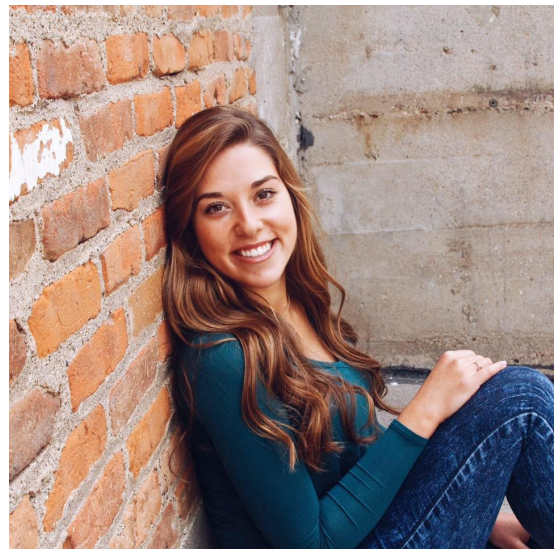


Cole Svihovec



Cole Svihovec is the son of Darin and Karmen Svihovec, and will be graduating from Legacy High School. Cole will be attending the University of Mary to major in pre-dentistry, while playing soccer for the Marauders. Cole is very active in PresbyTeens, as well as Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Olivia Bachmeier



Olivia Bachmeier is the daughter of Joe and Jody Bachmeier, and is an active Deacon with First Presbyterian Church. Olivia will graduate from Bismarck High School, and plans to attend Bismarck State College in the fall. Livy is an active member of the PresbyTeens, and is also involved in Young Life.



Mark Jensen

Mark Jensen is the son of Bill and Laura Jensen, and is an active Deacon with First Presbyterian Church. Mark will graduate from Legacy High School, and plans to attend Bismarck State College in the fall. Mark is a great member of PresbyTeens, usually winning every game he ever plays.





PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"You are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel..." (Philippians 1:27)

The April Session meeting was one of the latest or longest Session meetings I can remember since I have moderated here in Bismarck. I have not kept personal *records* of these "time milestones" either here or in other churches. I do remember from other locations, some tense church Sessions or grim situations that pushed meetings deeper into the night.

However, what I do know for a fact is—this is the latest Session meeting I can ever remember that went this length, and at the same time everyone present was positive, well-engaged, working cooperatively, pulling in the same direction, not conflicted in the slightest, laughing and smiling, and working hard for the good of the church!

You have every reason to be proud, encouraged and thankful to God for the ruling elders called to serve on this 2017 Session! Not just for that meeting but for who they are, always.

What did they do that kept them working so long and so congenially? A sampling, they:

- heard Faith Statements from this year's Confirmation Class—all impressive and inspiring,
- received the report on the plans for this year's Fine Arts Festival—with a new look,
- received their newly revised operations manual (with a multi-colored cover!)
- worked through some manual policy decisions on several topics,
- heard a report from ruling elder commissioners to the recent presbytery meeting in W. Fargo, and
- discussed topics to include and prioritize for next month's Session meeting!

Earlier in the evening meeting separately as the Search Committee for the next pastor they finalized the Ministry Information Form (MIF) that officially will post the pastoral position. So...*that search is on!*

Pretty exciting stuff, right! Okay, maybe not heart-pounding and headline-grabbing in its content. But here is what impressed me the most: all of the honest, thorough, respectful give-and-take, expressing, listening, and then deciding that was exhibited throughout last night's time spent together.

From the Session's sincerity and commitment to the work before it, it was clear to see their energy and passion for wanting to do the right thing, always, and their love for this church, and desire to see it succeed.

What they are fully engaged in is not mere "church business" and not at all "church politics." Rather—it is the task of pursuing and making it possible true ministry and mission to happen throughout First Presbyterian Church.

And so, as the 2017 Session leads this congregation through its routine business, through any special needs that may arise, along with faithfully searching for the next pastor—I strongly encourage you to:

- Trust your Session
- Appreciate them
- Seek them out, and speak to them about what's on your mind and heart
- Ask them questions
- Trust them (did I already say that? Keep it up!)
- Support them with your active participation, and
- Pray for them, unceasingly!

Together we all are...

Partners together in Christ!

David





PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Pastor Search Committee has completed the Ministry Information Form (MIF) and obtained the Session approval of this essential document that provides information to interested candidates regarding our church and its needs, the position description for the pastor for our church, and information regarding compensation. The MIF must be approved by the Presbytery's Committee On Ministry (COM) before it can be placed on the denomination's network where prospective candidates can gain access to the MIF. COM will meet on May 11, 2017. After receiving COM approval, the approved MIF can be uploaded into the denomination's network and it can also be sent directly to other presbyteries where it can be accessed by other interested candidates. If a candidate wishes to be considered for the position of pastor in our church, they must send their resume or Personal Information Form (PIF) to the Search Committee. The denomination will perform a computer matching of our church's MIF with pastors who have placed their PIF on the network. The Search Committee will receive the PIF's for those that appear to be a good match for our church. The Pastor Search Committee expects to begin receiving and evaluating PIF's from the denomination and prospective candidates during the next several weeks/months and will be reviewing them as they are received.

The Internet and Technical Data Sub-committee of the Pastor Search Committee will also update information on the church's website and will be monitoring its Facebook page for those prospective candidates choosing to use social media.

The Search Committee review of PIF's continues until candidates are identified who appear to be best qualified for the position of pastor in our church. Presbytery resources are used to conduct background checks on a shortlist of candidates and the Search Committee contacts personal and professional references before finalizing its evaluation of a candidate, conducting interviews, arranging for a neutral pulpit appearance for a candidate and beginning the negotiation of a Call.

The Search Committee intends to communicate its progress with the congregation with articles in the monthly newsletter and by making periodic progress reports during Sunday worship. We continue to ask for your prayers and support as we progress with efforts to call our next pastor.





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

accompaniment for someone. If you are interested, please place your name on the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.



ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL

The Administrative and Personnel Committee has placed an ad in the Bismarck Tribune, Job Service and BisMan Online regarding our Parish Nurse opening.

The First Presbyterian Church in Bismarck is seeking a Parish Nurse 20 hours per week. \$22.00 to \$30.00 per hour depending on experience. Applicants must be a Registered Nurse with a current ND license and be certified as a parish

nurse. Send resume and cover letter to firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com, mail resume and cover letter to First Presbyterian Church, 214 E Thayer Ave, Bismarck, or apply in person. Applications close May 1st.

A job description has been developed based on information from the congregational survey.

MOTHER'S DAY SOCIAL

On Sunday, May 14th, following Worship, the Membership Committee in honor of Mother's Day will be serving ice cream along with the usual coffee and conversation. All are encouraged to please join us in the Parlor for this special day.



Happy Mother's Day





PENTECOST OFFERING

Acts 2:1-4, 21

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

On Sunday, June 4th, 2017, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit through remembering the Day of Pentecost with gifts that benefit youth and young adults. Through Presbyterian USA, our gifts help children at risk by supporting homeless shelters, daycare and surrogate parenting by grandparents. The mission also provides programs for educational needs of at risk children, providing school supplies, and training for volunteers who oversee child and youth protection policies. Youth and young adults in our Presbyterian Churches are supported by the youth fund, college outreach ministries and scholarships and Young Adult Volunteer programs. Presbyterian USA receives 60% of our giving.

Of this offering, 40% will help provide educational playground equipment that is greatly needed by our own church sponsored Child Care Center. Open your heart to the needs of our youth and give generously to support the future of our youth and the church. Thank You!

John Richter
Stewardship and Mission Committee

LEARN TO KNIT!

Mark your calendars for May 9th! You are invited to a “Learn to Knit” party in our church Parlor at 7:00 pm. Our Outreach Committee, with Carolyn Barks leading our learning, is coordinating this fun event. Together we will learn to make a scarf. Some of us will learn to knit and then make scarfs to donate to Project Service Connect. (See other Outreach newsletter article explaining this service event.)

Items you will need are: one scan of worsted yard, knitting needles (either #8, 9, or 10) plus a willingness to have fun. With the added opportunity to get to know one another better, please sign up on the Bulletin Board Knitting Party list. Questions can be directed to Gladys Cairns at 255-6911.

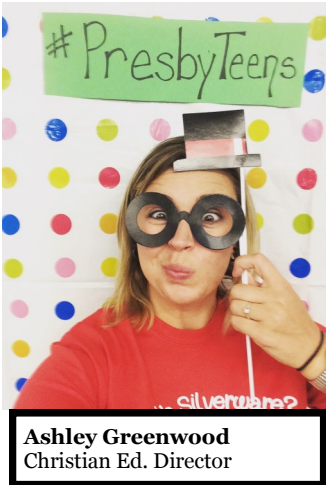


The Outreach Committee is looking forward to joining you in the fun on Tuesday, May 9th!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



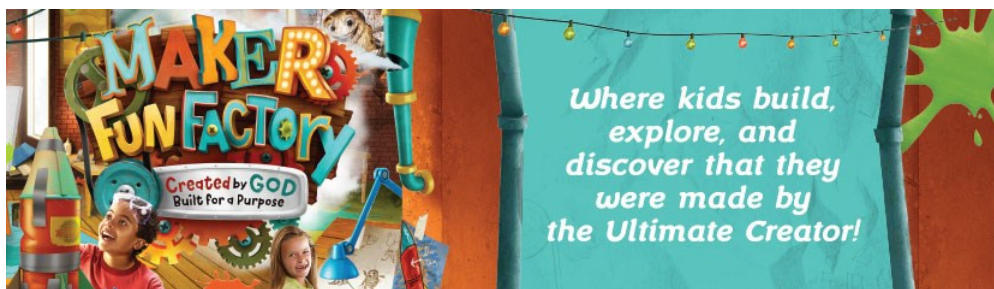
Ashley Greenwood
Christian Ed. Director

Not a lot of church youth groups have leaders from across the state planning events for them to connect with youth across the Presbytery-but our youth group does! This past year, the “Youth Connection Team” of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains has planned three separate retreats, and summer mission trip opportunities for Middle and High School youth! This momentum comes after a great experience last summer traveling with 16 youth to Triennium. We all agreed that the greatest highlight of Triennium was seeing our youth from various congregations get to know each other, and create relationships amongst the chaos of a large youth conference!

Since then, we hosted a Fall Retreat in the Badlands of Medora, and a “Rest Fest” Retreat at a winter home in Minnesota. Each retreat brought together kids from large congregations, and small. We brought together high school, and middle school, youth-all in the name of God. The end of April brings our annual Spring Retreat, help at Crystal Springs Retreat Center, near Medina. The Presbytery has hosted this retreat for over 20 years, and is an exciting time for our youth to reconnect, and get to know each other better, all while exploring their faith. This spring, our theme is: “Sing, Shout, Make Music”, and we welcome a Worship and Youth Pastor to share music and great discussion on music and worship. We are welcoming about 40 youth from North Dakota, and Minnesota, and hope the cold kick leaves us alone for the few days we are together.

This summer, we are inviting High School youth to a week in Denver, volunteering with a Vacation Bible School, and learning from various non-profit organizations and charities. Our Middle School youth will be enjoying a long weekend in Minneapolis, doing various mission work throughout the weekend. Both opportunities bring our youth together to travel, enjoy new cities, and understand their faith in the new light of mission work. We are excited for the youth who are taking part in these trips, and encourage you to reach out to any young people you know who may be interested!

Our youth are very blessed to have so many wonderful opportunities, and we are thankful for a congregation and Presbytery that supports our youth in so many ways. We ask for your prayers this month as we Confirm our three 8th grade students, and celebrate the Graduation of three High School Seniors! All six of these youth are very active in PresbyTeens, and it is exciting to celebrate these rights of passage within their lives, and in their faith.



Vacation Bible School: “Maker Fun Factory”

“Created by God & Built for a Purpose”

Free for Ages 4 and Up

Sunday-Wednesday, July 30-August 2

Register at www.fpcbismarck.com/vbs.html





SOCKS AND WINTER APPAREL NEEDED!

Recently our Outreach Committee requested and received approval to join the Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless people as a church member. Kathy Wachter and Gail Christianson will serve as our voting representatives. We are grateful for this opportunity to serve the homeless and others in need in our community along with other churches, agencies and organizations.

One of our first opportunities to help is with **PROJECT SERVICE CONNECT**. Outreach is asking you to donate any size pairs of socks. Or perhaps you could donate winter apparel (hats, scarfs, or mittens). Some of us are going to learn to knit and hopefully make winter apparel to donate. (See knitting class info in another Outreach newsletter story.) These items will be given out during Project Service Connect at the Bismarck Library in August. Agencies, churches and organizations will greet homeless and low income families at tables where our gifts will be given to those in attendance. Please contact Gladys Cairns, Outreach representative, if you have comments or questions. Thank you in advance!

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE FPCCC:

- ♦ Currently there are 52 children enrolled in the Child Care Center with ages ranging from 0-5.
- ♦ The Child Care Center has 24 employees, of which 11 are full-time and 13 are part-time.
- ♦ FPCCC is currently working on the second of four steps of the Bright & Early program. The Bright & Early 4-Star Rating System helps parents and providers assess how a child care program supports a child's early learning and development. For more information visit www.brightnd.org.
- ♦ The children have been busy celebrating Earth Day by learning about the environment, reusing, reducing and recycling. Their recent activities have included a garbage clean-up day, creating junk art, nature appreciation and a twigs and rocks center.
- ♦ There are many ways you can contribute to the Child Care Center. Please see the list below:
 - * Volunteer – The Child Care Center is always looking for volunteers to read, visit and play with the children!
 - * Donation of goods – For the month of May the Center is looking for new or gently used books for children from infants to 5 years old. The list of items needed each month is located in the Narthex and the bulletin board near the daycare.
 - * Outdoor classroom donations – So far \$9,915.00 has been generously given to FPCCC. The Center wants to thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Our goal is to raise \$40,000.

DAYCARE NEEDS:

- ♦ May = Books—Infant to 5 years & Zip Lock Bags (any size)
- ♦ June = Diapers—Sizes 4 and 5 & Cupcake Liners
- ♦ July = Wipes & Hand Soap
- ♦ August = Paper Towels & Commercial Size Tin Foil
- ♦ September = Kleenex & Commercial Size Plastic Wrap
- ♦ October = Dishwashing Powder (Powder ONLY) & Bleach
- ♦ November = Toys—Infant to 5 years & Zip Lock Bags (any size)
- ♦ December = Tree of Love





JELLY DRIVE IN MAY

We have supported the “backpack” program for several years. This year our Outreach Committee is planning a special drive. Each week over **900 children**, whom school counselors believe may go hungry during the weekend, receive backpacks with food items.

This May we would like to provide enough jelly for a week. Can’t you imagine the sight of that many jelly jars given by our church families? Donated jelly needs to be in plastic containers because we can’t send glass jars home in these bags.

If not jelly, you may wish to consider making a cash donation to the backpack program. This service by Community Action is totally funded by donations. Funds given only go to purchasing food such as bread. One week of bread costs about \$1,400.

Our Outreach Committee members believe our jelly drive demonstrates our active participation in serving those in need. We are most grateful as we visualize the stack of jelly!

Contact Gladys Cairns if you have questions.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Westminster Chimes will be wrapping up their ringing season at the May 21st worship where they will join the Chancel Choir in a service of musical celebration. 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 regular volunteers this year included: Kara Richter, Juanita Hocking, Linda Tonolli, Alice Nix, Tammy Gallup Lelm, Pat Keller, Kris Ronningen, Iris Giedd, Kathy Gappert, Rosey Sand, Judy Tschider, Kathy Wachter, Shelly Heilman, and Jim Rambo. We were also fortunate to share ringers when the need arose with the Good Shepherd Lutheran ensemble with help from the following subs: Debbie Wolf, Gail Zimmerman, Becky Parkin, Shawn Deisz, Karen Peterson, and Sue Howard.

Summer gives us a time to renew and review new music and techniques as we continue to grow in our music ministry because we all know that “Without Bells, Life would B ♭!”

Lael Hoerauf, director



Westminster Chimes entertains at the
Touchmark Chapel April 2017





Session Highlights

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April 25, 2017

CONFIRMATION

Session met with the three students who will be confirmed on May 7: Corby Svihovec, TJ Davis, and Kathryn Brown. The students shared their faith statements and were accepted as new members of the church.

CLERK'S REPORT

Membership will increase to 515 with the addition of three confirmation students.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Session members were asked to identify current issues and ways to solve them for the "What's Next" step to be discussed in May. Pastor Reiter will be away May 8-16 in San Francisco for Continuing Education and in San Diego visiting family.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$141,941	Budget \$122,225
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$130,105	Budget \$135,363
NET Income	\$ 11,837	Budget -\$13,138
Unrestricted General Fund	\$189,701	
NEW Memorial Gifts January-March	\$ 1,165	

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (from committee minutes and meeting)

Business and Finance—Income continues to be above budget and expenses below.

Stewardship—Per capita income receipts are at 56% of the goal. Stewardship campaigns are being studied.

Administrative and Personnel—The staff job descriptions will be uniform in the Operations Manual; task lists will be in a separate staff folder. Advertising for the Parish Nurse will appear in the Bismarck Tribune for 2 weeks. The search for an organist continues with mailings to various universities. The estimate from Computer One for Wi Fi throughout the church was \$6000; a second estimate will be sought.

Christian Education—Some clarifications were made to the Child and Youth Protection Policies. Nine youth have registered for the Crystal Springs Retreat.

Property and Equipment—Session approved a sub-committee led by Sue Sorlie to investigate the replacement of the sofas in the parlor.

Outreach—The committee will donate \$500 to the Soup Café and \$500 to Ministries on the Margin. The congregation will be asked to donate items for the Community Action Backpack Program.





Session Highlights

REPORTS OF RELATED GROUPS

Child Care Center Board—Outdoor Classroom campaign has reached nearly \$10,000. The Boy Scouts will build a sandbox if materials are provided. “Donor” letters are being sent to businesses and parents of “alumni”.

Fine Arts Festival—Gaylene Massey reported to Session that the committee will hold a festival October 27-28 focused on visual and performing arts. Featured artists, Plein Air, will help with set up/take down. There will be no high tea or other gift galleries. The committee has 4 congregation members and 2 from the community. Session approved the use of Fine Arts Festival funds for 3 scholarships, \$500 each, that will be made available through the following organizations: Central Dakota Children’s Choir; Capital Shakespeare Youth Traveling Troop; Theo Art School. These agencies will give the money to children who could not otherwise afford to participate in their programs.

CHURCH OPERATIONS MANUAL

The newly revised manual was given to each Elder with the understanding the old ones would be destroyed.

Fred Larson will bring a unified statement on drug/alcohol/smoking policy, for the operations manual, to the May meeting. Session voted to place the Fine Arts Festival Committee on the organizational chart directly responsible to Session. They will continue to supply minutes of meetings, present to Session plans for an event, a budget and request for expenditures beyond the scope of the event/project.

PRESBYTERY MEETING

Ella Gutzke and Jim Skaret reported on the Presbytery meeting held in West Fargo. Session approved Jim and Ella as the church Commissioners to Presbytery for this year. Pastor Reiter spoke about visiting with the person at the West Fargo church in charge of streaming their worship service. This might be something FPC Bismarck could explore.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Jim Skaret, Chair, presented the Ministry Information Form and Session approved. The MIF will be sent to Presbytery COM (Committee on Ministry) for approval.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





MAY'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>MAY</u>
Alisha Wohl	1st	Carol Peterson	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
Diana Cofell	12th	Laurel Jane Stowell	25th
Ed Vos	12th	Vernon Spitzer	25th
Paige Pengilly	13th	Janet Smaltz	26th
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
		Gary Lahr	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Fredrick & Alisha Wohl	5/5	JoAnn & William Hodny	5/22
Ron & Neva Carlisle	5/18	Lee & Doris Doolittle	5/24
Doug & Valerie Sturlaugson	5/29		



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!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00pm Suzuki (Room 205) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Room 202) 7:00pm Christian Ed. Committee (Conf. Rm)	2 5:00pm Suzuki (Room 205) 5:30pm Prop. & Equip. Comm. (Room 201) 5:30pm Yoga (Room 202)	3 5:30pm Confirmation Meeting (Conf. Room) 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4 12:00pm Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm) 6:00pm Membership Comm. (Conf. Room) 6:00pm Outreach Comm. (Parlor)	5	6 8:30am Lay Preachers (Parlor) 9:00am Yoga (Room 202) 7:00pm Private Event (Chapel)
7 9:00am Adult Discussion (Rm 201) 10:00am Worship ~ Confirmation Sunday 10:30am Sunday School	8 5:00pm Admin & Personnel (Parlor) 5:30pm Worship & Music Comm. (Conf. Rm) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Room 202)	9 10:00am FAF Meeting (Parlor) 5:00pm Suzuki (Room 205) 5:30pm CCC Board (Conf. Room) 5:30pm Yoga (Room 202) 7:00pm Outreach Knitting Class (Parlor)	10 12:00pm Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:30pm Chancel Choir	11 10:00am Committee on Ministry (Parlor)	12	13 9:00am Yoga (Room 202)
14 9:00am Adult Discussion (Rm 201) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ice Cream Social (Parlor) HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	15 6:30pm GROW (Ramstad) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Room 202)	16 12:00pm Business & Finance (Conf. Rm) 5:30pm Yoga (Room 202) 7:00pm Bridge (Parlor)	17 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:30pm Chancel Choir	18 7:00pm Deacons (Parlor)	19	20 9:00am Yoga (Room 202)
21 9:00am Adult Discussion (Rm 201) 10:00am Worship ~ Celebrate Graduating Youth 10:30am Sunday School 11:00am End of Sunday School Pizza Party (Downstairs) 11:00am Celebrate Graduates (Parlor)	22 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Room 202)	23 5:30pm Yoga (Room 202) 7:00pm Session (Parlor)	24 6:30pm Westminster Chimes (Possibly ?)	25	26	27 9:00am Yoga (Room 202) 5:00pm Ramstad Reserved for Private Event
28 9:00am Adult Discussion (Rm 201) 10:00am Worship	29 Office Closed ~ Memorial Day	30 5:30pm Yoga (Room 202)	31 6:30pm Westminster Chimes (Possibly ?)			

May 2017 Usher/Greeter/Coffee Host

- May 7th:**
Captain: Nanc Skaret
Ushers: Cathy Kinnischtzke, Tedd Gutzke, Bob Kinnischtzke, John Bjornson, Abigail Bjornson
Reception Host: Judy Lentz
- May 14th:**
Captain: Ann Lynch
Ushers: Matt Engel, Nanc Skaret, Bob Kinnischtzke, Chris Henriksen, Jenni Boeckel
Reception Host: Judy Lentz
- May 21st:**
Captain: Ruth Beachey
Ushers: Letha Lewis, Mark Jensen, Bob Kinnischtzke, Cindy Cross, Don Cross
Reception Host: Lynne Bigwood
- May 28th:**
Captain: Lynn Dodge
Ushers: Kathy Wachter, Jerry Wilson, Bob Kinnischtzke, Alice Nix, Dave Nix
Reception Host: Priscilla Wilson

LAY READERS

May 7th
Carole Watrel

May 14th
Alice Nix

May 21st
Dave Nix

May 28th
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 7th, 2017

Bill Jensen	Jim Skaret
Tedd Gutzke	Lynne Bigwood
Jim Rambo	Ella Gutzke
Gail Brown	Kathy Wachter
Matt Engel	Mark Jensen

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



MAY FUN FACTS

About the Month of May:

- ♦ May is the 5th month of the year and has 31 days.
- ♦ It is the 3rd and last month of the season of Spring.
- ♦ The birthstone of May, the emerald, symbolizes success and love.
- ♦ May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to November in the Southern Hemisphere.
- ♦ May is considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says “Marry in May and you’ll rue the day.”
- ♦ In Old English May is called the “month of three milkings” referring to a time when the cows could be milked three times a day.
- ♦ The Indianapolis 500 car race is held each year during this month.
- ♦ The Kentucky Derby, the world’s most famous horse race, is held on the 2nd Sunday of this month.
- ♦ The month of May is devoted to the Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church.
- ♦ The United Kingdom celebrates May as the National Smile Month.
- ♦ The last week of May is Library and Information Week.

Holidays:

- ♦ May Day ~ May 1st
- ♦ Cinco de Mayo ~ May 5th
- ♦ National Teacher Day ~ May 9th
- ♦ Mother’s Day ~ May 14th
- ♦ Presbyterian Heritage Sunday ~ May 21st
- ♦ Memorial Day ~ May 29th
- ♦ National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- ♦ Asian American Heritage Month
- ♦ Jewish American Heritage Month
- ♦ Skin Cancer Awareness Month
- ♦ National Bike month

May in Other Languages:

- ♦ Chinese (Mandarin) - wuyuè
- ♦ Danish—maj
- ♦ French—mai
- ♦ Italian—maggio
- ♦ Latin—Maius
- ♦ Spanish—mayo



FAMILY NEWS

Deaths

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of those who have died:

Mildred “Millie” Moeller

“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

If you have a birth, engagement, wedding, death, or other life-event announcements, please provide the necessary information to the church office at **701-223-6091** or you may e-mail it to ***firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com***.



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-in, 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. Thank you for volunteering your time for these important roles.



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Sunday Worship Schedule:

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours:

**Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—5:00 PM**

Pastor

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