



Here and Now  
June  
Newsletter!

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**PASTOR LEANNE’S MESSAGE:**

**Frost Advisory**

I get a kick out of it whenever I see my mother in me. She was a great one for turning normal situations into life lessons – especially gardening. Very early in life, I realized that the best way to get time with her was to work with her in the garden – there was very little competition for her attention there! And always she would chat, “You see these vines that are wrapping around this plant? We have to pull them off before it kills it. The same is true of people – they need to watch their entanglements and pay attention to the things that are wrapping around their souls. A person’s spirit can get strangled by things that twist around: bad relationships, resentment, fear... always pull off the vines.” Or “you know, the Bible says it’s the little foxes that destroy the vine. Too many people are watching for big temptations, big enemies, but it’s the little ones that ruin everything.” Or so my mother said.

So, today, seeing a weather advisory predicting a freeze, and feeling irritated and lazy about going outside to cover my plants, I found my mother inside me. I heard her voice whispering in my soul, “be sure to protect the love inside you – there is a lot in our environment that would like to freeze it cold and instead fill you with indifference, resentment and apathy. Be aware of what life is doing to you. Take care of your soul.”

Sounds like Momma. And, its pretty good advice. I don’t have to watch the news for more than 5 minutes, before I have identified a reason to become jaded, resentful or apathetic. Partly its because I see so much wrong in the world, and partly its because I realize that I am only one person with limitless power to change anything. I feel helpless and upset every time an animal rescue commercial shows a suffering puppy – you can imagine how I feel when it is thousands and thousands of people, including little children,



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who are shown suffering and dying. There's a temptation that comes whenever the cold of world angst comes upon us: we are called to help accepting that we are not enough to fix the problem, or we are tempted to turn away and tell ourselves that others deserve it, or there's nothing we can do. I can hear my Mom telling me – protect your heart – let nothing freeze it. Your ability to love, to care, is your superpower. Protect it. Stay caring. Do what you can. Love is the greatest power God has given us. Protect your ability to love. Keep caring, keep working, keep genuine, and trust God to work where your abilities fall short. A quote from the Talmud may be familiar to some of you, but I think it says it all:

“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”



**Leanne**

### Ready - Set - Grow..!

The church garden is planted and ready to “grow”!! Thanks to all who helped plant... Please feel free to stop by and pull a few weeds when your in the area! If you would like to still be involved through labor/weeding/harvest or donations, please contact either Gail Christianson at 255-4547 [kgmlchri@bis.midco.net](mailto:kgmlchri@bis.midco.net) or Alice Nix at 751-7501 [dnix15@bis.midco.net](mailto:dnix15@bis.midco.net)  
Thank you!



**PARISH NURSE NEWS -**

**Reminder:  
the nursing office has healthcare items  
for use at no charge**

**Items available for use include**

Wheeled walkers

Canes

Crutches

Heating pads

Shower chairs

Shoe horns

Bedside commodes

Bedding protector

Incontinence briefs

Power wheelchair/Motorized scooter (needs new batteries)



**Please stop in the office if you need any of these items.**

**SINCERELY, CARMEN**

**Hospitality Committee -**

**First Presbyterian members donate for youth**

The Hospitality Committee's May congregation donations have gone to Youthworks. Church members donated almost 100 new pairs of underwear and socks, as well as used clothing for middle school and high school students. Youthworks is a non-profit organization that helps homeless, runaway, and struggling youth in our community. Thank you for your support!





# CAPITAL PAST TIMES

NEWSLETTER FOR THE BISMARCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 2024

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## FROM MANSION TO MOTEL: A BRIEF HISTORY OF 122 E THAYER

BY EMILY SAKARIASSEN

Emily is the grand-daughter of John & Betty Sakariassen



Bismarck bids farewell to the old Fleck House Motel!

Developers have purchased the property and, unable to salvage the structure, will raze it and make way for a mixed-use apartment complex. Change, for better or worse, is inevitable. Some still remember that when the motel was first built in the early 1960s, one of Bismarck's first and most magnificent mansions was demolished.



The Thompson House was a Queen Anne style mansion at the northwest corner of Thayer Ave and 2nd Street. It was built in 1884 by Charles W. Thompson, son of Iowa Congressman William Thompson who had served with Col. Custer in Texas, became captain in the 7th Cavalry in 1866,

and retired in 1875 at Fort Abraham Lincoln just months before the Battle of Little Big Horn.



In this Fort Abraham Lincoln, 1876 photo, C.W. Thompson dressed in civilian clothes in the back row, center. Col. William Thompson at back, right. Lt. Col. Custer is third from left.

C.W. Thompson was a West Point graduate and civil engineer. Settling in Bismarck with his father, he opened a mine near Sims in 1879, supplying coal to the Northern Pacific Railroad. As the Railroad began building the bridge across the Missouri River, C.W. supplied riprap.

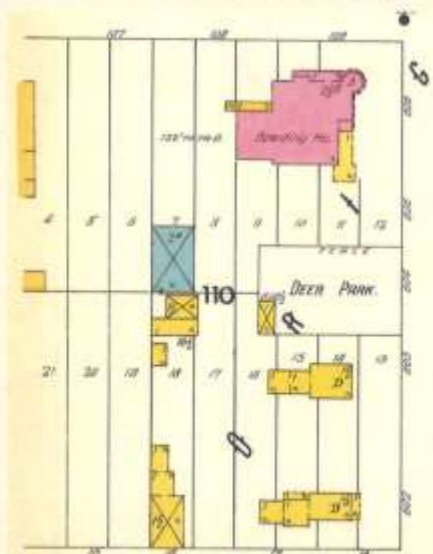
He also received the contract for construction of the state's original capital building. C.W. and his wife, Hepziah Lambert, eventually moved to Tacoma, Washington. In their absence, the stately house on Thayer became a boarding house under the management of Emery S. Beardsley, partner in the Beardsley & Finney drugstore.

Under Beardsley, the property took on a unique feature discovered in the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. Note on the map: The C.W. Thompson house appears as a 2.5-story brick "boarding house." The "Deer Park" is fenced in to the west.

At 604 Thayer Ave, where the alley adjacent to Bread Poets Bakery is today, there was, briefly, a fenced-in parcel known as the "Deer Park" where Beardsley kept a small herd of deer as pets for his daughter Emma. The Bismarck Tribune reported on June 17, 1898, "Two young fawns arrived to increase the band at the Beardsley house Sunday afternoon and are the admiration of the neighborhood."

In 1904, C.W. Thompson died tragically in the "Clallam Disaster"—a shipwreck in the Strait of Juan de Fuca that claimed the lives of 56 people. By this time, the Beardsleys had moved on; T.J. Woodmansee and his family were running the boarding house on Thayer Ave. Woodmansee and his wife Sarah had relocated from Steele with their daughter, Nan, following several crop failures and a fire that burned

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his livery barn to the ground. The Woodmansees are better remembered, perhaps, for having established a new livery stable here in Bismarck at 7th Street and Broadway.

Subsequent owners of the Thompson house, Alford and Addie Welch, made numerous improvements to the property and renamed it the "Hotel Roanoke." They earned a reputation for the hotel and café as being the "finest of its kind in the state."

In 1910, the Bismarck Diocese purchased the Roanoke for the first bishop, Father Vincent Wehrle. Plans called for eventual construction of a Cathedral on the same block. However, this plan never materialized. Instead, the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit was built in the 1940s northwest of this location, on Raymond Street and Avenue B.

In 1941, the Thompson house was taken over by the Sacred Heart Benedictine Convent and Academy of Minot for use as a nursing home and named for the apostle of charity, St. Vincent. Though the house had been remodeled,

including installation of an electric elevator, it was soon cramped and inadequate. By 1956, plans were underway for a new St. Vincent's Home and the following year, the historic house stood empty for the first time.

The mansion was finally demolished when Marcus Fleck built the Fleck House Motel in 1961. In its heyday, it had a reputation similar to that of the Roanoke. Billed as the first of its kind in North Dakota, it boasted 40 lodging units downtown and was designed so that another story could be added later. The Motel was also to feature a 24 x 36-foot swimming pool which was a unique feature of the time.

In 1973, Bernie Fleland purchased the property from the Flecks and operated it as a Best Western. Soon after buying the motel, the Flelands expanded the Fleck House to include 20 efficiency apartments beside the motel. In 2000, the motel was sold again and became the Budget Inn Express. The rest is soon to be history...



## CCC NEWS:

Thank you for the BUCKETS of fun toys donated this year! The kids have been out enjoying the warm weather with bubbles, sidewalk chalk and sandbox pails! It is so wonderful to see them exploring their world.



Spring Reminders: Wear your sun protection! Sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses are necessary to keep you having FUN in the sun! And don't forget your water bottle – hydration is also sun protection from the inside out.



Anybody graduating and needing a summer job? The FPC Childcare Center is a super place to start! Part time or full time, the summer is an awesome time to watch the kiddos discover nature at its best. Please contact Shawn or Vanessa at **701-258-7490** or learn more about the center using this QR code!



**CCC Needs List for June:** This month we are looking for diapers size 3, 4, 5, and paper towels.



**Mark your calendar for VBS**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**August 5th - 8th, 2024 5:30-7:30pm**  
**Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited.**  
**More details will follow, watch the bulletins!**

## CHRISTIAN ED:

The month of May has been a busy, but great month for the kids and teens. They presented the Mother's Day service which turned out fantastic! Thanks for the help: Alisha Wohl and Gail Snustad. Plus the help from the parents. All the kids hard work was shown in the service! Brady and McKinley graduated from PAC to Presbyterians. Sunday school is now over for the kids as well as PAC and Presbyterians. We are looking forward to the summer activities now at the amusement park and VBS. Thanks for checking in!  
Youth Ministry Director -Mark Jensen



## Brag Box:

Congratulations Dale Hoerauf!

(son of Mabel Jesperson - husband to Lael - father to Angie)

Congratulations to Dale on his retirement  
after 40 years with Bismarck Public Schools.

As administrator of all career and technical education classes  
in the schools and Director of the Career Academy,  
he has left his mark and will be missed.



**Please join us for the annual Outdoor Worship Service  
Sunday, June 23rd -10:30 a.m. FPC of Mandan is hosting  
at Mandan Legion Park. (1111 10th Ave. SW Mandan)**

Please bring food to share such as a vegetable, salad, side dish or dessert. Our Hospitality committee will provide chicken. A freewill-offering will be collected to offset the charges for the main dish. Please attend and bring your family and friends!



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

**SAVE THE DATE: "The Banquet" Dinner, Thursday, November 7, 2024**

(20 volunteers needed; estimated cost of \$1,250 to provide 400+ meals)

Donations to help defray costs may be dropped off at the church office anytime and note "The Banquet" in the memo line of your check.



# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## JUNE 2024 - BIRTHDAYS

June 1 Will Davis  
 June 2 Jim Skaret  
 June 5 Ronald Gappert  
 June 5 Drew Pengilly  
 June 7 David Pengilly  
 June 9 Genevieve Voegelé  
 June 9 Bryce Volk  
 June 15 Sedalia Mahlum  
 June 16 LeRoy Bollinger  
 June 19 Bonnie Riedlinger  
 June 23 Debi Rogers  
 June 24 Gary Gilchrist  
 June 24 Calista Wohl  
 June 27 William Sprynczynatyk  
 June 27 Jill Bollinger  
 June 30 Mary Bradford  
 June 30 Sarah Massey



## JUNE 2024 - ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 Otto & Jae Reile  
 June 1 Lyle & Susan Johnsen  
 June 4 Joe & Jody Bachmeier  
 June 5 Allen & Mary Hoberg  
 June 13 Tedd & Ella Gutzke  
 June 17 Chris & Dawn Henriksen  
 June 18 Ed & Becky Murphy  
 June 21 Leo & Audre Goll  
 June 24 Ryan & Heather Davis  
 June 24 David & Danette Pengilly  
 June 26 Don & Lynne Bigwood  
 June 27 Josh & Maren Stokka  
 June 30 Ken & Debi Rogers



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 IS DONE FOR THE SUMMER-  
 SEE YOU IN THE FALL!**

**Please let us know if we've made  
 a mistake, omission or if you  
 would prefer not to have your  
 special day published.  
 ~ Thank you ~**

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



### Pastor

*Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons*

### Finance Assistant

*Carol Thompson*

### Administrative Assistant

*Maureen Chrest*

### Parish Nurse

*Carmen Bryhn*

### Maintenance

*Brandon Schildberger*

### Christian Ed. Youth Director

*Mark Jensen*

### Organists

*Arvy Smith & Gail Snustad*

### Chancel Choir Director

*Debi Rogers*

### Westminster Chimes Director

*Lael Hoerauf*

### Audio/Visual Specialist

*Josh Stokka*

### Membership Services

*Judy Lentz*

### Child Care Center Director

*Shawn Stettner*

### Child Care Center Asst. Director

*Vanessa Hein*

### Nursery

*Mary Jones*

### Christian Ed. Intern

*Ruth Jensen*

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS TUESDAY, May 28, 2024

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$189,517	Budget	\$159,850
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$188,687	Budget	\$207,962
NET Income	\$830	Budget	-\$48,112

### MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Leanne appreciated the vacation time and thanked the office staff for being the best!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administrative and Personnel**—Staff evaluations of Brandon and Carmen have been completed. Health insurance policy will continue to be with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**Hospitality—Scholarship Subcommittee**—Scholarships were awarded to Erik Hein, Ruth Jensen, Mark Jensen, Alisha Wohl, Laci Rauser and Audrey Simmons. The church picnic with FPC Mandan and Glencoe will be at Legion Park in Mandan on June 23. Our church will provide chicken.

**Proclamation-Christian Education**—Amusement Park fun night for families will be June 26. VBS will be August 5-8.

**Proclamation-Worship and Music**—Worship service on June 9 will be in the church parking lot, followed by an ice cream social.

**Property and Equipment**—Brandon Schildberger, maintenance manager, will be mowing the lawn and will increase his work hours.

**Resource Management**—So far, \$2,205 has been received for the Pentecost offering. Time and Talent survey is available online and in the office. Prairie Engineering will do an updated feasibility study looking at the old boiler and air handling system.

**Board of Deacons**—will not meet in June and July. Several Deacons volunteered to continue serving another 2- year term as Class of 2026.

**Child Care Center Board**—They are awaiting news on a grant that would provide money for new flooring in part of the preschool room. Paper towels and diapers size 3,4,5 are donation requests.

**Nominating Committee**—will meet June 5. They will be seeking 3 new Elders and 5 Deacons for Class of 2026. If you are interested in serving, please contact Juanita Hocking or Becky Rosenkranz.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	3 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  6:00pm Hospitality 6:30pm Scouts NO Christian Ed	4  5:45pm Prop.& Equipment 7:00pm Lay Pastors	5 10:30am funeral Marjorie Kahl  Noon "Munch & Mingle"	6  NO Yoga	7	8
9 10am Worship "PARKING LOT SUNDAY" & ICE CREAM SOCIAL BRING YOUR OWN LAWN-CHAIRS	10  5:30pm W & Music 6:30pm Scouts	11  5:30pm CCC Board	12	13  2:00pm Yoga	14	15
16 10am Worship 4th Sunday after Pentecost	17 Noon -Resource Management 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:30pm Admin.& Personnel 6:30pm Scouts	18	19	20  2:00pm Yoga NO Deacons	21	22
23 10:30am Outdoor Service at Mandan Legion Park  30 10am Worship 4th Sunday after Pentecost	24  6:30pm Scouts	25  2:00pm Presby Friends 6:00pm Session	26  6:00-7:30pm Family Fun Night at Super Slide Amusement Park	27  2:00pm Yoga	28	29



Youth of ALL ages and parents are welcome to attend the  
**FPC Family Fun Night at Sertoma Amusement Park,**  
**on Wednesday, June 26th, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.**

Youth may bring a friend, however we are limiting friends to 1 or 2 only. Free Wristbands will be given to each child, plus a voucher for ONE free treat per youth for the concession stand. Parents or adults who wish to go on the rides will need to purchase their own tickets and treat, if they desire. Water will be provided for FREE to EVERYONE, please be sure to stay hydrated! We hope to see you all there and enjoy!

*Please  
 join us!*

Sunday, June 9th  
 10a.m. Parking Lot  
 Sunday Service &  
 Ice Cream Social!

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remember to bring  
 a lawn chair

**ICE CREAM CODE**

	<b>VANILLA</b> The Idealist. Innocent, pure, noble
	<b>CHOCOLATE</b> The Sensualist. Seductive, flirtatious, dramatic
	<b>STRAWBERRY</b> The Sun seeker. Sweet, innocent, naïve
	<b>SALTED CARAMEL</b> The Stylist. Casual, sleek, confident
	<b>MINT CHOC CHIP</b> The Freshest. Hedonistic, faithful, relaxed
	<b>RUM &amp; RAISIN</b> The Nonconformist. Rebel, relaxed, confident
	<b>PISTACHIO</b> The Sophisticate. Classy, stylish, contemporary
	<b>HAZELNUT</b> The Naturalist. Earthy, honest, wholesome