

JUNE 2019

# NEWSLETTER



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GOD.

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ONE ANOTHER.



*First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
Huron SD*



## We've Got Mail

Dear Church Family,

I have appreciated so much all the phone calls and cards I have received after my recent hip surgery. The lovely carnation from the Deacons brightened each day. Thank you for your prayers.

In Christ's Love, Roberta Hinz

Hi!

Just a note of appreciation to the Deacons who have been so special in visiting me and also for the wonderful Easter Basket!

I appreciate each call and each remembrance!

Love & thank You! Lorraine Jacobson

Deacons,

Thank You for the Easter Basket and all you do for me.

Eva Vilhauer

Deacons,

Thank You for the beautiful carnation. It made recuperating much brighter.

Barb Peterson

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts regarding my daughter, Linda Spencer. Her recovery is slow but sure. I appreciate all prayers and concerns with the challenges I have had to face lately. Also thank you for the Easter Lily given in Memory of my husband, Marvin. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Ruth Kelley

Thank you so much for the goodies during finals week. I really appreciate you thinking of me.

Thanks again! Lexi Eckmann

First Presbyterian church,

Thank you so much for the finals goodie box! They were very yummy. This summer I will be living in Vermillion as I got an internship with the Marketing and Communications department at the University! I'm very excited for this opportunity!

Thanks Again, Emily Arteman

A late thank you for the great Easter Basket. The fruit apples & oranges were good. Also the candies were great. Most of all the cheese & cracker combination were wonderful. That saved my midnite hunger pangs several times.

Sincerely, Shirley Fullerton

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**"Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, Dead & Buried"**



"The founder of my society was tried by the second district court, convicted, hung by the neck until dead and buried in the potter's field." Are those words a little shocking? I hope so, because they reflect some of the original offense that this month's line of the

Apostles' Creed once carried, before being worn down by frequency and familiarity. While we sometimes wear a cross as jewelry, to the ancient Romans (and the first Christians), the cross was the symbol of the most horrible executions – much like a gallows or an electric chair. The creed also takes care to stress that this was a *judicial killing*; Jesus was executed by Governor Pilate, the legal authority in first century Judea. (The Creed takes it as significant that Jesus didn't die of old age or at the hands of a mob.)

But when we consider the truly scandalous nature of what we're saying in this part of the Apostles' Creed, I expect we sometimes wonder, "Why focus so much on this *death* stuff? Isn't God about *hope* and *love* and *peace*? Why dwell on the blood and the suffering of Jesus of Nazareth? The one-time Episcopal Bishop of Newark, John Shelby Spong writes, "To speak of a Father God so enraged by human evil that he requires propitiation for our sins that we cannot pay and thus demands the death of the divine-human son as a guilt offering is a ludicrous idea to our century. The sacrificial concept that focuses on the saving blood of Jesus that somehow washes me clean is by and large repugnant to us today. To view human life as depraved or as victimized by sin is to literalize a premodern anthropology."

While Spong may be right that talk of sin is frequently perceived as backwards, the Bible *unapologetically* and *repeatedly* says the human family – created for intimate fellowship with God – rejected his love, spurned his commandments, and rebelled against him. In a word, "sinned." Listen to God's heart as he aches over our rebellion, "Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears" (Hos 6:4) We are like little children, led by a loving father who holds our little hands; yet as soon as we can walk on our own, we kick him down and spit in his face (see Hos 11:1-4). The result? According to the prophet Ezekiel, "The soul that sins shall die" (18:4).



Yet God did not give up on humanity! In the Old Testament, God provided a *sacrificial ritual system* for maintaining close friendship with God. (That's what Leviticus is all about!) Via *animals'* deaths (sacrifice), people could stay close to God. A worshipper approaching the temple would lay his or her hand upon the lamb's head, *symbolically placing his guilt upon the lamb*, then letting the priests sacrifice it. The idea being, "*This animal dies in my place.*"

But wait – I see two big problems with this concept! *First: what kind of a God would be happy with me because I've killed him a wooly lamb? Second: if God is loving, why doesn't God just forgive me?*

On that first problem: the Old Testament sacrificial system was never meant to be "effective" in and of itself. Simply killing a lamb didn't make God happier with you. Just note the many places in the Old Testament where God gets *upset* with people for going through the rituals when their hearts were far from him (e.g. Amos 5:21). Rather, the animal sacrifices in the Bible are really more like *teaching aids*. Rather than "changing God's mind about us," the sacrifices teach women and men about the *severity of sin* and the *infinitely high cost* (a life!) of reconciliation. (See Hebrews 10:1-4). *The old sacrifices taught God's people that a sacrificial substitute was for forgiveness.*

But that only brings us back to the second problem: why doesn't God just forgive me? Why do we need that substitute? Short Answer: *because God loves you; and all life-changing love is a substitutional sacrifice.* I was reading about a foster family this past week. These parents *love* their children; but think of the sacrifices they've had to make! They've lost free time and privacy; money and energy; they've given it all for these young people. Do you see the *substitution*? The parents have grown smaller so that these young people might grow greater. They give that these children might get. Why? Love – plain and simple.

The beating heart of Christianity, recorded in these shocking words about Christ's execution at the hands of Pilate, is that *because God is a God of love, he became personally involved in your weakness, your sin, your grief, your need.* God came to us as a man, Jesus of Nazareth, and all your "junk" flowed into him and he bore it on the cross – the cross that *you* legally deserved. And in exchange he gave us his life, holiness, Spirit, and love. Paul puts it best, "The Son of God loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). Thank God!

*Pastor Andrew*

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2019-2020

**PRESBYTERIAN , DOROTHY LINETTE ,  
DAREL PETERSON AWARDS**

**EMILY ARTEMAN**

**PAYTON BINGER**

**BRITNI DECKER COWAN**

**LEXI ECKMANN**

**MARK HAMILTON**

**MCKENNA LETCHER**

**BRIANNA LICHTY**

**JECLYN LICHTY**

**CAITLYN MCNEIL**

**COLTON PELL**

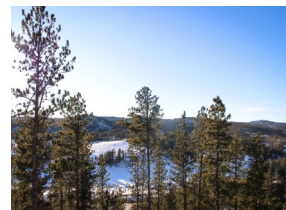
**TANNER PIETZ**

**ROBERT PIETZ**

**BROOKE PETERSON RYKHUS**

**TABITHA SCHMIDT**

**ALYSSA SCHWARTZ**



**Camp Season is Here.  
You may still sign up. Call  
the church. The Church  
pays the fees. 352-8789**

Thank you for your generous contributions..

**Do something special for your June Birthday by  
donating a penny for each year of your age to the  
PW birthday box by the east door.**







### Did you know...

That we have 4 new members of the church? On Sunday, May 12, 2018, Izabel Casper, Kailynn Eggleston, Dylan Lichty and Ashlyn Wipf were confirmed as new members? This month and next, we will share their Statements of Faith.

*I have seen God working in my life when my dad passed away. God was calling me to go deeper into my faith after he passed, he helped me know where my dad had gone.*

*Sin is doing anything against God or others. The result of sin is asking for forgiveness. I sought forgiveness when I blamed other people for my dad's death.*

*Grace is giving something by free will or by sacrificing yourself. You do not pick when you get grace. Grace is given to you by God. You should show grace by helping others and show your grace.*

*Covenant is an agreement about a relationship. God made a covenant that say He will always help or forgive you. Baptism is washing off sins and being accepted into God's family. The Lord's Supper is the Lord's last supper before he passed. He was surrounded by friends and family.*

*Providence is the last word. We can trust God because He will always have the last word to help us. God gives us gifts to help bring people together. A gift I have is my love of Ramen noodles.*

*You participate in the life of your church and serve God when you go to church and spread the word. God is calling me to serve everywhere. God wants everybody to help others and come together. We never know everything about God. Every day you should find a Bible verse to represent your day.*  
—Izabel Casper

*God has worked or helped in my life, when my great grandpa died. It was hard for me because I was young and I didn't know what was going on because I didn't understand what was happening to him. God has been with me and always will be with me in good times and in bad times.*

*God is calling me deeper into my faith by going to church and reading the bible. When I go to church, I'm learning about how God can make changes and decisions in your life that you can't say no to. When I read the Bible, I'm reading his story that he provides for us to learn more about him and his people.*

*Sin is a lie, and when you cheat on something, or anything else that displeases God, like hurting yourself and hurting others. When you sin, you are getting further and further from God because you're doing things that he doesn't like. I have always sought forgiveness because I don't want to be separated from God.*

*When people talk about Grace, I always thought that grace is something you get from God from doing a good, but that's not what grace is. Grace is a gift from God, we get it by giving and helping people. How would you respond to grace? We should respond to it by saying thank you.*

*A covenant is a solemn promise or a vow that we make with God. How does it help us trust in God's forgiveness? It help us trust in God's forgiveness by making promises and by trusting in him to forgive us.* —Kailynn Eggleston

Statements of Faith are not an easy task. Please be sure to let them know how proud of them we all are.



The 2019 Confirmation Class (Ashlyn Wipf, Kailynn Eggleston, Izabel Casper, & Dylan Lichty) were confirmed on May 12. And they already want to serve others! They organized a Bake Sale

on Youth Sunday that raised over \$300 for *Royal Family Kids Camp*, a Christian summer camp entirely for children in foster care. Way to go, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!





Thanks again to the wonderful volunteers who delivered the meals on Wheels May 13-17. In an hour, you help the community, check on shut-ins while delivering the meal, see different areas of Huron, have a cookie, have a free lunch and meet and visit with many interesting people. If you are interested in helping in September call Sandy Eden 351-5410 or 354-5411.



Did you know? Charlotte Henley wrote a grant proposal for our current stained-glass window project. The

*South Dakota State Historical Society* approved the proposal and awarded our congregation \$12,000 to continue the restoration and preservation of our historic windows. Thanks, Charlotte!



## June Funerals

### CAKE PROVIDERS AND WORKERS

Kathie Bostrom, Charles & Lindsey Brewer, Robert & Sabrena Brooks, Sam & Becky Casper, Janice Christensen, Helen Clark, Diane Clayton, Andrew & Alissa Crandall, Paige & Maggaie Caudell, Barb Daugherty, Joan Daugherty, Keith & Corey Decker.



# Rummage &

## Bake Sale



## Vacation Bible School July 20-American Lutheran

June 7 & 8- 2019  
Friday Saturday  
3-7 pm 8 am-1-pm

### CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...

**Holy Buckets Penny Offering** j May \$203.00 .00

1/3 Hunger Program, 1/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast/Salvation Army meat, 1/3 Helping Hands for food.

Total for year 2019 \$1,821.72



## CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADATES



**MCKENNA LETCHER**  
Daughter of Brad & Kristi Letcher  
Huron High School Class of 2019  
Mckenna will be Attending SDSU &  
Major in education and human sciences

**JECLYN LICHTY**  
Daughter of Brian & Gai Lichty  
Huron High School Class of 2019,  
Jeclyn will be attending the University of South  
Dakota majoring in Elementary Education



**COLTON PELL**  
Son of Josh & Carissa Koops  
Huron High School Class of 2019,  
Colton will Attend Mitchell Tech and study  
Automation Control/Scada.

**TATE MUELLER**  
Son of Mike & Kathy Mueller &  
grandson of Karen Mueller, Riggs High Pierre SD  
Class of 2019. Tate will attend SDSU and study  
Mechanical ENGINEERING



**MEGAN KOPFMANN**  
Class of 2019  
University of South Dakota  
With a degree in Elementary Education.  
She will be practice teaching in the fall.

**JOSEE SCHWARTZ**  
Graduated December 2018  
South Dakota state University  
with a sociology major and criminal  
justice minor and works for the impact  
program at community counseling In Huron.



### Volunteer Recognition!

(Not all volunteers listed are in the picture)

Kelly Hewitt, Trent Wipf, Dillon Peterson, Brenda Peterson, Alissa Crandall, Krissa Korkow, Dawn Meink, Louise VanPoll, Lori Magness, Karen Mueller, Jeanne Sager, Carrie Lemke, Becki Lemke, Robert Brooks, Erica McNeil, Bj McNeil, Brenda Arteman, Eric Bliss, Pastor Andrew Crandall, Pastor Al Sager, Lisa Gogolin, Paige and Maggie Caudell, Becky Eichstadt, Lisa Kopfmann Cheri Leyendecker, Mona Kotas, Deb VanOvershelde, Brandon VanOvershelde, Sue Galliger, Sabrena Brooks, Carissa Koops, Teresa Haatvedt, Nancy Shultz, Ken Shultz, Donna & Greg Hepper, Mia Kruse, Jamie Peterson, Renea Katz, Pam Biel, Cris Peterson Jack & Sharon DeDeyen, Stephanie Myers, Darlene Sabers, Keitha Neuharth, Marlene Gamber, Kay Gogolin, Becky Casper, Donna meiers, Milo & Donna Pietz, Frank Amundson, Gary & Roxy Gogolin, Sara Gogolin, Schuyler Holtrop, Myranda Holtrop, Tiffanie Kouf, Barb Peterson, Susan Peterson, Mary Thelen, Joyce Peterson, Brenda Schmidt, Diane Clayton.





**Dubuque Choir Concert – Thanks to those who hosted, Church Life for feeding them & Stephanie Myers for the Photos!**



First Presbyterian Church

# Family Fun Night @



Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

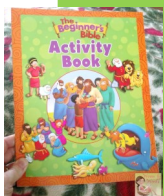
5:00-8:00pm *(come and go as you need)*

**Mini Golf:** FPC will pay for 1 round of mini golf per member. Additional rounds of mini golf, food, drink, or water rentals can be done so on your own.

**Games:** There will also be an assortment of yard & table games available. We have rented the Ravine Lake Shelter on the East side for us to gather under/near.

Please RSVP by: Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

*Sponsored by: Church Life*



**There are Bibles & books available in the hall of the East Entrance. You may also want to check out a book from the Library.**

## June Celebrations

**Birthdays:** Anne Wollman 83, Cobbie Magness 86, Darrell Briscoe 85, LaVon Poulisse 81

**Anniversaries:** Randy & Adele Jacobson 48, Mike & Lisa Kopfmann 26, Craig & Julie Olivier 37, Greg & Donna Hepper 39, Andrew & Alissa Crandall 11, Wade & Renea Katz 25 Dick & Pam Biel 40, Dennis & Kathy Meyer 39, Mike & Judy Stahly 53, Geoffrey & Lisa Gogolin 12

### PW Safe Birth Campaign

Quarters save lives!

100 quarters saves one life.

Deposit quarters in the Blue Tube by the East door



### New Baby

Congratulations to Robert & Sabrena Brooks on the birth of a baby boy Ezra Lloyd born May 14., 2019. Grandparents are Alan & Brenda Schmidt.

### Newly Baptized

member May 12, 2019 was Carlie Marie Hepper born August 12, 2018, daughter of Brad And Lisa Hepper. Sister of Josalyn and Alex. Granddaughter of Greg & Donna Hepper, and Charles & Penny Lentz.







To: Family and friends of Lila Bawdon  
Family and friends of Frances Langbehn



### Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Home Bound

**Sun Quest Village:** Shirley Fullerton, Sara Jorgensen  
Lorraine Jacobson, Idel McDonald, Eva Vilhauer Maxine Paye,  
Deannie LeRoux

**Stoney Brook Suites:** Cam & Melba Galliger, Joyce Reiter

**Sun Quest Healthcare:** Henry Sievers, Kathleen Amundson, Bev Erdahl

**Assisted Living Volga:** Ruth Winter

**Woonsocket Nursing Home:** Madelyn Nickelson, Ione Buckley,  
Ada Pownell

**Country View Estates:** Darrell Briscoe

**Out-of-Town Nursing Homes:** Jill Baker,

**Courtyard Apts:** Marilyn Rogers,

**Home Bound:** Mahalia Connell

**Sioux Falls Assisted Living:** Norma Bonnes

**Heritage Place, Rapid City:** Don Urquhart

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### Attendance

| Sunday School |    | Worship     |     |
|---------------|----|-------------|-----|
| Date          | #  | Date        | #   |
| 5/06/18       | 47 | 5/05/19- 34 | 158 |
| 5/13/18       | 42 | 5/12/19- 44 | 179 |
|               |    | 5/20/2018   | 97  |
|               |    | 5/27/2018   | 73  |
|               |    | 5/12/2019   | 206 |
|               |    | 5/19/2019   | 92  |
|               |    | 5/26/2019   | 49  |

**Elder of the Month:**

Stephanie Myers

**Deacon of the Month:**

Joyce Peterson

**Sunday**

**Worship at 9:30**

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### Members

|                       |                      |                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Anonymous             | Carol Pevestorf      | Keitha Neuharth  |
| Ruth Winter           | Roberta Hintz        | Bev Erdahl       |
| David Hook            | Ada Pownell          | Dwayne Poullisse |
| Jill Reimer           | Darrell Briscoe      | Steve Peters     |
| Ron & Sharon Hastings | Cam & Melba Galliger |                  |

### Friends & family

Jack Alexander (Kathleen Amundson's grandson)  
Michaela Biel  
Joyce (Vemlicka) Gardner (Sharon Hastings' cousin)  
Peggy Jones (David Hook's friend)  
**Ron Jost** (Sandy Eden's brother)  
**Linda Gullickson** (Sandy Eden's sister)  
Sue Nothdurft (friend of Chuck growth)  
Todd Paye (Maxine's Son)  
Dan Schlader (friend of Deannie LeRoux)  
Michael Whitman (Sharon Hastings brother)



### Military Personnel and Families

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| President Trump | Government Officials          |
| Prison Inmates  | Military Personnel & families |

Dear Wee Kirk Supporter,

Thank you for the for of your support to this gathering. The presence and power of god was with us. I am departing with new knowledge and encouragement about leadership and church growth and health. Thank you for giving me space to rest, revive, and move forward in serving in my call.



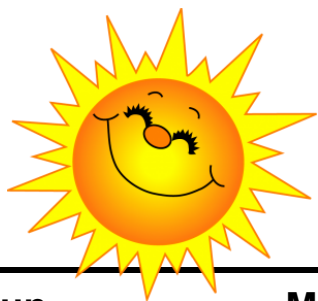
Peace be with you, Rev. B. Wilkins, Elkhorn, Nebraska

I was renewed, ready to continue serving Christ. Thanks! For your support. Wes Stevens

Dear Brothers/sister in Christ,

Thank you so much for your support to make the Wee Kirk conference possible. This week was a blessing to my ministry. Brian P.

Thank you for sponsoring the Great Plains Wee kirk conference. I found it refreshing and enjoyed the sharing of ideas and experiences. Lyn Hull Westminster Co.



# June 2019



| Sun   | Mon                                   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|   |                                       |   |  |   |  | 1   |
| 2 Randy & Adele Jacobson 48<br><br>Worship 9:30<br>Holy Buckets<br>Communion                                      | 3                                     | 4 Anne Wollman 83   | 5 Mike & Lisa Kopfmann 26<br>Craig & Julie Olivier 37<br>Donna Meiers 79 | 6<br><br>Rummage & bake sale to congregation only 5-7pm | 7 Greg & Donna Hepper 39<br>Andrew & Alissa Crandall 11<br>Rummage & Bake Sale 3-7 | 8 Keitha Neuharth 76<br><br>Rummage & Bake Sale 8-1 |
| 9<br>Worship 9:30<br>Baptism<br><br>Free Rummage to Congregation  | 10<br><br>Rummage free to the public. | 11<br>Fin./Steward 6:30<br>Miss./Evan. 6:30<br>Bldg./Gr. 6:30<br>Church Life 7:00<br>Worship/Music 7:00<br>Session 7:30 | 12<br>Family Fun night at Putters and Scoops. 5-8pm                      | 13 LaVon Poulisse 81                                    | 14 Wade & Renea Katz 25  | 15  |
| 16 Dick & Pam Biel 40<br><br>Worship 9:30   | 17                                    | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21 Dennis & Kathy Meyer 39   | 22  |
| 23 Worship 9:30<br>Cobbie Magness 86 Darrell Briscoe 85<br><br>*****<br>30 Worship 9:30<br>Geof & Lisa Gogolin 12 | 24                                    | 25 Mike & Judy Stahly 53  | 26   | 27 Marlas Balvin 76                                     | 28   | 29  |