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NEWSLETTER



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*First
Presbyterian
Church
Huron SD*

the open table



Join us this Lent for *The Open Table*!

The Open Table is fellowship, food, and music – downstairs in the dining room immediately following worship on three Lenten Sundays:

March 10

March 24 (*Camp Sunday*)

April 7 (*Youth Sunday*)

Mark your calendars today, plan on staying for dinner, and come enjoy your church family!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Andrew

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Getting Ready to Grow

One of my favorite summer-time activities is gardening. In our back-yard plot the family and I tend raspberries, strawberries, various onions, hot peppers, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, and herbs. Before planting seeds or starts, I start each spring by breaking up the ground and mixing in manure or compost. It's hard, physical work (we do it by hand), but we persist because we know it's necessary for a flourishing garden.



It takes a little while (so I have plenty of time to think!) and as I twist my hand-tiller in the winter-hardened earth, my mind often wanders to a passage in Hosea 10: "Break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you" (v. 12). The prophet Hosea isn't talking about literal ground, but the *soil of our hearts*. A favorite image in the Bible for God's people is a certain type of garden: a vineyard (For example, see Isaiah 5, Matthew 20:1-6). Sometimes we are fruitful, other times we get choked by weeds or dried up by drought. Here Hosea is calling us to *prepare* for God's blessing in our lives by *breaking up our sin-hardened hearts*.



That's what Lent – and it's first day: Ash Wednesday – is really all about. We prepare our garden for growth. We *prepare our hearts for growth by seeking the Lord clearing out the debris from our hearts*. Come for **Ash Wednesday Worship** on Wed., March 6 at 7:15-7:45pm

The Palms in Our Windows



Some of the artistic symbolism in the Bible – and our church’s stained-glass windows – have incredibly ancient roots that point us into the future. For example, in one the Bible’s earliest stories, we see God *walking in the garden of Eden* with Adam and Eve. The garden was the well-watered and fruitful place of God’s presence with us, the place of worship, the place of communion.

So it should come as no surprise that when King Solomon constructed the first temple (about 1000 BC) he filled it with garden-imagery. For example, his workmen carve “...palm trees and open flowers on the paneling and overlaid them with gold hammered evenly over the carvings” (1 Kings 6:35). The temple in Jerusalem was meant as the new Eden, the new place where God and humanity could meet and walk hand-in-hand.



Solomon knew that the God of the universe doesn’t *need* a physical building and that no house can contain him.



But he prayed that the temple he built would be a gathering place for the people of God to meet with God and worship together (1 Kings 8:27-30). Likewise, we know that our “sanctuary” is not the dwelling place of God, but reminds us of God’s presence in Eden and God’s presence with us now through Jesus Christ and his Holy Spirit.

It also reminds us of the *future*. What? Our worship-space should remind us of the *future*! For example, the windows are filled with garden-imagery – deliberately echoing the pictures in the temple (palms and open flowers), which were themselves echoing the fruitful garden of Eden! But the biblical story of “the garden” is one that isn’t quite finished! What do find in the very conclusion of the Bible? The final chapter (Revelation 22) pictures our salvation as

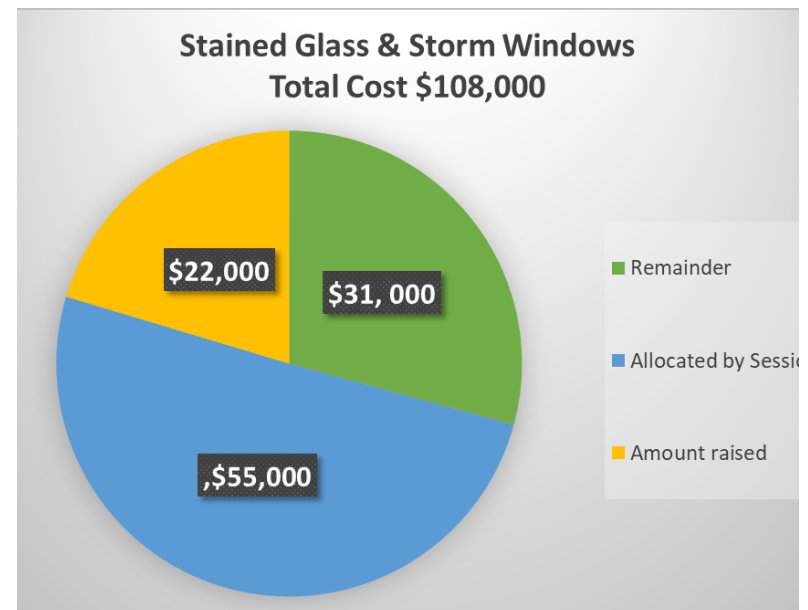
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(continued) a *return to a restored Garden of Eden*: “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month! And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations” (Rev. 22:1-2). It’s a restoration of the divine / human fellowship in Eden, for in this eternal city-garden, “They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God” (Rev. 21:3).



So when we gather for prayer, praise, sacraments, and fellowship in our sanctuary, may our stained-glass windows remind you: that though God does not dwell in houses built by human hands, he is present with us through the Spirit’s power, that Christ has performed the work of the redemption, and that the final *restoration* is on its way: the best is yet to come.

Pastor Andrew





A **BOLD** reminder: Daylight Savings time begins on March 10, 2019.

Other dates and times:

- March 10—Open table following church.
- March 24—Open Table for Lent
- March 31—HMA Ecumenical Concert
4:00pm (First United Methodist)
- April 7— Open Table for Lent
- 18 – Maundy Thursday Service
- 19 – Good Friday Service

PW

Salad Luncheon
April 2, 11-1



March Celebrations

Birthdays: Mahalia Connell 94, Shirley Fullerton 92, Deannie LeRoux 89, Ione Buckley 94, Ruth Winter 95, Sharon Hastings 75, Linda Schwartz 70, Calajeane Kopfmann 72, Karen

Mueller 74, LeRoy Neuharth 84

Anniversaries: Milo & Donna Pietz 60, Sam & Becki Casper 44, Ron & Sharon Hastings 59 Dave & Roberta Hintz 39, Randy & Sandy Eden 49, Ken & Nancy Shoultz 38, Jason & Cheri Leyendecker 20.

March Funerals

CAKE PROVIDERS AND WORKERS

Steve & Diane Peters, Barb Peterson, Cris & Jamie Peterson, David & Brenda Peterson, Dillon Peterson, Dirk Peterson, Max & Jeannette Peterson, Larry & Joyce Peterson, Carol Pevestorf, Doug & Linda Pietz, Milo & Donna Pietz.

February Giving	Loose offerings	\$	134.00
	Per Capita		136.70
	Estimated Giving		13,577.03
	Benevolence		231.00
	Stained Glass Windows		35.00
	Holy Buckets		<u>345.00</u>
Total Contributions:		\$	14,458.73

CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...

Holy Buckets Penny Offering February \$495
1/3 Hunger Program, 1/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast/Salvation Army meat, 1/3 Helping Hands for food.
Total for year 2019 \$720.00

If you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
And your gloom be like the noonday
.Isaiah 58:10

Sundays



Sunday School begins @ 9:10am 3yrs-K, 1st-3rd, 4th & 5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th &



Adult Bible Study – Sundays,
9:10am – Multi-Purpose Room
(Lower level Christian Ed. Building)



Worship at 10:30

Men's Prayer Breakfast The men meet for breakfast the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:00 am at the Plains for breakfast.

Wednesday Activities

PW

Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30
Covenant Group meets the 3rd Wednesday at 11:00 am

Covenant

Praise Team & Choir

Praise Team meets at 5:10
Choir at 6:30

1st—8th grade, Senior Highs meet for a meal at 6:00 pm.

Logos

Thursdays

Bible Study

A non-denominational bible study meets at 9:30am weekly.

Logos

1st - 8th Grade

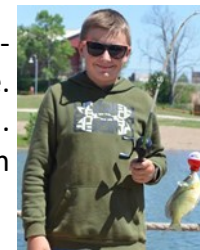
Schedule

- March 6** Family time, bible Study, Ash Wednesday/
Attend Worship with family
13 Family time, bible Study, Worship Arts/Rec
20 Family time, bible Study, Worship Arts/Rec
27 *Carnival*
April 3 End of Year Recognition Potluck
Entire family attends. Spoon Hang and Cup
Stomp finals

Camp Sunday is **March 24th**



Morning Watch (Devotions). Tubing. Singing by the campfire. Great meals. Family time. Chapel. Hiking to the cross. Time with God in nature.



What's *your* favorite memory of camp?

Get your heart, mind, and schedule ready for another great season of church camp at Rimrock and Pioneer! **On Sunday, March 24th**, we will celebrate "Camp Sunday" in worship, with camp worship songs, Q&A with camp director Jason Wiedrich, energizers, and great memories of camp.





March 6, 7:15—7:45

Women's Spiritual Retreat 2019

"Singing in the Rain"

May 3rd-5th

Pioneer Lodge

Special Guest Presenter: Rev. Kristi Holler

Meals, lodging, and programming provided
with registration fee.

Tier 1: \$147

Tier 2: \$177

Tier 3: \$207

REGISTER NOW!
pioneerrimrock.camp

Introducing our Presenter:

Rev. Kristi Holler, (M.Div, Th.M) was born and raised in the Sioux Falls area, beginning on a farm in Hartford, South Dakota. She is a pianist, composer, and singer, and enjoys music in a variety of genres and settings, especially worship! Kristi's life work includes church and music ministry. Kristi was ordained and installed as the new pastor at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Marion, SD. Kristi enjoys meeting people, bike riding, reading, laughing, playing trumpet, piano, and chess. Kristi loves nature, this beautiful world God created, all people and every animal imaginable!



Pioneer & Rimrock
Camps and Retreat Centers
www.pioneerrimrock.camp



March 30 5:30pm



To: To: Family and friends of Sandy Flindt.



Members

Ron & Sharon Hastings	David Hook	Ada Pownell
Cam & Melba Galliger	Dwayne Poulisse	Jill Reimer
Bev Erdahl	Darrell Briscoe	Steve Peters

Family & Friends

Jack Alexander (Kathleen Amundson's grandson)
 Michaela Biel
 Joyce (Vemlicka) Gardner (Sharon Hastings' cousin)
 Peggy Jones (David Hook's friend)
 Sue Nothdurft (friend of Chuck Growth)
 Todd Paye (Maxine's Son)
 Dan Schlader (friend of Deannie LeRoux)
 Michael Whitman (Sharon Hastings brother)

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

Stoney Brook Suites: Joyce Reiter, Cam & Melba Galliger

Country View Estates: Darrell Briscoe

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

Violet Tschetter: Ione Buckley, Ada Pownell

Out-of-Town Nursing Homes: Jill Baker,
 Woonsocket Madelyn Nickelson, Volga Ruth Winter

Courtyard Apts: Marilyn Rogers

Home Bound: Mahalia Connell

Sioux Falls Assisted Living: Norma Bonnes

Heritage Place Rapid City: Donald Urquhart

Others

President Trump Government Officials
 Prison Inmates Military Personnel & families
 Persecuted Christians

Elder of the Month:
 Louise Van Poll

Deacon of the Month
 Donna Meiers

Ruling Elders are: Cris Peterson, Doug Pietz Louise Van Pool, Tiffanie Kouf, Dick Biel, Stephanie Myers, Matt Gilbert, Sue Gose, Robert Brooks, Brandon Van Overschelde, Chuck Groth, Lisa Gogolin

PW Safe Birth Campaign

Quarters save lives!

100 quarters saves one life.

Deposit quarters in the Blue Tube in the East Room



Do something special for your **March Birthday** by donating a penny for each year of your age to the PW's Birthday Box in the east room. You will help fund their mission projects. Have a special happy birthday!

**Scholarship Forms
 for the 2019-20
 year Available in the
 office or via e-mail.**

Attendance

<u>Sunday School</u>		<u>Worship</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>
2/04/18-48		2/03/2019-45		2/04/2018 - 128	2/03/19 -119
2/11/18-36		2/10/2019-44		2/11/2018 - 107	2/10/19-109
2/18/18-37		2/17/2019-39		2/18/2018 - 119	2/17/19 -114
2/26/18-39		2/24/2019-42		2/25/2018 - 131	2/24/19 -107
				Communion 2/3/ 116	

March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 Sunday School 9:10 Worship 10:30 Holy Buckets Communion	4 Mahalia Connell 94	5	6 Ash Wednesday Praise Team 5:10 LOGOS 6:00 Senior High 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:15	7	8 Sam & Becky Casper 44	9
10 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS!! Spring Ahead Sunday School 9:10 Worship 10:30 Open Table Meal/Fellowship 12:00 Led by Session	11 Shirley Fullerton 92	12 Ron & Sharon Hastings 59 Ch. Ed. 6:30 Fin./Steward 6:30 Miss./Evan. 6:30 Church Life 6:30 Bldg./Gr. 7:00 Worship/Music 7:00 Session 7:30	13 Circle/PW 1:30 Praise Team 5:10 LOGOS 6:00 Senior High 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30	14	15 Deannie LeRoux 89	16
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