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Pastor's Pen

I Believe: “Communion of the Saints”

The Apostles' Creed

Growing up one of my favorite books was Michael Crichton's *Jurassic Park*. I read it three or four times one year! (I didn't have much of a social life.) It's a science-fiction story describing how scientists clone and bring-to-life dinosaurs using DNA preserved in prehistoric amber.

One character, Alan Grant, is a paleontologist who's spent his life studying dusty dinosaur bones in the laboratory. But when he comes face to face with living, breathing dinosaurs, he falls to his knees, dumbstruck; drops his hat; opens his mouth. It's one thing to puzzle together ancient bits and pieces in the lab and quite another to encounter a dinosaur! There is simply no comparison.

What's this have to do with the Apostles' Creed? We profess that we believe in “the communion of the saints.” “Communion” is a word that's not common nowadays. That's ironic, because “communion” and “common” share a basic meaning. Something “common” is shared among all. While “communion” refers to the *act* of sharing itself. Communion is opening our hands and receiving what's on offer.

Sharing in what? *The life of the living Jesus*. It's significant that Jesus himself didn't leave behind a book. Nor did he setup any institutions. Rather, Jesus assembled a group of people with whom he could *share his way of life*: his way of living and loving, feasting and forgiving, teaching and dying.

That means that to be a Christian involves *joining this group of people experiencing Jesus*. We get washed in the same (baptismal) waters that Jesus and his friends did. We eat the same (communion) meal that they shared. We learn to forgive our enemies and love our neighbors, serve the poor and bless the hungry, worship God and pray – as Jesus and his first friends did. Being a Christian certainly involves certain *ideas* (e.g. “I believe in God”) and institutional *practices* (e.g. church membership), but we can miss the point entirely if we *miss communing with Jesus*. (cont.)

Did you know...

that First Presbyterian Church is still collecting Coborn's receipts? During this unique time in our lives, when things are so...umm.... unique, the church still operates. Although we live stream our worship service, have called off the annual salad luncheon and discontinued other programs, we still have operating expenses and people to reach. Keep on saving those receipts! Feel free to drive by the east door and drop them into the slot on the door. Right now, we are collecting February, March and April receipts. Thank you all so much for continuing to give. Every little thing helps a whole lot!!



Did you know...

That we are upgrading our sound /video system? We have a few bugs that are being worked on, so PLEASE bear with us. It will be so great when it's completed and when we have the kinks worked out.



Quote from a member:

Thank you to all who make it possible to "go to church" on Facebook. I really appreciate it very much!

Be sure and strongly consider signing up for ACH (automatic withdrawal) for your pledges. I can quite honestly say it was not that painful a task and I am relieved of one fewer thing to think about.



Sometimes we view Christianity as a collection of dry and dusty bones: “Probably true. Interesting to some chaps. Not incredibly relevant.” But the Creed here asserts that a central goal of the Christian life is to *meet, know, and experience* the living, breathing, risen and reigning Jesus! To fall on our knees in wonder before Jesus and have our lives become part of his!

“Communion of the saints” means that we are invited to *share everyday in the life of the Lord and Giver of Life*. I love how one author puts it:

Just as husband and wife live out their lives against the backdrop of being married, so do we live out the entirety of our lives against the backdrop of a constant relationship with God. He is always there, always loving us, always ready to listen to us. As we recognize his unwavering commitment to us, we are able to live in the day to day adventure and challenge of his presence. We enjoy the dialogue. It’s as if we say, “Oh, I must talk to him about this!”¹

In the community of Jesus’ people, there is *real sharing in Jesus’ life*. We eat his meal and listen to his voice. We pray his prayers learn his love. We receive his gifts and take up his mission. I believe in the communion of the saints.

Pastor Andrew

¹Guest, John. *Only a Prayer Away*, 1985.



PW Safe Birth Campaign
Quarters save lives!
100 quarters saves one life.
Deposit quarters in the Blue Tube in the East Room

Birthday/Anniversary/Meeting

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| May | 1 | Steve & Diane Peterson 50
Tanner Pietz | |
| | 2 | Ken Boetel | |
| | 4 | Kenna Cowan 3 | Judy Stahly (76) |
| | 5 | Don & Tami Miner 41 | |
| | 7 | AJ Wipf | |
| | 8 | Charles & Lindsey Brewer 13
Hugh Miner 80 | |
| | 9 | Brently Gogolin 7 | |
| | 13 | Noah Koops
Nadean Vilhauer 80 | |
| | 14 | Ezra Brooks 1 | Robert Brooks |
| | | Alissa Crandall | Brenda Schmidt |
| | | Harvey Wollman 85 | |
| | 15 | Beckie Boetel | Teresa Haatvedt |
| | | Brad Magness | |
| | 16 | Steve & Deb VanOverschelde 40 | |
| | 17 | Kenna Lawrence 5 | |
| | 18 | Carrie Lemke | Nancy Shoultz |
| | 19 | Brad & Lori Magness 41 | |
| | 20 | LeRoy & Judy Neuharth 64
Rowe Ward 2 | |
| | 21 | Mark & Cyndy Neuharth 26 | |
| | 22 | Becky & Ryan Eichstadt 21 | |
| | 23 | Tom Perrenoud | |
| | 24 | Neil Kotas
Grace Scheibe 4 | |
| | 26 | Kelly Wipf
Carol Pevestorf 88 | |
| | 28 | Brenda & Tony Arteman 26 | |
| | 29 | Merle & Roxann Veenhof 49 | |
| | 30 | Greg Hepper | |
| | 31 | Steve Peters 72 | |

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Watch for information about
 A Virtual Camp Experience !

Christian Education

Coloring page for the Youth

On Sunday April 19th, the Christian Education Committee had planned to recognize the teachers and other volunteers who are an integral component to the success of the youth and adult ministries in this church. Due to COVID-19 keeping us apart, we were not able to do this. Even though our Sunday School, Youth Club and Youth Group year was cut short, I want you to know how very important you are to the youth and adults in this congregation.

Our programs will resume and we will come together once again to learn about and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Until we gather again, on behalf of the Christian Education Committee THANK YOU to all who volunteered this past year, no matter the size of the part that you played in our ministries, you shared your time and talents with us, and we are very grateful.

I will end with a poem that I first shared with our volunteers last year, from *Group Publishing*. Remember we are ALL a child of GOD, so where the poem refers to children and kids, this includes adults, no matter our age we continue to grow in our faith each day.

What you do matters.

Jesus smiles when he sees your ministry.

You pass on faith and hope.

You help children find their voice.

You change the world—one child at a time.

If the Bible were still being written today, the writers would be writing about the likes of you.

As you encourage a child's faith, you encourage your own faith.

You get to watch children become friends and followers of Jesus.

Jesus is the author and finisher of your faith...and your ministry.





TABITHA SCHMIDT, DAUGHTER OF ALAN & BRENDA IS A MAY GRADUATE FROM NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELORS IN MUSIC EDUCATION. SHE WILL BE TEACHING 5-12 BAND AND DANCE TEAM COACH IN CLARK, SD.

LEXI ECKMANN GRADUATED IN DECEMBER 2019 FROM NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND SHE WILL BE TEACHING FOURTH GRADE IN HURON IN THE



MEGAN KOPFMANN, DAUGHTER OF MIKE AND LISA IS A DECEMBER 2019 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA WITH AN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE. SHE WILL BE TEACHING THIRD GRADE IN HURON IN THE FALL.



Spring greetings from Don Urquhart visiting out of the window
At his apartment in Rapid City with the Hoyts.



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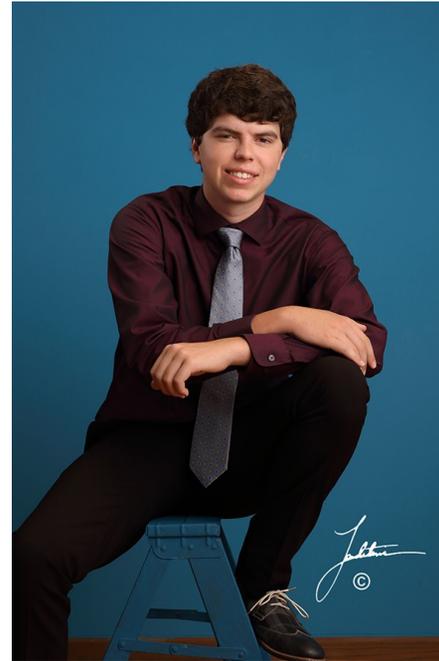


CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES

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LINDSEY LEYENDECKER, DAUGHTER OF JASON AND CHERI IS A 2020 HURON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE. SHE WILL BE ATTENDING SDSU IN THE FALL TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN PHARMACY.

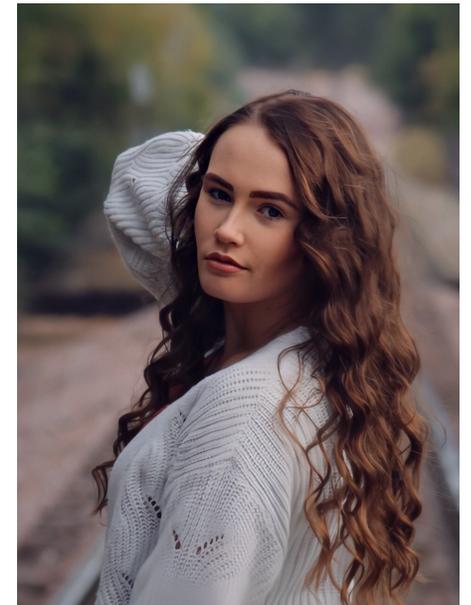


ZACH KOPFMANN, SON OF MIKE AND LISA IS A 2020 HURON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE. HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA STUDYING BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

DEREK HUNTER, SON OF TY AND MELISSA HUNTER IS A 2020 GRADUATE OF HURON HIGH SCHOOL. HE WILL BE ATTENDING USD IN THE FALL FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



ELLIE EICHSTADT DAUGHTER OF RYAN AND BECKY IS A 2020 GRADUATE OF HURON HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WILL BE ATTENDING LAKE AREA TECH IN WATERTOWN, SD





Attendance

Sunday School

Worship

4/5/2020 online views 300
4/12/2020 online views 622
4/19/2020 online views 398
4/26/2020 online views 432

If you are enjoying the Worship Service you might also enjoy Andrews Friday messages. They are also at fpchuron.com

Elder of the Month:

Chuck Growth

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Deacon of the Month:

Barb Daugherty

Family & Friends

Jack Alexander (Kathleen Amundson's grandson)
Michaela Biel
Joyce (Vemlicka)Gardner (Sharon Hastings' cousin)

Richard Granum (Chuck Groth's nephew)
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)



Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Home Bound

Wellshire Village: Shirley Fullerton, Idel McDonald, Sara Jorgensen, Deannie LeRoux, Maxine Paye
Stoney Brook Suites: Melba Galliger
Avantara Nursing Home: Henry Sievers, Eva Vilhauer, Nadean Vilhauer, Bev Erdahl, Lorraine Jacobson, Anne Wollman
Out-of-Town Nursing Homes: Jill Baker,
Woonsocket Darrell Briscoe, Ione Buckley, Cam Galliger
Volga Ruth Winter
Courtyard Apts: Marilyn Rogers
Home Bound: Mahalia Connell
Sioux Falls Assisted Living: Norma Bonnes, Kathleen Amundson
Heritage Place Rapid City: Donald Urquhart

Military Personnel and Families

President Trump Government Officials
Prison Inmates Military Personnel & families

CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...

Holy Buckets Penny Offering April 2020, \$190.75
1/3 Hunger Program, 1/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast/Salvation Army meat and other Hunger missions 1/3 Helping Hands for food.
Total for year 2020 \$1317.47

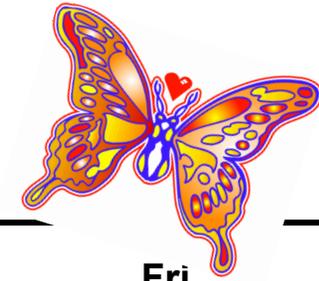


Do something special for your **May Birthday** by donating a penny for each year of your age to the PW's Birthday Box in the east room. You will help fund their mission projects Have a special happy birthday!

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