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NEWSLETTER



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*First
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Huron SD*

We've Got Mail



Dear Church Members,
Thank you for letting my granddaughter, Tessa be a part of your church. She has loved all of her time spent there. We were worried about her going to church camp, because when our Sara went to camp (Placerville) her Dad almost had to go get her in the middle of the week. Tessa loved camp & she loves Jayda. She is the reason Tessa stayed at camp.
Thank you, Kay Gogolin

First Presbyterian church,
Thank you for the aide that you have supplied me with to continue my education. This assistance will be used to continue my path towards a Bachelors Degree in Aviation.
God Bless, Robert Pietz

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for awarding me with the Presbyterian Church scholarship! It is so amazing to have a church community that supports me and is rooting for me while I attend college! Thank you also for the care package you sent me over finals. It was great to have some snacks while I was studying!
Caitlyn McNeil

Dear First Church,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital and home recuperating. It means a lot.
Bob Hofer.

Thank you Meals on Wheels Volunteers, You are so appreciated by the Huron Area Senior Center and the shutins you deliver to.
Sandy Eden

Dear FPC,
Thank you for the wonderful box of goodies for my finals week. It certainly came in handy. Much appreciated and I hope you can continue to do them for future college students.
Tabitha Schmidt

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“He Descended into Hell”

It's universal, but we don't like to talk about it. Everyone's been touched by it, but we avoid its implications. We'll all experience it someday, but we'd rather not think about it. Death – I'm talking about death.

But tech giant Google is unhappy about death's grip on us. It's funded a new company called *Calico* whose website reads, “We're tackling aging, one of life's greatest mysteries. Calico is a research and development company whose mission is to harness advanced technologies to increase our understanding of the biology that controls lifespan.”¹ In other words, Google is trying to cure death by extending our lifespans, stopping the aging process, and inhibiting age-related diseases.

Calico's effort is fueled by Google's billions, but even more so by our deep human *aversion to death*. We very naturally recoil at the way it unmakes our friendships, our families, and our selves.

So what does our faith contribute to this discussion? The Apostles' Creed, in the paragraph about Jesus, says, “He descended into hell.” While we repeat that phrase often enough in church, many of us find it somewhat confusing. “Jesus went to hell? Jesus went to the place of eternal torment?”

The confusion stems from the *shifting meaning* of the English word, “hell.” When the Creed was first translated into English, “hell” *did not* refer to a place of eternal punishment (as it does today), but rather translated the biblical terms *hades* (Greek) and *sheol* (Hebrew), which both mean “the grave,” “the place of the dead,” or “death.”

So, when the Creed says that Jesus “descended into hell,” in modern English it means that Jesus really, truly, literally *died*. Jesus' descent into death means that the Triune God (in the person of the Son of God) has *experienced every facet of our human reality*. God has become *one of us* from *zygote to corpse*.

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¹ <https://www.calicolabs.com/>



(continued) He embraces our frail human nature all the way to the point of its collapse into nothingness.

British Bible scholar capture the reality of Christ's death in his poem, *Holy Saturday*:

On the seventh day God rested
 in the darkness of the tomb;
Having finished on the sixth day
 all his work of joy and doom.
Now the word had fallen silent,
 and the water had run dry,
The bread had all been scattered,
 and the light had left the sky.
The flock had lost its shepherd,
 and the seed was sadly sown,
The courtiers had betrayed their king,
 and nailed him to his throne.
O Sabbath rest by Calvary,
 O calm of tomb below,
Where the grave-clothes and the spices
 cradle him we did not know!
Rest you well, beloved Jesus,
 Caesar's Lord and Israel's King,
In the brooding of the Spirit,
 in the darkness of the spring.²

How can Jesus' death help us? Well, because Jesus is alive (a fact we'll explore more next month), the fact that he has already experienced death means he *can guide and guard us in the valley of the shadow of death*. He's been there before; he knows the way! It means that death can never separate us from him who loves us. It means that the king of terrors has now lost its sting! I love how the old English Puritan pastor John Preston put it on his own deathbed, "I shall change my place; I shall not change my Company." In other words – he knew that in death he was about to leave behind his friends, but that his Friend would never forsake him and never leave him.

Pastor Andrew

The Challenge of Jesus, Downer's Grove: IVP, 1999, 176.

Bazaar/Luncheon

We will not be having a Fall Bazaar/Luncheon this year, so we are asking for a donation. We suggest an amount equal to or more than the cost of a salad or pie and a luncheon ticket. This will enable us to fulfill our mission work. You can put your check made out to PW in the offering plate or take it to the church office.

We thank you for your participation.

CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...

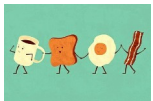
Holy Buckets Penny Offering September \$304.60.
1/3 Hunger Program, 1/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast/Salvation
Army meat, 1/3 Helping Hands for food.
Total for year 2019 \$3,103.48

Pastor Andrew Crandall
Will be out of town
October 10 – 16

Christian Education

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

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.

Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30

Covenant

Covenant Group meets the 3rd Wednesday at 11:00 am

PW

Praise Team Wednesday at 5:10

Choir Wednesday at 6:30



Bible Study

A non-denominational bible study meets Thursdays at 9:30 weekly. All are welcome.

Youth Club

1st - 8th Grade

Schedule

Oct.	2	Bible Study, Rec/Worship Arts
	9	Fall Scavenger Hunt
	16	Bible Study, Rec/Worship Arts
	23	Bible Study, Rec/Worship Arts
	30	Activity
Nov.	6	Bible Study, Rec/Worship Arts



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Attendance

Sunday School

<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Date</u>
09/02/2018	— 59	09/01/2019	— 88
09/09/2018	—143	09/08/2019	—107
09/16/2018	—113	09/15/2019	—162
09/23/2018	—130	09/22/2019	—93
09/30/2018	—126	09/29/2019	—109
Communion—125			

Elder of the Month:

Brandon Van Overschelde

Deacon of the Month:

Roxanne Gogolin

October Funerals

CAKE PROVIDERS AND WORKERS

Brad & Lori Magness, Linda Marcus, Christ Marcus, Loretta McDonald, BJ & Erica McNeil, donna Meiers, Bill & Dawn Meink, Bob & Ann Meyer, Hugh & LeeAnn Miner, Jay & Peggy Morris, Karen Mueller, Stephanie Myers, Pat Nagel, donna Nelson, LeRoy & Judy Neuharth, Craig & Julie Oliver.

October Celebrations

Anniversaries: Jack & Sharon DeDeyne 48; Bob & Ann Meyer 48; Rick & Darlene Sabers 36; Neil & Mona Kotas 45; Cobbie & vi Magness 68; Terry & Marla Bawdon 45

Birthdays:

- 1 Jeannie Sager (76)
- 2 Ellie Eichstadt, Alan Schmidt
- 3 David Peterson
- 4 Lorraine Jacobson (98)
- 5 Bill Meink
- 6 James Katz
- 7 Jan LaMont (75)
Andy Reimer
- 9 Kathleen Amundson (96)
- 10 Alex Hepper
Lindsey Leyendecker
- 11 Brianna Lichty
- 14 Donna Amundson (73)
- 15 Becky Eichstadt, Corinne Wipf
- 16 Jill Minske
- 17 Mike Kopfmann, Rook Ward
- 19 Betty Dornbush (87), Max Petron (80)
- 20 Dar King
- 21 Randall Eden
- 25 Matt Gilbert, Ashlyn Wipf
- 31 Nancy Gilbert (87), Talley Hins

Prayer Concerns



Keep the family of Joyce Peterson in your prayers

Members

Anonymous	Keitha Neuharth	Ruth Winter
Bev Erdahl	Ada Pownell	Jill Reimer
Darrell Briscoe	David Hook	Helen Clark
Jerry Galliger	Bob Hofer	Kevin Hofmann
Diane Peters	Ron & Sharon Hastings	
Cam & Melba Galliger	Anne Wollman	Nancy Gilbert

Friends & Family

Jack Alexander (Kathleen Amundson's grandson)
 Joyce (Vemlicka) Gardner (Sharon Hastings's cousin)
 Peggy Jones (David Hook's friend)
 Pastor Heather Jepsen (Chuck Groth's niece)
 Cadence Klusman (granddaughter of Diana Herdman)
 Sue Nothdurft (friend of Chuck Groth)
 Todd Pay (Maxine's Son)
 Dan Schlader (friend of Deannie LeRoux)
 Michael Whitman (Sharon Hastings brother)
Sun Quest Village: Shirley Fullerton, Lorraine Jacobson, Idel McDonald, Eva Vilhauer, Sara Jorgensen, Deannie LeRoux, Maxine Paye, Helen Clark

Country View Estates: Darrell Briscoe

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

Menno-Olivet Nursing Home: Jill Baker

Woonsocket Nursing Home: Madelyn Nickelson, Ione Buckley, Keitha Neuharth

Arlington Care & Rehab Center: Ruth Winter

Courtyard Apts: Marilyn Rogers

Sioux Falls Assisted Living: Norma Bonnes

Heritage Place Rapid City: Don Urquhart

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



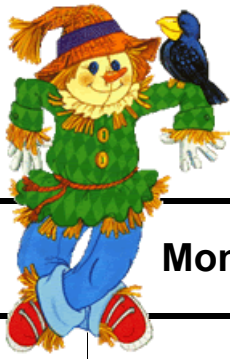
PW Safe Birth Campaign

Quarters save lives!

100 quarters saves one life.

Deposit quarters in the Blue Tube at the East Door





October 2019



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Sat

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6 <i>Jack & Sharon DeDeyne</i> 48 <i>Bob & Ann Meyer</i> 46 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 Worship 10:30 Communion Holy Buckets Food Drive Greeters E- Gary & Amanda Gogolin N-	7 <i>Jan LaMont</i> 75	8 <i>Rick & Darlene Sabers</i> 35 Ch. Ed. 6:30 Fin./Steward 6:30 Miss./Evan. 6:30 Bldg./Gr. 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Worship/Music 7:00 Session 7:30	9 <i>Kathleen Amundson</i> 95 <i>Circle 1:30</i> <i>Praise Team</i> 5:10 <i>Youth Club</i> 6:00 <i>Adult Choir</i> 6:30	10	11	12 <i>Neil & Mona Kotas</i> 44
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