

THE BLADE

May 2018

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” **John 3:16 NRSV**

Vacation Bible School is going on a Progressive Treasure Hunt and we need volunteers

We'll be meeting once a week for four weeks in June 5:00-8:00 pm (see the calendar) We'll need volunteers for cooking meals and leading various

centers. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact any member of the CE committee for more details.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 June 4			
	 June 12		
		 June 20	
			 June 28

Special May Men's Brotherhood Events!

On May 6 after worship service, Men's Brotherhood will be serving a brunch of grilled cheese sandwiches and scrambled eggs. The free-will offering will support the Men's Brotherhood projects.

On May 20 after worship service, there will be a Pentecost Potluck Picnic at Hillcrest Park, Shelter C. Men's Brotherhood will be providing the pork loin sandwiches.

Congratulations Adam Young

Adam is the 2018 Recipient of the First Presbyterian Church Embury SDSU Scholarship award of \$500. He will attend SDSU in the fall of 2018.



Adam Young

Worship moves to the summer schedule June 3, and begins at 9:30 am.

Regular Sunday Schedule

September - May

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship
Lord's Supper - First Sunday of each month

Summer Sunday Schedule

June-August

9:30 am Worship Service
Nursery care is available on first floor during Sunday School and Worship

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



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Our vision is to see lives changed through joyful worship, supportive relationships, faith formation, and heartfelt service empowered by the mercy, grace, and love of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Families

Prayer is an important part of our life as a community of faith. We encourage you to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer. The families and individuals are selected at random.

May 6: Scott & Jennifer Hinricher & family;
Dean & Sharon Hofland

May 13: Nelda Holden;
Dennis Hopfinger & Carolyn Clague

May 20: Roger & Marvis Jenner; Carol Johnston

May 28: Marlys Kelsey; Alice Dempster;
Barbara Borstad



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact any of the prayer chain volunteers: Bob & Jan Jones, Dolores Canaday, Lee Peterson, Harold & Marge Poppen, Linda Barnett, Susan Smith, Judy Smith, Robby & Donna Flint, Bonnie Foster, and Pastor Nina Westfall. If you would like to become a part of this prayer team contact Jan Jones.

Boy Scout Troop 14 volunteer honored for service



Scout Leader Joe Tschetter, Clint VanHolland and Mason VanHolland celebrate Clint's "extra Miler" award.

Clint VanHolland, one of the parent volunteers, Advancement Chair and all-around support person for Scout Troop 14 was recognized by the Sioux Council Boy Scouts with the "Extra Miler" award for his dedication to the troop.

Alan Young nominated Clint for the award. He has been a staple of Boy Scout Troop 14 since Adam Young joined the troop in 5th grade. Adam's pursuit of an Eagle Award is due in large part to Clint's support.

He is the type of

volunteer who prefers to remain in the background but is tireless and reliable. He is a favorite among troop members and has literally been to every campout Alan can remember the Troop having. Clint's participation is critical to the Troop's success.

There's still time to sign up for Camp Rimrock!

Registration for Camp Rimrock will be sent in on May 13th. Through the generosity of the Embry fund, each child may attend one camp for a \$25 fee. For more information, check the website: <http://pioneerrimrock.camp/>

Monthly Financial Report

	2018	Feb	March	To Date
Income:		11,272.06	25,044.98	9,451.33
Expense:		14,041.76	28,975.71	14,993.12
Difference:		-2,769.70	-3,970.73	-5,541.79

Deacons updating church directory to continue outreach efforts

In the March issue of "The Blade", Ella Lane mentioned the Deacons are busy updating the church directory. You might wonder why an updated directory is important to the Deacons. Here are several reasons you might not have considered.

The Deacons use the church directory to carry out their card ministry. We need current addresses to carry out the card ministry. Birthday cards are sent to members who are 80 years and older. Get well cards, thinking of you cards, praying for you cards, sympathy cards, and anniversary cards are some of the other cards that may be sent to members. We also deliver a birthday rose to members who are 90 years and older.

The Deacons will deliver meals to members who have special circum-

stances such as having a new baby, family member in the hospital or just coming home from the hospital, illness in the family, or a death in the family.

If you need a ride to church, the Deacons can provide transportation. If you are unable to attend worship, we can deliver a CD recording of the worship service. We also assist the Pastor in serving communion for the members who are unable to get to the church for communion.

The happy faces that greet us on Sunday morning doesn't happen by accident. The Deacons coordinate these volunteers as greeters. We started posting a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. If the list is not filled by the middle of the month, we need to start calling so updated phone numbers are important.

We also need a current email address. Most of you have an email address. The more we can use this communication method it will help our budget. Did you know "The Blade" can be sent to you by email? If you would like to try this, let the church office or a Deacon know, and we can make those arrangements. The paper version will continue to be sent to you unless we hear you would like to make the change.

These are a few of the ways the church directory is utilized to help the Deacons mission to serve the members of the church. If you are interested, we also post our minutes from our most recent monthly meeting on the bulletin board next to our photographs.

Submitted by Bonnie Salonen, Secretary of the Deacons

Men's Brotherhood Update

By Andrew L'Amour • May 2018

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Quote: "Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely." - Roy T. Bennett

Men's Brotherhood Notes: March Meeting: Colleen Thompson the Rural Advocate for the Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter was the program. April Meeting: The Men's Brotherhood met on the 19th. Bob Jones was presenting the program. May Meeting: The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for May 17.

Prayer Concerns: As our hope in Jesus inspires us, let our lives inspire others to see Jesus in us.

Action: Be inspired to do good works because Jesus asks us to help those less fortunate.

What inspires you? What does it mean to be inspired? Do we feel sometimes like we are just going through the motions in life – just doing the basics for survival? Going to work, doing our jobs at home or at the office or job site, getting our paychecks, saving up for a trip or a car, our children's education, paying our bills. Month in and month out. Same old, same old. Our favorite team is in the playoffs so that kind of excites us. New movie at the theater. What's on TV? Otherwise ho-hum. Day in, day out.

But is being excited the same as inspired? Being excited is being in a state of agitation, anxiety, engaged, interested, a heightened state of energy. Being inspired has more of an 'influence to do something' in it, perhaps a spiritual motivation. To feel impelled or moved to do something. Being inspired may be the reason we feel excited and the inspiration might also move us to act on that excitement. There is a subtle difference.

When Jesus was going amid the crowds performing His miracles and preaching about the Kingdom of God there was excitement generated when the people heard His message. People came from around the areas He traveled through to hear and see Him. They were interested and engaged in hearing what He was saying, they marveled at His miraculous healings. That excitement grew as His ministry progressed and grew more

and more intense as the Passover approached and He entered Jerusalem.

The unfortunate events that developed quickly that week turned the crowd's positive excitement into a rage of anger and resentment as they felt betrayed when Jesus was killed. They were still excited but it was a negative excitement, frustration and disappointment.

Following the crucifixion and resurrection the disciples had their own level of excitement crisis but the time spent with Jesus before His ascension elevated that excitement to one of inspiration. They became motivated to follow the teachings of Jesus, to go into all the world preaching and teaching the message of love and service to the needy and doing as He did. Pentecost then came with the gift of the Holy Spirit, aiding and enhancing their inspiration.

While we may be excited about the word of God and the preaching we hear, are we inspired to change and live our lives as He wishes us to? Are we filled with that enthusiasm, motivated to go beyond just preaching the name of Jesus but His message also? And more so, living it daily through actual service? Becoming lights and examples for others. With every breath we take, breathing the name of God, inspired by our hope in Jesus, moved to do His will and motivated by our love for God and our love for one another. All praise to God!

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RECEIPTS

Remember to Bring in Your
Hy-Vee Receipts
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!
Goal: \$150,000.00
Received to Date: \$81,698.44
Needed: \$86,607.35

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Ushers:

Martin & Sally Maca
Harold Poppen
Bob Bartling
Bruce Westergaard

Sound Person:

Ginny Conger

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) Birthdays: Samuel Schuurman	2 7 pm Choir Birthdays: Bonnie Foster, Lois Watson	3 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 pm Deacons 6:30 Committees Birthdays: Diane Anderson, John Peterson	4	5
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Greeters: Dave Peterson Men's Brotherhood Brunch 6:00 Game Night Birthday: Yossry Rottluff	7 7 pm Buildings & Grounds 7 pm Scouts	8 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 pm Mission & Finance	9 7 pm Choir	10 9:30 Bible Study 7 pm Session	11 Birthday: Bruce Westergaard	12
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Greeters: Ella Lane	14 7 pm Scouts Birthday: Trent Broksieck	15 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) Blade articles due Birthday: Skylar Hinricher	16	17 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Men's Brotherhood Birthday: Carolyn Moerke	18	19
20 9:00 Sunday School LAST DAY!! 10:30 Worship Greeters: Ella Lane Pentecost Picnic Anniversary: Scott & Jennifer Hinricher 6:00 Small Group Bible Study	21 7 pm Scouts	22 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	23	24 9:30 Bible Study	25 11:30 Lunch Bunch @The Pheasant	26
27 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Greeters: Alan, Susan & Adam Young Birthday: Saige Hinricher Adam Young Anniversary: Sharon & Dean Hofland 6:00 Small Group Bible Study	28 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	29 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) Anniversaries: Dave & Lucy Barkus Bruce & Lori Westergaard	30	31 Birthday: Lori Westergaard		

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