

The Messenger

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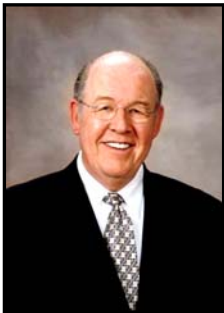
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From your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ:

One of the joys of Christian fellowship is the joy of sharing, i.e., the joy of giving and receiving. God has given to each of us a wonderful and unique set of talents which we rightfully call “gifts.” These gifts benefit us throughout our lifetime. Part of the miracle of these gifts is that they were intended not only for us but for others as well. We are asked to make these gifts available to one another so that not just one but many may know the benefits of our gifts. In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said we are not to cover our “light” with a bowl but rather we are to set it on a table so “everyone in the house” can enjoy the light.

I often look at our church and am reminded again and again how many of our church family set their lamps on the table for all of us to enjoy; and many times, their sharing also helps us to be inspired and to grow in our own spiritual journey. As your pastor, I have been inspired and greatly rewarded with what each of you has shared with me. Congregations have so much to share with their pastors.

Bruce Thielemann, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA described one of the thoughts a layman shared with him. This layman spoke of “basin theology.” Basin theology, he said, reflects how we use what God has provided to us. He said Pontius Pilate called for a “basin” of water and washed his hands of the death of Jesus. Jesus, however, earlier that same day took a “basin” of water and washed the feet of His disciples!

Let us always continue to set our lamps upon the table, and practice “basin theology” by sharing and serving one another. God bless you!

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Chuck

October Birthdays

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Anniversaries

Stan Martin 10/1
Erma Lewellen 10/3
Lloyd Strong 10/8
Shania Schmaltz 10/11
Floyd Schwartzkopf 10/12
Mildred Hill 10/13
Connie Birdsall 10/15
Betty Schwartzkopf 10/16
Margaret Harriger 10/20
Vernon Pedersen 10/22
Jenni Martin 10/27

Gerald & Shirley Williams 10/8/50
Wayne & Patricia Nelson 10/9/ --
Matt & Monique Larsen 10/15/03
Kenneth & Jane Ann Hall 10/18/59
Tyler & Casey Debus 10/20/07

Are You Serving? Each month a calendar is posted in Fellowship Hall announcing who will be serving as an usher, greeter, Scripture reader and so forth. Please be sure to check the calendar each month for your name. Thank you.



Just a Little Humor

The young couple was very much in love and was eager to be married. The bride-to-be, however, had one very serious reservation. Her husband-to-be was passionate about playing golf. He owned several sets of golf clubs, he subscribed to numerous golfing magazines, and all of his social acquaintances were golfing buddies. Frequently he would turn their conversations away from her interests and instead he talked about golf.

Finally, she sought the advice of her pastor. Her pastor told her that he believed she had a valid concern and it should be addressed before they were married. He advised her to have a frank discussion about her concern.

At her insistence, they had this discussion. Repeatedly the groom-to-be reassured her that she and not golf was the most important thing in his life. Yes, he loved to play golf, but he loved her so much more that she must never worry that golf would dominate their lives once they were married. The bride-to-be was satisfied.

On the day of their wedding, however, she spotted a set of his golf clubs in one of the rooms just off from the sanctuary. "What are those golf clubs

doing here?" she angrily demanded. With the look of total innocence the groom replied, "Well, this isn't going to take all afternoon is it?"

Bible Memory Verse "Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior and my hope is in You all day long." Psalm 25:4-5.



The next meeting of the Christian Education Committee will be Wednesday evening, October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church Parlor.

The new Sunday School materials are working out well! Not only are the lessons well planned and arranged for the children but the Teacher's Manual is a delight to use!

Please volunteer to work with our Sunday School program for three Sundays this coming year. We have experienced teachers who will be happy to work with you. Some of our church families have taught Sunday School in the past and others have never taught Sunday School. Either way, we need you to share in the experience of making a difference in the lives of our young people. Please visit with Pastor Chuck to let your interest and willingness to teach a few Sundays this year be known. Thank you.

C. C. Circle

C. C. Circle met Thursday, October 7th, for their annual "Girls Night Out!" in the Library Room at Perkins Restaurant.

You will want to be sure to put Thursday, November 4th, on your calendar for their next meeting. The meeting in November will be a 1:00 p.m. dessert luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be presented by Ermadean Haas, and Glenda Hilyard will provide the program.

Special Joys:

Stan Martin had a wonderful surprise birthday party to celebrate his birthday! Congratulations to Stan on his birthday and to his family for keeping the celebration such a surprise! WOW! Are they ever good at keeping secrets!

Gerald and Shirley Williams' daughter won a brand new car in the recent "Rubber Duck" drawing United Way! Some surprises in life are absolutely wonderful and winning a new car has to be one of them!

Pastor Chuck's sister, Barbara, was released from Regional West Medical Center on Friday evening, October 1st. She is doing much better and she wishes to express her gratefulness to all those on the Federated Church's prayer chain for their prayers.

The Adult Sunday School class has re-started after taking a break during the summer. Join them in the Parlor at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. You will learn and grow spiritually while

having a wonderful time of fellowship with fellow class members. See you there!

Special Concerns:

Elsie Strong continues to make excellent progress in her therapy at the Golden Living Center. However, she is more than ready to go home! Please continue to keep Elsie in your prayers and make plans to stop by to visit with her.

Donna Helser is at the Golden Living Center. She loves having visitors (room #501) and she is grateful for your prayers. Please stop by to visit with Donna and help some long days seem a bit shorter.

Ministry Opportunity:

We have a member of our church (perhaps several persons?) who needs a ride to church on Sunday mornings. She loves being a part of our worship services and she looks forward to being fed spiritually each week. To help her continue to have the Federated Church as a part of her life we are looking for church members who would be willing to stop by and give her a ride to and from church. This is not a full time job unless you want it to be. We would like to build a list of persons who would be willing to provide transportation on an "as needed" basis. Please prayerfully consider this calling and if you are willing to serve in this way please speak with Pastor Churk. Thank you.

Church Council Minutes:

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

Members present: Jackie Gompert, Erma Lewellen, Ardie Bowen, Anne Charles, Maxine Walker, Dorothy Kraft, Mike Gompert, Joy Pedersen, Ron Charles, Kevin Helser, Lloyd Strong, Bob Kraft, Larry Birdsall, Marian Schmer, Vern Pedersen, and Pastor Charles Richardson.

Meeting was called to order by Ron Charles, Vice-moderator at 7:00 p.m. Prayer was led by Pastor Charles Richardson.

Minutes of May 13th meeting were read by members. Motion made by Dorothy Kraft to approve minutes as read. Motion seconded by Anne Charles. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by members. Motion made by Joy Pedersen to approve the report as read. Motion seconded by Kevin Helser. Motion carried.

BOARDS:

Trustees: No report

Managers: No report

Elders: No report

Deacons: No report

Deaconesses: Met September 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Members present were Anne Charles, Ardie Bowen, Erma Lewellen, Jackie Gompert, Dorothy Kraft, and Maxine Walker. Communion preparers list for each month was set up and schedules distributed to members. Up-dated list of shut-ins was passed out and reviewed for any additions. Next meeting will be in November.

COMMITTEES:

Building and Grounds: Members present were Bob Kraft and Vern Pedersen. Insurance payment is here to begin repairs on north side of church roof and roofs of both rental houses. These will be done when Fisher Roofing Company available. We have the materials to refurbish the pews but haven't started yet.

Christian Education: Kevin Helser chairperson. Committee met 3 times this summer. (1) June 9, 2010, (2) August 11, 2010, and (3) September 8, 2010

Topics discussed:

- (1) September 12 will be the re-start of Sunday School.
- (2) Regular Sunday School hours will be Children's Sermon to 11:30 a.m.
- (3) After church on September 12th Melissa Schneider will explain the Student Workbook. "The ABC's of God. Great is the Lord." Carole will handle the registrations. Kevin will give a tour of the Sunday School rooms upstairs.
- (4) Reminder letters were mailed to the parents and postcards were sent to the kids.
- (5) We will continue to have a Children's Choir directed by Kathy Richardson.
- (6) Walt Helser is constructing a wooden "tree" and pinned to the tree will be the pictures of the Sunday School children. Their pictures of the children will be the "leaves" on the tree.
- (7) Judith Moore and Kevin Helser will present a small puppet show to the children on September 12th.

Puppet ministry: Pretty quiet, except when Judith and Kevin did some performances during Sunday School.

Vacation Bible School:

- (1) This year VBS (sponsored by the Mitchell/Morrill Ministerial Association) was hosted by St. Theresa's Catholic Church.
- (2) There were between 30-40 children who attended VBS this summer.
- (3) The theme this year was "Renew Green" and the children brought newspapers, pop cans, and plastic bottles for recycling. The lesson was to keep God's world clean. The children planted a variety of seeds to remind them that God has planted seeds in each of us.
- (2) Kevin Helser and Connie Birdsall worked with the children who were between 4-8 years of age.
- (3) Other VBS helpers from the Federated Church were Janelle Anderson (1 night,

preschool) and Charlene Madsen (2 nights in the kitchen helping with snacks).

(7) Next year the host church will be the Mitchell United Methodist Church.

Membership: Did not meet.

Missions: Members present: Lloyd Strong & Larry Birdsall. Vouchers for month:

KCMI.....\$100.00

Hart International.....\$400.00

Salvation Army..... \$100.00

Worship and Music: Members present were Ron & Anne Charles.

(1) Newer piano in the parlor was given to the Federated Church by Eloise Littlejohn.

(2) 5th Sunday of the month (August) dedicated to worship through music went well and had many requests filled.

(3) Choir's summer attendance –Thanks for having a choir during the summer.

C. C. Circle: Members present were Joy Pedersen, Erma Lewellen, Marian Schmer, and Maxine Walker.

(1) This was our first meeting for the new year we had 21 in attendance. A great program was presented by Shirley Johns.

(2) C. C. Circle paid for chicken served at Gary Libsack's funeral dinner. There have been no funeral dinners since August 2009.

(3) Carry-in Dinner helpers for Sept. 19, 2010 are Verne & Erma Lewellen, Ron & Anne Charles, Patti Larsen, and Rich & Rose Brown.

OLD BUSINESS: Preschool is going well and Pam Ward is pleased with the facility. The new church Library is now open.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made to name the library the "Elliot Family Memorial Library" to recognize the Elliot Family members who have attended this church since it's was organized. Motion made by Bob Kraft, seconded by Erma Lewellen. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: See attached report.

Motion made by Mike Gompert that we adjourn. Motion seconded by Ron Charles. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine E. Walker, secretary

Pastor's Report for the Month of August, 2010:

Activities:

- I continue making home visits, hospital visits, nursing home visits, and telephone calls/personal contacts.
- Sunday School:
 - I met with the Christian Education Committee on September 8th.
- Funeral Service: Theresa Dasher September 15th.
- Mitchell/Morrill Ministerial Association met September 23rd. I was out of town on that date and unable to attend.
- C.C.C.C.: I met with the pastors of the CCCC High Plains Fellowship group on September 15th. I agreed to serve as chairman for one more year.

During the month of September, I took Labor Day off and took two other days of vacation time.

A Picture is worth a Thousand Words!

Sunday School children



Puppet show by Judith & Kevin



Puppet show by Judith & Kevin



Children's Sermon with Pastor Chuck

