



First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck, North Dakota

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Spring Thoughts

Jacob L. Kincaid, Minister

The poet's lines easily come to mind
this time of year:

*In spring a young man's fancy
lightly turns to thoughts of love.*

Somehow warm days and bright
skies make us feel more alive and favorable
toward others. The transformation seems
part of the ritual of spring. But wouldn't life
be better all around if we let our spring
thoughts pervade the whole year? If a
kindness were our dispositions throughout
the year, maybe the cold of winter and the
heat of summer would be less oppressive.

Perhaps, this spring, we should
resolve to allow what this time of year
occurs naturally, not only to have its
beginning, but also to have longevity.
Maybe then all year our hearts would be full
of spring.

Celebrating Creation on the Prairie

Clay Jenkinson to Appear at Arts Event



Plans for the First Presbyterian Fine Arts Festival are moving along. Slated for September 10-13, the event promises to be bigger and better than ever. We're excited to announce a guest appearance by none

other than author and humanities scholar, Clay Jenkinson. Jenkinson, who is well known in the area as impersonator of Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and other historical figures, will headline the list of special events.

An undertaking of this magnitude necessitates the help of many if not all church members. Plenty of man and woman power as well as some serious financial support will make this the biggest, best arts event in the area. We know our church and its membership are capable of great things and the First Presbyterian Fine Arts Festival—Celebrating Creation on the Prairie will be the perfect catalyst to broadcast our talents as well as those of artists from the surrounding area.

Your committee is currently locating committee chairs, planning special events and soliciting funding. This is where you come in. Please come forward with your elbow grease and financial contributions. There are several categories if you wish your contribution so designated but any amount will be greatly appreciated. Possible dollar designations are Cash Awards selected by the judges, Purchase Awards given and selected by the donors who

Retirement

Lloyd Fischer retires as custodian early this month. Lloyd has worked in the position since January of 2003. His last day of work is April 4, 2009. Lloyd has been a valuable member of the church staff. He leaves with good wishes and high hopes. Les Hornbacher will assume custodial duties upon Lloyd's retirement.

Hospitality Notes

The spiritual gift of hospitality has nothing to do with show and ostentation; rather it has everything to do with the way in which a guest is welcomed and made to feel comfortable and at home."

agree to purchase a work of art and cash gifts to be used where needed to support the festival.

In the days and weeks ahead we will be calling on many of you to chair and man committees but please don't hesitate to volunteer without our call. You may also volunteer on the festival sign-up sheets on the narthex bulletin board or contact any committee member.

Thank you in advance for your support.. Steering committee members: Karen Ehrens, Pinkie Larson, Phyllis Lindblom, Mike Mahlum, Kay Solberg Link, Liz Lucas, Ann Lynch, Jan Schultz, Sue Sorlie, Dick Weber, and Priscilla Wilson.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship
April 5, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with a remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the waving of palm branches and the shout of glad "Hosannas."

Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service
April 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.



The Tenebrae service dates to the early years of the Church. The title comes from the Latin word meaning "shadows." Tenebrae represents, through the extinguishing of candles and dimming of lights, the disloyalty of the disciples and the coming crucifixion. Communion and special music will also be part of the service.

Good Friday Observance
April 10, 5:30 p.m.

A service of quiet reflection and meditation upon Christ's death will be held on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday Celebration
April 12, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Joyous celebration of the good news of the resurrection will characterize the services of Easter.



One Great Hour of Sharing

For 60 years, Presbyterians have joined millions of other Christians around the world through *One Great Hour of Sharing* to convey God's love to people in need. This ministry was spawned by a group of faith leaders moved by the suffering following World War II. One Saturday, they broadcast an appeal to Americans inviting them to give generously the next morning in their houses of worship to help heal some of the world's deepest wounds.

Contributions to this offering are divided among ministries of disaster assistance, hunger programs, and self development of people. The recent collapse of the world's financial markets has touched us all, but the poorest among us have suffered greatly. Our generosity is just as relevant and necessary as it was when this ministry was founded.

As we bear witness to the resurrection this Easter, let us express our faith in Christ's love by helping to feed and clothe His people through our *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering, April 12th.

Mark Your Calendar for an All Church Potluck April 19th

In Ramstad Hall following the service.

Bring your **FAMILY'S FAVORITE** main dish, salad or dessert. Beverages and utensils will be furnished.

Join us for fun and fellowship!

Adult Faith Formation

Jesus Christ, Superstar

Join us after worship, Sunday, April 5, for a screening and discussion of the movie, *Jesus Christ, Superstar*. This is the film version of the stage play by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. It chronicles the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth as seen through the eyes of his disciple Judas Iscariot. This is a very interesting and provocative movie. We'll supply the popcorn and a light lunch.



Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the lunch.

Upcoming adult faith formation events:

- Examining different views of the resurrection
- Care and creation of the earth

If you would like to receive the weekly e-mail adult faith formation update, please contact the church office at fpresby@btinet.net.



Faith Village

On April 19, the children in Faith Village are beginning a new unit on Ruth. Children follow Ruth from

Moab to Bethlehem where she begins a new life with her mother-in-law, Naomi. They will see how Ruth and Naomi were faithful throughout their struggles. They also learn that Ruth and Naomi thanked God for their blessings by showing care and kindness to others.



Clearwater Forest Camp

Don't forget to turn in your registrations for Summer Camp at Clearwater. In addition to youth camps, Clearwater has camps geared for adults and families including Adult Adventures in Sailing, Adult Sea Kayaking, Family Camp, Grands Camp (a camp for grandparents and grandchildren), and a Senior Adult Retreat. Applications and brochures are in the narthex or check out Clearwater's website:

www.clearwaterforest.org.

Easter Memorials

Each Easter we have an opportunity to offer a memorial in memory of a loved one. Easter Memorials this year will be directed to the Gift of Giving program that provides assistance to people in need. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please return the following information to the church office before Thursday, April 2, 2009. The suggested donation is \$12.00. Easter memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 12, 2009.

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Donation amount _____

Synod School

The gospel according to Jane Austen; Bellydancing; Basketweaving 101; Intersection of Science and Religion; Bible Study for Dummies. These are just a few of the more than 50 courses that are being offered this year at Synod School in Storm Lake, IA.

Synod school is an annual event for people of all ages to come together to learn and worship and play. Held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA, synod school is sponsored by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. It's for single adults and families. If you would like more information, talk to Pastor Vicki or contact her by e-mail at revvicki@btinet.net.

Apply Now for a College Scholarship

The Scholarship committee of First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of college scholarships for members of our church. To be eligible for consideration a student must be an active member or have been an active participant in the life of the church for at least three years. The awards are given for students at any level of study beyond high school. Four years would be the maximum for receiving scholarships; these need not be consecutive years. Graduate school students can apply providing they are within the 4 year maximum.

Applications may be found in the narthex or online at www.fpcbismarck.com Complete and return your application and other materials now to beat the May rush. Your Fall 2008 transcripts are sufficient.

Outreach Opportunities

Rebuilding Together



Looking for a way to put your faith into action? Join us Saturday, April 25 as we rehab a home in the Bismarck/Mandan area. We're joining with Rebuilding Together, a non-profit group that rehabilitates and refurbishes homes for low income, elderly, and disabled members of the community. If you would like to be on the volunteer crew, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex before April 12.

Mission Trip

Save the date: We will be returning to New Orleans to help in the rebuilding effort of the Gulf Coast. The dates of the trip are October 3-10. More information on the trip will be available later this month.

Thank You

First Presbyterian Church hosted The Banquet at Trinity Lutheran Church on February 26th. Over 250 people attended this event from the Bismarck/Mandan Community on that cold and snowy day. Thank you for volunteering your time, providing bars and contributing cash to support this important community event. This event provides a hot meal, fellowship and a sense of community. Again thank you!

Paul Ronningen, Outreach Chair

Statement of Activities

February 2009

Description	2009 YTD Actual	2009 YTD budget	2009 Annual Budget
Income			
Offerings	62,702	74,679	448,071
Other Income	4,859	3,623	21,740
Transfers	13,920	15,929	103,575
Total Income	81,481	94,231	573,386
Expense			
Personnel	53,049	56,087	336,520
Administrative	5,655	5,159	30,950
Per Capita Assessment	4,894	4,894	29,365
Missions	11,698	11,942	71,650
Food & Kitchen	773	550	3,300
Session Expense	10	275	1,650
Christian Education	1,723	4,450	26,700
Membership	1,811	2,134	12,805
Outreach	500	1,142	6,850
Property & Equipment	14,347	13,750	82,500
Stewardship	0	417	2,500
Worship & Music	830	984	5,900
Total Expense	95,290	101,784	610,690
Income Less Expense	(13,809)	(\$7,553)	(37,304)

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation

Presbyterian Women would like to extend a Special Thank-You to all the women, Pastor Vicki Rucker, and the guys— Pastor Kincaid, Isaac Blake, acolyte, and Scott Houser, organist—for their help and participation in Celebrate Women Sunday service March 8th.



PW presented Honorary Life Memberships to Phyllis Lindblom, Neva Carlisle and Mary Magnusson for their many years of service to PW. The honorarium includes a special pewter pin, certificate and a \$75 donation to leadership scholarships for young women.



Sunday Sale

Presbyterian Women will hold a Fair Trade sale in the parlor on April 5th. The new mint and almond chocolate bars were very popular in March. Coffee, both ground and whole beans, tea and chocolate products are always in stock. These "Taste of Justice" products can be purchased at the Sunday Sale or whenever the church office is open.

Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet Thursday, April 2, in the church parlor beginning at 9:30 a.m. Rae Bloom is hostess.

Circle 2 will meet Thursday, April 2, in Ramstad Hall, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Carol Zimmerman is hostess.

Circle 5 will meet Thursday, April 2, in the church parlor at 1:30 p.m.

Circle 3 will meet Saturday, April 4, 8:30 a.m., in the church conference room.

Home Communion

The congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper, April 12th. The pastors, elders or deacons will be glad to serve communion at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation. Please call Pastor Kincaid to schedule a time, 223-6091 ext. 11.



Munch 'n Mingle



Munch 'n Mingle is an adult fellowship group for singles and couples in the senior adult age range. Join the group on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at noon, in the Ramkota Dining Room. Meet new friends or catch up with longtime friends. No reservations required.

Family News

Deaths

Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died:

Ralph Werner, March 2009

Evelyn Steele, sister of Bob McCallum, February 2009

New Baby

Olivia Paige Lantz-Gagne, daughter of Reagan Lantz and Jason Gagne, Minot ND was born February 10, 2009. Grandparents are Dale and Georgene Lantz.

New Address

Matt Emerson, Good Samaritan, 213 9th St N, Oaks, ND 58474. A CaringBridge site to keep you up to date on Matt Emerson was created by his daughter. You are invited to visit at <http://caringbridge.org/visit/mattemerson>. You can check in on Matt, read the journal entries and send him messages by signing the guestbook. CaringBridge is a free, nonprofit web service that connects family and friends to share information, love and support during a health care crisis, treatment and recovery.

April Acolytes

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	10:00 AM
5—Palm Sunday	Emily Ehrens
12—Easter Sunday	Mark Jensen
19—Blue Grass	Isaac Blake
26	Riley Quick

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“He has risen,
See he is not here.
the place where they laid him.”
Mark 16:6

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Regular Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Our Staff

Pastor-Head of Staff	Rev. Dr. Jacob L. Kincaid
Associate Pastor for Program	Rev. Vicki J. Rucker
Administrative Assistant	Beth Lipp
Secretary	Vickie Haas
Organist	Jan Candee
Choir Director	Debi Rogers
Bell Choir Director	Lael Hoerauf
Custodian	Lloyd Fischer
Child Care Center Director	Shawn Stettner
Parish Nurse	JuLann Wiseman
Membership Services	Judy Lentz Barb Schulz

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Mission Statement First Presbyterian Church

We are a community called to love God
Through worship and prayer,

Receiving and serving our neighbors
With the compassion of Christ,

Open to new beginnings
And the spiritual growth
Of children, youth and adults.