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"Born Loser"

Jacob L. Kincaid, Minister

Born Loser in a recent installment of the comic strip converses with himself, saying: "... I bowled a 78 tonight ... This afternoon, I shot a 212 on the golf course! It's not that I'm bad at sports—I'm just playing the wrong game at the wrong time."

Not only is ability key to success; so is timing. If life seems plagued by failure, maybe the cause is not a lack of talent or opportunity, but a misapplication of skill to the wrong things at the wrong times.

Want success? Play the right game at the right time.

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

July 19, 2009

Summer time is picnic time. What could be more perfect than an inspirational outdoor worship service followed by a picnic lunch. On July 19, 2009, First Presbyterian Church will hold our annual outdoor worship and picnic at Sertoma Park under shelter #11.

The worship service will commence at 10 a.m. followed by a potluck picnic at 11 a.m. Chicken, buns, and beverages will be provided so bring your favorite salad, vegetable, or dessert (in a cooler) to round out the meal. Please bring your lawn chairs, paper plates, and utensils. Sertoma Park has a zoo and amusement park you may participate in at your expense.

Maps will be available in the church office and on the bulletin board in the narthex. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there for this time of learning, fellowship, and fun! In case of inclement weather, we will move to the church for worship and the potluck picnic.



DISCOVERY CANYON



Family Bible School

Are you looking for high adventure this summer in three fun-filled evenings of Bible study, activities, music, and art projects? Then you won't want to miss Vacation Bible School, August 10-12, open to all ages with a special focus on families attending together. Discovery Canyon Family Bible School will begin in Ramstad Hall at 5:45 p.m. with a light dinner, followed by Bible stories, small group activities, and art projects (pottery making with Kim Eslinger). On Wednesday, August 12, there will be a special "cook-out" at Jeff and Kim Eslinger's home.

Sign up in the church office, online or register on July 12 or July 26 in the church parlor. Each family unit is asked to pay \$10 to cover the cost of food and materials.

So pack up your family and join us in Discovery Canyon!

Put your Hand to Work

Preliminary plans are set for a work trip to Tokio, North Dakota on the Spirit Lake Reservation south of Devils Lake. Plans are to do light construction and assist with vacation Bible school. This trip is being coordinated with the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Alexandria, Virginia (Kathy Wachter's previous Church) and a youth group out of Illinois. At this point, the trip is planned for July 27-29.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact the church office and provide an e-mail address or your home mailing address. Once we have more information, the Outreach Committee will hold a meeting to update everyone!



PresbyReaders

July 22, 2009, 7 p.m.

*Three Cups of Tea:
One Man's Mission to Promote
Peace One School at a Time*
by Greg Mortenson

Join the discussion at Mr. Delicious.

Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

The church nominating committee invites your suggestions about church members who could serve our congregation as elders or deacons. Important qualities in church officers include:

Church Involvement

- Attendance at public worship
- Participation in church activities
- Offices held
- Services rendered

Christian Living in Daily Life

- Within the family
- At work
- In the community

Personal Characteristics and Skills

- Cooperativeness
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to follow through on assignments
- Openness to new ideas
- Maturity in judgment

Please offer your suggestions below:

For Elder I suggest:

For Deacon I suggest:

If you have served previously as an elder or deacon and are interested in another term and wish to be considered by the nominating committee, please place your name below.

Your Name

Please return this form to the church office or place it in the Sunday offering.

Fine Arts Festival Features Music

Music plays an integral role in the life of our congregation. From songs of praise and celebration, to songs of the seasons, to songs of sorrow and mourning, music enhances and enriches our worship and our lives. Likewise, music will be woven into our First Presbyterian Fine Arts Festival, "Celebrating Creation on the Prairie," September 11-13, 2009.

Music will be part of the festival from the opening preview, through the coffee house and the high tea, until the special worship Service on the 13th, Art Feeds the Soul. We plan to feature harps, bells, keyed instruments, and voices throughout the festival – a grand variety! If you would like to share your musical talent with our congregation members and with those from the community who will be visiting our church during the festival, please contact Karen Ehrens, 258-4596.



Hospitality Notes

God's people are to be hospitable because God was first hospitable to us.

Parish Nursing



JuLann Wiseman, R.N.

Why Go To Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!



Memorial Fund

In memory of Lester Flynn

Given by Jill Smyth

Given by Blanche Flynn

In memory of Ella Loo

Given by Edith Weber

Given by Bernie and Etta Schue

Given by Richard Weber

Given by Leo and Audre Goll

Given by Anonymous

In memory of Fran Koppang

Given by Richard Weber

In memory of Joan Fay

Given by Robert Orr

In memory of David Redman

Given by Deb Fode

In memory of Ralph Werner

Given by Evelyn Dendinger

In memory of Dorothy Bischof

Given by Alvin and Elaine Wittmaier

In memory of Doris Orr

Given by Richard Weber

In memory of Kay Perry

Given by Richard Weber

Scholarship Fund

In memory of Sarah Kleinschmidt

Given by Family and Friends

Given by Allen Kleinschmidt

Child Care Center Mission Fund

In memory of Ella Loo

Given by Gary and Jan Gilchrist

In memory of Alton Koppang

Given by Don and Kathy Henriksen

In memory of Fran Koppang

Given by Anita Minske

Given by Don and Kathy Henriksen

Given by Beth Lipp

Given by Chris and Dawn Henriksen

Given by Gary and Jan Gilchrist

Given by Kim and Juanita Hocking

Given by Jack and Ann Lynch

Given by James and Nanc Skaret

Given by Don and Lynne Bigwood

Christian Education Fund

In memory of Ella Loo

Given by Charles and Linda Chapman

In memory of Alton Koppang

Given by Charles and Linda Chapman

In memory of Fran Koppang

Given by Charles and Linda Chapman

Parish Nurse Fund

In memory of Alice Cunningham

Given by Hazel Buck and Family

Given by Grace Hoge

Given by Deb Halvorson

Given by Evelyn Bourgois

Given by Bernard Solberg

Given by Maysil Malard

Given by Edwin and Sherleen McCarty

Given by Judy and Kevin Engle and Family

Given by Helen Keller, Jan Keller

Gift of Giving

In memory of Fran Koppang

Given by Keith and Mary Magnusson

Statement of Activities

May 2009

Description	2009 YTD Actual	2009 YTD Budget	2009 Annual Budget
Income			
Offerings	201,336	193,405	448,071
Other Income	10,063	10,469	21,740
Transfers	33,265	40,583	103,575
Total Income	244,664	244,457	573,386
Expense			
Personnel	132,579	140,217	336,520
Administrative	11,060	12,896	30,950
Per Capita Assessment	12,235	12,235	29,365
Missions	29,244	29,854	71,650
Food & Kitchen	1,856	1,375	3,300
Session Expense	650	688	1,650
Christian Education	4,866	8,792	26,700
Membership	4,919	5,336	12,805
Outreach	937	1,396	6,850
Property & Equipment	32,907	34,375	82,500
Stewardship	0	1,042	2,500
Worship & Music	1,938	2,459	5,900
Total Expense	233,191	250,665	610,690
Income Less Expense	11,473	(6,208)	(37,304)



2009 Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Bismarck, has awarded college scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year.

The following students received scholarships from the Sam and Bertha Merritt Fund; Sorlie Scholarship; Ruth Robinson Fund; Sarah Kleinschmidt Fund; and Church Vocation totaling \$6,900: Thomas Johnson, Amy Kinnischtzke, Doug Bradford, Britlyn Sturlaugson, Emily Eslinger, Matt Beachey, Kaitlyn Sturlaugson, Sheila Hoberg, Katie House, Mariah Bradford, and Erin Hocking.

The Scholarship Program of First Presbyterian Church is an ongoing education ministry of the congregation, funded by endowments and members gifts. If you would be interested in making a gift to help fund scholarships, please contact the church office.

Munch and Mingle

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



Home Communion



The congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper, July 19. 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.

Sunday Sale

The Sunday Sale of Fair trade merchandise will be held, July 26 in the parlor.

July Acolytes	
10:00 AM	
5	Riley Quick
12	Isaac Blake
19	Gage Stephens
26	Mark Jensen

Family News

Deaths

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

Doris Orr, May 23, 2009

New Babies

Rhys Mason, son of David and Allison Mason, was born June 5, 2009. Big sister is Caelyn, and grandparents are Dave and Cathy Bliss.

New Address

Erin Hocking, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105



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Sunday Worship Schedule
Regular Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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

Our Staff

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

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Bismarck, North Dakota

A Vision

To be a welcoming, serving,
worshipping, and nurturing community.