



First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck, North Dakota

Here and NOW!

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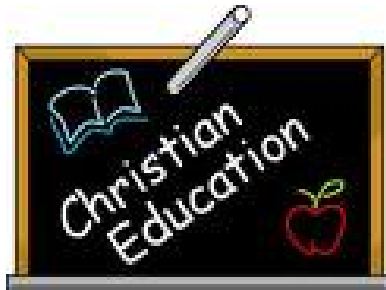
"A Little Better"

Jacob L. Kincaid, Minister

The Russian author Kafka is reportedly to have commented that the world was one of God's thoughts on one of his bad days.

The world with all its conflicts and inhumanity often looks to observing eyes as an experiment gone tragically wrong. Whatever God's original idea, the world now is far from whatever intention was at work in its creation. Any other assessment would be naïve.

But this is not cause for despair. Our challenge is by our own thoughtfulness to redeem the cause. Whether the world was a bad idea or not in the beginning, maybe we can make it better, if only a little. Perhaps, that was God's idea all along.



Christian Education News

Church School from pre-school through adult is in full swing. Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. for an hour of exploration, discussion and fellowship.

Children in the Faith Village (K-6th grade) begin a new rotation in January. They will learn about the life and ministry of John the Baptist. Workshops include drama, art, Bible variety, movie, science, and a cooking workshop which we will be making "John the Baptist Honey and Locust Snack Sticks." You don't want to miss this!

Adult Faith Formation will be heating up January with a series called "Hot Topics." Each Sunday we will explore a different topic from a Presbyterian/Reformed perspective. Topics on the schedule include health care reform, gun control, patriotism, atheism, and end of life issues. **This class meets downstairs in room 202 each Sunday at 9:00 a.m., beginning January 3, 2010.**

The first hot topic for January 3 will be *Agreeing to Disagree*.

The hot topic for January 10 will be *Health Care Reform*. Representative Earl Pomeroy will be here to talk about the new health care legislation moving through Congress and answer your questions about the bill and your concerns as it might affect you.

LOGOS

LOGOS (for children in grades 1-6) begins a new semester January 13th. If your child is not currently participating in LOGOS, now is a great time to begin. The cost of LOGOS is \$25 per child, (\$20 for the second child in a family). If you are interested in registering your child for LOGOS, please call Bertie Bishop at 255-0128 or the church office at 223-6091.

PresbyReaders

PresbyReaders will meet February 20, 2010. Our book is "*Abide With Me*" by Elizabeth Strout. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 24, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in Ramstad Hall. Both corporate and congregational business will be transacted, including election of at-large members of the 2010 nominating committee, review of 2010 budget, and review of ministers' terms of call.

Light refreshments will be served. If you have never attended, please consider attending this year.

Memorials Received

June through December 21, 2009

Memorial Fund

In memory of **Doris Orr**

Given by Robert and Linda Tonolli
 Given by Otto and Janet P. Reile
 Given by Grace Hoge
 Given by Sigrid Bucklin
 Given by Neva Carlisle
 Given by John Sakariassen
 Given by Alden Burris
 Given by Don and Lynne Bigwood
 Given by Mary Sherman
 Given by Eldora Kinnischtzke
 Given by Stan and Alice Halling
 Given by Luella Bowman

In memory of **Matt Emerson**

Given by Jerry and Phyllis Lindblom
 Given by Richard Weber
 Given by Richard and Irene Iverson
 Given by Paul and Tammy Millner
 Given by C.G. and Delores James
 Given by Norman and Jane Schaubert
 Given by Don and Lynne Bigwood
 Given by Gordon Emerson
 Given by Jim and Nanc Skaret
 Given by Otto and Janet Reile

In memory of **Kay Perry**

Given by Gary and Jan Gilchrist

In memory of **Aldeen Taylor**

Given by Winnie Woodmansee

In memory of **Doris Potter**

Given by Richard Weber
 Given by Michael Furrow
 Given by South Carlton Operating Company

Memorial Fund Continued

In memory of **Rae Bloom**

Given by Ronald and Neva Carlisle
 Given by Donald and Lynne Bigwood
 Given by Richard Weber
 Given by Letha Lewis
 Given by Gary and Janet Gilchrist

In memory of **Irvin Jordre**

Given by David and Joan Leer

In memory of **Avis Jordre**

Given by Karen Pierce
 Given by Nyle and Ann Jordre
 Given by Lorren and Ardis Jordre

In memory of **George Tonolli**

Given by Kenneth and Debra Klug
 Given by Winston and Barbara Satran

In memory of **Mark Bayert**

Given by John Sakariassen
 Given by Margaret McMorro
 Given by Richard Weber
 Given by Robert and Linda Tonolli

Church School Fund

In memory of **Mark Bayert**

Given by Charles and Linda Chapman

Deacon Fund

In memory of **Mark Bayert**

Given by Pam and Fred Helbling

Lester Flynn Fund

In memory of **Tom Smyth**

Given by Blanche Flynn

In memory of **Lester Flynn**

Given by Blanche Flynn

Memorials Continued

Music Fund

In memory of **Doris Orr**

Given by Vern and Barb Johnson

In memory of **Matt Emerson**

Given by Vern and Barb Johnson

In memory of **Irvin Jordre**

Given by Vern and Barbara Johnson

Given by Vi Jordre

Given by Bill and Ann Pearce

Given by Judy Kocis

In memory of **Avis Jordre**

Given by Viola Jordre

Given by Herby and Sandy Kahl

Given by Judy Kocis

Given by Bill and Ann Pearce

Given by Marage Schaffner

Given by Vern and Barbara Johnson

In memory of **Irvin and Avis Jordre**

Given by Otto and Jae Reile

In memory of **Maragret Welch**

Given by Vern and Barbara Johnson

Christian Ed Fund

In memory of **Doris Orr**

Given by Charles and Linda Chapman

In memory of **Matt Emerson**

Given by Jack and Ann Lynch

Christian Ed Fund Continued

In memory of **Irvin Jordre**

Given by Stephen and Dawn Churchill

Given by Dawn Churchill

Given by Saxvik School Staff

Given by Lu Bowman

Given by Lindsey Dirk

Given by Rita Klemin

Childcare Center Mission Fund

In memory of **Doris Potter**

Given by Janet Daley Jury

In memory of **Rae Bloom**

Given by Janet Daley Jury

In memory of **Jennie Moum**

Given by Kim and Juanita Hocking

In memory of **Irvin Jordre**

Given by Roger and Judy Maczura

Given by Carol Summers

In memory of **Irvin and Avis Jordre**

Given by Judy Kocis

Given by Gary and Karen Nelson

In memory of **mother of Alice Nix**

Given by Pat Keller

Given by Winston and Barbara Satran

In memory of **Mark Bayert**

Given by Kim and Juanita Hocking

Given by Kenneth and Debra Klug

Parish Nursing



JuLann Wiseman, R.N.
Parish Nurse

"LOOK UP!"

THE BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

THE BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom.. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem! Just look up. Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, but faith looks up!

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.

Dinners for Eight



If you enjoyed the Progressive Dinner or would like to meet new friends and renew old friendships, this is a great opportunity.

This group is for couples and singles. Groups of approximately 6-8 people will meet at a host's house for a light meal and time of Christian fellowship.

Times and places will be decided by each individual group. The idea is for each group to meet at least 4 times between January and May.

Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

If you have any questions about these gatherings, please call Phyllis Lindblom at 255-4525.

Statement of Activities

November 2009

Description	2009 YTD Actual	2009 YTD Budget	2009 Annual Budget
INCOME			
Offerings	425,872	411,690	448,071
Other Income	19,674	16,885	21,740
Transfers	70,339	95,933	103,575
Total Income	515,885	524,508	573,386
EXPENSE			
Personnel	287,802	308,476	336,520
Administrative	29,399	28,370	30,950
Per Capita Assessment	26,917	26,917	29,365
Missions	60,357	65,679	71,650
Food & Kitchen	3,215	3,025	3,300
Session Expense	690	1,512	1,650
Christian Education	11,562	25,141	26,700
Membership	7,211	11,737	12,805
Outreach	4,607	6,570	6,850
Property & Equipment	70,268	75,625	82,500
Stewardship	642	2,291	2,500
Worship & Music	2,743	5,408	5,900
Total Expense	505,417	560,757	610,690
Income Less Expense	10,469	(36,248)	(37,304)



Women's Circles

Circle 1- Thursday, January 7, 9:30 a.m.

Circle 2 - Thursday, January 7, 1:00 p.m.

Circle 5 - Thursday, January 7, 1:30 p.m.

Circle 3 - Saturday, January 9, 8:30 a.m.

January Acolytes

10:00 AM

3	Gage Stephens
10	Seth Quick
17	Mark Jensen
24	Hailey Massey
31	Olivia Bachmeier



Hospitality Notes

Practicing Christian Hospitality isn't about glittering, glamorous table settings or platters of picture-perfect food; it's about practicing servanthood right in the middle of your practical Christianity. More important, it's about loving others through Christ and making people feel special.

Kathy Chapman Sharp

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, January 13, at noon in the Ramkota dining room. Meet new friends or catch up with long-time friends. No reservations required.

Home Communion



The congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper, *Sunday, January 3rd*.

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.

Family News

Deaths

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

Irvin Jordre died on November 5, 2009.

Avis Jordre died on November 22, 2009.

George Tonolli, father of Bob Tonolli died on November 20, 2009.

Joseph Ruzicka, Bemidji, MN, father of Wayne Ruzicka died on December 16, 2009.

Family News

Deaths

Pastor Mark Bayert died on December 9, 2009. He was a former pastor at the First Presbyterian Church.

Contact information for Pastor Mark's family is as follows:

Carol Bayert
2100 W. 86th St.
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 881-7154

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this time of great sorrow.

Births

Sofia Wilhelmina Tavaras Chapman was born on November 16, 2009 to Marc and Rebecca Chapman, Washington, DC. Paternal Grandparents are Casey and Linda Chapman, Bismarck, ND.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Office Hours Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Church Staff

Pastor-Head of Staff	Rev. Dr. Jacob L. Kincaid
Associate Pastor	Rev. Vicki J. Rucker
A.A., Program and Communications	Janell Rath
A.A., Business and Finance	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
Membership Services	Elise Hocking

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A Vision

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