

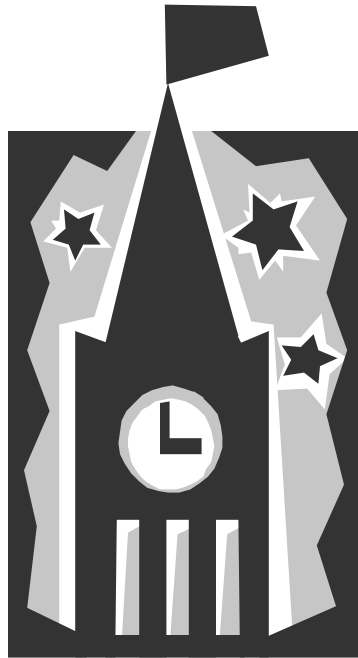
COMMUNITY CALL

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SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to turn your clocks *for-ward* one hour on Sunday, April 6th when Daylight Savings Time Ends.



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!



This is a reminder to assemble those unwanted items for our annual Men's Rummage Sale. Last year we had a really successful sale because of the numerous items donated by our parishioners. We hope you will be as generous this year. The sale is on April 5th from 9-4 at the Veterans Memorial Arena next to West Fargo High School. Donations can be left off at the Arena from 1-8 on Friday, April 4th or on Saturday morning, April 5th.

The best way to deliver the materials is to enter 10th Ave. (road south of the High School) and go in the delivery entrance for the school. The double door on the southwest corner of the Arena is the entrance to our area. We would prefer, if possible, you to deliver the items to the school. However, if you are unable to bring them to us, we will come and pick them up. To have items picked up, call 282-4942.

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APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

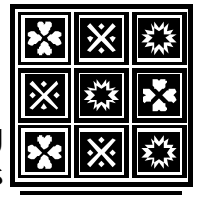
BIRTHDAYS

- 4-1 Jessica Crane
Susan Gross
- 4-2 Becky DeJong
- 4-5 Veril Larson
Robert Meyer
- 4-6 Josh Corneliussen
- 4-6 Brent Talley
- 4-8 Hazel Yokom
- 4-13 Jon Whitcomb
Krista Whitcomb
Leah Whitcomb
- 4-14 Cathy Birrenkott
- 4-16 Bryan Reidinger
Michael Rubio
- 4-18 Kathy LaCoe
- 4-19 Beverly Montgomery
- 4-19 Mandi Montgomery
- 4-20 Ruby Hendrickson
Lynn Hummel
- 4-23 Zaryn Hansen
- 4-25 Audrey Binger
- 4-26 Debra Olson
- 4-27 Emma DeJong
Andrew Thostenson
- 4-28 Lorna Wilkinson
- 4-30 Delbert Jenner
Carolyn Talley

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4-2-77 – Greg and Carol Sterup
- 4-3-54 – Bill and Beverly Montgomery
- 4-9-88 – Dwight and Lisa Steffen
- 4-12-95 – David and Nancy Stedman
- 4-13-68 – Denny and Carol Braaten
- 4-21-79 – Larry and Vicki Peihl
- 4-21-89 – Gary and Tammy Bahls
- 4-30-66 – Larry and Uneva Dobrinz

QUILT RAFFLE UPDATE



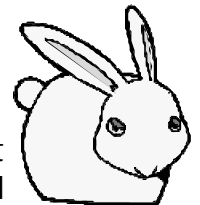
Our Raffle Fundraiser for new sanctuary carpet is going strong. The congregation's response has been tremendous. Everyone has really pitched in to buy and sell raffle tickets.

We will also be selling raffle tickets at the church rummage sale on April 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Arena. Volunteers are needed to sit at the table and sell tickets during the rummage sale. If you can help, give Carol Sterup a call at 292-6603.

Many thanks go out to our talented quilt makers: Karen Anderson, Carol Braaten, Uneva Dobrinz, Marlys Martin, Boots Misheski, and Carol Sterup. Also a special thanks goes to Susan Gross for copying, cutting, and stapling all our raffle booklets.

If you want more tickets, or are returning ticket stubs and money, please see Carol Sterup during coffee time. The drawing for the quilt will be May 4th. Thanks to everyone for making this fundraiser a huge success.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 12 from 10:00-12:00. All kids are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities. We need help from all Easter bunnies. Please send a bag of wrapped candy to the church by Sunday, April 6. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Steffen (282-5308) or Becky DeJong (281-8122). Keep Hopping!!!

FEBRUARY SESSION NOTES

The Session and Trustees met on February 27, one week later than normal, which accounts for not having these notes in the March newsletter.

The Session and Trustees considered a request from the Creative Learning Pre-School to have a sign advertising the school on the church front lawn. The Trustees will look into this and report back at the March meeting.

The Trustees are also looking into making some changes in the location of the pastor's office and secretary's office. The feeling is that the pastor's office needs to be a place where the pastor can have some privacy to meet with people and that the current pastor's office should be kept open for adult Sunday School, church meetings, and an assembly area for mourners at funerals. Troy Montgomery was elected president of the Trustees and Scott Meyer was elected secretary.

The Session voted to conduct the One Great Hour of Sharing offering this year. Bonnie Thompson will coordinate the publicity and gathering of the offering.

The church will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. At the March meeting, the Session will look into what type of observance we might have.

The PW was given permission to hold a quilt raffle with proceeds to be put into a fund to replace the church carpeting.

Bonnie Thompson will be the church's representative at the May Presbytery meeting in Jamestown.

Adam, Stacy and Tara Gulsvig were placed on the Inactive List .

Approval was given for Timothy and Annette Pella to have their daughter, Kelsey Marie baptized on March 2, 2003.

A request from the women of the church to hold a cookie sale on April 6th and 13th was approved with proceeds going to the Cuddle Up Program.

The Worship Committee reported that no pastor was available for Ash Wednesday so there was to be no service. There will be a dinner on Maundy Thursday and a special worship service. (Pastor House will be in the pulpit, and there will be communion).

The PNC made a report on their activities.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

WANTED!!!!
Enthusiastic,
Energetic and
Organized
Vacation Bible School
Coordinator



The church and the Sunday School children NEED you to coordinate and organize a week-long VBS program. We have materials at the church to use, or new materials can be ordered to suit your needs. Our efforts last summer were not focused 100% on the program which led to the decision to cancel VBS. Please don't let that happen this year. Contact Lisa Steffen (282-5308) or Becky De-Jong (281-8122) if this is the job for you!

MARCH SESSION NOTES

The regular meeting of the Session and Trustees was held on Thursday, March 20, 2003 in the church office.

The Session approved a request from the Trustees to hire a contractor to sheet rock the walls in the old library, in the secretary's office, and the north wall of the narthex. He will also add texture to the walls and paint them. Included in the bid were carpeting, new lighting fixtures and outlets. The Session authorized the spending of \$3,300 for this project.

The PNC reported that they have been holding meetings twice a week and have received information from several candidates for the pastor position. They are in the process of reviewing tapes from the candidates with whom they are interested and also in conducting telephone interviews.

Boots Misheski and Kathy Moe will head a task force to plan for the observance of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our church. They will recruit at least 3 members from the congregation and the observance will be held in September.

A request from Becky DeJong and Lisa Steffen to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to noon for the children was approved.

A request for membership was received from Jennifer Jaskowiak. This will be acted on at the April 10th meeting after two elders have visited with Jennifer.

There will be an ad in the Fargo Forum regarding the Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Worship services.

The Session will meet at a Special Meeting on April 23rd to receive the Confirmation Class into membership of the

church. This will be a pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. David Ruhnke will be the Moderator for this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2003-2004

Look for the new teacher sign-up sheet for Sunday School 2003-2004. The sign-up sheet will be posted in April. Please check your calendars and make a commitment to sign up for a month or two..... of teaching. You will benefit greatly from this experience by getting to know the youth of our church and getting to understand God better. New units are taught every month. As a teacher, you would teach the same lesson four different times to each of the Sunday School classes. The following is a list of teachers from 2002-2003. Please talk to any of these teachers about their experience or call Becky DeJong (281-8122) or Lisa Steffen (282-5308) with any questions. We look forward to seeing your signature on the sign-up sheet!!!

Melissa Barentsen
Cathy Birrenkott
Brenda Bjorklund
LeAnn Carlson
Becky DeJong
Lee Dobrinz
Lia Dobrinz
Melanie Hansen
Becki Hummel
Melissa Gross
Debbie Matzke
Carolyn Meester
MaryJo Moorhead
Janine Steele
Karen Steele
Jill Swart
Carey Talley
Bonnie Thompson
Gayle Thostenson



PNC REPORT: Telephone Interviews and Reference Checks Underway

The PNC is happy to report that we have found some viable candidates. By the time this newsletter is read, we will have had telephone conference call interviews with four people and perhaps one or two more will be scheduled for the first or second week in April.

Once a telephone conference call interview is completed, the PNC then needs to decide whether or not calls to references are in order. We are checking references on two of the four interviewees and perhaps references will be checked on one or two more people as the interviews with them are completed.

Once references have been contacted, the next stage will be to have background checks made by our Executive Presbyter. When that is completed, the PNC will need to decide who or whom should be invited to West Fargo for face to face interviews. In addition to direct interviews, the candidate(s) will preach a sermon in a neutral pulpit at one of our sister churches in the presbytery.

The PNC is working aggressively. We are meeting a couple of times a week to conduct interviews or to watch sermon tapes and many members are calling and e-mailing four or five candidates or references between formal meetings. The work load is intense, but the fact that we are making progress makes the exercise bearable.

Your prayers for our efforts are especially welcome. Please ask for God's continuing presence in our deliberations and also pray that the members of the PNC will continue to be physically and mentally strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

APRIL SERVICES

The month of April's featured preachers are as follows:

April 6—Dr. Charles House
 April 13-Cantata
 April 17-Dr. Charles House
 April 20-Dr. Charles House
 April 27-Andrew Thostenson
 High School Special Music

BAKE SALE



Get ready to bake or to eat and mark April 6th and April 13th on your calendars. Presbyterian Women will be having a bake sale on those two Sundays.

Bakers please bring your goodies to the church office. The monies raised by this bake sale will go to the Cuddle Up mission fund.

SPRING CLEANING

It is time for our bi-annual Food Drive. We will be collecting non-perishable food items on April 6 and 13. Start cleaning those cupboards!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 13th
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL <i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 20th
Confirmation Sunday	May 4th
Senior Recognition Potluck	May 18th
Last day of Sunday School	