

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## HOMESPUN GOSPEL IS COMING!

Homespun Gospel, old-time gospel with a touch of country, will be coming to our church Sunday, November 24. Come sit a spell and listen while they sing and tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving weekend</i> Hanging of the Greens	December 1st
Christmas Program Potluck	December 15th
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL <i>Christmas Break</i>	December 22 & December 29
Sun. School Resumes	January 5th
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 13th
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL <i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 20th
Confirmation	May 4th
Senior Recognition Potluck	May 18th
Last day of Sunday School	

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**NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER****BIRTHDAYS**

- 11-1 Chris Larson  
 11-3 Mary Bastle  
       Dave Ruhnke  
 11-5 Jarrett Meester  
       Ardis Sherwood  
 11-7 Cecil Barthalomew  
 11-8 Adam Montgomery  
 11-9 Shannon Hayes  
 11-10 Jim Martin  
       Susan McIntyre  
       Vicki Peihl  
 11-14 Seth Whitcomb  
 11-15 Tina Bastle  
 11-15 Breanna Olson  
       Heidi Reidinger  
 11-17 Mary DeJong  
 11-18 Brianne Montgomery  
 11-19 Kayla Videen  
 11-20 Lindsey Moe  
 11-21 Marcella Bahls  
       Brent Montgomery  
 11-22 Jill Swart  
 11-24 Harriet Diede  
       Bob Gross  
 11-24 Doug Saari  
 11-28 Kyle Kassman

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11-13-94–Troy and Leann Montgomery  
 11-29-74 – Jon and Vicky Whitcomb  
 11-29-86 – Tom and Becky DeJong

**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN'S  
FALL BAZAAR**

The 2002 annual PW Bazaar was a great success! With a good turn out and a huge array of goodies to buy, sales took in over \$1400. This year, buyers were not only treated to the selection of traditional white elephants, but also to an array of crafts and baked goods. For refreshment, hot caramel rolls and a baked potatoes were available for purchase. Leftover white elephant items were donated to the New Life Center.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

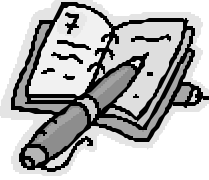
There is a need for someone to sit at the church a couple of hours per day for the month of November. One would only need to answer the telephone and be there to direct those who come for help to the correct person such as one of the elders or the Clerk of Session. Interested? Please call Delores Horn, 282-4501.

**AFTERNOON CIRCLE**

The Afternoon Circle met on October 8th at Jiggs Restaurant. An informative lesson was presented by Louise Johnson on women of the Middle East.

Next week, we will begin studying "No Longer Strangers, A Study of the Letter to the Ephesians." Please come and join us November 12th for the noon meal and an enjoyable time studying the Bible.

## OCTOBER SESSION NOTES



Session met on October 17th.

Discussed was the "boiler project" which has begun. We are on the waiting list to have the gas lines dug. Weather will play a major role on whether or not everything will be able to be installed yet this fall.

The church secretary position has not been filled and is being advertised.

A good deal of time was spent on the church mission statement. There are to be conversations with different members of the church with these questions: Who are we as a church? Where is our congregation heading? There are several meetings planned with the Session, the Pastor Nominating Committee, and other members of the congregation between October and the year's end. A first draft should be complete by December 8th.

Next, the discussion went to the church's membership roll. It was agreed to collect the addresses of our college-aged members so that the church can stay in contact with them through newsletters, etc.

Last, the idea of a church brochure was discussed. This would be a method of contacting new families who have moved to West Fargo and an adjunct to phone calls of inquiry or personal contact with visitors to our church.

Submitted by Bonnie Thompson

## PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

At the September 29<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting, members to the Pastor Nominating Committee or PNC were formally elected. They met for the first time as a group on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dave Ruhnke was selected as the chair and Andrew Thos-tenson was appointed as vice chair. Secretarial duties will be rotated on a weekly basis among all members. Melissa Barenthsen was selected by the group to act as the PNC's chaplain. The PNC decided to meet weekly on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm.

At the time of this writing, the PNC has met formally on three occasions. Discussions have centered around the organization of the group, reviewing background information about the search process, and exploring the characteristics or traits that would be desirable for our next pastor. Over the next several weeks the PNC will be working with a special ad hoc committee, the Session, and the church membership as a whole to define a statement of mission or purpose for our church. Ultimately this process will be used to describe our church to prospective pastor candidates and direct us in spreading the Good news over the next couple of years.

Please pray for God's wisdom for the PNC. And, pray also that our church will continue to follow the path that God has chosen for us.





### YOUNGER YOUTH NEWS

On October 4th, about 25 adults and children jumped into Fall with an old-fashioned hay ride. In addition to the evening ride, kids busied themselves with games and roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. They also picked Indian corn and apples. All in all, it was a fun night to remember!

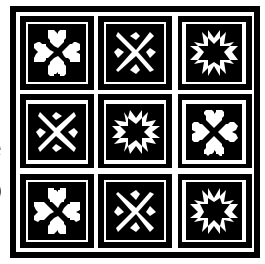


Stay tuned for more younger youth fun in the upcoming weeks!

### NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL

Clean out your cupboards and fill up the shelves of the food pantry. Food donations will be accepted in the narthex on Sunday, November 17th and 24th.

### QUILTERS! QUILTERS! QUILTERS!



The women of the church would like to make a quilt that would be raffled in the spring.

We want to make the blocks before quilters fly south for the winter.

Don't fear; we will pick an easy pattern. Maybe you no longer sew, but you have fabric in the attic. We want to hear from you too. If you are interested, call Carol Sterup at 293-6603.

### NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL LOOK

You may not have noticed yet, but next time you're in the fellowship hall, take another look. No longer a temptation for younger children, the Creative Learning Preschool equipment is now enclosed by three giant dividers. The dividers, also portable bulletin boards for the use of the preschool staff, are the creation of Larry Peihl. Thanks, Larry, for sharing your fine craftsmanship and solving an ongoing problem.

### BOILER PROJECT UPDATE

An order has been placed for the gas trenching for the new boiler unit. Donations have reached \$11,700. THANK YOU! \$2,000 is needed for this project to be complete.

