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Happy Fathers Day



Fathers are Hero's that walk among us.

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Happy Birthday to :

June Birthdays

- 4 Skylar Thomas
 - 7 John Lytle Jr
 - 10 Scott Lundgren
 - 15 Stephen Holm
 - 16 Ed Timm
 - 17 Donna Magnus
 - 23 Danny Brown
 - 23 Rowen Cameron
- ### Happy June Anniversaries
- 6 Marshall and Jean Janssen
 - 13 Bruce and Beth Holm
 - 14 Dennis and Deanna Lundgren
 - 21 Tal and LaRee Farnham
 - 22 Bert and Lisa Kuehl
 - 29 Dave and Diane DeMarteleare
 - 30 Steve and Georgi Jensen

Church Cleaning Crew:

- Thelma Brandt
- Laura Tjernagel

Ushers & Acolyte

- May Ushers:
Dennis and Deanna Lundgren

Acolyte:

Liturgists

- 1 Ed Timm
- 8 Susan Sudtelgte
- 15 Virginia Fixsen
- 22 Linda Kampmann
- 29

Pastor's Desktop

No report. Pastor Daren is on vacation.

Parish Board Meeting

The United Parish Board met on May 14th, 2008 at 7pm in the church basement. Officers in attendance were President Ed Timm, Financial Secretary Donna Magnus, Treasurer Dawn Boltjes, and Secretary Carrie Thompson. Others in attendance were Carol Styf, Linda Kampmann, and Pastor Daren Junker. Ed called the meeting to order and Pastor Daren gave opening prayer. The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Dawn Boltjes. It was discussed how to make payment for the Pastor's salary. The report was approved.

Beginning Balance 3-31-08	\$111.89
April Income	4155.09
April Expenses	<5238.26>

Ending Balance 4-30-08	\$-971.28
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The Financial Secretary's Report was given by Donna Magnus and approved.

Passbook Savings

Building Fund- \$6,122.24

Memorial Fund-\$1,231.69

General Savings-\$1,014.23

Building Fund CD's-\$67,326.34

Money Market- \$67,866.27

Total Funds-\$143,561.90

Gain of \$1,501.49

Land rent on our property was paid by Mike Ponto. It was put into the Money Market Fund for upcoming taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PPR- no report

Trustees- Nancy replaced the rope on the bell. Repairs to the Parsonage plumbing issues were done. The reseeding of the Peace Lot were checked into and will be attended to when it warms up. Denny and Troy looked into the issues with the eave spouts coming away from the Parsonage roof and found many bad shingles and bad boards underneath.

Christian Ed- no report

Missions- no report

UPW- The Mother's Day Program was held with 10 or 15 attending. It was very nice. The Senior Luncheon was held and went very well. Planning for the "Ladies Night Out" is under way.

Building Committee- nothing new to report, will be meeting soon with further discussion as to "What's next?".

Pastor's Report- Pastor Daren reported that he had made 2 phone/office visits this month. He held Cozy Corner Chapel Service and 1 Release Time. He held visitation and gave service for Edith Deter's funeral. He participated in the National Day of Prayer, attended the Senior Luncheon, and

the Brookings County presentation for Pandemic Preparedness Coordination . This committee was for mental health and clergy professionals. He has planned Sunday worship, prepared sermons prepared worship elements (praise song, liturgical prayers, MP3s) and conducted Sunday Worship Services. He has printed Sunday bulletins and written article for the Echo. He is available 24 hours for crisis to church members and school.

OLD BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from the FSA office were received for the crop acres on our land. These will be put with all the other papers that have to do with our land. Virginia Fixsen has requested to be added to the Membership Committee.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held the Wednesday before Harvest Festival at 7pm on June 11th, 2008.

Secretary, Carrie Thompson

Notes from Christian Ed:

Notes from Christian Ed - April 23, 2008

Attendees: Paster Daren, Georgie, Melissa, and LaRee.

Paster Daren had a follow up to confirmation. Students, Michael Junker has chosen Denny Lundgren to be his mentor.

Travis Stuefen's mentor is Ed Timm. They have books, purchased from Crossroads, that will guide them through 8 sessions. Next fall, when completed, Paster Daren will have a classroom type study with Michael and Travis.

We discussed upcoming events for May.

May 4 - last day of Sunday School

May 11 - Recognition of Teachers, Release time and SS students, SS Awards and Mother's Day

Future events:

July 20-22 - tentatively set for VBS

LaRee has contacted Carol McMahan and found out that this date is open t St Mary's. She also contacted Mary Ann

Stuefen and she will get back to her as to who at the Catholic church is on the committee for VBS . We will be doing the second part of the cowboy program.

Also discussed was having adult Sunday School. For review, Daren had a 10 week program called "Chasing Daylight" that the committee members will take turns looking through the book,video, and studying guide. If decided the material was good, then during SS hour the adults could gather for fellowship and study time at the church.

Another item Daren mentioned that the board wondered about having SS all year long and not take a summer break. For Melissa and I that both teach, we feel that it's hard enough finding teachers to teach during the school year and do want to keep the summer break.

LaRee Farnham
Chairman

UPW

The United Parish Women met for their annual Mother's Day/Memorial Day program on May 7th. There were wonderful poems and readings dedicated to mothers, and we took time to remember those of our church that passed away in the last year. Those remembered were Don Magnus, Dennis Kampmann, Marge Oppelt, Edith Deters, and Don Meyers.

Friends and family also shared a lovely lunch prepared by Beth Holm and Karen-Marie Bryanne.

Submitted by Sherry Bauman, UPW Secretary

Grape Vine

The UPW Ladies Night Out will meet at the church at 6pm to car pool to the Feathers Nest in Ward, SD on **THURSDAY** June 5,2008. We are hoping to have a speaker from the Domestic Abuse Shelter in Brookings. They have a need for items for the office. If you are able to gather some of these items you can bring them to the Ladies Night Out . The items needed are:

1. Copy paper
2. Post It Notes
3. Paper Clips
4. Staples
5. Postage Stamps
6. Pens
7. Pencils.

The ladies of the United Parish are invited to the Lake Benton UMW Guest night on June 11, 2008. It starts at 5:30pm so we will need to meet at our church at 5pm to car pool.

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The Mission committee will be introducing a variety of projects over the next few months. Our project for June will be to collect good, clean, wearable winter wear for infant to 18 year olds. These will go to the Indian Reservations. The school children are not allowed on the school buses if they don't have coats to wear. If they don't get on the bus they not only miss a day of education but also the two meals that are served at the school. If you can donate please bring them to the church during the month of June. It will be so appreciated

May Echo Sponsor

Don and Norma Krogman are our June Echo sponsors. The cost of postage went up an additional penny on May 12, but that shouldn't be as much of a hardship as previous increases. Thank you, Don and Norma, for your generosity and for all that you do for the Church.

God Bless you.

Dawn Boltjes, Treasurer

Food for thought

WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are

received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them. "I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed "How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments ."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy ."

"And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in

the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day ."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... you are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world! ."

"If your parents are still alive and still married ...you are very rare ."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair."

Ok, what now? How can I start?

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you want, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

ATTN:

Acknowledge Dept.: "Thank you Lord, for giving me the ability to share this message and for giving me so many wonderful people to share it with."

To Any Daddy

There are little eyes upon you,
And they're watching day by
day;

There are little ears that surely

Take in every word you say;

There are little hands all eager

To do everything you do.

There's a little boy who's
dreaming

of the day he'll be like you!

You're that little fellow's idol,

You're the wisest of the wise.

In his little mind, about you

No suspicions e'er arise;

He believes in you devoutly,

Holds that all you say or do

He will say and do, in your way,

When he's all grown up like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow

Who believes you're always
right;

His keen ears are always open

To catch your words, day or
night.

You are setting an example,

Every day, in all you do,

For the little boy who's wanting
to grow up to be like you

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