

# The First Epistle



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Happy Belated Birthday to Gil Woods. His birthday was April 10th. His birthday was omitted from the April birthday list.

Hope it was a happy day Gil!



## All-Church Rummage Sale

An All Church Rummage Sale will be held Mary 6-7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. It is quickly approaching! For this to be a success, your help is needed.

There are sign up sheets for help during the entire week, in addition to Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be made available, so kitchen help is also needed. Donations of bars for this lunch are also being sought.



If you have items that are no longer of use to you, please consider donating them to the rummage sale. Donations should be left in Room 1 or 9 in the CE wing of the church.

The proceeds from the sale will be used to make improvements to the parking lot, which is in dire need of help.

Please consider sharing your time, talents and sale items for this worthwhile cause.



## Vacation Church School

Monday - Thursday, June 6-9

9 am - Noon

for children ages 4 years through grade 5

Join us for a week of "Inside out and Upside Down on Main Street"



On Main Street, kids will be drawn into stories Jesus told about ordinary people in ordinary situations who acted in extraordinary ways! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out! Vacation Church School for children ages 4 years through grade 5 will meet from 9 am – noon each day. Invite a friend, neighbor, family member! Registration forms will be available on the table outside the sanctuary.

We have begun our planning and organizing for VCS and welcome your input and assistance. We will also need volunteer leaders and co-leaders of all ages. Contact Cheri Martin or Barb Worman to find out how you can join the fun!

Be sure to join us on Main Street where you can participate in an inside-out, upside down experience like no other and let Jesus make a difference in YOU!

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*Our mission is to be a caring community of God's people who live by Christ's teachings, reach out to others to share the love of God, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, thought, and action.*

## Presbyterian Clearwater Forest

It's not too late to make plans for some quality time out in God's amazing creation. Consider spending part of your summer at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest, a premier camp and conference facility near Brainerd, MN. Scholarships are available through Clearwater Forest. For more information check out the Clearwater Forest brochures in Fellowship Hall. Visit the Clearwater web site at [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) or call the camp office at 218.678.2325 for more information. Online registration is available again this year.



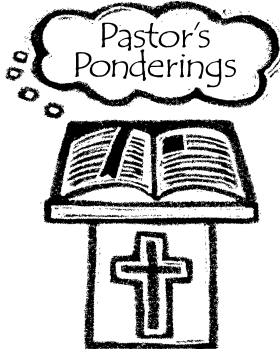
There are camp and conference opportunities for all ages and interests:

- Discovery Camp for grades 3-6 (traditional one week camp)
- Adventure Camp for grades 7-9 (traditional one week camp)
- Pedal, Paddle, Climb for teens
- Teen Arts Camp
- Wilderness camp for teens
- Two week Camp or Counselor-in-Training camp for sr. high youth
- Sea Kayaking camp for senior high youth
- Sr. High Beach Camp
- First-Timers Camp (four day camp for elementary age campers)
- Adult Adventures --Sailing or Sea Kayaking Family Camp
- Senior Retreat for older adults
- Grands Camp -- for grandparents and grandchildren
- Creative Arts Festival for all ages and families
- Chrysalis for adult women

## Birthdays



Jacqueline From	May 1
Marie Danielson	May 2
Amy Osborne	May 2
Patricia Pemble	May 3
Khamboun Phonethep	May 4
Jess Lenarz	May 5
Scott Ecker	May 6
Seth Fletcher	May 7
James Nelson	May 8
Ayesha Pemble	May 10
Agim Alijaj	May 11
Greta Larson	May 12
Caroline Osborne	May 12
Kim Kelsh	May 13
Sandra Gronhovd	May 15
Terry Nelson	May 23
Megan Schrader	May 23
Justin Conrad	May 25
Dan Olinger	May 25
Bonnie Erickson	May 27
Jay Erickson	May 27
William Schrader	May 29
William Homan	May 30
Nicole Hestbeck	May 31
Roberto Martinez	May 31
Jerald Munighan	May 31



I know a man who died several times. He was a severe drug addict. On several occasions he overdosed and his heart stopped. Fortunately, he was with friends and the medics were alerted in time to jump start his heart. But every time he was resuscitated he returned to the same destructive behavior. His life spiraled downward, his drug use escalated, and again he overdosed. The EMT medics were called several times to resuscitate him. But these were not resurrections.

Resurrection is something entirely different. A resurrection is rebirth into a new way of living. Resurrection is entering into fresh possibilities with hope, leaving old, destructive patterns behind. Resurrection can begin now and last forever. Resuscitation is often simply restarting the same old way of life. My friend whose heart stopped beating a number of times always went back to his bad habits. Mandatory time in rehab did little to divert his loyalty to death. He was resuscitated, not resurrected. Until that one evening.

His brother-in-law talked him into attending a worship service at his church. Something began to happen to the man that day. A spark of new insight began to flicker in his mind and heart. He does not recall any specific words from the pastor's friendly sermon. The hymns were all nice enough, many he knew from childhood. And the fellowship and refreshments were all excellent. He also enjoyed the contact from the pastor and several members during the week. People in the church helped the man get to his recovery meetings too. But it wasn't just one thing that stood out as the cause of his insight. It was the whole package; the life of the church, and the hope and love it carries enveloped the man. He began to feel God's love in his life working through the people and ministries of the church. He started to feel like he was being raised into a new life, new hope, new strength. Over time, with much prayer, hard work and learning, his drug use ceased. He was resurrected, not just resuscitated.

Could our church be the church that provides the environment in which someone could begin to experience resurrection? Can our church be the one that helps a person experience the God who is present always and everywhere? Will our church be the one that walks with the hurting and lonely so they can enjoy a resurrection and not just a resuscitation? I believe we can be that church. In fact, it is likely there are already people among us who are beginning to feel God's loving presence through the work we do. What a responsibility! What an honor! What a joy!

Peace,  
John



# Youth

## Younger Youth - grades 4-7

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – join us for the fun challenge of the climbing wall at Y West. We will have a quick lunch following worship and then get out to YMCA West at noon. Please bring \$5 toward expenses. Friends are welcome – please let us know ahead of time so we have enough drivers available. Each climber needs to have a YMCA Climbing Waiver with a parent's signature.

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – 3:40 pm – join us for the picnic in West Fargo

## Graduation Recognition

In addition to celebrating with our high school seniors, we would like to acknowledge and celebrate the graduations of other church family members. This would include tech school, college, community college, military training, graduate programs, etc. If you have a family member (here in town or far away) who will be graduating this year please email the relevant information to the church office at [admin@firstpresmhd.org](mailto:admin@firstpresmhd.org) or call the church at 233-1192 so we can include their accomplishments in this year's recognition efforts.



## Senior Recognition

Join us on Sunday, May 22nd as we take time to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating high school seniors.

Recognition events will be a part of the worship service on May 22nd plus we will have a reception for the graduates during coffee hour that day.



## Older youth - grades 8-12

We have just three more Wednesday meetings for this school year (please note the times for each week's activities):

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 - 8:15 pm -- the church is holding a rummage sale on May 6 and 7 (Friday & Saturday) so the youth group will spend this Wednesday evening helping get stuff ready for the sale. We can help sort sale items and place price stickers on items. Help us raise funds to fix the parking lot!

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 – 8:15 pm - we'll hang out at church and hopefully (finally?) be able to play outdoors

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Last Night! Supper at a restaurant (seniors get to choose the location). We plan to leave the church when confirmation class ends at 6:30 p.m. and return at 8:30 pm.

Confirmation class will continue to meet each Wednesday through May 18<sup>th</sup>.



*Join us for a fun evening with friends ---- make new friends!*

**Youth from the West Fargo, Casselton, Jamestown, Fargo and Moorhead Presbyterian churches are invited for a picnic supper and games**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> for all youth in grades 4 - 12**

We will meet at the Moorhead church at 3:40 p.m. to car pool to Rendezvous Park in West Fargo. We plan to be back to Moorhead around 7:00 pm. The Moorhead church will be providing the meat, buns & condiments. We will need parents to drive and help cook the dogs & brats. Contact Cortez, Scott or Barb if you can help.

Join us for this great end-of-the year event! Invite a friend to join us!



# News and Events

## Community Outreach Course

On Thursday, May 26, Walt Worman will be presenting a session on Genealogy from 7-8:30 p.m. If you have questions, or other topic ideas, contact Loretta Wickie at 233-0048.

Courses are being promoted through various media, including InForum/Forum/WDAY Community Calendar, KVLV/KXJB Community Calendars and High Plains Reader.

## Christian Education News

- Bibles will be presented to second graders on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am worship service.
- The last week of church school classes and children's worship for this school year will be Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Thank you to this year's dedicated and caring Christian Education leaders: Ken Covey, Walt Worman, Beth Postema, Diane Wray-Williams, Kim Kelsh, Peggy Johnson, Jane Lobitz, Tracie Eeten, Cheri Martin, Scott Ecker, Patty Conrad, Pegi Ecker and Barb Worman.
- Thank you also to the many nursery volunteers for their loving care of the little ones and to Kathy McKaig for coordinating the nursery again this year.
- Thank you to our awesome volunteer youth leaders: Cortez Galmore and Scott Ecker. Way to go! Great job!

## Spring Salad Luncheon

The Cormorant Lutheran Church Women's Spring Salad Luncheon will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11am. Come, enjoy fellowship, a wonderful display of quilts and lunch featuring a variety of salads and desserts, plus a fascinating program by quilter, Karol Bruggeman from Sauk Centre, MN. A free will offering will be accepted. The church is located at 14314 County Highway 4, Lake Park, MN. 218-532-2694

## Dorothy Day Food Pantry

We will serve Monday, May 23 at 6:15 p.m. Please consider serving the 4th Monday of each month with your church congregation. It is great fellowship and helps out the pantry in a very important mission. We cannot do it without you!

If you have any questions, please contact Marilynn Woods at 236-9917.



Our awesome God has once again created a beautiful child. A boy, seven pounds even, was born to Adam & Robyn Christopher of Bemidji. The little lad was named Kalen Grant Christopher.

Thanks Be to God from Kalen's maternal grandmother, Gayle J. Mostad.

## Member News

- Kim Kelsh has joined Prudential Premier Real Estate in Fargo as a member of the sales team. She has more than 10 years of experience in real estate and 30 years of experience in business and marketing.
- Gerald L. VanAmburg is retiring from the biology department at Concordia College after 42 years. An open house reception in his honor will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday in Jones Science Center Room 240 on the Concordia campus. VanAmburg earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Fort Hays State University, and he received his doctorate from Texas A&M University. He served as chairman of the biology department at Concordia for more than 20 years and led several biology May seminar trips and a semester abroad to India.

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