

The First Epistle



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Sunday, May 9

Pentecost Offering - Sunday, May 23rd

This annual offering of the Presbyterian Church USA is dedicated to ministries which seek to meet the needs of at risk children and youth. 40% of our Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 23rd will stay in our local community. This year we will be giving this portion to the Nokomis Child Care Center.

Nokomis Child Care Center plays a unique role in the Fargo–Moorhead community. While providing traditional child care in a nurturing, safe, stimulating environment for families able to pay for the care, the program also fills a need for families with special needs, both financial and emotional. Nokomis provides a place for all children to thrive and grow, regardless of their needs. Nokomis' two child care centers in Fargo (618 23rd St. South and 1620 16th Ave. South) provide care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers as well as before/after school child care for older children. Nokomis Child Care Centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC accreditation represents the mark of quality in early childhood education. To achieve NAEYC accreditation, early childhood education programs volunteer to be measured against the most robust and rigorous national standards on education, health and safety.

In December 2009, *The Forum* reported that Nokomis Child Care Center was \$170,000 to \$200,000 in the red and was considering cutting

services to survive if donations or grants didn't fill the gap. In addition, last fall's recession increased demand at Nokomis, which at any time may have 50 to 70 percent of the children in its care coming from families that receive a government subsidy. 70 percent of the 161 children at Nokomis' two sites have special needs that have made them difficult to place in other child care centers. Parenting groups are offered the opportunity to meet at the facilities in the evenings for group parenting counseling offered by outside parties and the daycare provides free child care for the event. This encourages parents and guardians of the center and others to seek and get help and support outside of the normal day care setting and benefits the community at large. Nokomis child care offers the needed help that many low income families as well as special needs children in the area would not otherwise receive.

Our donations to the Pentecost Offering can help demonstrate our support of this vital service for children and families in our community. Please help support children and youth with your donation to the Pentecost Offering. There will be Pentecost Offering envelopes in the pew pockets.



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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 been a gorgeous spring ... and that makes us even more anxious to get out and enjoy some summer fun. So start making your plans for some quality time out in God's amazing creation. Consider spending part of this summer at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest, a premier camp and conference facility near Brainerd, MN. Scholarships are available through Clearwater Forest.

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



For more information check out the Clearwater Forest brochures in Fellowship Hall. Talk with families who have been to Clearwater - Herman's, Postema's, Worman's, or Pastor Nancy. Visit the Clearwater web site at www.clearwaterforest.org or call the camp office at 218.678.2325 for more information. Online registration is available again this year.

Youth

All youth in grades 4 - 12

Sunday, May 16th - 5:40 p.m.

Supper and games with Community Presbyterian Church, West Fargo

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

We will meet at the Moorhead church at 5:40 p.m. to car pool to Armour Park in West Fargo (just north of Main Avenue near Sheyenne Street). We plan to be back to Moorhead by 8:30 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.

NOTE: This event will replace the picnic that we had originally planned on this date for grades 4-7 at Pastor Nancy's home.

Youth Group Events for Senior High (grades 8-12)

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

April 28th -- Outdoor Fun at Gooseberry Park (weather permitting) - Meet at church at 7 p.m. Bring a friend!

May 5th - Thunder Road (mini-golf & go-karts). Meet at church at 6:30 pm to car pool to Thunder Road. Please bring \$5. Friends are welcome!

May 12th - Last Night! Supper at a restaurant (seniors get to choose the location)
Meet at church at 6 p.m.

2010 Synod School, July 25-30 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA

At Synod School we gather in a Christian community to worship, learn, and give thanks to God for one another and the mission to which we are called. We offer a variety of FUN opportunities for children, youth and adults. Synod School is also an excellent continuing education opportunity with special classes for pastors, commissioned lay pastors, church educators and other church professionals.

For information contact: Diana Barber at dbarber@lakesandprairies.org or 800-328-1880, ex. 207, or Bob EnTin at bobentin@mchsi.com.

Synod School 2010



"So many people having so much fun while examining issues related to faith."

July 25-30, 2010
Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

Go to www.lakesandprairies.org/school.html
or phone 1-800-328-1880, ext. 207.

Grace Notes

News and Events

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

UCM is a Christian community located on the college campuses of F-M area. At UCM students are guided in worship, service, fellowship, study and devotion. As a student community, discovering what faithful living is as well as building up one another in faith takes precedence.

All college students are invited to celebrate the end of the semester/year for a FREE "pig roast" on May 3. Plan to join other students, faculty and staff for dinner between 5 - 7 pm.

Also, UCM is asking for assistance from First Presbyterian Church Moorhead for the upcoming academic year. Partners are needed for the "12:15 Club" to financially support its ministry (\$15 each month), along with prayer support. Please consider partnering with UCM and call Lisa Mark for all the details (588-4380).

Thank you very much!

Action Ministry

May 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

WANTED:

A chest of drawers for the Alijaj family. If you have one you would like to give, please contact Jane Tanberg.



Youth

Senior Recognition

Join us on Sunday, May 16th as we take time to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating high school seniors. Congratulations to the 2010 seniors: Brock Ellingson, Hannah McKaig and Nick Wheeler! Recognition events will be a part of the worship service on May 16th plus we will have a reception for the graduates during coffee hour.



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 call the church office (233-1192) so we can include their accomplishments in this year's recognition efforts.

6th Annual Safety Safari – Red River Zoo

Come to the Safety Safari on Thursday, June 3rd (rain or shine!) from 3-8 pm at the Red River Zoo, 4220 21st Ave. S., Fargo. Take a walk on the wild side and learn about safety while having fun! Safari includes animal and safety presentations, rollover simulator, concessions, door prizes and give aways. Bike helmets available for a \$10 donation. **Free admission to the zoo!**

Set Sail on a High Sea Expedition - Exploring the Mighty Love of God!



Join us for four mornings of adventure out on the high seas as we journey with Christ and draw closer to God. Our High Seas Expedition will feature Bible stories from the early years of the church (The Book of Acts).

Vacation Church School

Monday - Thursday, June 7 -10

9 am - Noon

ages 4 years through grade 5

Invite a friend, neighbor, family member!

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 expedition!

Share A Story!

Bring the entire family to enjoy performers, musicians and community members telling stories in their own special way. The event includes free books, free food and free admission. Share a Story is a cooperative effort between Prairie Public Television, United Way of Cass Clay and the Fargo Park District. Make books, enjoy art activities, meet Sid the Science Kid, dance with Penny and Pals, and hear stories on the lawn. Indoor and Outdoor events.

Location: Rheault Farm

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010 Time: 10:30 am-4:00 pm

All events subject to change

Child Safety Event & Community Block Party

Take time to talk about child safety on Wednesday, May 19th at 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Rheault Farm, 2902 25th St. S., Fargo. FREE food, beverage, games music and more! Sponsored by Fargo Park District. Register your bike for \$2 and receive a FREE bicycle lock. (Bring the make, color and serial number of your bike.)

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Jane Lobitz Caring Bridge Website

As many of you know, Jane Lobitz has been fighting a long and courageous battle with breast cancer and related complications for the last several years. Jane is a strong and amazing woman. Recently Jane created a Caring Bridge web site where friends and family can follow her story and offer their care and support.

To access this web site go to www.CaringBridge.com. Enter "janelobitz" for the web site name and password.

David Haas concert at Blessed Sacrament in West Fargo

Twin Cities area Catholic composer, singer, musician David Haas will present a concert at Blessed Sacrament, 210 5th Ave. NW, West Fargo on Sunday, May 16th at 2 pm. The concert is a benefit for "Music Ministry Alive!" (MMA). This is a national liturgical music formation program for youth and meets once a year at St. Catherine University in St. Paul. Tickets are available at the church or by calling 282-3321. Prices are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door and

Foster Families Needed

Clay County Social Services is currently in need of families to care for Hispanic and Native American children age 0-18, school-aged children and adolescents whose own families are in crisis. You may be able to help these children and their families heal and reconnect. We also need families to provide temporary respite care. Please consider providing a safe and stable home to a youth who needs a caring adult. Please visit our website at www.co.clay.mn.us or call Sara at 218-299-7127 for further information on how to become licensed as a Child Foster Care Family.



Monday, May 31

MEMORIAL
DAY

Red River Youth for Christ Golf Tournament

It's that time again! Come join us for the 23rd annual Red River Youth for Christ Golf Tournament at the Moorhead Country Club on Friday, June 11th. Coffee and rolls served at 7:30 am, with a shotgun start at 8:00 am, followed by lunch at 1:00 pm. Entrance fee is \$150 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome. Please RSVP by June 7th by calling 701-237-6682.

Anne Frank at MHS Auditorium

Circle the dates of April 29th through May 1st for three evening performances of Anne Frank at the Moorhead High School Auditorium. Evening performances begin at 7:30 pm, plus one matinee at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 2nd.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students. Call the box office for reservations - 284-2345.

Run & Fun for Rainbow Bridge

Gjesdahl Law Office, P.C. and Kennelly & O'Keeffe Attorneys have partnered up to host "Run & Fun for Rainbow Bridge" to help children and families in the community. Rainbow Bridge, a program of Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership, provides a safe and child friendly site where children and parents can be assured that a supervised visitation or exchange will be safe and conflict free.

We challenge you to register for the GoFar 5K race through the Fargo Marathon, and join us as we come together to raise awareness of Rainbow Bridge on Friday, May 21, 2010.

The event will be held at Gjesdahl Law Office, 1375 21st Ave. N., Fargo from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm with a 5K race starting at 6:30 pm. Featured music will be by By Request DJ, inflatable games from Games Galore, food from Spitfire Grill and an indoor silent auction.

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Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you for, our church family, for all the acts of kindness and support shown to us on the death of Myrna's mother. It has been helpful for us and we appreciate it so very much.

Thanks again,

Jim & Myrna Beattie & the McKaig family

Thanks, everyone who contributed to the Multiple Sclerosis walk. It was a huge success.

I walked about two miles and Don did the three-mile walk.

Thanks again.

Don & Marion DeJong

Christian Education News

- Bibles will be presented to this year's second graders (Luc Mjoen and Micah Pemble) on Sunday, May 2nd 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 23rd.
- Thank you to this year's dedicated and caring Christian Education leaders: Ken Covey, Walt Worman, George O'Neill, Beth Postema, Diane Wray-Williams, Nancy Emerson, Jess Lenarz, Bill Lenarz, Peggy Johnson, Scott Ecker, Jane Lobitz, Cheri Martin, 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 staffing again this year.
- Thank you to our awesome trio of volunteer youth leaders: Amanda Herman, Cortez Galmore, Scott Ecker. Way to go! Great job!

500 voices sought for opening worship choir

More than a few good voices – that's what the Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) is seeking for the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Minneapolis in July.

COLA is inviting singers to join what will be a 500-voice choir that will sing for the Assembly's opening worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 4, in the Minneapolis Convention Center. Paula Sanders, executive coordinator for COLA, said complete church choirs and individuals are welcome to join the large choir.

Jere Lantz, choir director at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, will direct the large choir. Lantz holds a master's degree and doctorate in conducting from Yale University.

Additional details about rehearsals, registration and the music planned for the opening worship service can be found on the COLA website or by calling the COLA office at 612-871-2617.

