

# First Press

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## “Walk With God”

The one year devotional

*It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.* -Lamentations 3:26

**IN WORD** Waiting quietly is not what most of us do best. We prefer to be activists, at least in the matters that pertain to us. Perhaps we like to maintain an illusion of control. Perhaps we just don't trust other people as much as we do ourselves. Regardless, it's against our nature to wait patiently when we think we might be able to affect an outcome.

We make a statement when we act. We are answering all our questions about God: Does He care? Does He have a will in the situation? Does He intervene in our affairs? Does His Word have something to say about our situation? Every time we act, we are answering these questions one way or the other, at least for the matter at hand. Maybe we don't realize how loaded with meaning our behavior is, but it is profound. Almost everything we do indicates our beliefs in God.

God tells us how to approach life. We are to come to every situation with faith, an

expectation of His goodness, and a desire to do His will. While we would like these heart attitudes to be instantaneous, they rarely are. They take time, and therefore we must approach each situation with time and thoughtfulness.

Whenever we find ourselves in a difficulty, instead of barging our way out of it along the path of least resistance, as we are prone to do, we must first ask the Lord His will, wait for His answer, and let Him take the initiative by preparing the way for us. His is not an instant way.

**IN DEED** Ask yourself why it is hard to wait sometimes. Is it impatience with the situation? A desire to be in control? A suspicion that God is not going to intervene? Let God search our motives, and then search His Will. Wait quietly until He reveals it. Doors will open and victories will fall into your hands, rarely in your timing, but always in His. Waiting quietly demonstrates trust like nothing else. It is a way to honor Him.

Simply wait upon Him. So doing, we shall be directed, supplied, protected, corrected and rewarded.

## SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on  
February 9, 2022 and March 9, 2022  
in the Campbell Library

### Communion

February 6<sup>th</sup> served 55

Our new sign for on the corner is complete, ready and waiting to be installed. Plans are in the works and hopefully, weather permitting, we can have it up and running soon.

In case some have not heard the news, Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> was Pastor Janice's last full regular Sunday service. She will continue to share her musical talents and has generously volunteered to occasionally fill the pulpit "in a pinch". We have been very fortunate to have Janice since Brian has left and want to thank her from the bottom of our heart for everything she has been able to do to keep us going.

**NOTE—During the interim search for our new pastor we will have guest pastors or speakers:**

March 27th	Brian Winter
April 3rd	Eleanor Yarle, Redfield
April 10th	Robert Brooks, Huron
April 17	Eleanor Harle
April 24th	Pete DeGeest

*Meals on Wheels*  
*May 16th ~ 20th*

## Per Capita

Per capita is a set amount of money per member (\$34.78) that each congregation pays each year to the larger Presbyterian Church to cover expenses associated with the coordinating and functioning of the Presbytery as a whole. We have 190 active members.....this year's per capita payment to the Presbytery of SD is \$6,608.20 It is important for each member to contribute to this, over and above their pledges. We pay this regardless and over time, it tends to eat away at our budget and funds as we pay for those who do not contribute. Thank you if you have already given towards this, your contribution is appreciated. Thank you!



The PW has been busy these last couple of months. We have had a couple of Project Days with a good turnout. At the first one, we did a variety of projects—making blankets, preparing to-go meals for shut-ins and those who are ill, and some cleaning. The second Project Day was a Sharing the Cross Day where we made decorative crosses using an old frame and stitching a cross on canvass. We tried to make 2 of them- one to keep and one to share with someone. Please come and join us when we have these days-it's a lot of good fellowship and fun time.. We also served the February birthday party at the Good Samaritan Center with a Poke Cake and ice cream. Carol Skinner was the entertain-

ment with her talented whistling. We still serve at Funerals when needed. Women's Bible Study Fellowship still meets every third Wednesday in the Church Basement—another good way to serve and study Christ.

-Submitted by Charlene Beckett, Chairman



## Sanctuary Choir Report

Our choir sings during worship each Sunday and for special services like Ash Wednesday. This winter, we started meeting at 6:00 but went back to practicing at 7:00 after Daylight Savings time started. We welcomed two new singers this winter –Tanner DeHaai and Laura Evans. They are a definite asset to our group. Anyone else who would like to join us is more than welcome (we need all the members we can get). We enjoy our fellowship together and contributing to the Church worship.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Christian Education

“For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

Submitted by *Stephanie Edwards*

## Spring Schedule

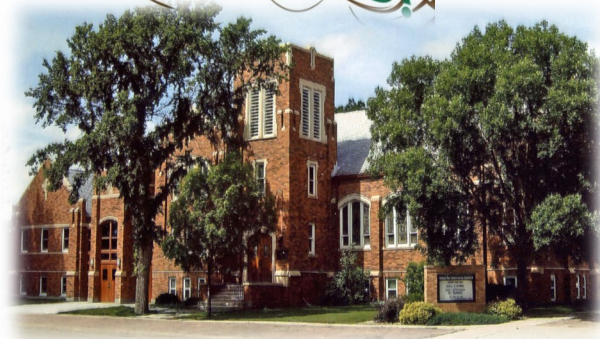
- April 10 Palm Sunday (fish banks due). **Kids Sing.** Sunday school students meet in the fellowship hall before church to march into church with palm branches.
- April 14 Maundy Thursday Service
- May 11 **Last day for the Wednesday night class**
- May 15 We will honor our Christian Education Leaders and our High School Graduates during church.  
**Last day of Sunday School**

## 2022 High School Graduates:

**Jaden Anderberg**  
**Aubrey DeHaai**  
**Owen Fritzsche**  
**Alana Howard**  
**Davon Rombough**



On May 15th we will be honoring the graduates during church with a small reception to follow. Come join in the fellowship and wish them good luck!





## **Sunday School Greeter and Usher List 2022**

### **Greeters**

- Mar. 27** Ava and Nicholas Johnson  
**April 3** Brecken & Kaihlyn Anderberg  
**April 10** Blake and Grace Hofer  
**April 17** Jordyn & Jake Pugh  
**April 24** Lawson & Ollie Wagner  
**May 1** Hadlee & Harper Duxbury  
**May 8** Nora Droz, Fox Palmer

### **Ushers**

- Alexis & Brooks Johnson  
Shaylee & Jaden Anderberg  
Eric & Ian Speck  
Heather Resel, Jayce Pugh  
Ben Wangsness, Landon Wagner  
Cody & Carter Fanning  
Haistyn & Haylie Huss

***If you cannot be here on your designated Sunday, please trade with someone or find a replacement. Please let Patty or Stephanie know of the change.***

## April Birthdays

- 1 - April Durow  
2 - Mike Blaseg  
4 - June Anderberg  
    Johnathan Taylor  
    James DeGeest  
    Gwen Johnson  
5 - Andrea Hargens-Flores  
    Nicholas Johnson  
6 - Arlene VanDerWerff  
    Travis Foreman  
8 - Laura Evans  
10- Lynn Blaseg  
12 – Sarah DeHaai  
13- Phyllis Testerman  
14- Chelsea Pugh  
    Elizabeth Steptoe  
15 – Haylie Huss  
    Kelly Wagner  
16- Stephanie Edwards  
17- Troy Beckett  
18- Grant Rediger  
24- Mike Mentzer  
    Storm Johnsen  
    Evan Wieseler  
28- Bruce Jones  
    Rya Wagner  
30 –Maralyn Carder

## **Anniversaries in April**

- 20- Lance & Sarah DeHaai  
23- Gordon & Barbara  
    Slunecka  
27- Richard & Becky Nelson  
30- John & Chris Niederauer  
    Tammy & Gordon Gross

## **Deacons for April**

- Pam Heasley  
Sue Jones

## May Birthdays

- 1- Chloe Miner  
2 - Charlotte Taylor  
3- Angie Arbogast  
5- Carol Williams  
6- Justin Fanning  
7- Shane Bertsch  
    Kay Foreman  
    Lawson Wagner  
8- Sue Jones  
9- Suzy Blaseg  
11- Jeanice Stevens  
13- Lee Brian Jones  
15- Travis Heasley  
    Alexis Johnson  
16 –Lori Resel  
17- Christy Palmer  
    Vivienne Droz  
18- Pam Heasley  
20- Shaylee Anderberg  
24-Padyn Scheer  
23 –Cassi VanDerWerff  
26- Claudia Rombough  
    Kenna Nelson  
28- Nancy Williams  
    Cheryl Snyder  
30-Rhys Caffee  
31- Rich Strasburg  
    Tony Moss

## **Anniversaries in May**

- Shannon & Jody Speck  
5 – Evan & Shelby Wieseler  
12- Warren & Carole Skinner  
    Jeff & Pam Heasley  
14- Don & Jeanice Stevens  
19 - Bruce & Jennifer Jones  
28- Brett & Roxanne Stevens

## **OUR GREETERS AND USHERS**



### Greeters for April-May

- Apr. 3-** Travis & Angie Anderberg  
Stud-Kaihlyn & Brecken Anderberg  
**Apr. 10-** Kevin Hofer  
Stud-Blake & Grace Hofer  
**Apr. 17-**Chelsea & Riley Pugh  
Stud- Jake & Jordyn Pugh  
**Apr. 24-**Matt & Kelly Wagner  
Stud-Lawson & Ollie Wagner  
**May 1-**Laura & Clay Duxbury  
Stud-Hadlee & Harper Duxbury  
**May 8-**Taylor & Chelsea Droz  
Stud- Nora Droz & Fox Palmer  
**May 15-** Evan & Shelby Wieseler  
**May 22-** Dee & David Sivertsen  
**May 29-** Sandra Selting

### **Ushers for April**

Kevin Hofer & Greg Haar

### **Student Ushers**

- Apr 3-**Shaylee & Jaden Anderberg  
**Apr. 10-**Eric & Ian Speck  
**Apr. 17-**Heather Resel & Jayce Pugh  
**Apr. 24-**Ben Wangsness & Landon Wagner  
**May 1-** Cody & Carter Fanning  
**May 8-**Haistyn & Haylie Huss

### **Ushers for May**

Jeff & Peggy Meyer  
Brian & Jan Winter

### **Deacons for May**

Gayle Vrooman  
Dwan DeGeest