

# THE SHEPHERD GAZETTE - June 2016 Edition

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE (Thank you!)

### Liturgists

June 05 Lori Jones  
12 Anna Hanselmann  
19 Tim Calkins  
26 Dave Hillgoss

### Children's Sermon

June 05 Ellen Calkins  
12 Rhonda Obermeier  
19 VBS Video  
26 Gary Heusel

### Ushers

June 05 David & Anna Hanselmann  
Ron Kreinbrook & Dianne Mota  
12 Sally Docter & Luan Pitsch  
Ruth & Daniel Gajardo  
19 Adam Martinez & Ed Hartley  
Mark Langrud & Jackie Meister  
26 Bill Baker & Franklin Reis  
Brad Rikli & Jim Brendle

### Offering Counters

June 05 Myles & Rose Dymacek  
12 Dawn Bonness & Jackie Meister  
19 Dave Hughes & Doug Obermeier  
26 Lyle Bender & Franklin Reis

### Acolytes

June 05 Sergio Rikli  
12 Celeste White  
19 Katie Bonness  
26 Alayna Bailey

### Activity Time

June 05 Shannon Warrick  
12 Katie Bonness  
19 Anna Vosicky  
26 Peg Moeller/Celeste White

### Greeters

June 05 Paul & Betty Bartlett  
12 Bill & Beth Rainey  
19 Gary & Janet Latimer  
26 Rita Maggert &  
Jeanne Ripley

### Deacon on Call

May 22-June 4 Alyce Rae Willey  
June 5-18 Thelma Mahlman  
June 19-July 2 Dawn Bonness

### Cookie Sunday

June 12 P.W. Afternoon Circle  
July 10 Choir

*Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:  
"Welcomes you into a place of worship and  
friendship, where all generations grow  
together spiritually and strive to be more  
Christ-like."*

## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JEFF!

Well, school is out for summer break, but I got to thinking about how Jesus asked a lot of questions as he travelled and taught; Jesus was fond of the pop quiz. Though there are some fascinating and entertaining stories, the reading of the Bible is definitely not just a spectator sport, we are invited to ponder many things because of the questions Jesus asks. For example, Jesus asked, **Matthew 16:26** “*And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process?*” Or **Luke 12:25** “*Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?*” Some questions were rather pointed, “*Where is your faith?*” **Luke 8:25**. Some of Jesus’ questions got right to the heart of the matter of salvation, “*‘But you’, He said, ‘who do you say I am?’*” **Matthew 16:15**.

As to this last question Jesus asked it of Peter, and no doubt Peter had wrestled mightily with this question, after all he had left his life as a fisherman to follow Jesus and train under Him. He had seen clearly that Jesus was no ordinary teacher. So Peter was ready and answered wisely and correctly, “*Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a blessed man! Because it was no human agency that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.’*” As we ponder the Scriptures and the questions Jesus asks, the grace of God will help us in our understanding. As the Apostle Paul taught his protégé Timothy in regards to spiritual matters, **2 Timothy 2:7** “*Think about what I am saying. The Lord will give you understanding in all these things.*” (NLT) or as the NIV puts it **2 Timothy 2:7** “*Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.*” If you are stumped or confused or not sure on some questions you have about God, continue to reflect, consider, ponder, and think about these things, and the good Lord will give you good insight. – Amen.

Wow, the month of May was packed full of memories through worship and fellowship at Good Shepherd. On May 1<sup>st</sup> at worship we recognized our graduates: Grayson Lowe, Alicia Szudlo, and Ryan Wichtendahl. Certainly it is a high achievement to obtain a diploma and represents hard work and dedication. On May 5<sup>th</sup> (National Day of Prayer) we held a Scripture Reading Marathon Epic, as Scripture was read from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All were welcome to come and listen, pray, and meditate. A special thank you to all who read and a big thank you to those who provided the meal that evening following the Scripture reading. Certainly the Word of God blesses both reader and hearer. As the prophet Isaiah declares of the LORD, **Isaiah 55:11** “*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*” NKJ. On May 8<sup>th</sup> the Worship Team had a gift for the women of the church in honor of Mother’s Day. We also took in four new members: Carolyn Dietz, Kitty Fynbu, Ed Schnabel, & Sue Williams. Their pictures are on the New Members Bulletin board in the main hallway if you missed that service and wish to put a name to the face and welcome them personally when you get a chance.

Then May 9<sup>th</sup>, Chuck Godwin passed on to his reward. A wonderful service was held May 13<sup>th</sup> for Chuck. Thank you to all who were able to come out and celebrate his life through worship. The music was spectacular, the video Buddy put together was so well done and the deacons once again outdid themselves with a wonderful luncheon. Chuck is already missed greatly, yet we do not mourn as those without hope.

As the month progressed, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we confirmed Sergio Rikli, Liubov Warrick, and Celeste White during worship and Liubov was baptized. What a special day for dad! I pray for these young people as they get rolling in a life of faith and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that their love for God and neighbor grows their whole life long.

As I write this I am preparing for a trip back to Chicagoland with the family. We have not been back for nearly 4 years. Time really flies! We are looking forward to seeing old friends and maybe even take in a favorite old restaurant (if it is still there!). Of course a trip down memory lane taking a drive by the old house will be in order!

Looking ahead to June, I was elected by our Presbytery to serve as a commissioner to the 2016 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The General Assembly meets every other year in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of the overall Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s 172 presbyteries. Our Presbytery is called the Homestead Presbytery. This year I was elected as a clergy commissioner from Homestead to attend the General Assembly. At the General Assembly there are equal numbers of clergy and non-clergy (ruling elder) commissioners. Also, each presbytery sends a Youth Advisory Delegate as well. The youth vote on each issue and the results are reported to the commissioners to take into consideration prior to the official vote on each issue. Also, our stated Clerk of Presbytery, Ray Meester, and our Executive Presbyter, Doc Wyatt, will be attending.

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Here is just a snippet from the Office of General Assembly website that might help you better understand what General Assembly does: "The General Assembly has several specific responsibilities outlined in Chapter 3 of the Book of Order. The assembly seeks to protect our church from errors in faith and practice, is responsible for assuring that the expression of our theology remains true to the biblical standards in our historic confessions. The General Assembly presents a witness for truth and justice in our community and in the world community. It sets priorities for the church and establishes relationships with other churches or ecumenical bodies." You can check into it more yourself at [www.oga.pcusa.org](http://www.oga.pcusa.org)

## **TAD'S TIDBITS.....**

In the past few years I have been playing baseball in the Lincoln Adult Baseball League. This year however I have been very busy and I've decided not to play this season. I love playing baseball because it is a great representation of the Church. On one hand a baseball team is a group of players that play together, and you need all the members to have a successful team. Especially when it comes to fielding, if there isn't a first baseman, it becomes difficult to get runners out at first. In the same way the church needs to be unified. If a church has everything, but a Pastor, it becomes really difficult for the Church to function. Jesus prayed in John 17:21-23 "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—So that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." Just as a coach wants his baseball team to be unified, so does Jesus want the Church to be unified.

When it comes to batting, it appears that we are on our own, it's you against 9 players in the field. It is one of the scariest moments. Even though I have been playing baseball for years, going up to bat is still one of the scariest things I do. Your team is relying on you, you have a whole team against you, and the pitcher seems to be the one in control. That puts a lot of pressure on the batter. Even though a batter feels alone, he's not. He has his entire team cheering for him, fans rooting, and a bat which is the proper tool needed to hit the ball. Christians are called to spread the Gospel. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are given a scary job to do, and while we may feel alone, we aren't. We have fellow Christians praying for us, the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, and the Bible which is the proper tool we need to share the gospel.

I miss baseball, but we have a greater job to do, make disciples. It isn't always going to be easy, but we still need to go to the plate and take a swing!

### **Coming up in the youth group:**

**Summer Mission Trip:** The summer mission trip to Colorado is June 26-July 1. We will be leaving the GSPC parking lot at 8:00 a.m. so please be here at 7:00 a.m.

**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School will be June 13-June 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. If you have any questions about the mission trip or Vacation Bible School, please call/text me at (402) 202-3117, or email me at TH485619@southeast.edu.



**REMEMBER: SUMMER WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. FROM JUNE 5TH THROUGH AUGUST 28TH AND RESUME SEPTEMBER 4TH BACK TO 10:30 A.M.**

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE FIRST SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE PARK WITH A PICNIC AFTERWARDS.**

Who: All GSPC members

What: Worship and Picnic in the Park

When: Sunday, June 5th. Service at 10 a.m. Picnic lunch to follow

Where: Tierra Briarhurst Park, (S. 27th & Tierra St.)

**Additional Information:** Let's worship together outside and celebrate God's beautiful creation! Bring a lawn chair or blanket for sitting on the ground, and a dish to share and join us as we worship outside and picnic afterwards! The Tierra Park picnic shelter is close to the parking lot and easily accessible, with restrooms and play areas close by. We will be having fried chicken delivered from Hy-Vee, so bring a side dish or desert to share. Plates, utensils and drinks will be provided.

**IN CASE OF RAIN, WE WILL WORSHIP AND PICNIC AT THE CHURCH.**

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**“Summer Hymn Sing”** - Do you have a favorite Hymn you would like to sing? At the Information Station there is a box and slips of paper for you to fill out with your request(s). Please use the Blue Hymnal or “*Good Shepherd Sings!*” for your selections.



*Special Music*

**Music for Summer Worship** - While our wonderful choir takes a well deserved break over summer, the Worship Team is seeking those with musical talent to share those gifts with us during worship. If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the sheet/s located on the table at the back of the church sanctuary. Thank you!

**CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS!!!**

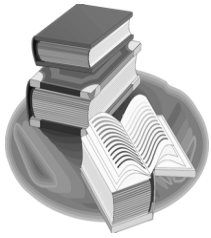
Do you play a musical instrument? Maybe you used to and can still make a sound or two? Wouldn't it be fun to get together with other friends from church for a performance this summer and give glory to God in the newly forming GSPC Orchestra?



**Calling All Instrumental Musicians**

We are looking to play one or two times this summer. Practices will take place for a few Sundays at 9:00-9:40 before worship. Sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary and talk to either John or Jen Bailey if you can so we can pick out music. God bless you for using your talents to God's glory. - Amen.

**Psalm 150:3-6** "Praise Him with fanfare of trumpet, praise Him with harp and lyre, praise Him with tambourines and dancing, praise Him with strings and pipes, praise Him with the clamor of cymbals, praise Him with triumphant cymbals, let everything that breathes praise Yahweh. Alleluia! ..John and Jennifer Bailey



**From the Ruth Blecha Library:**

An anonymous donor provided 15 books, Jackie Meister donated **Where the Heart Leads.** Other additions include **Uncommon Manhood.**

Dawn, Andy, Katie & Ella Bonness donated 50 books to the children’s Library. Other additions include **What Is God Like?**, **Jesus Is My Special Friend,** **Giddy-Up, Daddy!**

DVD Additions: “All About Astronauts”, “Dr Seuss – The Cat’s Adventure”, “Building a Courageous Home – Fun Activities for Your Whole Family”.

Children books for ages preschool through second grade are located in the two Oak book cases downstairs. Books for children, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are located in the blue book shelf downstairs. Books for 8<sup>th</sup> grade through college and books on parenting are located in the office of the Student Ministries Director.

Thank you for your donations from Keurig coffee. Those funds help support library expenses for books, DVDs, book cards and pockets.

*“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.” ....Dr. Seuss*

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**SURF SHACK – 2016 VBS**

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church invites all children age 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to “Surf Shack”: Catch the Wave of Amazing Love during this year’s Vacation Bible School. Learn how to surf through life with God and others! The fun begins on June 13<sup>th</sup> and ends June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



We are asking for monetary donations to purchase T-shirts for our volunteers. T-shirts are \$10.00 each. If you can purchase one or several make out a check and place it in the offering plate (mark it for VBS T-Shirts in the memo section) or turn it into the church office. Thank you in advance for your generous hearts!

**Also, since the theme for this year's VBS is a beach setting,** we are looking for items to help decorate. If you have any "Beach" items you would like to donate or let us borrow, please contact Tad Hunt, Rhonda Obermeier or Karen Heusel. If they are items you would like back, please mark it as such (tag that says: Please return with your name.) **We really need a beach umbrella, beach toys, palm trees or anything else beach related.** Thanks so much for your help.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We will be setting up the sanctuary for VBS on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. VBS Volunteers and anyone else who would like to assist are welcome. Hope to see you on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. Thank you in advance.

Your Beach Buddies,  
Tad Hunt, Rhonda Obermeier & Karen Heusel



## EASTRIDGE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

For June, Pantry Priorities are:

**Sugar, Pancake Mix, Jell-O and Toilet Paper are critical this month, so if you can help out with these in particular, it will be greatly appreciated!**

Other items (always needed): Jelly, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Canned Soups, Tuna, Vegetables & Fruit, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Candy and Cookies for Kids, Pancake Syrup, Pudding, Cooking Oil, Box Dinners, Dish & Hand Soap, Paper Towels, Laundry Soap, Cleaning Supplies, Sanitary Napkins, Deodorant, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, etc.

As always, ALL non-perishable food donations are gratefully accepted.

**The Food Pantry can always use cash in order to purchase food! If you wish to contribute, make your check out to Good Shepherd and designate it for the food pantry. Checks can be mailed or just put in the offering tray.**

Donations of food or money to those in need, is just another way in which we can serve. Good Shepherd continues to do a great job.

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Little Lambs hosted a Muffins with Mom for Mother's Day and a BBQ for parents to get to know each other. A special thanks to the Congregational Outreach team who provided food and helped out with the BBQ. Both were a lot of fun! We are looking forward to a summer full of fun and sun. Be on the lookout for photos in Pastor Jeff's slide show on Sunday's and for our student spotlight on the bulletin board upstairs! We are trying some new things to keep you more informed with the happenings of Little Lambs! We appreciate all the support!



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### To My Good Shepherd Church Family...

I could not fathom anyone in God's world not having a church family to embrace them during the loss of a loved one or in times of tribulation. Chuck's "Life Celebration" service was such a wonderful and special because of friends like Myles Dymacek, Alice Miller, Pastor Jeff, Ron Kreinbrook, Franklin Reis, Dianne Mota, the

compassionate Deacons, my fellow choir members who sang so beautifully, and all my church family including my "Mama" Jackie Meister who were all right there by my side to share that very precious day when Chuck was called to serve the Good Lord up in heaven. My heart is full of peace because of your love and caring. Our church family has lost a number of very dear members in the recent past. Clarence Meister, Dick Raecke and Chuck Godwin were all like fathers to me, I hope to live the remainder of my life the way each of these wonderful men lived their lives; being open minded, sincere and caring to every person they met. My deepest and most sincere thanks to you all! *God is good... all the time!*

Buddy Sizemore



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 MIKAYLA DONAHOO

03 JULIE HAVENER

04 ROSE DYMACEK

FRANKLIN REIS

09 NORMA CHRISTIANSEN

10 DOUG OBERMEIER

RYAN PITSCH

11 TAMMY RIKLI

14 REV. JEFF WARRICK

15 KEN DERMAN

CODIE MEEHAN

20 JO HOBBS

NICK WENSEL

22 CARSON MOUSEL

24 MARTIN LOWE

26 BRAD HILLIGOSS

DAVID HARTLEY

JACKIE MEISTER

VONNIE WOOD

27 DAVE HUGHES

28 IRMA ALCORN

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## - FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS -

The Friendship Group will meet Friday, June 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Hosts will be Mary Stout and Vera Karel.

The program will be presented by Rosalie Lippincott who will speak and show slides on the North Platte Canteen Organization.



## Friendship Group

Guests are encouraged to attend and refreshments will be served.

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The Worship Team is hoping to expand our list of Greeter Volunteers. Some long-time faithful greeters are no longer able to serve, creating a need for greeters to take their place. We are asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry on a regular rotating basis, greeting approximately four to five times a year.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dianne Mota or sign-up on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



## greeters



The Worship Team, also, is continuing to look for "Shepherds" to acquaint new members with GSPC. A shepherd would be someone who is introduced to a new member to help answer their questions about GSPC and to assist them in getting acquainted with other church members. Contact any Worship Team member for further information.

Worship Team members can be found at the Information Station (former Welcome Center) most Sunday mornings.





**Do you like to work outdoors?** Then please join us on Saturday morning, June 11th, from 8:00-11:00. We will be trimming trees and removing some dead leaves. Come help us make the church grounds look great. Hope to see you then!

...Building & Grounds Team

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**June Barnabas Project Focus** – As winter has rolled into spring and now summer, it's an opportune time to consider what we have that we don't need any more. Those less fortunate in Lincoln and particularly in the greater Belmont Barnabas Community have many continuing needs. Our church family has been consistently strong with our gifts to the Barnabas Project and we are grateful for your giving spirit. Let's continue and make June a focus month for stepped-up donations. Barnabas Community needs include:



**BARNABAS  
PROJECT**

- spring and summer clothes including shoes for all ages (gently used)**
- dishes**
- cooking utensils**
- small appliances**
- children's toys and games (indoor and outdoor)**
- children's books**

Please bring your donations to church and place in the marked Barnabas Project area next to the elevator and they will be delivered to Barnabas as usual. If you have questions or need any help, please contact Dave (402-489-5081) or Jan (402-560-8607) Hughes for assistance. The Barnabas Project is a ministry of Sheridan Lutheran Church serving the greater Belmont Community at 927 Saunders Ave. Good Shepherd with leadership from the Faith in Action Team has been a contributing participant in this ministry with budgeted financial donations presently at \$1000 per year, and goods donations and volunteers for over 6 years. Thanks Good Shepherd for your continuing support.

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## ALUMINUM CANS BUILD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMES

Money earned from recycling aluminum cans can be donated to Habitat for Humanity to build homes for families in need. Bring your aluminum pop cans to the church where there is a large receptacle

near the elevator on the lower floor for your donations.

### Fun Facts:

- The partnership between the Aluminum Association and Habitat for Humanity International began in August of 1997.
- A national recycling network consisting of over 550 Habitat affiliates and 2,000 recycling centers has been established.
- To date, over \$1.6 million dollars have been raised by and for Habitat affiliates as part of the ACBHHH program. That equates to 35 houses!
- Habitat affiliates have recycled over 3.8 million pounds of cans through this program.
- Homes funded by aluminum can recycling have been built in Cleveland, Ohio; Denver, Col.; Houston, Tex.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Yuma, Ariz.; LaGrange, Ga. and Americus, Ga., and many other locations across the country.

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### THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS WERE MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED AT THE APRIL 19, 2016 SESSION MEETING:

1. Approved May 22<sup>nd</sup> to be Confirmation Sunday for Sergio Rikli, Liubov Warrick and Celeste White.
2. Approved receiving by reaffirmation new members: Carolyn Dietz, Kitty Fynbu, Ed Schnabel and Sue Williams at May 8<sup>th</sup> worship service.
3. Approved moving next Stated Session Meeting to June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
4. Approved moving \$217.91 General Funds back to Christian Education (due to billing issue with Vacation Bible School materials).



Communion Service for June 5th will be worshipping in the park with communion being served by intinction.

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**The Celebration of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Women** will be held on Wednesday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. Members of Evening Circle will be the hostesses. Terry Hostetler will be the speaker. She will also have a selection of quilts, paintings, and other things she has made. She is a very talented person and we look forward to hearing about the

many things she does.

Ivette Bender will announce the names of the women who met the reading challenge and new officers will be elected and installed. Questions?

Call Becky Hartley 402-464-5474.

## WHICH CHRISTIAN ARE YOU?

Two runners prepare for a marathon. One prepares by racing over hills and down the highways and byways every day. He exercises, strengthening his legs. He runs further every day, building endurance.

The second runner prepares by sleeping two hours extra each day. He eats a lot and does nothing strenuous to upset the condition he feels he is in.

The day of the marathon race comes. The 26.2 mi. course lies just ahead of the runners at the starting line. The gun goes off; the race begins. And guess who wins? Of course, the first runner who has done the right kind of preparation.

Two Christians prepare for a difficult time ahead. The first spends each day praying and communicating with God. He follows David's advice, committing to his memory the most helpful portions. And he keeps filled with the Spirit, adhering to Paul's suggestion.

The second Christian reads the Bible, but only on Sunday morning when in church. He prays, but only when he is at church or with the family at mealtime. And he thinks the preacher is right when he talks about being filled with the Holy Spirit. He hopes his children will someday be filled with the Spirit like he was when he was a youngster.

Then trouble strikes. The first Christian was prepared. He takes the difficulty in stride knowing God will help him through every aspect of it. Peace soon attains a calm, assured, and deserved victory. The second Christian panics. He lashes out at God, at church, at friends, at family. He doesn't know what God expects him to do. He doesn't have the assurance of the Word in his heart. He doesn't have the help of the Holy Spirit, the "friend who sticks closer than a brother." In desperation, after exhausting all other means of help, he remembers to cry to God for help. In time, God helps, because God loves ...

And He hopes the man has learned a lesson. The first Christian wins an easy victory. The second wins an agonizing, prolonged victory that could have been so much easier. My friends, which Christian are you? ...Author Unknown

## *Praises & Prayer Requests*

### *... For those with cancer*

Continued prayers are requested for **Barbara Karel, granddaughter of Vera Karel**, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. The first of six chemo treatments began Friday, April 29th. She is experiencing some side effects.

Continued prayers are badly needed for **Ronda Dix, a friend of Chris Hartley**. She was admitted to the hospital for tests where they found a mass in the side of her brain. Surgery was performed to remove the mass but it was found to be a very aggressive form of cancer. Please pray for her recovery from surgery, for her encouragement, and for effective treatment to halt and defeat the cancer.

Please continue to pray for **Melissa, a friend and co-worker of Julie Havener**, who is battling a rare and serious cancer. Melissa is continuing alternative treatments and will soon complete scans to determine their effectiveness. She and her family appreciate your prayers!

Continued prayers for healing and strength as my aunt, **Phyllis Meister**, battles cancer. ...**Ashley Gregory**

Continued prayers for **Laurie Hedgecock**, friend of Sally & Stan Docter, who is dealing with Stage IV Rectal Cancer with multiple metastases to her liver. Her last two CT scans showed that she is in remission. This is a good thing, however, she's still on chemo via infusion every 3 weeks and oral chemo 7 days on /7 days off. The oral chemo makes her very sick. Please continue your prayers heavenward for **Laurie and her family**.

Continued prayers for **Cheryl Havener, sister-in-law of Julie Havener**, who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Tests are being done to determine stage and severity. Please pray for God's presence to surround Cheryl and her family during this time.

Continued prayers for **Jennifer Somers, daughter-in-law of Mary Stout**, who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Jennifer had surgery Feb. 26th for thyroid and lymph node removal. She has begun radiation treatments.

### *... For those with other health concerns*

Prayers for **Virginia Dietz** who was hospitalized for chest tightness and discomfort. She is now home recuperating. Please continue to include **Virginia** in your prayers.

Prayers for **Lori Jones** who is recovering at home from shoulder surgery where she is receiving therapy. Prayers for patience and a good recovery are appreciated.

Prayers **Clayton Lowe** for pain relief, normal sleep, and getting back to school. Clayton is suffering from amplified pain syndrome cycle which may have resulted from a condition he battled called Parry-Romberg syndrome which is now, thankfully, inactive. Clayton is receiving treatment at a clinic at Children's in Omaha. Prayers also for success at the clinic and for those providing treatment are appreciated.

Continued prayers for **Ethan Langrud, baby son of Mark & Andrea**, as he recovers from heart repair surgery.

**Bob Mohlman** wishes to thank everyone for their prayers upon his entry into Hospice Care.

Continued prayers for **Jason Heusel, son of Gary and Karen**, who is continuing ongoing kidney dialysis treatments while beginning the process to undergo a kidney transplant.

Continued prayers for **Stan Docter** who is recovering from a knee replacement Thursday, April 28th.

Continued prayers for Anna Hanselmann's friend, **Lee's sister, Lynn**, who is suffering from a failing liver.

*. . . . Other praises & prayer requests*

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*. . . . For those who mourn*

Prayers for **Buddy Sizemore & friends** on the passing of Chuck Godwin Monday, May 9th. Memorial services were held at the church Friday, May 13th.





# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p align="center"><b>COMMUNION</b>     5</p> <p>10:00-2:00 Worship Service &amp; Picnic @ Tierra Briarhurst Park</p>	<p align="center">6</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p align="center">7</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>
<p align="center"><b>COOKIE SUNDAY</b>     12</p> <p>10:00 Worship - VBS Staff Commissioning</p>	<p align="center">&lt; <u>Vacation</u>     13</p> <p>NO Daycare</p>	<p align="center"><u>Bible</u>     14</p> <p>NO Daycare</p>
<p align="center"><u>19</u></p> <p>10:00 Worship - Youth Mission Trip Youth &amp; Leaders Commissioning</p>	<p align="center"><b>Pastor</b>     20</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p> <p align="center"><b>Deadline to Submit Articles for June Gazette</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Jeff</b>     21</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>
<p align="center">&lt; <u>26</u></p> <p align="center">&lt; <u>Youth</u></p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	<p align="center">Pastor     27</p> <p align="center"><u>Mission</u></p>	<p align="center">Jeff     28</p> <p align="center"><u>Trip</u></p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>

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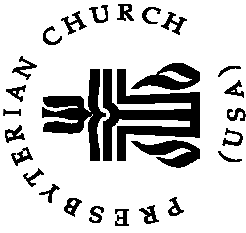


<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>7:00 Women's Bk St. 7:15 Daycare 6:00 Men's Bk. St. 6:30 P.W. Installs 2016/17 Officers 7:00 C.E. Team</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>9:00 Setting Up For VBS in Sanctuary</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>7:00 Women's Bk. St 7:15 Daycare 1:30 City Miss. Work</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5:45 Worship Team</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:30 Child Devel Tm.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>7:15 Daycare 1:00 Friendship Gr.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>8:00-11:00 Church Yardwork 9:00 Setting Up For VBS in Classrooms</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">School 15</p> <p>7:00 Women's Bk. St NO Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9:00 a.m. - 16</p> <p>NO Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12:00 noon &gt;17</p> <p>NO Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">&lt; 18</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Attending 22</b></p> <p>7:00 Women's Bk. St 7:15 Daycare 1:30 City Miss. Work</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>General 23</b></p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Assembly 24</b></p> <p>7:15 Daycare 9:00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">&gt;25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Working at 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To</p> <p>7:00 Women's Bk. St 7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Camp Calvin 30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Colorado</p> <p>7:15 Daycare</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Crest &gt;July 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;</p>	

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