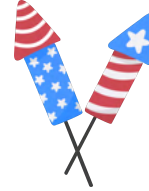
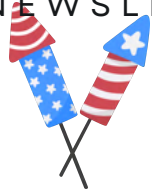


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"GOD WITH US" CHURCH



AT A GLANCE THOUGHTS & MORE



Rend Collective has a song called "Build Your Kingdom Here." One of its lyric states: **"We are Your church, We need Your Pow'r in us!"**

Not in the building at "1615 2nd St. SE" is your church, but "we ... us." What power God has packed into a small word, **"We!"**

I was listening to a pastor on the radio talking about this and I thought of this song and lyric and went digging. The English word, "church" is derived from the Greek word "ekklesia," which translates to an assembly, a gathering, or a community of people.

In the New Testament, it never refers to a structure. Early Christians didn't have designated buildings. They met in homes, and the term "kyriakon" (meaning "belonging to the Lord") evolved to describe the gathered congregation. The Church is a 24 hour, 7 days a week function. Not just when we are in our church home. When Christians view "the church" solely as a building, they only visit on Sunday. The danger is in letting faith be confined to a Sunday morning, within four walls, rather than carrying that faith into the world as the living body of Christ. Everywhere you go, you should be building His church! – Lori

July Highlights

- 7/3 – Office Closed
- 7/6-8 – VBS starts at 5:30 p.m.
- 7/10 – New Bible Study "Relaxed" Starts
- 7/10-12 – Family Camp
- 7/12-18 – Senior High Camp
- 7/22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

1 Corinthians 3:16

"All of you surely know that you are God's temple and that his Spirit lives in you."

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Karen Anderson

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Emily Stauffer/Alice Galeas

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Evening Women Fellowship

Summer is upon us! Wouldn't it be lovely on a nice summer evening to sit in a beautiful yard surrounded by flowers, friends and fellowship?

If this sounds perfect please join us

Tuesday, July 21 @ 7 pm.

We will meet @ Jonell's (1516 18th Ave NW). Holly will be leading Lesson 12 "A Grand New Day for Others." See you there!

New Friday Bible Study! Starting 10 am, July 10



Stewardship Report

As of June 21, 2027:

TOTAL BUDGETED TO DATE:	\$183,830.14
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	\$164,164.08
BUDGETED WEEKLY NEED:	\$7070.39
WEEKLY YTD AVERAGE:	\$6314.00

We often try to do a lot for God—without him. **Relaxed** is a call to let go of spiritual performance, reject our cultural tendency to live under pressure, and find freedom to walk with God and toward God, one gentle step at a time.

Upcoming Meetings

- Trustee Board - Tue., July 14 @ 5:30 pm

Tree-mendous adventure awaits!

**VBS July 6th - 8th
5:30-8 pm
for children entering
Kindergarten
through 5th grade!**



In **Relaxed**, pastor and teacher Megan Fate Marshman explores what it means to set aside our addiction to trying to figure everything out and relish a slower, compelling, powerful, and relaxed life with God. As Megan takes us word by word through Proverbs 3:5-6, she helps us discover:

- What it looks like to be relaxed in the midst of grief, financial stress, mistakes, and fatigue
- The freedom and forgiveness of being found "in Christ"
- How to incorporate rhythms of walking with God into our everyday routines

God never intended for us to be in control. As we lean away from our own understanding and into an intentionally relaxed spiritual life, we join Jesus in trusting a God who knows what he is doing--and isn't worried about a thing.

Plan to join us **Friday at 10 a.m. on July 10!** Contact Karen or the church office to receive a copy of the book.



Karen's Corner

Happy 250th Birthday to the USA!!!

What a time to celebrate this wonderful country – even with all of its warts and faults. We are here for such a time as this! I hope you're able to celebrate in some way and thank God for his goodness to us.

Summer is in full swing! We will be hiking through the Bible on July 2 and 16 at 1 p.m. Please come and join us as we visit a different book of the Bible each time and learn more about it and what it means in the whole of scripture. It's a very casual time and no pressure to actually hike!

We will be starting a new Bible study, on Friday, July 10 at 10 a.m. The name of the study is "Relaxed ... Letting Go of Self-Reliance and Trusting God" by Megan Fate Marshman. Uffda! I am so ready for this Word that God will give us through this study, are you?

I will be on vacation with my favorite husband, Jon, July 20-25. We are looking forward to a little get away in SD.

We will be having our monthly Friday Funday on July 31 at approximately 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us for lunch, conversation, fellowship and perhaps a little friendly gaming competition.

I know several of you in our church family have suffered a loss of one kind or another recently and I want you to know God sees you. You are being prayed for!

"If your heart is broken, you'll find God right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath."
Psalm 34:18 MSG

If you'd like to get together for a visit or would like a phone visit from me, please let me know I'm here for you. God's blessings to you! – **Karen**



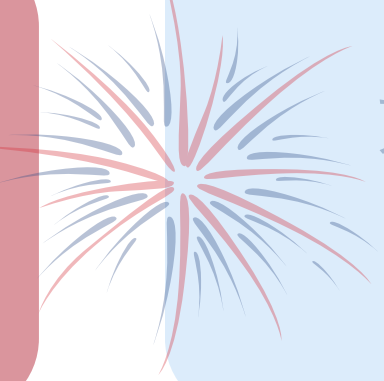
The Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure rode into Minot and stopped at IBC June 23. We fed and hosted 20 bicyclists who are traveling coast-to-coast to raise funds and awareness for poverty housing. They also will stop along the way to build and to repair homes! Find out more and how you can send a donation by going to:
www.fullercenterbikeadventure.org

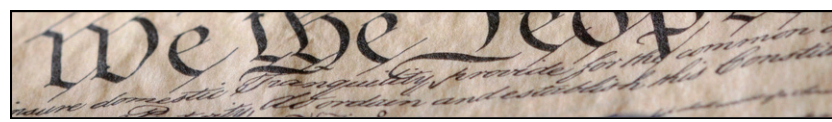


IBC Youth

Snapshots from the Mission Trip to Give Kids the World on May 31-June 9

They'll be sharing more this month about their adventure!





FAITH FORECAST

Earlier today, I caught the moment when the ghostly gray sky began to lighten. With a slow exhalation, the breeze — a slight one — barely nudged the drenched leaves awake. The elm trees shimmered in response and, for a second, the last remaining rain drops fell like pearls of crystal.

One moment, the clouds looked like gray sheets stretched above. The next, when coaxed by a wisp of wind, they rolled away and trailed threads of sunshine behind them.

And I noticed that all throughout the rainstorm, the birds had chirped and conversed with one another — all without the slightest dampness in their songs.

And something about the entire scene refreshed my spirit. Yes, the calendar says, "June 29," but the skies have poured out a dose of springtime. I know the grass is growing quickly and the trees and fields still look fresh with an emerald green hue. But eventually — here in North Dakota, we all know that the hot and dry days will catch up to us. Soon, we'll talk about needing some rain. Sooner than later, we'll remember how the snow — up here, at this latitude — isn't too terribly far off.

In other words, we'll confess that we can't control the weather.

We've never drawn clouds across a cloudless sky — like a child dabs his finger into the paint and brushes it across a canvas. We've never improved upon Nature's formula of evaporation + condensation = eventual precipitation. We've never redirected the high and low pressure systems, and we've never successfully bullied the jet stream to budge one way or another. We've never controlled the weather.

But God has created the heavens and the earth. In fact, He also has created us to experience the weather and the seasons, and to make the most of each day. It's tempting to think that we have more control over life than we really do.



We fill our calendars. We make plans. We arrange our schedules. We work hard to solve problems before they ever arrive. And while there's wisdom in preparation, there's also peace in remembering that God has never asked us to carry what only He can carry.

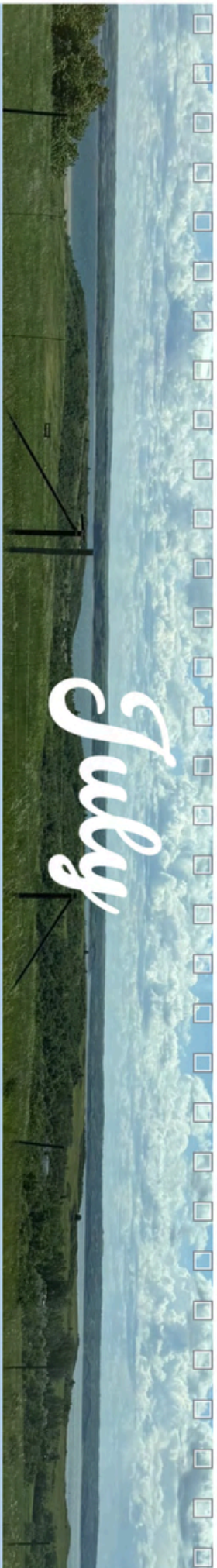
The weather reminds us of that. We may check the forecast, but we don't write it. We may plant a garden, but we can't command the rain. We may influence some of life's circumstances, but we can't govern them. God alone holds that role.

Maybe that's one reason He fills His creation with reminders. The changing seasons, the passing storms, the returning sunshine, and even the songs of birds all quietly point beyond themselves. They remind us that there is a Creator who is far greater than we are, yet gracious enough to care for us each day.

James offers a simple perspective: "Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that'" (James 4:15). It's a reminder that our plans are always held within God's greater plan.

So enjoy the sunshine after the rain. Be thankful for every season that God gives to us. Work diligently, love generously, and plan wisely. But above all, remember who is truly in control. And when others look at your life, may they see not someone who has everything under control, but someone who knows the One who does.

Blessings – **Pastor Brian**



July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Worship	6	7	8 11:30 Soup Kitchen	9 9am Brunch Bunch Homesteaders 1pm Bible Hike	10 10:00am Bible Study	11 Happy 4th of July
12 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Worship	13	14 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting	15 11:30 Soup Kitchen	16 9am Brunch Bunch Homesteaders 1pm Bible Hike	17 10:00 am Bible Study	18
19 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Worship	20	21 7:00pm Evening Women's Fellowship @ JoNell's (1516 18 th Ave NW)	22 11:30 Soup Kitchen Newsletter Deadline	23 9am Brunch Bunch Parker	24	25
26 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Worship	27	28	29 11:30 Soup Kitchen	30 9am Brunch Bunch Homesteaders	31 12:15 Senior Saints Lunch & Games	

VBS 5:30-8:00

Senior High Camp 7/12-18

Karen Out

Lori Out

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Family Camp 7/10-12

July Birthday's *Happy Birthday*

- 1st **Curt Hiller**
- 2nd **Alex Schoenberg**
- 4th **Vernetta Anderson**
- 8th **Bryer Samuelson**
- 10th **Grace Hegstad**
- 12th **John Keithline**



- 15th **Vaughn Gibson**
- 21st **Allie Lohan**
- 28th **Laurel Johnson**
- 29th **Saoirse Fry**
- 30th **Joyce Schoenberg**
- Mavis Rasmussen**

next month

August Serving Committee
Wanda Aspaas, Donna Hegstad,
Joyce Rostad

- July 3rd
Doyle & Karen Radke
- July 11th
Steve & Sue Bovee
- July 12th
David & Diana Schwaiger
- July 16th
Rob & LonnaJo Browna
Ryan & Brittany Elliott
- July 18th
Daviid & Nancy Snyder
- July 20th
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- July 25th
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