

Faith UP

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Pastor's Pen

"Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work-you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and made it holy." Exodus 20:8-11 (NRSV)

The Sabbath is a notion that we re-visit from time to time, especially when we can condemn the practices of the culture that have made the Sabbath Day just another day. But, what is the Sabbath really all about; why was/is so much importance placed upon it in the Decalogue, in the Hebrew way of life, in our world in this day and time? Is this a legalistic situation, a rule to follow that we are not following well, and we stand in violation, or is there more to this notion, this idea, this commandment to Sabbath? On a surface level, observing the Sabbath mean no work is to be done on this day, whether it is from sundown to sundown the last day of the week or whether it is observed as the first day of the week. But why must this work be avoided? There must be some reasoning, some deeper purpose. And how might we, as 21st century people who follow Jesus, re-acquaint ourselves with this ancient practice and begin to adhere to it? What might that mean for our consumeristic ways of doing things if we all suddenly stopped working on the Sabbath? Very interesting things to think about.

But, what is the root thought behind the idea of sabbath? For that we must look back into the history of Israel's cultic life and practices. Sabbath was a cornerstone of Israelite religious practice from its earliest days, as it was included as one of the commandments or laws given from God to Israel. It is spoken of directly in Exodus 20:8 and Deuteronomy 5:12. But it is alluded to or spoken of in other terms in many places throughout the OT and the NT; it carries a lot of weight with God's people, or it was meant to anyhow. From a humanistic approach, the grounds for sabbath are found in Exodus 23:12, and in Deuteronomy 5:14-15, both of which speak of the need to give the worker, the servant, even the animal a time to rest, especially in light of Israel's enslavement in Egypt and the endless call for bricks to be made. It stands to reason that all of us need a break, we are not machines, we are human and our bodies require certain things to function at their best: food and water, education, and rest. But, there is a deeper, theological reason that this is a big deal. The observance of sabbath, outside of simply obeying the commandments of God, becomes a memorial remembrance that God toiled in creating for six days and then rested on the seventh, and so shall we. But it is also a day set aside to be in communion with this God who toiled, it is a time set apart from every other time to sit with God, to rest in God's gracious love with nothing to distract or deter, it is, as Walter Brueggemann speaks of it, a "resistance" to the dominating culture of the day, a way of not giving in to that culture totally. Even if for one day we can be wholly other, that is enough. Worship is a part of that, but true sabbath is done wherever one may be, it is a disengagement from that which dominates us, it is a lessening of the power from the world over us that we can say, even for one day "I choose not to participate in your ways." It is a moment of freedom from that which oversees us, and a movement back to the One True God, in resistance to all the gods that are raised in our lives. We will speak of sabbath this summer, as I am going to preach a series on sabbath as part of our summer worship, but my hope is this will not simply be another sermon series, but will be the catalyst for some change in life for myself and for any that choose to look at what is possible today. Take care and Sabbath Peace.

Dave

WORSHIP IN JULY (and the last Sunday in June)

June 30th: "Sabbath and Anxiety"; Exodus 12:12-17; Matthew 6:25-31; The Siouxland Discovery Chorus will provide special music.

July:

7th: "Sabbath and Coercion"; Deuteronomy 5:12-14; Mark 2:23-3:6; We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

14th: we switch gears for a couple weeks as we hear from Luke's Gospel 10:25-37 and the Parable of the Good Samaritan; Ellen Osborn provides special music.

21st: Today we worship jointly with the brothers and sisters of Westminster PC, at Westminster PC, to finish up VBS.

28th: We are back to the Sabbath Series, "Sabbath and Exclusivism"; Isaiah 56:3-8; Luke 3:7-9

Christian Ed News

July

AND THE STORY BEGINS STORIES FROM THE BIBLE



VBS at Westminster. July 15—18, 6-8 pm. No supper served this year. With a joint Worship Service on Sunday July 21 at Westminster.

Christian Ed

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Lectionary Scripture Lessons in July

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)— July 7

2 Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 30
Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16; Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)— July 14

Amos 7:7–17; Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1–14; Luke 10:25–37

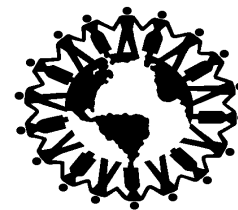
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11)— July 21

Amos 8:1–12; Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15–28; Luke 10:38–42

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)— July 28



MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh

Spotlight on Missions!!

Thanks to all who gave to One Great Hour of Sharing and the Pentecost offerings. Also many thanks to those who will be working at the Soup Kitchen on Monday, July 1st. There will be an exact amount for Pentecost in the August newsletter. Remember, 40 percent will go to S.T.A.R.S. right here in Siouxland.

Many remembered to bring an item for the Food Cart on Communion Sunday. We will try to do this every month to keep the Blessing Box at Westminster replenished.

Plans are well on the way for the Chicken Dinner, September 13th. Proceeds will go to the continuation of our WFAM program and the mission work of our Presbyterian Women. This is a congregation-wide effort so hopefully when you are asked to help, you will say a resounding YES.

Watch for bulletin announcements about our annual school supply drive in July and August. Mission is alive and well here at Faith United!

Committee members: Becky Bainbridge, Kelly Berkenpas, Karen Juhl, Harriett Marsh, Kelli McWilliams, Peggy Reid

ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Baby food	Instant potatoes
Mac and cheese	Cereal
Breakfast bars	Instant oatmeal
Canned veggies or fruit	Juice
Soup and crackers	Taco shells
Ramen noodles	Pita rounds
Peanut butter	Kleenex
Jelly	Toilet paper
Bread	Shampoo
Beans and canned tomatoes	Deodorant
Pudding packs	Razors
Pasta and sauce	Toothpaste
Hamburger or tuna helper	Laundry soap
Pasta sides	Canned meat or tuna
Rice sides	



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

July

Circles will meet:

July 3, Naomi Circle, 2:00 pm

July 11, Esther Bible Study, 9:30 am

Vina Rodecker

The Quilting group has decided not to meet during July & August.



Kitchen Crew for July is Esther Circle

July/Aug UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE
HERE!



Sunday Attendance

	<u>10:30</u>
June 2	??
June 9	??
June 16	71

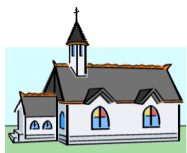
Treasurer's Report from April

Income	\$7,327.32
Expenses	\$13,896.21
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$6,568.89)

The Card Making Group will not be meeting in July

Faith United Presbyterian Church is on a pilgrimage to resurrect and expand our church community and to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ. We worship as an authentic expression of our gratitude to God for grace unimaginable and love unconditional. We strive to be God's heart, hands and voice to all ages as we grow in faith and engage in mission locally, nationally, and globally.

July - OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for July

7 - Susan Delfs, Marv & Lorraine Edmunds, Chuck & Lori Edwards, Marilyn Erickson, Audrey Fenton, Pat & Sonja Floyd

14 - Carlotta Fox, Jim & Linda Geusebroek, Andy Gottsch & family, Zach Gould, Fran Graham, Bill & Shannon Graves & family

21 - Betty Grieve, Gary & Alice Hacker, Bill & Mary Hall, Brian & Tina Hansen & family, Kathleen Hansen, Keith & Eileen Hansen & family

28 - Lori Hansen & family, Paul Hansen, Fran Harris, Opal Hayes, Shirley Heath, Kevin & Jill Heller & family

Ushers



10:30 Service

7 - Carlotta Fox*, Karen Lien, Helen Lehnertz, Mary Stokes

14 - Skip Trout*, Dick Pruehs, Sheryl Collins, Bill Strawn

21 - Zach Gould, Andrea Cale, Shirley Heath

28 - Jeff Arnett*, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Eric Butler

Usher Captains! Please remember to get a head count every Sunday.



Liturgist

Fran Graham



Greeters

7 - Eleanor Tasker
14 - Toots Pittman
21 - Bob Mesmer
28 - Julie Mesmer

Communion Servers

7 - Becky Bainbridge, Angie Irwin



COFFEE SERVERS

July - Choir
August - Naomi & Esther Circles
September - Out to Lunch Bunch
October - Ushers
November - Bell Choir
December - Faith Together 7 PW Board



Offering Counters



July - Becky & Connie
August - Tina & Becky
Sept - Don Stokes

The deadline for newsletter submission is the **3rd Wednesday** of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to
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July 2019



Birthdays

1 - Beth Lindgren
Cindy McClary
4 - Bob Rodecker
Jeff Sponder
5 - Susan Delfs
7 - Adam Chmielewski
8- Marilyn Blatchford
Sid Hoover
Ryan Osborn

10 - Chad Blatchford
11 - Mike Schmith
14 - Rhonda Henry
15 - Franie Harris
16 - Nick Lingle
20 - Ruth Phillips
22 - Susan Blatchford
23 - Zach Gould
24 - Richard Morgan
26 - Jeff Hansen
27 - Eleanor Tasker
29 - Rick Butler
30 - John Sponder

July 2019
Anniversaries



3 - Tony & Mary Andersen
5 - Richard & Mary Delfs

DUTY CALLS—in July.

Please send some words of encouragement, prayers or well wishes for Brady Berkenpas, while he is in Boot Camp and serving our country. Cards & letters can be sent to his home and his mom, Kelly, will make sure that they get to Brady.

EMPTY NESTERS

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on **Monday July 8** (note the day change) at Pizza Ranch in Sgt Bluff. Please let Bob Mesmer know if you will be going. You can still come even if you don't let him know, but he needs an approximate count to reserve a big enough table.

LUNCH BUNCH On Wednesday, July 3 the Lunch Bunch will meet at the Wheelhouse Bar & Grill at 12:30 pm

FAITH TOGETHER

FAITH TOGETHER will meet at noon for lunch and fellowship on July 23. Brooke Williams will be the speaker. She will share about the WITCC yoga program. A hot lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

These Days

We have many copies of "These Days" available. We get new ones every quarter. Please take one for yourself, a family member or friends.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

Will meet July 17 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. All caregivers of individuals with a dementia are welcome to attend. It is free and open to the public.

July 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 No Quilting Group in July	3 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch @ Wheelhouse 2:00 pm Naomi Circle 7:00 Gambler's Anon	4 4TH OF JULY Office closed	5 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon	6
7 10:30 am Worship Service COMMUNION 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	8 5:30 pm Empty Nesters @ Pizza Ranch in Sgt Bluff No Session Meeting this month	9 No Doll Club	10 No Card Making 7:00 Gambler's Anon	11 8:30 Men's Club Bible Study 9:30 am Esther Bible Study 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Rice's 7:00 pm Scouts	12 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon	13
14 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	15 Vacation Bible School @ Westminster 6-8 pm	16 Vacation Bible School @ Westminster 6-8 pm	17 FAITH UP DEADLINE 10:00 am Caregivers Group 7:00 Gambler's Anon Vacation Bible School @ Westminster 6-8 pm	18 8:30 Men's Club 7:00 pm Scouts Vacation Bible School @ Westminster 6-8 pm	19 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon	20
21 10:30 am Worship Service @ Westminster 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	22	23 12:00 pm Faith Together	24 7:00 Gambler's Anon	25 8:30 Men's Club 4:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Scouts	26 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon	27 11:30 am Over 80 Party
28 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	29	30	31 7:00 Gambler's Anon			

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Worship Schedule

Service times

10:30 Worship Service

Staffed Nursery Available

Faith United Presbyterian Committees

Building & Grounds

Andy Gottsch
Don Stokes
Ben Miller

Christian Education

Tina Hansen
Becky Bainbridge

Finance

Renea Anderson
Zach Gould

General Administration

Skip Trout
Don Stokes
Tina Hansen
Kelli McWilliams

Investment/Endowment

Gary Hacker

Membership

Skip Trout
Kathy Angerman
Kelli McWilliams

Memorial

Becky Bainbridge
Renea Anderson

Mission

Becky Bainbridge
Kelli McWilliams
Kathy Angerman

Worship

Kelli McWilliams
Zach Gould

BOARD OF DEACONS

Carolyn Daniels	Bonnie Oliver
Angie Irwin	Dick Pruehs
Beth Lindgren	Harvey Stokes
Sally Lingle	Lorman Vilhauer
Julie Mesmer	Sally Vilhauer

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session-- Connie Sponder

Renea Anderson	Tina Hansen
Kathy Angerman	Kelli McWilliams
Becky Bainbridge	Ben Miller
Andy Gottsch	Don Stokes
Zach Gould	Skip Trout

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum - Music staff: - Sonja Floyd, Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn, Eleanor Tasker
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Tina Hansen