




June 2016

B A L A N C E

JUNE AND JULY SERMON SERIES AT FIRST PRES GRAND FORKS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30pm Church Quilters 6pm Mission 7pm Communication	2 7pm Christian Education Meeting	3 9am Bulletin Folding 9am Landscaping 4pm Korean Prayer	4 8am Men's Breakfast (Perkins) 9:30am Church Quilters
5 Communion 10am Combined Worship 11am Potluck 4pm Praise Team	6 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters	7 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting Class Home Communion	8 9am - 4pm Presbytery Meeting 4pm Finance 6:30 pm Church Quilters	9 7pm Session	10 9am Bulletin Folding 9am Landscaping 10am Presbytery Committee 4pm Korean Prayer	11 9:30am Church Quilters
12 9am Contemporary 11am Traditional 12pm VBS meeting 4pm Praise Team	13 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters	14 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting class 7am ~ 7pm Polling Station	15 6:30pm Church Quilters 7pm Worship Meeting	16 5:30pm Hospitality Meeting ***Newsletter Articles Due***	17 9am Bulletin Folding 9am Landscaping 4pm Korean Prayer	18 9:30am Church Quilters 11 am Memorial for Bob Lander 1pm VBS decorating
19 9am Contemporary 11am Traditional 4pm Praise Team Father's Day	20 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters 5 - 7pm VBS	21 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting class 5 - 7pm VBS	22 6:30pm Church Quilters 7pm M&A 5 - 7pm VBS	23 7pm Building & Grounds 5 - 7pm VBS	24 9am Bulletin Folding 9am Landscaping 4pm Korean Prayer 5 - 7pm VBS	25 9:30 Church Quilters
26 10am VBS One Service Sunday 4pm Praise Team	27 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters	28 9am CD Ministry 1pm Community Quilters 6pm Quilting class	29 1pm Newsletter Folding	30		
						

Committees and their Members of our Session

Building & Grounds (Richard Jorde) in charge of maintenance, new building projects, emergency repairs, etc.

Christian Ed. (Delphine Gregoire) in charge of all education for each of the different age levels.

Communications (Ron Thaden) focused on advertising for the church.

Mission (Karen James) responsible for organizing mission efforts both financial and hands on, local and abroad.

Ministry & Administration (Mike Swanson) guides pastor/congregation relations, the overall ministry of the church, and provides human resource oversight.

Finance (Randy Knutson) tracks the budget and bookkeeping.

Nominating Committee (Donna Thompson) seeks those called by God to serve as elders, deacons, etc.

Worship (Linda Shaw-Elgin) all matters pertaining to public worship.

Hospitality (Bonnie Jacob-Forsyth) all fellowship activities of the congregation, and maintenance of membership.

CLERK'S CORNER

At its stated meeting in May, Session:

Approved a revised, balanced budget.

Discussed Chapter 4, "The Practice of Radical Hospitality" from Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase.

Heard the Pastor has:

Been officially installed April 17th.

Been leading "Philippians" Adult Sunday School.

Attended Worship, Hospitality, M&A, B&G, Mission, C.E and Finance committees.

Averaged 45 hours a week worked, roughly 20-25 in the office.

Served home Communion May 3rd to 12 people.

Assisted with Vacation Bible School planning.

Met with Lifetouch to discuss Church Photo directory past and present.

Assisted with Dani Holle's graduation reception.

Met with Lander family to plan funeral.

Shared pulpit weekend with Craig Ferguson.

Heard from Mission and Stewardship that the proceeds of the Applefest quilt raffle will go evenly to backpack program and kitchen supplies/equipment.

Heard from Worship that so far average Sunday attendance for 2016 is 92. There were 65 at the Maundy Thursday Service, 70 for Good Friday, and 179 for Easter.

Approved a single, 10:00 a.m. service on 26 June 2016 to be led by the children who attended VBS.

Approved new Building Use Guidelines.

Session meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next stated Session meeting is 9 June 2016. As always, members with concerns or ideas are encouraged to come to the open forum at the beginning of each stated Session meeting. If you are not able to come to the meeting in person, but would still like your voice to be heard, please write a letter to the Session or seek out a Session member prior to a meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Dennis Junk | June 3 |
| Audrey Lindenberg | June 6 |
| Kelly Faller | June 8 |
| Patrick McGurk | June 8 |
| Earl Mason | June 9 |
| Kelsey Elgin-Peterson | June 20 |
| Mildred Kennedy | June 22 |
| John Tankersley | June 24 |
| Brian McMahan | June 25 |
| Claire Folson | June 25 |
| Pat Phelps | June 27 |
| Ron Elgin | June 30 |




One Service Sunday

Sunday June 5th
10 am

Combined worship with communion



Potluck

Join in fellowship after worship
Sunday June 5th
at 11 am

Bring a dish to share and invite someone to come along!



June Service Project

Children's Craft Supplies

FCM

CVIC

Swing by the arts and crafts section and grab a craft supply then drop it off in the shopping cart the next time you're at church during the month of June!



Join the men of First Pres for breakfast and fellowship at Perkins on Columbia Road.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH

AT 8 AM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday June 26th
10 am

Come see what all the hootin' and hollerin's about!



Congratulations

To

Lukas Chan

As he graduates from Red River High School

2016



V.B.S. Decorating

Vacation Bible School begins on Monday the 20th of June at 5:00 pm.

In order to be prepared for this event, we are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church on SATURDAY, JUNE 18th at 1:00 pm. We will be hanging posters, putting up western décor, and transforming our church in to the wild west! All ages are welcome to come out and lend a hand while we get ready for this rootin', tootin' VBS week!



Follow First Pres on Facebook and stay up to date with all of the current events happening in our ministry!



SET YOUR CAR PRESETS TO CHRISTIAN RADIO! FAMILY FRIENDLY, POSITIVE AND INSPIRATIONAL!

FM 95.3 (KLOVE)

KLOVE is a listener supported, Christian contemporary music & programming radio station in the National market. Concerts and Music Festivals are promoted and tickets sold from their website.

FM 97.9 (LIFE)

This is a local radio station out of Fargo that is listener supported. View their Playlist online at life979.com. Associated with Northwestern College, St Paul, MN

FM 104.9 (QFM)

Local Grand Forks Radio station based in Fosston, MN. This is another great radio station playing contemporary Christian music.

Sirius/XM Channel 63 (The Message)

Nonstop music from worship songs, to hard rock and everything in between. Listen during the daytime hours to hear songs that you recognize from our praise team, Sunday mornings for worship songs, and late night Saturday for hard rock Christian music.

New Service Project for June



Your Mission Team continues in their support of CVIC in meeting their needs for 2016. For the month of June our focus is going to be on Craft Supplies for both adults and children. There will be a shopping cart set up for you to deposit your items. At the end of the month, they will be delivered to CVIC. Look for different items of need in the following months. **Let's get behind this 100% to support this very important part of the Greater Grand Forks Community.**

Think if you had to abruptly leave your home and everything in it. These hobbies are and can be a therapy while having to live in the chaos of the past. And will help calm you as you look forward to a brighter future. Here are some suggestions: **Fabric for sewing/quilting, yarn for knitting/crocheting.** Anything for kids: foam, pony beads, crayons, coloring books, craft kits (sold by stationary at Target), etc. There are so many to choose from (this is just a small list).



Session Balances the Budget

At this past month's session meeting, the session addressed the growing need of balancing our 2016 budget. Last fall we approved a budget with a \$43,350 deficit. The good news is that we are right on budget with our income and right on budget with our spending. The bad news is that this deficit spending has put a strain on our checking account as it has struggled to pay the difference. Through the diligent work of the finance committee, we targeted several funds on hand (some restricted to specific ministries and some unrestricted) that we can use to finance the work of the church in 2016. If you want more details, you can receive a copy of the balanced budget from the church office. You can also speak to any one of the elders serving on session and they can walk you through the process we went through balancing the budget.



Keeping Your Information Current

Why does the church want my personal information? It's a reasonable question. The easy answer is; we want to be able to contact you with information that may benefit you! Contribution statements are often sent through the mail, and can only find you if we have a current address. Email is another bit of personal information that the church would like to have on file for all congregants. Knowing the birthday's of individuals involved with the church helps us to have complete demographic data. This information assists with decision making in many committees as they can better understand the needs of the people in our congregation. Please take a moment, stop by the office, send the church an email, or give us a quick phone call and be sure we have your current and complete information.



**update
your
records**

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Break The SILENCE Against Domestic Violence

You are invited to join your Mission Team in a one-hour tour of the Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC). This tour will shed light on the violence happening right here in our community. You will see and learn all that CVIC is doing to end violence in our homes, schools, and community. This is educational so please keep your checkbook at home. We have selected June 16th at 11am for this tour. Please RSVP to Ginger 701-610-3947 if you plan on joining us. Space is limited.

Consider Joining the Landscaping Team for the Summer of 2016!



Do you love to work out in the fresh air? Do you have some free time on Friday mornings? The landscaping team works on maintaining the church grounds. Lawn mowing, flower bed preening, other yard and garden tasks are some of the things the group works on when the weather is wonderful! After the work is done, there is always coffee and fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall!

Lois MacGregor heads up the team. You can either get in touch with Lois, or let the office know your interest through the clipboards on Sunday, email or telephone. Many hands make for light work!

Vacation Bible School is Right Around the Corner!

Have you registered your kids for VBS yet? Registration is accepted until June 20, but we'd love to be able to plan for attendance, so please register as soon as possible! Each day will begin with a free supper from 5 - 5:30pm. After the meal there will be loads of western-themed fun and a great time learning about Jesus!

Children ages four through 5th grade are welcome to attend. If you wish to volunteer in any way, please let the church office know, or contact anyone on the Christian Education committee. The members and their information can be found on the Session & Committees board in the Fellowship Hall.



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