

SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAITH FLIGHT

June 2014

What Are We Waiting For?

“Indeed, these are not drunk...” One of my favorite lines as Peter is trying to explain what just happened. “They can’t be, for it is only 9:00 in the morning.” (Paraphrase from Acts 1) Ahhh...good old Pentecost. Be careful what you are waiting for, for you might find it. Or in the case of Pentecost—it might find you. Pentecost happens in the faithfulness of waiting. Jesus had instructed them to wait; to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the promise. Then Jesus left them; he ascended. The time of incarnation had ended. So wait they did. They went inside and waited. This small group was together in prayer, discernment, and worshipping.

Imagine, the closest followers who left everything behind to follow Jesus for three years. After everything they heard, observed, and even shared in, every one of them abandoned Jesus in the time of trial. If you want to talk about doubt, the disciples knew doubt. Not one of them came forward to share the promise that they remembered: He said this would happen, and, three days later he would be raised. Instead the disciples were somewhere along the line of ‘now what?’ Perhaps we should go back home to what we know? So what changed?

What happened for the disciples to go from dejected, secluded, locked in a room together and afraid, to what happens next? What happened is resurrection. They couldn’t quite wrap their heads around this at first. The power of resurrection goes against all the laws of nature, but the power of God has no bounds. And whatever the disciples saw—now they were transformed. You don’t just go from running away when most needed to leaving all security in a few short weeks unless the kind of change happens when you now fully believe with every ounce from within your soul.

And after waiting, the Holy Spirit breathed new life and the disciples went out. This time Jesus was not there. No one else came to take away their problems. What did they do? They went out. They risked everything because now they got it. Resurrection is real—Jesus is alive—it’s time to go outside and do something. It is time to risk, to take chances, and even fail. Yes, I said it. Yes, even risk failure. Inside it feels safe; fortified within the walls. Think about this from the perspective of the disciples as by now, their numbers had dwindled, and the challenges were greater than ever.

And today, there are so many challenges. Life is busier than ever. We don’t know our neighbors. Where is the money going to come from? Why



won't our children go to church? We have tried that before and it didn't work? We've never done it that way before? Busy, tired, broke, and finding it safe inside saying, "We don't know what to do?" Then when we know with conviction with every ounce of our soul, "He is Risen Indeed!", we realize that we are not too busy. We are rich, we are one, and the Lord is with us. May we see opportunity. May we see that following the wind, the noise, and the fire of Pentecost—we cannot remain waiting. We find that we are the "we" we've been looking for. By following Pentecost, we are to go out and risk. We have a story tell. We can't help but go out and share it.



We would love to have your family to join us for
CAMP at Spirit of Life, June 23-27, 2014!

Kids grades K-5 will meet 9am – 3pm

Preschoolers can join us 9am -12noon

Thursday evening, 6/26: Program & Meal

Friday evening, 6/27: Family Campout Night

Kids will enjoy the fun of a camping experience and still go home at night. There will be outdoor activities of wacky games, craft projects, camp songs, Bible stories, and of course, good food. Trained Summer Camp Staff from Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center will be leading the week-long event. Visit our website at Spirit@SpirtofLifeAV.org for more details and register online. Everyone is welcome. See registration fees on line. Scholarships are available.

**Spiritcare
Prayer Team**
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VITAL SIGNS...for April

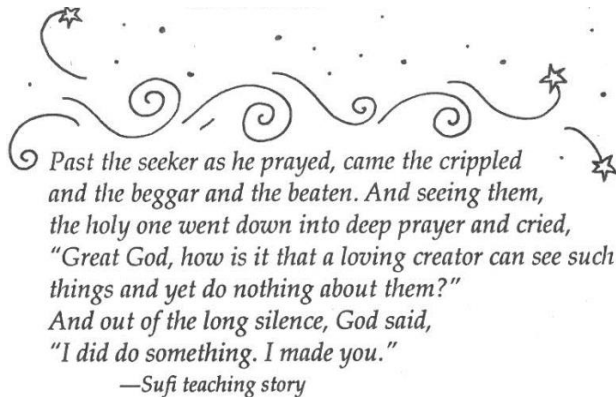
WEEK	ATTENDANCE		(+/-)	CONTRIBUTIONS		(+/-)
	2013	2014		2013	2014	
Week 1	56	59	+1	\$5,761.00	\$4,157.00	(\$1,604.00)
Week 2	42	73	+12	\$3,681.00	\$1,598.00	(\$2083.00)
Week 3	51	96	+23	\$1,061.00	\$7,104.00	\$6,043.00
Week 4	34	92	+21	\$1,200.00	\$1,606.00	\$406.00
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE / TOTALS	46	80		\$11,703.00	\$14,465.00	\$2,762.00

For questions in regard to the Church finances or your personal giving statement, please contact our financial team: Barb Ostlund-Treasurer or Steve Raatz-Financial Secretary



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Alicia Mikoloski
06/05 Linda Milbrant
06/09 Mary Brause
06/12 Darrin Besse
06/17 Howard Mayers
06/17 Crystie Dufon
06/19 Trisa Scott
06/27 Sue Mayers



CALLING ALL MEN

The **June Men's Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, June 14, 7:15 A.M. at the Church. One of Ruth Shepard's famous egg hot-dishes will be served along with other choices. Pastor Rob will be brewing some of his favorite coffee beans for a heavenly beverage. And of course bacon will be served.

Please plan to come and enjoy sharing of faith, food and fellowship. Please let Bob Shepard at shepardsprairie@gmail.com or 507-589-5793 or Pastor Rob know if you can attend.

CARD CARE LIST REMINDER :

If you had someone on Loving Community Ministry Team's Card Care List in May 2014 and wish them to remain on in June 2014, please resubmit them with an update to Ruth Shepard at: rshepard2@frontier.com or 507.263.5975 or by filling out a blue Prayer Request card during worship.
***BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(S) ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CARD.**

***NOTE:** Each month our Card Care List starts with new and updated submissions only.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Alice Gracek

Thank you to the Scouts & workers who helped with the outdoor Spring clean-up day!!



SOLPC honors our Graduates:

Pastor Rob speaks to Michael Tisland, Cassie Dufon, Frankie Plaszcz & Steven Plaszcz



- ◆ Everyone is invited to the **High School Graduation celebration** for Cassie Mae Dufon Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Come on out to the Dufon home at 19150 Ismay Circle, Lakeville.
- ◆ Our *spirit of Life* family is invited to celebrate with Michael James Wayne Tisland on his **Graduation** from Farmington High School. His open house is Saturday, June 14, 2-7 p.m. at 6145 235th Street West, Farmington, MN 55024.
- ◆ Watch for additional details in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday School Promotion & Teacher Recognition



Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church Session Minutes – April 10, 2014

A quorum was present (8 of 9 Session members) for the Session meeting on April 10, which was rescheduled from March 20 and April 17. Pastor Smith offered an opening prayer and devotion based on John 13. The two most important long term plans for our church are: youth and children's programming and welcoming visitors.

The financial report was prepared by Barb Ostlund and discussed by the Session. Per capita is \$32.52. \$900 was spent on furnace and water heater repairs. Youth Group will be selling stock in May and June to help pay the final payment for the Mission Trip in July. We have a new fund set up for the former Farmington Presbyterian Church to cover the annual Dakota Co. Fair church service and deacons funds.

Pastor Rob gave his report. He discussed Confirmation class. Scott Milbradt, Cole Smith, and Nathan Plaszcz will be confirmed on April 27, 2014. Session voted to ask Tony Winter to be our Parish Associate.

Clerk's report was given by Clerk of the Session Karen Johnson. The minutes for the February Session meeting and the March special Congregational meeting were approved as read. Attendance report was reviewed.

Team Reports were given. Christian Ed committee had no report. Outreach committee report was submitted by Peggy Roeske. No action was required. Worship and Music committee report was submitted by Marge Lewis. No action was required. Community Service committee report was given by Chris Sachs. No action was required. Stewardship committee had no report. HUB report was submitted by Denise Lewis. No action was required. Personnel committee had no report. Nominating committee had no report. Deacon's minutes for March were reviewed. No action was required.

Old Business

Shari updated the Church directory for 2014 and will be asking people to submit their own pictures for a pictorial directory. Confirmation dinner will be hosted by the Session with Marge Lewis and Denise Lewis coordinating the dinner.

New Business

Long Term strategic plan was discussed during the devotion time.

Concerns and joys of individuals were expressed and prayers were offered to close the meeting.

Clerk of Session, Karen Johnson

Wednesday Potluck and Devotions are back!

Pastor Rob Is ready to fire up the grill. Everyone is invited to Wednesday Potluck and Devotions in the back yard of the church. The first Potluck will be on Wednesday June 11, and another will be held on Wednesday June 25. Bring your meat to cook on the grill, your own beverage, and a dish to share. Plates and plastic ware will be provided by the church. See you there.





Congratulations to Frankie Plaszczyk

Frankie Plaszczyk, daughter of Susanne Plaszczyk and soon to be a graduate of Eastview High School, was sworn in on May 28, 2014, to become a member of the United States Navy. She will leave for Basic Training on October 6.



Larry and Pat Buchholz

*will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this June!
They would be honored if their church family here at
Spirit of Life would join them as they renew their vows on
Saturday, June 21, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.*

A luncheon will be served by our outstanding youth group following the service.

R.S.V.P.'s appreciated at Larry.Buchholz@charter.net or 952.432.8358.

No gifts please. If you are unable to attend the celebration, prayers are appreciated.

Lectionary Texts and Service Highlights

Sunday, June 1

Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-25
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sunday, June 8

Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or
John 7:37-39

Sunday, June 15

Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8,
2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

Sunday, June 22

Gen. 21:8-21; Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17
Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

Sunday, June 29

Gen. 22:1-14; Ps. 13;
Rom. 6:12-23 Matt. 10:40-42



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Officers

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Rebecca Brandt
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Please contact the
**Clerk of
Session,**
Karen Johnson,
in regard to
membership
changes and any
Session member
with questions or
concerns.

NEXT LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

DEACON MEETING

7:30 p.m. on
Thursday,
June 12, 2014

SESSION MEETING/

6:30 p.m. on
Thursday,
June 19, 2014

Corn and Black Bean Salsa from Karen Johnson

This is a great summer recipe

- 1 1/2 cups frozen or fresh corn
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 bunch cilantro, chopped
- 1 Tbs. olive oil
- 2 Tbs. red wine vinegar
- 3 Tbs. lime juice
- 1-2 cups chopped tomatoes

Mix all together and serve with Lime Tortilla Chips.



Communications Policy Statement

It is Spirit of Life's policy to...

- ▶ *list names, and place photos of members associated with church events, in the newsletter and on the website.*
- ▶ *Spirit of Life also acknowledges birthdays (month & day) in the newsletter, during the member's birthday month.*
- ▶ *Finally, Spirit of Life plans to put a copy of the monthly newsletter on its website.*

Any member who does not want his/her name, likeness, or birth month listed in these, or any other church publications, is requested to contact the church office with a formal request to keep their personal information confidential.

Send newsletter announcements to: spirit@spiritoflifeav.org.

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10:00 AM—3:00 PM M

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PLEASE CALL 952.807.4413



**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

10

PM ~ SUNDAY, June 15
for the July issue.



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Mission Statement

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, created by the Holy Spirit, seeks to be a loving community where all can grow in faith while serving and worshipping the God made known in Jesus Christ.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 1 Communion Sunday / Special Congregational Meeting / Cassie Dufon Open House / Small Group at Shepard's home
- June 8 Pentecost Sunday**
- June 11 Wednesday Club / Outdoor Potluck & Devotions 6-7:30 PM
- June 12 Deacon Meeting 7:30 PM**
- JUNE 14** Men's Breakfast at Church, Shepard's are cooking
Michael Tisland Open House
- June 15 Father's Day** / Newsletter Deadline
- June 19 Session Meeting 6:30 PM
- June 21 Pat and Larry Buchholz 50th Anniversary Service**
Frankie Plaszc Open House
- June 22-27 CAMP at Spirit of Life**
- June 25 Outdoor Potluck & Devotions 6-7:30 PM
- June 29 Sunday Outdoor Worship**

Weekly Events

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| MON | Cubs @ 6PM | TUES | Scouts @ 6:30PM |
| WED | 6:30PM BELLS, Scouts 7:30PM CHOIR | THURS | Cubs @ 6PM |

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday School/Youth Group/Adult Ed 11:10 AM (September thru May)
* Nursery provided during Worship & Education time

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