

SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Build That House!

Wow! Where do I begin? I cannot speak enough of the joy and excitement experienced with *Camp at Spirit of Life* last week. **God is at work and doing something pretty special.**

I will begin with the children. Thirty-five beautiful and fantastic children full of energy and wonder. By the time Monday arrived, we had twenty-one signed up and expected maybe a few more, but fourteen more? What a great way to start the week. And a fun time was had by all playing drum circles, sharing in kinetic prayer, worshiping together, playing many outside games, sharing at table together, and singing and dancing—lots of singing and dancing.

What a wonderful group of volunteers. I am still boasting at how much everyone contributed to make this week happen. We experienced multiplication of the loaves and fishes this week by living into the abundance we find in faith rather than scarcity. There was plenty. Plenty of love, food, encouragement, prayers, hugs, cleaning, organizing, running, planning, and bacon (and I stray). This is church. **Church is where it takes all of us in faith to share as community in intergenerational ministry.** Thank you all for your generosity and living into seeing something wonderful.

I am still smiling thinking about the caliber of camp counselors that put their whole selves into leading our children. Zoe, Maddy, and Nick were truly fantastic at bringing the camp experience to *Spirit of Life*. From leading us in song, dance, prayer, play, devotion, scripture, and love of God—they shared all of this fully loving God and our children. They come entering our community for a week but impacting our



community forever. Working and volunteering alongside them was invaluable for helping us lead into kicking off M&M in the fall. Grateful for the gift God delivered in these fantastic young men and women.

All of this supports the overall theme we shared for the week, **“FOUNDATIONS.”** *“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.” Matthew 7: 24, NLT.* The week we shared together strengthened all of our foundations, a foundation cemented in our Triune God. In our very busy schedule, we were all blessed to find that in all of the planning, meeting, preparing, and time working our tails off—we found that God was in the playing, the laughter, and the smiles making all of the work worth it. Praise be to God. Amen (Build That House!)



Trash Can Band players, unite!!!

Spirit of Life’s Trash Can Band played *“Fresh Trash”* for our outdoor service on Sunday, June 29, and will be playing for Apple Valley’s 4th of July parade! Way to do *“Fresh Trash”*!

* Contact our Music Director, Kate Olaf, at kolaf32@gmail.com or 218-348-7028 if you wish to participate.

VITAL SIGNS···for May

WEEK	ATTENDANCE		(+/-)	CONTRIBUTIONS		(+/-)
	2013	2014		2013	2014	
Week 1	46	76	+30	\$2,551.00	\$2,696.00	\$145.00
Week 2	61	66	+5	\$4,520.10	\$1,018.00	(\$3,502.10)
Week 3	48	64	+16	\$3,216.17	\$3,169.00	(\$47.17)
Week 4	24	52	+28	\$708.00	\$1,685.00	\$977.00
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE / TOTALS	45	65		\$10,995.27	\$8,568.00	(\$2,427.27)

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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Brooke Besse
 07/02 Ashlie Tisland
 07/07 Jeff Parker
 07/07 Chuck Dufon Jr.
 07/08 Clyde Ambe
 07/10 Danielle Ullom
 07/11 Randy Besse
 07/14 Bill Swaim
 07/14 Austin Ambe
 07/17 Brian Gracek
 07/18 Marge Lewis
 07/21 Don Harber
 07/25 Nicole Dufon
 07/26 Ashton Mikoloski
 07/28 Connie O'Sullivan

**Spiritcare
 Prayer Team**
 call **1.507.263.5975**
952.423.2212 (office)



CALLING ALL MEN

The **July Men's Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, July 12 at the church. Pastor Rob will be makin' bacon (and some other delicious breakfast items).

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 June 2014 and wish them to remain on in July 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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ALICE GRACEK



Come and ride on the *Spirit of Life* float
July Fourth Apple Valley Parade
Friday July 4, 2014

Meet at the church to assemble float,
then carpool to the start of the parade (Fireside Lane).
The Parade starts at 1:00 and ends at AVHS.
We will be back at SOL around 3:00 pm.

Come and watch the Fourth of July Fireworks

7:30 pm Volunteer to set up water and soda concession stand
Set up parking in the church lot
10:00 pm Fireworks begin

Having Fun at Camp Spirit of Life





CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you call *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church* your home church, we need your family picture! Recently we updated the directory and now we're beginning to pull together photos of each family/household to be included in the next **photo directory** update. Alvine Siaka has offered to take pictures for us and will be in the conference room following services. Please see her to have your/ your family picture taken. You may also email an updated photo to the office for submission at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org.

SESSION Minutes from May 15, 2014 Meeting

A quorum was present (7 of 9 Session members) for the Session meeting on May 15. Pastor Smith offered an opening prayer and devotion based on Matthew 28:16-20 – the great commissioning. He discussed “What are we waiting for”.

The shortened financial report was prepared by Barb Ostlund (out-of-town) and discussed by the Session. Contributions are \$1900 over budget year to date. General fund has increased by \$3700. The Christmas Joy offering was \$335.

Pastor Rob gave his report. The motion carried to approve the baptism of Shanelle-Grace Assah on August 31, 2014. The Cameroon choir will be invited to sing at the service. We again discussed the two long term goals of Session to establish a “Welcoming Guests” ministry and a “Children and Youth” ministry.

Clerk's report was given by Clerk of the Session, Karen Johnson. The minutes for the April 10 Session meeting and the April 23 special Session 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. The motion was approved for the fund raiser of food and drink sales and collecting donations during the July 4th Apple Valley fireworks. Worship and Music committee report was submitted by Marge Lewis. The motion was approved to accept the outdoor worship service schedule for the summer. Community Service committee report was given by Chris Sachs. 7 of the 9 rented garden plots were rented by non-members. Stewardship committee had no report. HUB report was submitted by Denise Lewis. May 10 was the outdoor clean-up with the scouts helping. Personnel committee had no report. Nominating committee gave the slate for Session and Deacons. The Slate was approved. Slate for Session is: Walt Ullrich, Deon Ford, Chris Sachs, and Bob Shepard (1 year term). Slate for Deacons is: Don Roeske and Sayra Maberry (1 year term). Deacon's minutes for April and May 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. There was discussion on usher/greeter/communion lead schedule.

New Business

Long Term strategic plan was discussed during the pastor's report. June 15 will be the ordination of the new Session and Board of Deacons members.

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

Clerk of Session, Karen Johnson

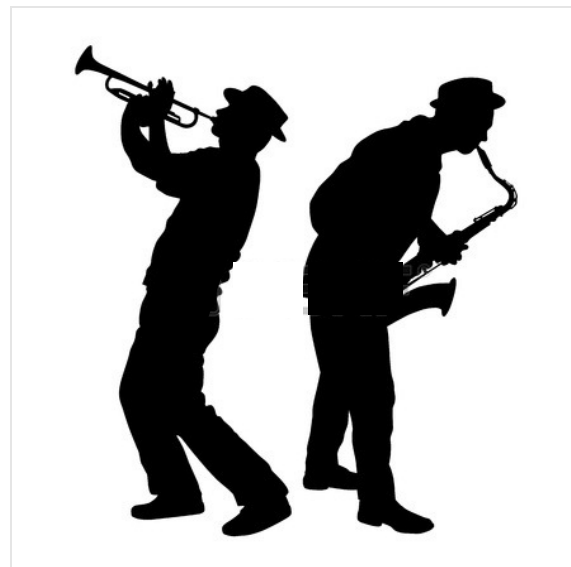
Wednesday Potluck and Devotions are back!

Pastor Rob and Bob Shepard are ready to fire up the grill again.

Everyone is invited to Wednesday Potluck and Devotions in the back yard of the church. The Potlucks will be on Wednesday July 9, and another will be held on Wednesday July 23. 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.



Spirit of Life is putting our **JAZZ band** back together for the summer! We'd love to have you join us musicians. Rehearsal & performance dates are: rehearsal—Wednesday, July 9, 7:30pm (after service); rehearsal—Wednesday, July 30, 7:30pm; rehearsal—Wednesday, August 6, 7:30pm; rehearsal & performance—Sunday, August 10. Any questions, please ask Kate Olaf at kolaf32@gmail.com or text/call 218-348-7028.



Lectionary Texts and Service Highlights

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 6 Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Ps. 45:10-17 or song of Sol. 2:8-13 Rom. 7:15a-19; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 13 Gen. 25: 19-34; Ps. 119:105-112 Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 20 Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24 Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, July 27 Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128 Rom 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52</p>

WEDNESDAY CLUB WILL MEET ON FRIDAY THIS MONTH

Wednesday Club be meeting at the Mediterranean Cruise restaurant at 12:00 noon on **FRIDAY**, the 11th of July. The owner, Jamal, will give us free coffee, tea, or soda. The buffet is \$10.99 and there will be a belly dancer for entertainment. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

2014-2015

Officers

Session

Rebecca Brandt
Deon Ford
Brian Gracek
Karen Johnson
Julie Raatz
Peggy Roeske
Chris Sachs
Bob Shepard
Walt Ullrich

Board of Deacons

Alice Gracek
Loretta Hunt
Jerry Johnson
Sayra Maberry
Don Roeske

Treasurer

Barb Ostlund

Financial Secretary

Steve Raatz

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, July 10, 2014

SESSION MEETING/

6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2014
(combined July & August)

SESSION RETREAT: September 13,
10-3 @ Bob & Ruth Shepard's home

Three Bean Salad from Alice Gracek.

Mix together:

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup salad oil
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup vinegar
1 tsp salt
1/2 cup chopped onion

Drain

1 #303 can cut green beans
1 #303 can cut wax (yellow) beans
1 #303 can dark red kidney beans



Pour oil and vinegar mixture over the beans and mix well. Refrigerate and serve when chilled.

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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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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2	7:00-9:00PM SURPRISED BY HOPE BOOK CLUB
THURSDAY, JULY 3	7:00-8:30AM SURPRISED BY HOPE BOOK CLUB
FRIDAY, JULY 4	4TH OF JULY PARADE AND FIREWORKS
SUNDAY, JULY 6	MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9	6:00-7:30PM OUTDOOR POTLUCK AND DEVOTIONS
	7:30-9:00PM SURPRISED BY HOPE BOOK CLUB
	7:30PM JAZZ BAND REHEARSAL
THURSDAY, JULY 10	7:00-8:30AM SURPRISED BY HOPE BOOK CLUB
FRIDAY, JULY 11	12:00 PM "WEDNESDAY CLUB"
SATURDAY, JULY 12	MISSION TRIP LEAVING FOR OKLAHOMA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16	7:00-9:00PM SURPRISED BY HOPE BOOK CLUB
THURSDAY, JULY 17	7:00-8:30AM SURPRISED BY HOPE BOOK CLUB
	6:30-8-30PM SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23	6:00-7:30PM OUTDOOR POTLUCK AND DEVOTIONS
	7:00-9:00PM SURPRISED BY HOPE BOOK CLUB

Weekly Events

MON	Cubs @ 6PM	TUES	Scouts @ 6:30PM
WED	6:30PM BELLS, Scouts	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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