



P.C.A. Witness

(Preaching Christ Always)

One of the blessings of being part of the Presbyterian Church in America is our connection in ministry with other faithful presbyterians. As a church in South Dakota, however, sometimes it's hard to see that connection, and we forget, or lose sight of, many of the great resources we share as a denomination. Over the next few months, the newsletter will highlight the different ministry agencies of the PCA, with articles provided by representatives of those agencies.

May these articles be informative and encouraging as we celebrate the continuing ministry of Christ's Church.



Mission to the World

Following the Great Commission of our Lord: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matt 28:19-20a), the vision of MTW is to seek the Gospel of the Kingdom advancing throughout the world. This is accomplished by making disciples among all nations.

Mission to the World prepares and serves 543 long-term missionaries and 996 short-term missionaries in 100 countries around the world. We are committed to the establishment, growth, and maturity of the church. All that we do flows into, rests within, or flows out of the local church.

For example, establishing a new church might require people who can teach local leaders, or evangelize through sports ministry, or provide a medical clinic. These ways of serving can reach and equip future leaders and build connections in the community. We work with 1,337 national partners to help strengthen this endeavor.

Serving within the church would be church planters, assistant pastors, disciplers, teachers, and others who directly support the growth and maturity of the church.

Flowing out of a healthy, growing church will be ministries that transform the community and continue to draw others to the gospel message, such as teaching English, caring for orphans, art and music outreach, or serving refugees.

Currently, Lennox Ebenezer supports 3 missionaries with MTW, Brennan McCafferty and Katie Jacobson who are serving in Cambodia, and Bill Carr, who is Regional Director for Indigenous Ministries of North America, helping to oversee church plant initiatives among Indigenous peoples of the US and Canada.

Please pray for the work of MTW, and consider how you can continue to support and encourage our missionaries as they serve the Church around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ethan".

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If you are unable to attend the morning service, you may watch it on cable 19 or 98 or you may Livestream the service by going to the website and clicking the link.

May



Anniversaries

- 24 Nathan & Michele Strasser



Birthdays

- 2 Lyra Haan
 4 Chole Aesoph
 5 Michelle Strege
 7 Caleb Saylor
 10 Wendell Strasser
 12 Ed Poppens
 16 Carla Haan & Charlotte Lounsbery
 17 Kathy Van Ruler
 18 Elizabeth Hanisch & Eric Rops
 22 Emersen Lee & Marla Poppens
 26 David Hanisch
 28 Larry Cramer

The Woman Who Feels The Lord...

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is still yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.



She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dress herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches our her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household are clothed scarlet. She makes bed coverings for herself; he4r clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:10-31

Christian Education News



Adult Sunday School Class

#1 is studying the scriptures using the Sunday School Guide publication.

Adult Sunday School Class #2 is led by Alan Rops. Everyone is welcome to drop in and participate in their current study.

Adult Class #3 is taking a break over the summer months. They will resume

meeting in the fall when school starts again with a new subject.

Children's Sunday School Classes will meet on Sunday, May 5 and then take a break for the summer months.

Midweek Activities are now on break for the summer months and will begin again in the fall with the start of school.

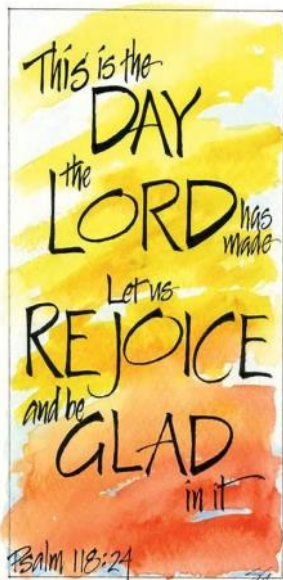
Rise with the Guys will meet on May 4 at 7:00 am..

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on May 4 at 8:30 am.

The Rachel Bible Study will meet on Monday, May 11, at 7:00 pm. They will study the seventh lesson in the Miracles of Jesus Bible study book.

Sunday School Mission Projects

The amount given so far for the 2nd quarter S.S. offering for Children's bibles through The Voices of the Martyrs was \$28.00, which was above our monthly support for



MISSION NEWS



Bill & Susan Carr ~ Indigenous Ministries of North America ~MTW

In January, I attended a class of Effective Worship at Heidelberg Theology Seminary in Sioux Falls. The goal was to enable us to structure worship services that are faithful to Scriptural mandates and glorifying to God. The class was well worth the time and energy.

From Sioux Falls, I flew to Covenant PCA for a mission conference. The end of January, I began filling the pulpit twice a month for a Cherokee pastor and friend in Sisseton, SD, who is ill. Please pray for his recovery.

In March, I meet up with Michael Wadhams, a church planter among the Lummi and Nooksack in Washington State, and Mike Peifer, the Mission Trip Manager for MTW, to train short-term leadership for ministry on the Tohono O'odham reservation in Arizona. The tribe had invited us to do this work because of the recent intensity of spiritual warfare that has manifested itself there. After the training, our group visited the reservation. In addition to other on-site projects competed there, 70 children attended their Bible School.

We have an invitation to come there next year. Please pray that this will open doors for further ministry on this reservation. While we were in AZ, we drove up to Flagstaff to meet and pray with the Henry family who are serving with MTW among Navajo. They have gone a long way making relationships with them. They were preparing for three short-term teams to come and minister there. Pray for God to work in hearts and raise up Native American and First Nations leaders within His church and for His glory.

Susan has been helping me with ministry activities and logistics. She has been very involved in reinforcing and enriching our granddaughter's education. She is also teaching Bible to a group of 8-9-year-old girls. Pray for her energy, creativity, and wisdom. Pray for the girls, that God's Word will take root in their hearts and produce fruit.

I have been in the hospital twice more recently, but thank the Lord for my recovery and pray that the heart ablation will keep me in sinus rhythm.

Pete & Esther Errington ~ Beyond ~ Plano, TX

Answers to your prayers: The prayer call on April 2 went really well with 35 participating. It was neat to hear from our co-workers reaching Muslims in three distinct regions. Pete and his co-worker had a great meeting with a couple exploring Beyond. Pray for them as they listen to the Lord about joining us. Pray for more workers for the harvest among the unreached. The couple you helped us launch to Asia at the end of February found an apartment. Language learning and all the adjustments have been hard but they are making new friends.

Pray for all our co-workers serving among Muslims as they connect with those around them. We narrowed down our options and are deciding between two for the boys' school for next year. We appreciate prayers for clarity. We will be going to Iowa in May for Talea's graduation from Northwestern College in Orange City on the 11th. Pete's parents will also be coming for the graduation. Then on the next week-end, Shiloh will graduate from high school.

Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters Auxiliary

The April Lamplighter Auxiliary meeting was held on the 19th at Trinity Baptist Church. Thank you for the generous amount of underwear donated. It was very much appreciated.

Eric Weber (CEO) gave an update on the programs at the mission. He also told that the 3rd floor is ready to be used after some leaks were found in the new plumbing and fixed immediately. The missionary couple arrived to oversee the third floor. They have a small apartment there to live in.

The next meeting will be held at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Lennox on May 17th at 2:00 pm. The Love Gift will be monetary gifts to further their programs. A new project will be named at the next meeting. All are welcome to attend to learn more of the many things they are involved with. Please keep the mission in your prayers for the work they do.

Officer Meetings

The Deacons of Mercy & Finance and Building & Property, and the Session, will hold their meetings on **Tuesday, May 6** at 7:00 pm.



We continue to ask for your recipes for the newsletter. Please drop a copy of a recipe in Brenda Ratliff's mailbox, text it to her at 605-359-5475 or email it to her at abratliff@hotmail.com.

Thank you!



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May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 The Exchange is open every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm	2	3	4
5 5:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting	6	7 7:00 pm Officers' Meetings	8	9	10	11
12	13 7:00 pm Rachel Bible Study	14	15	16	17 2:00 pm UGM Lamplighter's Meeting at LEPC	18
19 Mission Offering for Camp Fund	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Communion	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	The Exchange is open every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Kids Korner

Elijah, the prophet, performed many miracles. Some of those miracles are found in 1 Kings 17 and 18. The following words are taken from those chapters. Find the words in the word search.

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ELIJAH
PROPHET
AHAB
DEW
RAIN
BROOK
RAVENS
ZAREPHATH
WIDOW
BARREL
MEAL
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OBADIAH
BAAL
CARMEL
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BULLOCK
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KISHON
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Taste and See That the Lord is Good

Hot Fudge Pudding Cake

Audrey Eide

1 1/2 c Bisquick Mix
1/2 c sugar
1/2 c chopped walnuts
1/2 c milk
1/2 c brown sugar
1 1/2 c boiling water
6 oz pkg semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix Bisquick, sugar, nuts and milk. Pour this batter in to a buttered 10 inch casserole dish. Spring the brown sugar on top. Pour the boiling water over the chocolate chips and let stand. For 1-2 minutes, until the chocolate melts, then stir until smooth. Pour the chocolate on top of the brown sugar. Bake for 35-40 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes to cool slightly. Service with ice cream or whipped topping. Yummy!

Food for Thought

Cheer up, Christian! Things are not left to chance:
no blind fate rules the world. God hath purposes,
and those purposes are fulfilled. God hath plans,
and those plans are wise, and never can be
dislocated,

Charles Spurgeon

*“I know that you can do all things, and that
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”*

Job 42:2

The joint meeting of the Session and Deacons of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church was convened by Pastor Saylor on April 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Saylor opened the meeting with devotions from Chapter 4 of the WCF followed by prayers for the church by several of the attendees.

Several questions were asked by the boards pertaining to the changes being made to the nominations for the office of Elders and Deacons. These were addressed. At this time, the Session moved to the high school S.S. room.

Those present were Pastor Saylor, Marlyn Bunger, Bob Steadman, Phil Fett, Don Heeren, and Gene Valentin.

MSA the minutes of the March 5, 2024.

MSA the minutes of the March 10, 2024 called meeting.

Church statistics:

Communion was served to 31 people at the Maundy Thursday service on March 28, 2024.

Communion was served to 101 people at the March 31, 2024 worship service.

The following youth were received as communing members on March 24, 2024 Natalie Aesoph, Isaac Booker, Willow Booker, Lucy Carlson, Lily Kezar, Alaina Klenner, Ethan Marts, Easton Nelson, and Easton Timmermans received upon profession of faith having previously been baptized (BCO 57-4) and Natalie Aesoph and Lily Kezar upon profession of faith and baptism (57-3)

Old Business:

The tabled discussion on the S.S. Superintendent did not come back up for discussion.

The candidate, Joshua Currey, for the Christian Ed and Youth Ministry position will be interviewed on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the church

New Business:

Pastor Saylor and Marlyn Bunger will make a home visit with a couple concerning becoming members of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

Marlyn Bunger and Bob Steadman will be the delegates for the presbytery meeting April 25-26 in S
Turgis, SD.

Committee reports:

Church Use: The requests for use of the church were approved.

Missions: Plans are being made to have Katie Jacobson and Brennan McCafferty to share with us about their work in Cambodia this coming fall.

Pastor Saylor gave his report on his recent visitations. There are several members that have health concerns.

Upcoming events:

Church Fellowship meal on April 14.

Presbytery meeting April 25-26.

The next stated meeting will be on May 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Saylor prayed to close the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Bunger, clerk

The called meeting of the session of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for the purpose to interview Joshua Curry for the position of Christian Education and Youth Ministry was convened by Pastor Sayler April 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the Pastor Sayler's office.

Pastor Sayler opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were Pastor Sayler, Marlyn Bunger, Bob Steadman, Don Heeren and Gene Valentien.

Joshua was interviewed for the position of Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry.

No action was taken.

Bob Steadman closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Bunger, Clerk

The called meeting of the session of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for the purpose to consider offering the candidate, Joshua Curry, the position of Christian Education and Youth Ministry was convened by Pastor Sayler April 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the Pastor Sayler's office.

Pastor Sayler opened the meeting with prayer. Those present were Pastor Sayler, Marlyn Bunger, Arlon Knock, Don Heeren, Phil Fett, and Gene Valentien.

Joshua's experiences were reviewed at Moody Bible Institute, at PCA churches, and during his summer breaks from seminary including youth ministry. A salary package of \$54,000 including salary, insurance, and housing was presented for consideration (see below). MSA the compensation package.

Joshua will be contacted to offer him the position along with the salary package.

Arlon Knock closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyn Bunger, Clerk

The Deacons of Mercy & Finance and Building & Property met on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, in opening with the Session members.

Those present were Dave Strasser, Richard Lounsbery, Cliff Wulf, Jim Kickland, Mark Van Ruler, Justin Alyward, Adam Aesoph, Casey Slack, Bruce Olson, Jeff Haan, Billy Welch, Jeremy Timmermans, and Ron Hanssen. Ken Shaffer and Randy Dump were excused.

There was discussion with the Session members regarding the bylaws pertaining to election of officers for clarification. Following this, the individual boards of officers broke to various rooms in the church for their separate meetings.

The Deacon's Fund has a balance of \$9,609.24.

Discussion was held on the financial needs of several congregational members and was acted upon.

Communion will be served on Sunday, April 28. Richard Lounsbery will prepare the elements.

Church Treasurer Brenda Sinning was unable to attend the meeting in person, but had prepared the March financial statements for review.

As there was no other business, the meeting was closed with prayer offered by Justin Alyward.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Van Ruler, Secretary

The Deacons of Building & Property continued their separate meeting following the joint opening.

There are 32 surplus folding chairs available to members for a free-will donation, on a first-served basis. If you have any questions or are interested in them, please speak to one of the Deacons.

Discussion was held on purchasing a security system. Foss submitted a tentative bid of \$2,000 for a keypad per entrance door, and a camera per door at a cost of \$850 each—depending on walls covered and cloud storage needed. Foss is scheduled to come evaluate the building on Thursday, April 11 so we can obtain a more concise estimate.

The Deacons have talked with the Lennox City Administrator regarding handicapped parking requirements from the City's position. Jeremy Timmermans will talk to some local companies about signage and requirements.

The men are looking into options to replace the missing tree on the east side of the building along Cedar Street.

Bruce Olson will talk with Darren Construction about repairing the roof.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Welch, Secretary