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Our JOYFUL Noise

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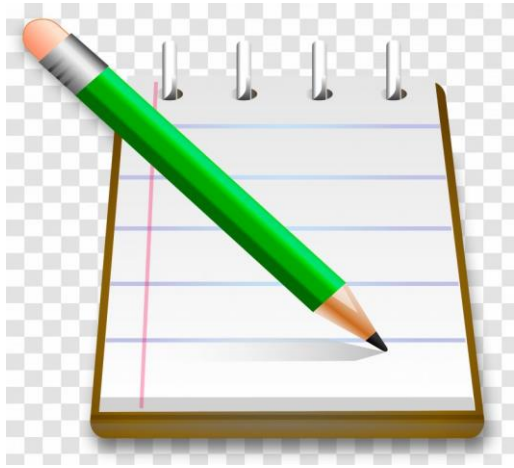
PULPIT SUPPLY:

Sunday, June 7th – Lance Griese
Sunday, June 14th – Lance Griese
Sunday, June 21st – Pending
Sunday, June 28th – Lance Griese



Dear Family in Christ,
It appears that the heat of summer has finally arrived and we will be trying to enjoy the weather with care as the temps near 90 degrees. Most of the crops are in and we are grateful for the amounts of rain we have received.

June brings us Father's Day and Flag Day, with opportunities for gathering together as a family. Be kind to one another and enjoy your days in the sun. Blessings, Jane.



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

- The church is in need of a wedding coordinator. If you are willing to fill this position, please speak with a current elder.
- New members will be accepted on Sunday, June 7.
- Session will meet again on June 16.
- Next communion date is July 12.

--Jill Beaner



Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it. —Clarence Budington Kelland

Fathers these days are often portrayed with humor (the bumbling dad in sitcoms) or with suspicion (the absent or domineering father). Yet the Bible

frequently offers a different perspective: fathers who bless, guide and reflect something of God's own steadfast love. Jesus himself often spoke of "my Father," not just as an authority figure, but as one who loved, provided and welcomed prodigals home. In the book of Acts, Barnabas, "the son of encouragement," reminds us that encouragement was not just the work of mothers. It was the call of fathers, too (see 4:36-37). On Father's Day, we pause to remember the quiet, steady influence of those who shaped us by word and example. Think for a moment of the many roles a good father plays. He's a teacher — passing on wisdom gained through trial and error. He's a provider — working not just for material needs but for a secure and nurturing environment. He's a protector — standing guard when danger comes. And perhaps most importantly, he's a presence — showing up, time and again, with steady faithfulness. Not every father has lived up to that calling. Some carry wounds from difficult family histories. Yet even in these gaps, Scripture tells us that God himself becomes "a father to the fatherless" (Psalm 68:5). The best of our earthly fathers are shadows

of that greater reality. For those who did experience a father's blessing, we give thanks. For those whose fathers were absent or failed, we cling to the truth that God's love is stronger than human failure. And for all of us, Father's Day can be a chance to reflect on how we might be encouragers — like Barnabas — as fathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors or simply friends. A father's voice can shape a child's life for years to come. So can your voice, when you use it to affirm, guide and encourage. This Father's Day, let us remember with gratitude those who have encouraged us. And let us hear the call to do the same for others — echoing the voice of the Father who calls each of us beloved children. —Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Faithful God, we thank you today for fathers and father figures who have encouraged us along the way. Where fathers have failed, heal our hurts. Where they have blessed, deepen our gratitude. And help us to use our own words and lives to encourage others, reflecting your love as our true Father. Amen.

Happy
Father's
Day



NORTHERN STATE NURSING STUDENT, POPPEN, GETS BOOST DOWN CAREER PATH

A Northern State student recently got a boost in her quest to become a nurse. Kailyn Poppen was honored with the Carol and Bruce Anderson Family Memorial Scholarship. The Aberdeen native is a junior in Northern's new nursing program and plans to graduate in spring 2027.

She said her most meaningful experience at NSU so far has been "learning under highly educated nursing instructors who foster a supportive, safe learning environment and genuinely care about each student's success."

Bruce Anderson lives in Britton and, after his wife Carol died in 2022, wanted to honor her in a special way. He decided a nursing scholarship program would be appropriate. The scholarships are given to college students who are South Dakota residents in accredited

nursing programs. Honorees must be from Marshall, Brown, Day, Roberts, McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk or Spink county.

Poppen said she plans to eventually be a certified registered nurse anesthetist to "contribute to improved patient outcomes through advanced practice nursing."

She said she comes from a background that values hard work, discipline and teamwork – qualities that will help her in her career.

Poppen said her clinical rotations have been a significant experience. "Seeing nurses offer empathy and compassion gives each patient an extra glimmer of light and hope, which is rewarding to see and feel," she said.

Poppen, who also teaches ice skating lessons in the winter, said her schedule is busy, but has taught her the "importance of time management and staying grounded."



Diaper Ministry continues. We are currently serving some 41 families. Contact Heidi Eimers at 605.216.6065. We continue to need volunteers for upcoming Saturday mornings, the

second and fourth Saturdays of the month. We currently have a need for sizes 4 and 7. Please consider this when purchasing for donations. Please sign up in the fellowship room on the end of the cabinets.



We will be collecting Mac and Cheese for the Food Pantry during the month of June. Please leave items on the table in the back of the church.



Group #5 will be serving coffee and treats in June

3 Cs Thrift Store

Christ. Compassion. Community.

Our Mission:

We are dedicated to serving our community with the love and compassion of Christ. Through the operation of our non-profit thrift store, we provide affordable goods, create opportunities for generosity, and use our proceeds to support the Marshall County Food Pantry & Community. Our mission is to transform lives and communities by providing a place to shop, donate and volunteer, all while supporting Christian outreach. We believe every interaction is a chance to share hope, dignity, and the message of God's love.

Hours: Thurs. 2-6

Saturday 9-1

Please, only drop-off when 3Cs is open. Your donation will be a blessing! Profits will go to the food pantry/community and your items will be re-used here in our community!

We are hoping to receive new/gently used household items, clothes, towels, blankets, jackets, toys, etc. We do not accept: opened paints, oils, tires, non-functioning items (puzzles with missing pieces, broken items, etc.) We are not targeting to take furniture but if you have items that you would like to find a home, let us know. We may be able to assist.

Please try to:

- Keep boxes to a manageable size (<20 lbs.)
- Organize items (outfits matched up, pieces for toys in a bag, etc.)
- If providing quilts/bedding, identify size on the outside of the bag.

For a real treat, stop by during open hours and have an enjoyable shopping time!



In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for Sharon Johnson, Jeani Amacher, Vicki Beck and others dealing with cancer; for those dealing with serious health concerns; for the families of Deb Mack, Ed Jerde and others dealing with the loss of loved ones; and all people around the world dealing with loss and devastation.



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