



The Chamberlain View

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April 12– Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

April 19– Acts 4:32-35, Ps 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

April 26–Acts 3:12-19, Ps 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

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It's a boy!

Congratulation's goes out to Jay and Amy Blum on the birth of their son, **Chisum John** who was born on Thursday, March 12th. Chisum weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and joins a brother and sister, Chance and Piper. Congratulation's to the family!

It's a girl!

Silvana Brooke Niewenhuis arrived on January 29th, 2009. She weighed: 7 lbs 3 oz and was 19 1/4" long. The proud parent's are Brandy and Rocky. Silvana joins a brother, River. Congratulations to you all!

The Pastor's Column

Easter: We Too Can Expect New Life

“He is not here; he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee... Then the women remembered his words...” (Luke 24: 6-8, TEV)

A joke has it that early in Lent when someone was offered a brownie at the church coffee fellowship they replied, “No thanks, I’m expecting a new body for Easter.” And, of course they were right. This is what Easter means! Because of our Lord’s resurrection, we too can expect new life. We can expect a new body and new life not only after death, but we can expect a new body and new life now!

The joke is based in Christian Truth and helps us keep in perspective the Easter message. A perspective of the Easter message that we sometimes lose sight of; that includes the here-and-now as well as here-after; and that informs our faith as well as keeps us alert for change—change that is possible now!

Our lives are not lived in obedience to the whims of fate, but in accordance with workings of the heart of God; a God who is so identified with us through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son that He really does know our difficulties, fears, and growing edges. A God who loves us so much that He makes available to us through grace the very power we need to experience change in our lives—even our bodies—here and now.

Our faith, which is by grace, always contains a word of hope. A word of hope that when remembered gives us not only a laugh when we have to turn down brownies, but also courage to face the death of loved ones and the evaporation of dreams. A word of hope that gives us most of all a positive attitude towards change and new life—here and now!

May you remember and hear this word of hope in the Alleluias of Easter morning!

Pastor Ellis

Q & A: with Pastor Ellis.

Question: Lawrence Bergner. The next-to-last phrase in the Lord's Prayer is a request for protection from Satan: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13). Does the Lord Tempt us?

Answer: James 1:13 says, "When people are tempted they should not say, 'God is tempting me.' Evil cannot tempt God, and God himself does not tempt anyone." If God does not tempt us, then why pray, "Lead us not into temptation"? Some light is shed on this question by an illustrated response from the writings of Max Lucado. He writes: this is a prayer for the child-like heart. This is a prayer for those who look upon God as their Abba (Father). This is a prayer for those who have already talked to their Father about provision for today ("Give us our daily bread.") and pardon for yesterday ("Forgive us our debts."). Now the child needs assurance about protection for tomorrow. The phrase is best understood by imagining a father and son walking down an icy street. The father cautions the boy to be careful, but the boy is too excited to slow down. He hits the first patch of ice. Up go the feet and down plops his bottom. Dad comes along and helps him to his feet. The boy apologizes for disregarding the warning and then, tightly holding his father's big hand, he asks, "Keep me from the slippery spots. Don't let me fall again." Such is the heart of this prayer request. It's a tender appeal of a child to a father. The last few slips have taught us--the walk is too treacherous to make alone. So we place our small hand in his large one and say, "Please, Abba, keep me from evil."

Thank you so much for everything you have done for Aria and I. Your generosity has made us feel very welcome in the church. Thank you!

-Cassie & Aria Gimbel

Thank you to the RE Board for the card and gift certificate. You are a "great -bunch- of -gals" and I will miss those meetings with you. I thank you for your support and friendship for the last 3 years that I was the supervisor. God's Blessings to you all! Lynn Miller

STEWARDSHIP REPORT			
Date:	Attendance:	Offering:	Avg.needed:
March 1	118	\$2496.50	\$2,800.00
March 8	116	\$1075.00	\$2,800.00
March 15	171	\$3694.00	\$2,800.00
March 22	189	\$1960.50	\$2,800.00
March 29	Will be	in next	newsletter!

Please mark your calendars!

April 5th-Palm Sunday, Youth are confirmed during worship. There will be no "coffee fellowship" after worship. Men's breakfast, 8:30 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Hansen Circle bake sale.

April 9th- Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm.

April 10th-Good Friday community wide services are at the Episcopal church at 12:00 pm.

April 12- Easter Sunday. No Sunday school or " coffee fellowship."

April 19- Potluck dinner after worship.

April 26- Guest speaker during worship, Kerry Steever speaks about Placerville camp. Coffee fellowship resumes after worship.

April 29- Ladies Spring Tea. Decade Theme Party...a look back in time. Social hour and basket browsing begins at 5:30, program and meal at 6:00.

- Pastor Ellis Carr II
- Lynn Miller, Secretary
- Sheryl Larson, Diaconate
- Gary Biskeborn, Trustee
- Merrill Karlen, Jr., Moderator
- Diane Heib, Women's Fellowship
- Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director
- Jane Cameron, Organist
- Connie Priebe, Religious Ed.
- Lynn Miller, Youth Group
- Val Moore, Treasurer
- Cathy Stone, Financial Secretary
- Don Steckelberg, Cap. of Ushers

Helping in April

Coffee Fellowship and Carry-In Dinner

The March hostesses are members of the Power's Circle.

Ushers

David Swanson, Wayne Johnson, Roger Steckelberg, Tom Sellend

Chancel Arrangements

Debbie Swanson

Pastoral Act's- March

March 15, 2009- Installation of Servant Leader's Service

March 22, 2009- Baptism of, Christian Fees and Austin Rose.

March 29, 2009- Baptism of, Boon Estes and Alexi Fluke. Congratulations to these families!

Birthdays and Anniversaries of Members and Friends

Birthdays

April 03: Lorna Bergner, Lynn Miller, Dale Schoenfelder, Hadley Tichy
 April 04: Rick Moore, Trisha Burke
 April 05: Jordin Mueller
 April 06: Parker Evans, Chelsea Mueller
 April 07: Devin Adcock, Dorothy Markus, Arnold Schaefer
 April 08: Virginia Hobson, Glenn Priebe, Wilma Shaffer
 April 10: Wanda Swanson, Kayla Strang
 April 11: Katelyn Moore
 April 12: Rod Byrd
 April 13: Sholi Glaus
 April 16: Gladys Kathan
 April 17: Jay Blum
 April 18: Jayna Handel
 April 19: Jessica Betts, Florence Sorensen
 April 20: Teresa Selland
 April 22: Boon Estes
 April 24: Amy Priebe
 April 25: Garry Allen, Renee Long, Kit Talich
 April 28: Doris Dominiack
 April 29: Harley Cable, Vic Twamley
 April 30: Randy Dominiack, Dayle Chilson, Marjorie Miller

Anniversaries

April 01: Dan Goodman and Diane Philen
 April 01: David and Rebecca Swanson
 April 07: Pastor Ellis and Pastor Susan Carr
 April 25: Jim and Sholi Glaus
 April 25: Dale and Sandi Knippling
 April 25: Frank and Mildred Reniker
 April 26: Harley and Dawn Cable

To inform the church...if you are the secretary of a circle or board and would like to report your committees progress just e-mail or write Lynn with your notes and I will put it in the newsletter. This is a great way to notify members of what your doing . Contact Lynn with any questions.

Bits —n— Pieces

Lady's Spring Tea

Decade Theme Party...a look back in time!

When? Wednesday, April 29, 2009

At? The United Church of Christ

Time? Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. You can "browse" and see the baskets!

6:00 p.m. will be the program and meal.

There will be tickets sold separately for the "baskets" made by the church woman. The drawing will be held after the meal and program.

Please join us in this fun ladies event!

We encourage grandmas, moms, aunts, daughters, sisters and your neighbor to join us !

Palm Sunday Men's Breakfast

Please join the men for breakfast on...

Sunday, April 5th, 2009

from 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

This is free —will offering

This traditional breakfast will be held on

Palm Sunday morning put on by our

own UCC men! Shawn Powers organ-

ized the breakfast and he invites you to

come join them for food and fellowship.

An assortment of pastries, eggs, sausage,

ham, juice and coffee will be available!

Blum Circle- The Blum Circle met on Feb. 25th in the Fireside room with Ruth Blum and Sally Reimer as hostess'. There were 12 members present and roll call was answered with a Bible verse and some interesting news.

Florine Glaus told about her granddaughter, who is a vascular technician. She traveled with heart doctors to Cambodia and helped with 95 echo and 14 heart surgeries. She had been to Cambodia before and was welcomed back by the people.

The members of the Blum circle were saddened by the passing of Ruth Christensen. She was a faithful circle member and could always be found in the "Bake Sale" booth at Harvest Festival!

Cards were signed and sent to the John Christensen family, Haven Talich, Ruby Wiczorek, Ryan & Andrea Schaub, Teil Glaus and Devin Adcock. Ruth Blum read a thank you note from Lynn Miller.

Ruth Blum led the lesson, about "Thank you's" found in the Bible in 11 verses, Psalms 100 giving thanks.

Ruth gave a penny with a star on it to each member with a verse "The Thank You Star." Ruth read, "Thank God, Celebration of the heart," by Helen Steiner Rice. Sally Reimer told a story of a rich man who always picked up a penny from the ground, he said it was a message from the Lord to him!

We talked about Ash Wednesday starting Lent and that ashes are burnt from Palms from the year before.

Sally told of one cross, three nails equals "forgiven by the Lord."

We closed the meeting with a prayer by Ruth Blum

Bev Feltman, secretary

MISSION MOMENT

What are religious missions? It's whatever a missionary does, right? To be a little more accurate, one definition says that a mission is "a ministry commissioned by a religious organization to propagate its faith or carry on humanitarian work." As a church isn't that what we try to do? Whether we help someone get to church on Sunday, put money in the offering plate or help with the Sunday sermon; we are working to propagate our faith or helping with humanitarian work. Anyone of us can be a missionary by doing these simple acts and much more!

As a church we need to bring other people to God and help with humanitarian aid. If anyone has any mission ideas please contact a member of the Missions Board or the church office.

Thank you, Wes Schaub

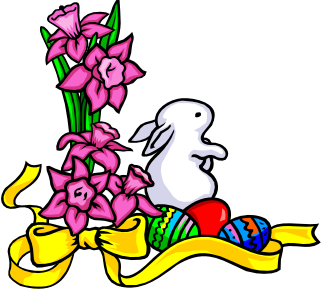

2009 Mission board members- Cliff Stone, Nancy McDonald, Patty Juhnke, Don Steckelberg, Cherri Johnson and Wes Schaub

FYI...Did you know that our "great" efforts during "One Great Hour of Sharing" raised \$1191.39? (a little more than last year) And also, our Sunday school kids efforts during OGHS raised over \$85.00? That's amazing! Thanks to all who supported, donated and worked towards this campaign! It does make a difference!

9th Annual -2009 Relay For Life

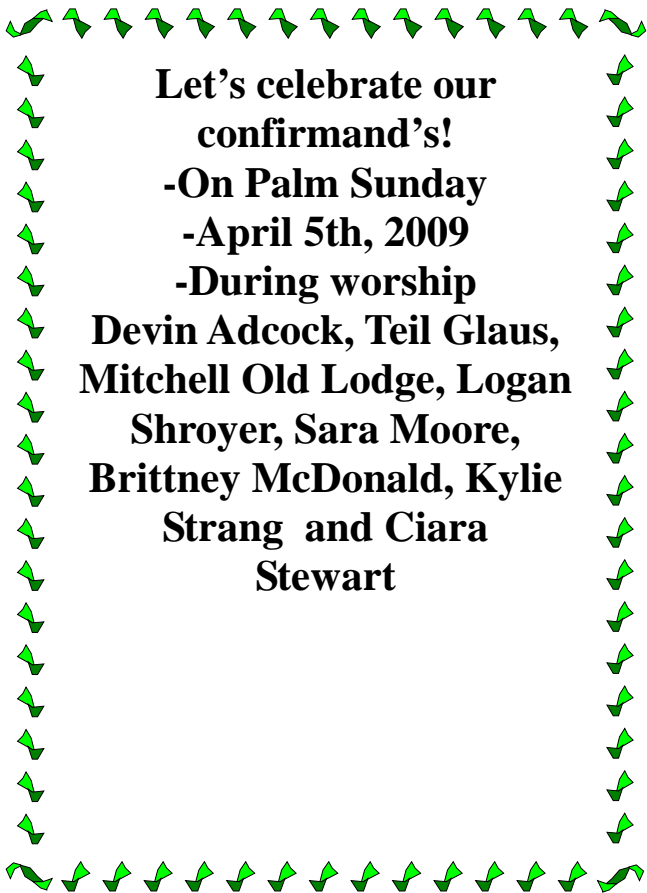
It 's time again for our local Relay for Life...it will be on Saturday, June 27th from 4:00 p.m. through midnight. If you would like to a part of this great event, purchase a luminary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Connie Priebe, 894-4569. This year the Relay will be at St Joseph Indian school (due to repairs at the Don Giese Field.)

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Lenten Bible study-10:30 a	1 Lenten Bible Study-7 pm *choir practice-7:30	2	3	4
5 8:30 men's breakfast 9:00 am confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Palm Sunday/Confirmation *choir sings in church	6	7	8 choir practice-7:30	9 Maundy Thursday service at 7:00	10 Good Friday- Community service Episcopal 12:00	11 Holy Saturday
12 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Potluck EASTER *choir sings in church	13	14	15 Diaconate meet at 7 pm Woman's Fellowship meeting 7:30 pm Choir practice-7:30	16	17	18 State-wide choir practice 12:30-5:00 pm
19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship *choir sings in church	20 missions meeting 5:30	21	22 Choir practice-7:30	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship *choir sings in church	27	28	29 Spring Tea Decade Party...a look back in time! Social hour 5:30 pm meal/ program 6 pm	30		

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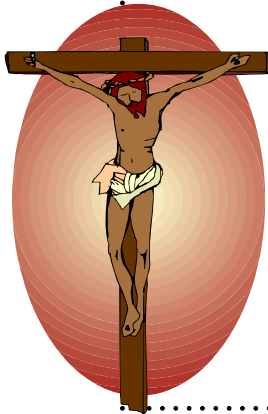
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**Let's celebrate our
confirmand's!
-On Palm Sunday
-April 5th, 2009
-During worship
Devin Adcock, Teil Glaus,
Mitchell Old Lodge, Logan
Shroyer, Sara Moore,
Brittney McDonald, Kylie
Strang and Ciara
Stewart**

The men will serve breakfast on Sunday, April 5th from 8:30-10:00 am Please join them, it will be free-will offering.

The Hansen Circle bake sale!
*Sunday morning, April 5th (during breakfast.)
*Proceeds go towards new water pitcher's.



Ladies Spring Tea
Decade Theme Party...a look back in time!
Please join the women of UCC in their annual "Spring Tea." It will be held on Wednesday, April 29th, beginning at 5:30 pm with social and basket browsing. 6:00 pm will be supper/program
Please join us!

Jesus Christ is Risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Easter Greetings to the UCC Ladies:

To update you on the happenings of our church, we have an exciting spring tea/luncheon with a decade theme. So you will see clothes and items dates back from the 50's to the 80's. This will be held on Wednesday, April 29th at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Powers Circle will be in charge of the program and the Children Circle will be serving the luncheon. I know this is a change from our Saturday afternoon but change is good so mark your calendars for a WEDNESDAY evening and support what these ladies have to offer.

Here we go again, another change. The April Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on April 15th at 7:30PM. The reason being is holy week and the scheduled meeting would have conflicted with Maundy services. So mark your calendar not only for income tax deadline but for your Women's Fellowship as well. All women of our church are Women Fellowship and do not have to belong to a circle to attend. We encourage you to bring a friend and double our fun! We learn and benefit from each other and that is why it is important to come to YOUR meeting to express your wants, needs, and/or concerns. We all have room to grow.

To share with you a little activity that has been going on the last few months is the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University. This is a 13 week course that is given every Sunday evening starting a 7PM. You are welcome to drop in and sit awhile to see if this is something you would like to attend this fall. We have had an outstanding class of 62 people signing up in a 2 day period and yes a list has been started for the next session. This has become a community outreach for all.

One of our goals for the Women's Fellowship is offer continuing education. If you have and ideas, we would love to hear them. There are a few others projects you may see in the future such as Marriage Encounter and Alpha Bible Study to name a few. All the above are based on biblical principals.

I ask of you this Easter season is to take a moment to praise His glory and share with someone that may be less fortunate to attend church, a shut in, hospitalization, in the service, college student away from home or a job loss, with a phone call, visit or greeting card and remind them that each day is a gift from above and the sacrifices that were made for them during the joyous celebration of Easter.

Blessings,
Diane Hieb
Women's Fellowship Chairperson

Yet another FYI! Did you know Diane Hieb was selected to be a member of the South Dakota Woman's Fellowship? This is an honor for her and great way to and see what's going on with our SD woman! Congratulations Diane!

At the February meeting of the Hansen Circle the members received a challenge! The challenge was to "brighten someone's day," to reach out to someone you don't interact with on a daily basis. Make a phone call, send a card, go with a plate of cookies and visit someone. Help pay a bill of the person in front of you at a store if that person is a little short of cash. Or you can buy a bunch of flowers at a store and present them to the clerk with a smile. You can even just pay someone a compliment! Use your imagination and go for it!

At our March meeting we will tell about our "deeds" and discuss how the recipient reacted and how we felt.

You'll have a good day when you "brighten" another persons day, so go ahead, brighten someone's day!

Sherry Hansen, secretary

*Sherry provided me with a "Easter Story Cookie" recipe and I plan on giving the Sunday school children a copy, and there are also copies on the table under the bulletin board for you to have, Thanks Sherry!

March Blum Circle meeting notes...

The Blum circle met in the Fireside Room on March 25th at 9:30 a.m. with 12 member's answering roll call with a Bible verse. Charmaign Aronson and Florine Glaus were the hostess'.

Wanda Swanson, vice president, conducted the meeting as Ruth Blum was in Rapid City welcoming her new grandson.

New business was the men's breakfast, it will be on April 5th and Woman's Fellowship meeting was changed to April 15th. The Ladies Spring Tea will be on Wednesday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. The theme will be "decades from the 50's—80's. Baskets can be made and brought to the tea to sell tickets on.

Cards were signed for Teil Glaus and Devin Adcock.

Jean Cozine had the lesson; "Last Day's of Jesus on Earth," with Peter, James and John. Jesus performed miracles by an act of God.

The meeting was closed by holding hands and repeating the "Lord's Prayer."

Bev Feltman, secretary



We would like to congratulate John and Ruth Blum on their new grandson! Ted and Joan (Blum) Bentz welcomed Stuart Woodson on Thursday, March 19th in Rapid City. Stuart joins two big brother's! Congratulations to the family!

Hansen Circle Bake Sale

The Hansen circle will be having a bake sale during the men's breakfast, on Sunday, April 5th, 2009. 8:30—10:00 a.m.

The proceeds will go towards new water pitchers in the church kitchen.

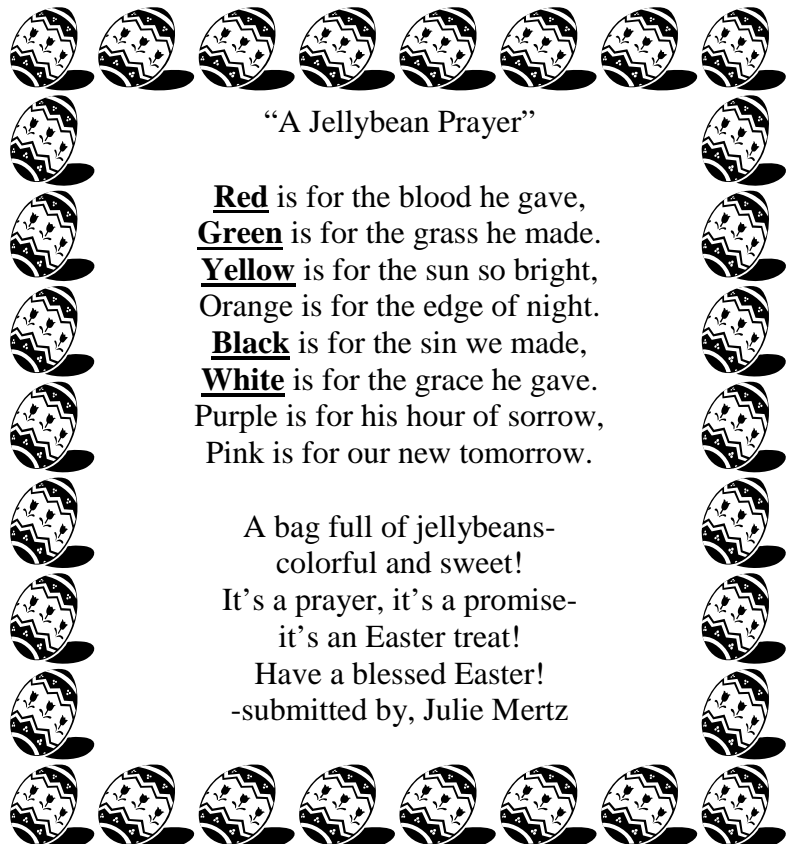
Let's support this bake sale and get new pitcher's!

Thank you Hansen Circle!

Judge each day not by the harvest,
but by the seeds you plant!

A caring child

A four-year-old boy, whose neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, "nothing, I just helped him cry."



"A Jellybean Prayer"

Red is for the blood he gave,
Green is for the grass he made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sin we made,
White is for the grace he gave.
Purple is for his hour of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jellybeans-
colorful and sweet!
It's a prayer, it's a promise-
it's an Easter treat!
Have a blessed Easter!
-submitted by, Julie Mertz