



# The Chamberlain View

## United Church of Christ

### Chamberlain, South Dakota

# July and August 2009

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### *In our Thoughts and Prayers*

Ruby Wieczorek	Norma Allen	Frank Reniker
Milford Markus	Diane Philen	Boyd King
The family and friends of... Wayne Ellis	Lorna Bergner	The friends and family of Mildred
Our shut-in's	Florence Sorensen	(Hade) Svoboda
	MiRoy Tarabetz	

### *July Suggested Scriptures*

*July 5 ~ Ps 48, Ps 123, Mark 6: 1-13, Ezek 2: 1-5*  
*July 5 ~ Ps 24, Amos 7:7-15, Eph 1: 3-14, Mark 6: 14-29*  
*July 19 ~ Ps 89: 20-37, Ps 23, Eph 2: 11-22*  
*July 26 ~ Ps 14, Ps 145: 10-18, Eph 3:14-21, John 6:1-21*

### *August Suggested Scriptures*

*Aug. 2 ~ Ps 51:1-12, Ex 16:2-4, Eph 4: 1-16, John 6:24-35*  
*Aug. 9 ~ Ps 130, Ps 34:1-8, Eph 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51*  
*Aug. 16 ~ Ps 111, Prov 9:1-6, Eph 5: 15-20, John 6: 51-58*  
*Aug. 23 ~ Ps 84, Ps 34: 15-22, Eph 6: 10-20, John 6: 56-69*

*Hope...looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst in them. Hope...opens the door where despair closes them. Hope...draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of mankind. Hope... "lights a candle" instead of "cursing the darkness."*



**9:30 am  
Worship  
Service**

**Every Sunday in July  
and August**

**Come spend an hour  
with us!**

### **Reminders and Announcements**

\*\*The July, August & September issue of *These Days* Daily Devotionals may be picked up in the church.

\*\*Women's Circle's must have information for Circle Booklets to Lynn in the church office by August 1st. So, circle member's please check all the information and see that it is correct. ie: names, ph. num., listed in correct circle. Thank you!

# **The Pastor's Column**

by Pastor Ellis Carr II with the 2009 Confirmation students

## **THE CONFIRMATION CLASS 2009**

A person is incorporated into the church through the sacrament of baptism. When an infant or very young child is baptized, the baptismal promises are made by one or more its' parents and/or sponsors. These adult Christians assume certain responsibilities for the Christian nurture of the baptized child. The entire congregation also assumes the role of sponsors as we promise to provide a supportive Christian community in which a child may grow in awareness and understanding concerning the meaning of life in Christ.

As a child who was baptized in infancy approaches adolescence, we the church, offer that person the opportunity to give public consent to the baptismal promises earlier made for them by their parents, and/or sponsors, and the Church body itself. Confirmation, therefore, celebrates the affirmation of their baptisms.

On Easter Sunday 2009, eight of our youth were confirmed: Teil Glaus, Logan Shroyer, Mitchell Old Lodge, Ciara Stewart, Brittany McDonald, Kylie Strang, Sara Moore and Devin Adcock. In addition to making a public confession of Faith in Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, they completed course material from the book "Discovering, Choosing, Following...Jesus Christ." They also wrote a very short essay on a biblical word of their own choosing, which they read as part of their confirmation service. What follows are their essays.

### **Strength - by Teil Glaus**

Hello, my name is Teil Glaus and the word that I have chosen to talk about is strength. When you think of the word 'strength', what do you think of? Whenever I hear the word strength I automatically think of how many bench presses someone can do; but through confirmation class, I've learned that you can use strength in many different ways.

Mark 12:30 says, "Love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." I have always thought people can say "Yes, I love God" and not think much about what they are saying. To truly love God it takes all of your heart and all of your soul and all of your mind and especially all of your strength. Thank you!

### **Believe/Belief- by Sara Moore**

When you are asked if you believe in God, your answer is an automatic yes! But, what really is 'believing' in God? Sure, it can stated as simply as faith. But what if 'belief" was the difference between life and death? What if you were given the choice to die for Jesus or to live without Jesus? Which would you choose?

'Belief' is defined as accepting the truth of something. But, to me, it has a completely different meaning. 'Believing' is not just doing. 'Believing' is not just saying. 'Believing is not just a physical process. Believing is an emotional and mental declaration of yourself. It is not just how others see things; it is how you see things. You cannot truly believe because others do, or because you are suppose to. No, belief comes from your soul, not your mouth. Believe what you love and love what you believe.

## **LOVE– by Ciara Stewart**

The word I chose is Love. What is Love? Is it a thing? Is it a place or a person? Is it that funny feeling we get when we see a cute boy at school?

God teaches us in 1st Corinthians that love is kind and love is patient. God teaches us that love does not envy and that it never fails. God tells us that among all things we must have faith, hope, and love. But of these three great things, God says that love alone is the greatest.

God's love is unconditional and it is unchanging. I John 4:7-8 says "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God". Romans chapter 5 verse 8 reads, "God proved his love for us by letting Jesus die for us." I believe the key Bible verse about Love is John 3:16, "For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I'll share some of my personal feelings on the meaning of Love. To me, love is a verb and not a noun. Love is giving your mom a hug and kiss after she has had a hard day. Love is letting your brother ride your new bike when you really don't even want him to look at it. Love is when your parents take an extra job so that you can have the best new Basketball, Volleyball and track shoes. Love is when your family members drive hundreds of miles, over icy roads, just to watch you play in a game. Love is sticking up for a friend when others tease her and you're for protecting her. Love is really setting aside your own feelings and wants for the benefit of others. The greatest example of love is God's gift of Jesus to us. Jesus died a terrible death so that our lives would be saved. As John tells us in chapter 3 verse 16, that is real love!

I would like to end my reading with Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers all wrongs." Thank you!

## **MIRACLES – by Brittany McDonald**

You can describe a miracle as an event that appears inexplicable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural or an act of God. You may be able to define the word "miracle" but not really know what blessings one can bring. You can even go your whole life without even knowing you're experiencing a miracle everyday. God is in the impossible business. What is a miracle? Someone once said, "Coincidence is when God wants to remain anonymous." Well, miracles are when God wants to reveal Himself. The question is not "What is a miracle, it's "do you believe in them"?

A miracle is usually classified as a big event, or life changing, such as battling cancer, or surviving a car crash. Miracles, however, are ordinarily understood to be not just products of Divine intervention in the natural order, but extraordinary, marvelous and significant as well. Something as simple as watching the sun going down in the evening and praying for a miracle that in the morning, you will be there to watch it rise again. Life is itself a miracle.

From the Bible's perspective, miracles are gracious and mighty works of God that display His unique power and dominion over all creation, including life and death. They are "gracious" because God in his mercy chooses to reveal himself supernaturally in a way that displays his willingness to interact with mankind. All glory and honor and praise belong to God. Without Him there would be no miracles!

## **BLESSING – By Logan Shroyer**

A 'blessing' is a favor or gift bestowed by God. 'Blessings' bring happiness. In John 1:16 it says that from the fullness of his grace we all receive one blessing after another. In Ephesians 1:3 we read: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

In my life, I have had many blessings. It's a blessing to have a healthy family, to have many friends, and to be able to learn more about God, as well as to expand my love for God.

## **Saint-by Devin Adcock**

This year I have gained a lot of understanding about my faith, and its meaning. The most important lesson I have learned, is the meaning of and importance of a saint. A saint is nothing more than a believer In Christ. So you could say that we are all saints, because we all believe in Christ. There will be suffering to be saint because that is what being a Christian is, but if you are a Christian then you were already called to grace so it does not need to happen again. Gods blessing is always with you and me, for we are all saints.

This knowledge has played a pivotal role in my faith. For I know now that saints surround me and are always with me. Paul says in Romans 12.13: contribute to the needs of the saints, and extend hospitality to strangers. I am a saint and so are you, we help each other in times of need, but do you think that you could give me or some other Christian a place to crash for a night if they asked? I can't really say that I would, because I don't have my own house. Many other things make us saints so don't think that you don't do enough, because as long as long as you believe in god and his grace is with you, you will know whether you need to do more or not. As a saint his grace, as Pastor Ellis once said, should compel you to do things like extending hospitality to strangers.

## **Temptation - by Mitchell Old Lodge**

The word I have chosen as my confirmation word is "temptation". The dictionary meaning of 'temptation' is: the act of tempting; trying to persecute; to attract or pull. In the bible, the meaning of 'temptation' is trying to get someone to do wrong.

'Temptation' in my words is whether you want to go one way or the other. Sometimes we don't want to go the right way, and 'temptation' gets the best of us. Also, 'temptation' is whether you want to do the right thing or the wrong thing.

In Matthew 4:1, Jesus was led into the desert to be tempted of the devil. He was tempted at his weakest state of being; for he had been fasting for forty days. It was the easiest state for the devil to test him; but Jesus didn't give in. The only person who influenced Jesus was God. That is how it should be for all of us. The next time you are tempted or have to make a decision, think about what God would want you to do. Thank you!

## **HOPE – by Kylie Strang**

My name is Kylie Strang. The word I have chosen to speak about is hope. Most people understand 'hope' as wishful thinking, as in: "I hope something will happen." This is not what the bible means by hope. The biblical definition of 'hope' is "confident expectation." In Romans 8:24 – 25 and Hebrews 11: 1, 7 – 'hope' is a firm assurance regarding things that are unseen, unclear, and unknown. Having 'hope' is an exciting part of my life. Without 'hope' my life would be pretty boring.

Hope makes people look forward to positive things that may happen to them. For example, I hope I get something good for my birthday. Hoping is like wishing!

Although hoping for things is something a lot of people do, we should not forget the biblical meaning of hope. Jeremiah 29:11 says that God's plan for us includes a future with hope. The next time you hope for something materialistic, remember the biblical meaning of 'hope' which is "confident expectation." I hope my love for God and the Church remains with me into eternity.

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On the lighter side...~Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case. ~Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited, until you try to sit in their pews. ~The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes came close. ~Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong. ~If God is your co-pilot, swap seats! ~It is easier to preach ten sermons than to live one. ~People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road and the back of the church.

### Blum Circle Meeting- May 27, 2009

The Blum Circle met in the home of Donna Hieb with Wanda Swanson as co-hostess. Thirteen members were present and answered roll call with a Bible verse.

A "Spring Supper" report was given during the meeting. Twenty-three baskets were available for the drawings and 110 people were served. It was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all the ladies who had a part in putting the evening together!

Twelve members of the Blum Circle sang during worship on May 23rd, "He Leadeth Me" was the title of the hymn.

Election was held and it was voted that; Ruth Blum will be president, Wanda Swanson, vice-president and Bev Feltman, secretary/treasurer.

Alyce Steckelberg presented a lesson about "History of Aprons." A poem by Yvonne Holtenback was read. Being raised on a farm brought "God to you." All children liked grandma's aprons. Everyone brought an apron and told about them and where they had gotten them. Each one was different.

Alyce closed with the Lord's Prayer being repeated by everyone.

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms:

Welcome into God's Holy Family, Brynn Haley Schaub, daughter of Ryan and Andrea Schaub, baptized on June 21st, 2009.

Welcome also, Chisum John Blum, son of Jay and Amy Blum, baptized on June 28th, 2009 with Rev. Sylvester Van Oort officiating.

**Funerals:** Wayne Ellis on June 9th, 2009

**Our sympathies are extended to the families and friends.**

## Helping in July-

### Coffee Fellowship

Hostesses are members of the Chilson Circle.

### Ushers

Mark Swanson, Derek Long  
and  
Jay Blum

### Chancel Arrangements

Diane Hieb

## UCC at Chamberlain Church Staff and Leadership:

Pastor Ellis Carr II  
Lynn Miller, Secretary  
Sheryl Larson, Diaconate  
Gary Biskeborn, Trustee  
Merrill Karlen, Jr., Moderator  
Diane Hieb, Women's Fellowship

Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director  
Jane Cameron, Organist  
Connie Priebe, Religious Education  
Janine Betts, Memorial Committee  
Sandi Knippling, Pastoral Relations  
Lynn Miller, Youth Group

## Helping in August . . .

### Coffee Fellowship and Carry-In Dinner

Hostesses are members of the Powers Circle.

### Ushers

John Blum, Jim Glaus, Cliff Stone  
and Chris Phillips

### Chancel Arrangements

Julie Mertz

A group of adults and kids from First Congregational UCC in Cannon Falls, MN stayed overnight on June 13th on their way to Lead to work on houses. This is the "Thank you" note they left for us. The food referred to was Alyce Steckelberg leaving some left-over's after a memorial service for them. The note said... UCC Chamberlain, you're the best! Thank you so much for putting us up and thank you very much for the sandwiches and sweets.

We talk about a thing called "Minnesota nice." You have shown us "South Dakota nice!" God Bless you! 1st Congregational UCC, Pastor Larry Moline, Paul John Martin, Bruce Undahl, Tracy Weidher, Ryan Foster, Kaitlyn Koven, Paul Neidman, Cindy Nelson, Trevor Sullivan, Eric Lindahl, Beth LaPan, and Anna Weidher

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Date:**                      **Attendance:**

June 7	95
June 14	68
June 21	116
June 28	139

### Current month collections & expenses thru May 31st:

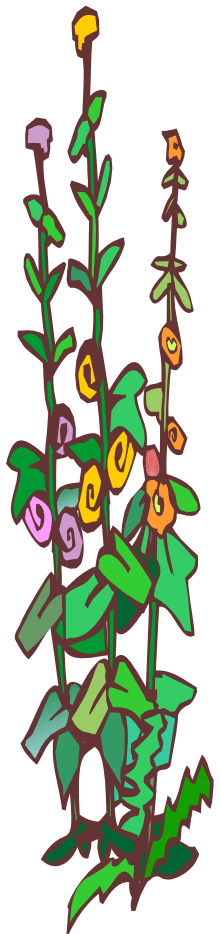
Collections from pledges and loose offering  
\$12,680.06.

General & building expenses totaled,  
\$10,466.14.

### Correction... oops!

The "Asbestos Special Offering" letter stated that the loan balance was \$2,947.54, which is the amount the balance was reduced this year. The correct loan balance should've read \$5,568.25

Thank you to all who have donated money to put towards the asbestos loan so far. It is appreciated!



# Birthdays and Anniversaries of Members and Friends

## Birthdays

July 3 Cole Schelske, Renee Schaub  
July 5 Brian Hieb  
July 6 Holly Evans, Mel Mittelstedt  
July 8 Helen Hieb, Gary Swanson, Mark Olson  
July 9 Jason Mosterd  
July 10 Sally Madison, Bart Randall, Lisa Schulz, Charles Zeman  
July 11 Pat Mittelstedt  
July 12 Heather Twamley  
July 13 Brian Burke, Wayne Ellis  
July 14 Tracy Burkard  
July 16 Dan Feltman, Cody Schreiber  
July 17 Dan Goodman, Tyson Schulz  
July 18 Erin Blankley  
July 20 Brigitte Byrd, Cindy Feltman  
July 21 Norma Allen, Charmaign Aronson  
July 22 Macel Cameron, Paul Cozine  
July 23 Brent Fluke, Dave Rinehart  
July 26 Bob Fluke, Brant Gullikson  
July 28 Mary Ashes  
July 29 Val Moore  
July 30 Jane Cameron, David Peterson  
July 31 Elna Johnson, Jim Karstens

## Anniversaries

July 1 Tim and Jill Mitchell  
July 2 Rick and Val Moore  
July 3 Duane and Jan Stevenson  
July 6 Mel and Pat Mittelstedt  
July 7 Wydel and Jackie Shields  
July 10 Ronald and Alona Petersen  
July 11 Shawn and Heidi Reis  
July 12 John and Ruth Blum  
July 12 Thomas and Elaine Stone  
July 15 Bob and Ronda Burke  
July 15 Jack and Jo Dooley  
July 19 Jeff and Nancy Tichy  
July 21 Stacey and Patty Juhnke  
July 22 Lowell and Alice Carlson  
July 22 Lonnie and Donna Neeman  
July 29 Roger and Jean Burfeindt  
July 30 Don and Peg Steckelberg

## Birthdays

Aug. 1 Darynn Burke  
Aug. 2 Todd Priebe  
Aug. 3 Jackie Shields, Janeen Story  
Aug. 4 Avany Long  
Aug. 5 Kinsey Evans, Roberta Pingrey  
Aug. 6 Karla Burke, Trent Johnson  
Aug. 7 Sandy Hrabe, Heidi Reis, Ronnie Reimer  
Aug. 8 Clifton Stone  
Aug. 9 Scott Handel  
Aug. 10 Norm Farnsworth, Hayes Miller, Leigha Long and Quinn Long  
Aug. 14 Roger Steckelberg  
Aug. 15 Rhonda Blacksmith, Howard Elrod, Deb Rinehart  
Aug. 17 Brittney Priebe, Adam Schaub, Wes Schaub, Aaron Talich  
Aug. 18 Ruth Blum, Michelle Schoenfelder  
Aug. 19 Matthew Swanson  
Aug. 20 Lana Karstens, Andy McQuiston  
Aug. 24 Maci Burke  
Aug. 26 Audra Larson, Vernon Smith  
Aug. 30 Cheryl Augspurger, Roger Burfeindt, Darlene Fees

## Anniversaries

Aug. 1 Bill and Tracy Burkard  
Aug. 2 Chad and Kim Gullickson  
Aug. 5 Barry and Janine Betts  
Aug. 6 Merrill Jr. and Karen Karlen  
Aug. 10 Gary and Kristin Biskeborn  
Aug. 12 Jeff and Karla Burke  
Aug. 15 Milford and Dorothy Markus  
Aug. 15 Steve and Ronda Schelske  
Aug. 17 Derek and Renee Long  
Aug. 18 Bruce and Jo Blankley  
Aug. 22 Joe and Laura Hutmacher  
Aug. 25 Clifton and Cathy Stone  
Aug. 30 Cash and Jessie Fees

*\*If you know of any birthdays or anniversaries that should be added or changed, please contact Lynn in the Church Office at 234-5202.*

## Picnic Report

The annual church picnic was held June 28. We were blessed with perfect weather and a strong turn out.

This year the event was held at North Park. The tables, shelter, and quieter location were appreciated. Tim Mitchell lead us in meaningful worship and Rev. Sylvester Van Oort baptized Chisum Blum.

Many people had a hand in organizing, cooking, and cleaning up. Thanks to the Hanson circle for helping with the clean-up and all of the Diaconate members. Also, Paul Cozine provided music and the speaker system. Hillary Carruthers and Tim Mertz were assistant cooks and carriers.

Thank you to Bill Adams for the use of his large grill. Finally, thanks to the members who brought salads out of the goodness of their hearts.

We hope to see you in the park next year.



A challenge from the Woman's Fellowship...

The Woman's Fellowship would like to challenge you to buy one recycled card a month from the church. If 100 people would buy one .50 card a month that would add up to \$50.00 a month! It is a good cause and would be very much appreciated!

As of June 30th the card account has approximately \$90.00.

Thank you for your support and watch for new cards being added!

**Please note that...the church secretary will be gone to "Family Camp" from Monday, July 20 thru Friday, July 24th. Kay Hutmacher WILL be in the church office...Tue., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 10:00 am—12:00 pm (with the exception of leaving at 11:30 am on Wed.) Thank you! Lynn**



In June UCC hosted the VBS program, "Crocodile Dock." I heard from a "source" that it was really fun, and he was excited to go back the next night! Bless all those who worked on this and who helped run the show. It is amazing all the work and effort that goes in to running VBS or Sunday school. Our help and support is needed with these events, so don't be afraid when someone walks up to you and says..."do you want to teach or help?"

The VBS offering that was collected was for the local "Make-A-Wish" foundation. was about \$200! Good job kids on that donation!

Please enjoy the following VBS news...

The church sanctuary became better known as Crocodile Dock from June 15-19 during Vacation Bible School. The setting for this summer's program was a southern bayou swamp complete with dock, fishing boat and one friendly crocodile peeking out of the swampy waters! Janeen Story, UCC coordinator and Stacey Tveit, Trinity Lutheran coordinator headed up the event which soared in registration numbers...75-80 kids each night! That's up nearly 25 kids from recent years! At Crocodile Dock, children met together as one big group for singing and opening activities, then broke off into small groups to different stations, each station reinforcing the Bible story of the night. Crafts, outdoor recreation and games, a "theatre" DVD, snacks, and dramatic enactment of the story were some of the various stations. Finally, all met again for the finale of the evening... more singing and visits to treasure chest! It takes many to make VBS happen and we thank those who helped from both congregations and local community. Thanks to the station leaders: Trisha Burke, Kim Phillips, Janeen Story, Tracy Burkard, Stacey Tveit, Karla Thompson, Julie Lepkowski, Pastor Duane Negebauer and Pastor Ellis Carr. We recognize and thank our great group of teen leaders: Hilary Carruthers, Katie Juhnke, Maci Burke, Brittney Priebe, Annabell Martin, Emily Wall, Sierra Thompson and Riley Thompson! Others we thank for their service throughout the week are: Danisha Kickland, Renee Long, Judy Steckelberg, Lynn Miller, Angela Mutziger, Holly Evans, Cadena Powers, Amy Priebe, Tracy Donner, Karen Karlen, Loaun Vaad, Eva Birchfield, Carol Stricherz, Cliff Stone, Jeff Tveit, Jody Wilkins, Karen Niles, Mary Normile, Tim Mitchell, Bill Peterson and the St. Olaf Church of Ola for sharing materials and props from their own VBS. Next summer we set sail for a new VBS adventure.....get ready kids for a High Seas Expedition!

June Trustees Meeting

June 10th, 2009

Present: Roger Burfeindt, Jeff Tichy, and Doug Johnson, Lawrence Pickner, Barry Swanson

Absent: Sally Reimer, Gary Biskeborn, Pastor Ellis and Ronda Schelske

The meeting was opened and Roger made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 6th, 2009 meeting minutes. Barry seconded. Carried. Barry motioned to approve the May bill list, seconded by Lawrence.

Carried. Old Business: Hutmacher Drilling was called again, another sprinkler head was broke. Lynn will put a correction in the next newsletter, there was a wrong figure put in the "Asbestos Loan Special Offering Letter." A correct "average needed" number will be noted in the future bulletins and newsletters. Lynn will also put the year-to-date totals in future newsletters. Zane Reis was contacted to spray weeds.

New business: Donations were received from the estates of; Orin Barger and Christina Hacker. Lynn will check into the UCC News and see what they are planning. Lynn requested vacation days of July 20 – 24. She will check with Kay Hutmacher and see if she is available to fill in on those days. Jeff is checking with Mark Ohm on the walk-in area. It was decided to "roll" it back in to walk-in. Our domain name contract will be renewed for 5 years at \$8.99/year with Midstate. The next meeting was set for July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:30 pm. in the Fireside Room. Lawrence made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Roger seconded. Carried.

Lynn Miller, secretary

**EXPENSE AMOUNT May 2009**

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>MEMORIAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
pastor Ellis Carr-	4/15/2009	1,691.82			1,691.82
pastor Ellis Carr-	4/30/2009	1,691.82			1,691.82
Huron Congregational UCC	registration	623.00			623.00
pastor Ellis Carr	internet	33.91			33.91
pastor Ellis Carr	medical reim.	211.00			211.00
pastor Ellis Carr-	mileage for April/May	250.38			250.38
Tim Johnson-	monthly custodial contract	385.00			385.00
pastor Ellis Carr-	professional ex.	95.06			95.06
Jane Cameron-	organist		86.97		86.97
Lynn Miller-	secretary	641.31			641.31
Holly Pusch-	pianist		35.00		35.00
Faye Stryzewski-	organist		35.00		35.00
Office Products-	office supplies	276.03			276.03
Hutmacher Drilling-	sprinklers/sump-pum	232.53			232.53
Paulsons Music Center-	microphone	739.88			739.88
Positive Promotions-	fathers day gifts-diac.	74.30			74.30
Picket Fence	diaconate-mother's day gifts	84.80			84.80
Designs Décor & More-	RE grad. gift	4.99			4.99
Designs Décor & More-	2 roses	7.42			7.42
Northwestern Energy	utilities-church/parso	365.67			365.67
Variety Plus-	office supplies	31.78			31.78
Register Lakota Printing-	stamper	22.85			22.85
Servall Company-	rug maintenance	42.31			42.31
Julie Mertz-	reimbursement for Bap. gifts	50.75			50.75
Micheal Priebe-	donation to grad.			50.00	50.00
Joe Hieb-	donation to grad.			50.00	50.00
United Church Press-	envelopes	45.05			45.05
United Church Resources-	marriage cert.	37.00			37.00
Woman's Fellowship-	reimbursement	12.50			12.50
Steckelberg & Steckelberg-	utilities	38.59			38.59
Chamberlain Wholesale-	mens break.	95.82			95.82
Midstate Communications-	utilities	135.75			135.75
Pensions Board-	3rd quarter	1,680.35			1,680.35
These Day's-	devotion books	173.25			173.25
SD Conference-	OCWM	1,000.00			1,000.00
SD Conference-	Placerville	50.00			50.00
Wells Fargo-	payroll tax	141.22	26.06		167.28
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>10,966.14</b>	<b>183.03</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,249.17</b>

## **Blum Circle Year-end Report**

The Blum Circle had 8 meetings for the year, sometimes meeting in the Fireside Room. We had 22 members enrolled, losing one member. Six members had perfect attendance, and we had an average of thirteen members attend meetings.

We helped with Harvest Festival, working and food. We also helped with funerals. We had coffee fellowship and carry-in dinners in the months of, Sept. Dec. and May. We also furnished cookies for the December cookie sale. We also helped with the “basket” sales during the “Ladies Evening Out.”

We had Teil Glaus and Devin Adcock for confirmands. We sent cards to them and also gifts and key chains.

We had many good lessons for Circle, with one being about “Hymns.” This led to 12 Circle members providing “special music” during worship on May 24th, “He Leadeth Me” was sung.

Some other ways we were able to help within our church was, help buy new drink pitchers for the Fellowship Hall, a monetary donation to Diane Philen and to the VBS program. We also provided a “congratulations cake” to the graduating High School seniors.

Our officers this year were; Ruth Blum, president, Wanda Swanson, vice president and Bev Feltman, secretary/treasurer.

We had an election for some officers for next year. We also are hostess’ for June picnics for Fellowship.

Bev Feltman, secretary

This report reflects the months of Sept. ‘08 thru May ‘09.



## **Hansen Circle Year-end Report**

The Hansen Circle had 19 members this year. We lost one special member, Arla Neeman, but are happy to receive two new members, Sherry Meyer and Cassie Gimbel.

Our officers were; Sherry Hansen-chairperson, Wanda Pickner-vice chairperson and Connie Talich-secretary/treasurer. We decided to keep the same officers for the next year.

The Hansen Circle met eight times with an average of eight members being present. Two members had perfect attendance, that being Sherry Hansen and Connie Talich. Linda Johnson and Eva Birchfield missed only one meeting!

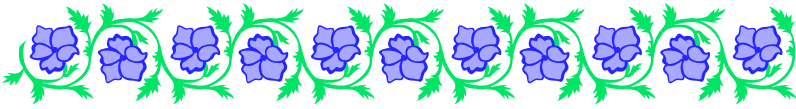
Our Circle helped with Harvest Festival, made cookies for the Dec. cookie sale, served coffee and pot luck, made pies and served them at Sunset Valley’s birthday party in July. Our Circle also hosted Coffe Fellowship, visited and sent cards to some of UCC’s shut-in’s, helped serve funerals, and took cookies, suckers and cards to our confirmation students (Mitchell Old Lodge and Ciara Stewart) during confirmation for the whole class to enjoy!

At Christmas time we purchased gifts for a 2 year old boy from the Angel Tree at Al’s. We also gave Cassie Gimbel money for diaper’s.

In February we did a mid-winter challenge, which was to do something nice for someone, then report how it made us feel. Everyone said it made them feel really good!

Our Circle is in the process of purchasing new water pitchers for the church kitchen. They will cost about \$210.00. We like to thank everyone that donated money towards our project. We also gave the trustees \$100.00 towards the Asbestos Fund.

Connie Talich, secreatry



## ASBESTOS LOAN OFFERING UPDATE

Currently during the months of May and June, a total of \$4,450.00 has been received from church members, circles and The Woman's Fellowship. This was in response to the request for special offerings to pay the balance of the asbestos loan which remains at about \$5,600.00.

Here are some figures...  
thirty-three members have contributed \$2,800.00 so far; and average of \$84.85 per member. Two woman's circles have contributed a total of \$150.00 and The Woman's Fellowship contributed \$1500.00.

Thank you very much for your contributions, we are almost there!

...those who shared worship  
with us...  
~Rev. Sylvester Van Oort  
~Tim Mitchell  
~Tom Stone  
Thank you also to the  
Diaconates for planning the  
"Worship in the park,"  
and for the picnic afterwards.  
What a great day!

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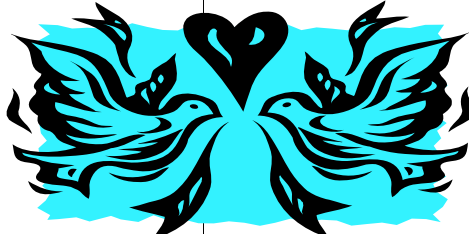


# July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 	4 Independence Day!
5 9:30 am Worship	6	7	8 trustees meet at 5:30 p	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	13	14	15 RE meets at 5:30 pm	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am carry-in dinner	20	21	22 diaconate meet at 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	27	28	29	30	31	



# August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Deadline for Circle booklet	1
2 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship	3	4	5	6	7 Wedding Rehearsal @ 5:00 pm	8 Feser-Rohrback wedding 
9 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship	10	11	12 trustees meet at 5:30 pm	13	14	15
16 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Carry-In Dinner	17	18	19 7:00 pm Diaconate Meets	20	21 Wedding Rehearsal @ 5:00 pm	22  Wagner-Kroger wedding at 4:00
24 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship	25	26	27 "The View" September Newsletter Deadline	28	29	30
31 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship						

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