



The Chamberlain View

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Chamberlain, South Dakota

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June Suggested Scriptures

June 6th~ Ps 146, 1 Kings 17:17-24, Gal 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

June 13th~ Ps 5:1-8, Gal 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

June 20th~ Ps 42, 43, Ps 22:19-28, Gal 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 27th~ Ps 77:1-2, 11-20, Ps 16, Gal 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

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 * Summer worship schedule! *
 * Beginning on Sunday, June 6th, 2010 *
 * worship will change to 9:30 am— *
 * 10:30 am. Please share this news *
 * with those who may not know. We *
 * hope to share and see you at *
 * summer worship! *
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The Pastor's Column

“When the Spirit of Truth Comes...”

A story is told about the great scientist and humanitarian Albert Einstein. He was taking a train to an out of town appointment and the conductor stopped by to punch his ticket. After looking in his coat pockets and his briefcase, the great scientist explained that he couldn't find his ticket. .

The conductor said, "We all know who you are, Dr. Einstein. I'm sure you bought a ticket...so don't worry about it."

As the conductor moved along, he looked back to see Einstein on his hands and knees searching under the seats for his ticket. The conductor walked back, "Dr. Einstein, please, don't worry about it. I know who you are."

Exasperated, Einstein looked up and said, "I, too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going."

For those moments when we're not sure where you are going, remember that God does.

"All our steps are ordered by the Lord. How then can we understand our own ways?" (Proverbs 20:24, NRSV)

The Holy Spirit gives us discernment to remember where we're going. It gives us discernment by filling us with the knowledge of our Lord's will for our lives. "When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide [us] into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears..." (John 16: 12b -13a, NRSV). Those of us who are not walking close with God through prayer, bible study and obedience may lack a clear perception of truth with our minds and senses. As spiritual people, we are able to judge all things because of our reliance on the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 1 Corinthians 2:15a, (NRSV) clearly states: those who are spiritual discern all things..."

Therefore, if any one of us is having difficulty finding direction let us stop and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance. For as the scripture says: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13, NRSV).

Pastor Ellis

A Descending Dove

The descending dove is the best-known symbol of the Holy Spirit. This symbol comes from the stories of Jesus' baptism. "And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him" (Matthew 3:16, NRSV). All four Gospels report this event.

The dove reminds us of Jesus' Baptism. When we ourselves are baptized into the church, we ask that the Holy Spirit be active in our lives. The descending dove is also used on Pentecost banners as a sign of the Holy Spirit's coming at Pentecost. (See Acts 2:1-13.)

The dove symbol we use to represent the Holy Spirit is always a descending dove (pointing down). This helps us to remember that God always comes to us.

May Pastoral Acts

~The funeral for Roy Bergner was held on Friday, May 28th with Pastor Ellis Carr II officiating.

~The wedding of Jamie Powell and Charles Belcher was held on Saturday, May 29th with Rev. Ron Pulscher officiating.



Volunteers needed!

The church secretary will be at Placerville Family Camp from Mon. July 26th thru Fri. July 30th. If you are able to be in the church office 9 am—12 noon on any of those week days let me know.

Thank you for your support and willingness to help out!

Lynn

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WORSHIP IN THE PARK!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN ON JOINING US ...

~SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH

~AT NORTH PARK

~9:30 AM-10:30 AM

~LUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE (PUT ON BY THE DEACONS)

~REMEMBER TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

Relay for Life!

The 10th Annual Relay for Life will be held on Friday, July 23rd, 2010 from 6:00 pm thru midnight.

The night will be filled with food, games and lots of activities for the family. This is an opportunity to remember loved ones and honor ones that have been affected by cancer.

The luminary lighting ceremony begins at dark thru 10:00 pm.

To purchase a luminary for \$10.00 or with any questions, please contact Connie Priebe: home 894-4569 or at work 734-5555.

Women's Fellowship Picnic

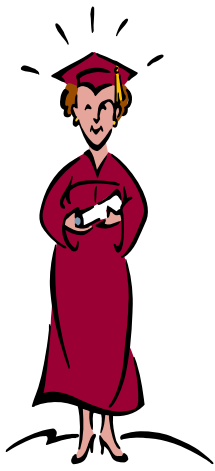
The annual Women's Fellowship picnic will be held on Wed. June 9th at 6:30 pm at the home of Diane Hieb. Please bring a dish to pass and *please* call Diane if a ride is needed! The installation of officers will also be held at this time.

All women are invited and please invite a new friend with you to join!

Diane's address is: 360 S. River St.
Chamberlain

Home #234-1060

Please come enjoy good food and great friendship!



2010 CHS Graduates

*The beginning of
wisdom is this:
Get wisdom, and
whatever else
you get, get
insight.
~Proverbs 4:7*



UCC at Chamberlain Church Staff and Leadership:

Pastor Ellis E. Carr II
 Lynn Miller, Secretary
 Julie Mertz, Diaconate
 Doug Johnson, Trustee
 Merrill Karlen, Jr., Moderator
 Diane Hieb, Women's Fellowship
 Wes Schaub, Mission Committee
 Don Steckelberg, Caption of Ushers

Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director
 Jane Cameron, Organist
 Janeen Story, Religious Education
 Janine Betts, Memorial Committee
 Sandi Knippling, Pastoral Relations
 Lynn Miller, Youth Group
 Val Moore, Treasurer
 Financial Secretary, Cathy Stone

Helping in June...

Coffee Fellowship and Carry-In Dinner
Member's of the Hansen circle.

Ushers

*Tom Carruthers, Dave Rinehart, Deb
 Rinehart and Jeff Tichy*

Chancel Arrangements

Lynn Miller

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Date	Attendance
May 2	178
May 9	168
May 16	117
May 23	95



General Fund Collections & expenses	April:	Year To Date
Revenue: Pledges & Loose Offering	\$11,232.39	\$37,971.92
Expenses: General operating	- 8,245.20	- 38,011.91
Net cash flow	-\$ 2,987.19	-\$ 39.99

~The trustees ask that you please note that the expenses are more than the revenue.

~High Seas Expedition... "ALL HANDS ON DECK!"

Vacation Bible School will be held June 7th thru June 11th-
 5:30—8:00 pm. 4 year olds thru 7th grade will be participating.
 Please call Janeen at 234-5063
 or email her at; janeen.story@k12.sd.us with any questions.
 So lets get excited and ready to explore the mighty Love of God!

thank you dad for...

- waking up early in the morning and going to work while we slept in our warm beds.
- teaching me to pray.
- for coming to all my games!
- loving my mother.
- cooking me cheeseburgers.
- building that voice in me that said "no" when I was tempted to get in a car after I had been drinking.
- smiling often.
- giving me a hug when I badly needed one.
- being a wonderful grandfather.
- telling me it's ok to cry.
- being my hero.

Placerville 2010~ Celebrating 90 years!

1920-2010

Registration forms are available in the church office or see the bulletin board for information. What a fun way to spend a week with your family at Family Camp or treat your child by sending them to Shining Stars or Crossroads! This is a beautiful, relaxing setting with wonderful staff and fun activities!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 2 Connie Priebe
 June 3 Deborah Winter
 June 4 Velma Yates
 June 5 Doris Wiczorek, Emily Schoenfelder
 June 6 Hevin Marie Adcock
 June 7 Alayna Steckelberg, Matthew Steckelberg,
 Jacob Steckelberg, Agnes Stoebner
 June 9 Elaine Stone
 June 10 Graydon Olson, Sylvester Van Oort
 June 11 Lawrence Bergner, Steve Schelske
 June 12 Eunice Delfs, Milford Markus
 June 13 Virginia Feltman
 June 14 Boyd King, Tyler Sorensen, Makenzie
 Sorensen
 June 16 Jim Maxon
 June 18 Donna Neeman, Sharon Weber, Dusty
 Rose
 June 21 Frank Dolezal, Lonnie Neeman, Barry
 Swanson
 June 22 Jeff Tichy
 June 23 Noah Hutmacher
 June 24 Louis Bergner
 June 25 Joseph Hieb
 June 26 Levi Miller
 June 28 Lois Dominiack, Logan Shroyer, Piper
 Blum, Chance Blum
 June 29 Sherry Hansen
 June 30 Kara Andera, Glen Mayer

Anniversaries

June 1 Tom and Cheryl Carruthers
 June 3 Paul and Mary Pat Mueller
 June 5 Ronnie and Sally Reimer
 June 7 Jim and Marla Maxon
 June 8 John and Florine Glaus, Ron and Sally
 Madison
 June 11 Todd and Connie Priebe
 June 13 Mark and Karen Olson
 June 16 Al and Nancy Renner, Milton and Alyce
 Steckelberg
 June 17 Arnold and Judy Schaefer, Mike and Jill
 Schreiber
 June 21 Bart and MaKaela Randall
 June 18 Carey and Janeen Story
 June 23 Sanford and Lois Hrabec
 June 24 Brian and Trisha Burke, Chris and Kim
 Phillips
 June 28 Ron and Melanie Adcock, Desiree and
 Chris Thompson, Herb and Charmaign Aronson



From the secretary's desk...

Members and friends,

Hope your spring is going well and your able to go out and enjoy the sunshine!

The youth group is encouraging all the members to "invite a friend to church." We ask that you make a "star" by your name in the pew register when you bring a friend so we can keep a tally on a chart (hanging in the back of the church.) Our goal is 80 friends by August!

This is an easy way to grow in faith and help the congregation grow and remain vital. This is not something a committee can do, only the members of our congregation can issue the invitations that bring visitors to our church.

So are you up to the challenge? The youth group is and we would love to see some "friends" visiting! Thank you.

The youth group is also very excited to be helping 9 youth in an orphanage in India. They will be purchasing 2-3 wheeled wheel chairs, 4 wheelchairs, 2 walkers and 1 set of leg braces. We will be writing letters to those specific youth and we hope that this will help them make them more independent.

My family will be attending "Family Camp" on July 25th—the 31st. I am asking for volunteers to be in the office Mon.—Fri. 9 am—noon.

Thank you for your help!

Blessings, Lynn

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

**Please remember our shut-in's, those who are ill, the less-fortunate, those in the Nursing Homes or retirement homes and those in the military and in college.*

May Trustee Meeting and April bill list

May Trustees Meeting

May 5, 2010

Absent: Jim Glaus, Ronda Schelske, Barry Swanson and Gary Biskeborn

Present: Lawrence Pickner, Sally Reimer, Doug Johnson, Roger Burfiendt and Pastor Ellis

Pastor Ellis began the meeting with a devotion based on Isaiah 6:1-8 and ended with a prayer.

Doug opened the meeting and approvals were made; for the May 2010 meeting notes, Sally made the motion and Lawrence seconded it. Carried. Roger motioned to approve the April bill list and Lawrence seconded it. Carried. It was motioned to approve the financial report by Lawrence and seconded by Sally. Carried.

Old Business:

Lynn will visit with Scott Busack of Scott's Plumbing & Heating and see if the work in the church bathrooms and water fountains was done. Blackburn will be in the church (in the Fellowship Hall and outside) during the days of Monday, June 14th thru Wednesday, June 16th. New sump-pumps and a water guard system will be installed. Carpet repairs will be made following the sump-pump replacements. Lynn will contact Garry Winter and see what updates should be done to the church computer.

New Business:

A motion was made by Sally to place the upper soffit areas with permanent aluminum siding by Pro Gutters. It was also decided to repaint the lower soffits to match, not to exceed \$6,500.00 seconded by Roger.

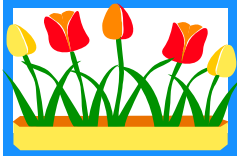
The church received checks from the Barger Park Foundation for \$5,000.00 and from the Hacker Estate for \$1,500.00.

These will be deposited into the churches building fund. Missionary, Alice Sharping requested the use of the churches fellowship Hall for a presentation about Ukraine orphanages on Thursday, May 27th from 7 pm – 8pm. Granted.

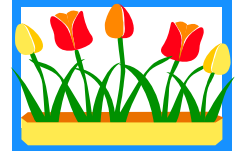
Lawrence motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sally seconded. Approved. The next meeting was set for June 9th, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room. Lynn Miller, secretary



April 2010 bill list

check	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	MUSIC	MEMORIAL	TOTAL
9117	Pastor Ellis Carr	4/15/2010	1,691.82			1,691.82
9118	Pastor Ellis Carr	4/30/2010	1,691.82			1,691.82
9199	Pastor Ellis Carr	medical	1,459.28			1,459.28
9199	Pastor Ellis Carr	2 internet bills	78.42			78.42
9120	Tim Johnson	custodial contract	385.00			385.00
9121	Jane Cameron	organist		260.90		260.90
9122	Lynn Miller	secretary	665.90			665.90
9123	Post Office	1 roll of stamps	44.00			44.00
9124	Servall	rug contract	44.75			44.75
9125	Hickey Heating	toilet parts	21.00			21.00
9126	Office Products	contract-paper	77.84			77.84
9127	Northwestern Energy	utilities	447.92			447.92
9128	Steckelberg	utilities	81.10			81.10
9129	Midstate Communications	utilities	132.41			132.41
9130	Burke Oil	April	324.36			324.36
9131	Variety Plus	2 keys, batteries	5.59			5.59
9132	The Picket Fence	palms	32.86			32.86
9133	CTA	teacher gifts-RE	34.81			34.81
9134	Julie Mertz	reimbursement-diaconate	57.90			57.90
9135	Dakota Milestones	2 mailings	106.45			106.45
9136	MacKenzie Mertz	trip donations	275.00			275.00
9137	SD Conference	OCWM	666.67			666.67
9137	SD Conference	Placerville	50.00			50.00
9137	SD Conference	OGH	100.00			100.00
9138	Wells Fargo	payroll tax	145.30	78.20		223.50
TOTALS			8,620.20	339.10		8,959.30



June 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5  Christensen/Pazour wedding 5:30 pm
6 9:30 am Worship 10:30 coffee fellowship	7 vbs begins	8 5:30pm-	9 *Trustees meet at <u>5:30 pm</u> *WF picnic at 6:30 see note.	10 8:00 pm	11 last day of vbs	12
13 9:30 am Worship in the park! Lunch will also be served. 10:30 Coffee fellowship	14 water project begins...	15	16 ..ends	17	18	19
20 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Carry-in	21	22	23	24	25 5:00 pm wedding rehearsal	26 Hieb/Willrod wedding 5:00 pm 
27 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee fellowship	28	29	30			

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**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

**WHEN? MON. JUNE 7TH—FRI.
JUNE 11TH**

TIME? 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

**EXPLORING THE MIGHTY LOVE
OF GOD!**

Blum Circle meeting- May 26th, 2010

The Blum circle met at the home of Elaine Stone on May 26th with Donna Hieb as co-hostess. Eleven members answered roll call with a Bible verse.

Chairman, Ruth Blum opened the meeting by telling us about our church flag. Ruth explained the flags colors and symbols; the cross with red and blue on white. Ruth gave each member an American flag then we joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old business: We thank Sally Reimer for heading up the Spring Tea. We also thank Tom and Elaine Stone for their presentation of "China" at the tea. Money was given to the VBS program for snacks and also several members donated food items.

June 9th at 6:30 pm will be the Women's Fellowship picnic. Members were also elected for the year; Ruth Blum, chairman, Wanda Swanson, vice-chairman, Beverly Feltman, secretary/treasurer.

Alyce Steckelberg gave the lesson "Angels Miracles." God speaks of his angles messengers from the Holy Spirit, angles heavenly hosts and spirits. Angles were told to visit Hager, Lot, Sarah, Jacob, David, Peter, Mary and others.

We joined and ended the meeting by saying The Lord's Prayer.

Bev Feltman, secretary

My father never talked to me about how to treat people. Every act of kindness I have ever shown another person was because I was trying to imitate him.

~Pamela McGrew

El Salvador Mission trip update!

There is a lengthy, personal thank-you from Mackenzie Mertz on the church bulletin board. Included in the note she wrote; "I truly appreciate your generosity, time and hard work that went into raising the money for my mission trip." "I am especially for this type of response since I have not been an active member in so long!" "I plan to come and talk about my adventures in El Salvador, what I learned and saw and how I grew spiritually." ~Mackenzie Mertz

On Tuesday, June 1st Mackenzie called and spoke with her mom, Julie Mertz of her first few days there. The first full day of Mackenzie's trip was in church for 4 1/2 hours! "It was so inspiring to see how strong their faith is." This is the rainy season and there is a refugee camp set up for some displaced families, they have also been working with them. So far they have set up clinics in two towns. The first day they saw 570 patients and 63 professions of faith. On the following day they treated 760 people and 75 accepted Jesus Christ. The leader Ken said; "he is so impressed and that it was the most productive trip yet!" You, at UCC are all a part of this, by your giving to Mackenzie's medical mission trip.

To see daily pictures and updates go to <http://concamera.wordpress.com>

~Thank you, from the Mertz family



First and foremost, they are our fathers; and whatever magic we had with them, even if it is for just a few of our very early years, profoundly affects us for the rest of our lives.

~Cyra McFadden

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.