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Diane Philen

Florence Sorensen

Boyd King

Ron Adcock & family

The family of Ruth
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Lorna Bergner

Frank Reniker

Virginia Hobson

Haven Talich

Andrea & Brynn
Schaub

March Suggested Scriptures

Mar. 1– Gen 9:8-17, Ps 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Mar. 8 - Gen 17:1-7, 15-16, Ps 22:23-31, Rom 4:13-25, Mark 9:2-9

Mar. 15– Ex 20:1-17, Ps 19, 1 Cor 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

Mar. 22– Num 21:4-9, Ps 107:1-3, 17-22, Eph 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

Mar. 29– Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12, Heb 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Pastoral Acts

January 31st, 2009 was the funeral for Arla Neeman.

February 18th, 2009 was the funeral for Dennis Hulce.

February 28th, 2009 was the funeral for Ruth Christensen

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Ryan and Andrea Schaub are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brynn Haley. She arrived 5 weeks early, on February 22nd, 2009 at 12:20 a.m., weighing in at 5 lbs. 9 oz!
We should keep the “new parents” in our prayers and also Brynn, as she is still in Sioux Falls at Sanford Hospital.
Congratulations also goes to grandpa Wes and grandma Renee Schaub!

The Pastor's Column

The Church's Job is to Love

Sometimes the simple things are the hardest things to do. Our faith is based on a simple truth – God loves us so much he sent his son to save us. That love recognizes and accepts all manner of human transgressions. He made us, He knows us, and He loves us. Countless volumes have been written to explain what a child's simple faith knows instinctively. Countless words have been used to divide those who believe in that love.

The Bible tells us humans tried to use words to test Jesus as words test us today. Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your entire mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbors as yourself: All the Law and the prophets stand on these two commandments. And when they asked him, "Lord, who is my neighbor?" he replied with the story of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-28)

In Matthew He says, "I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." And again, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did not do for me."

God's intent is for all his creatures to be whole and perfect, united with him someday – but just as there are physical aberrations, there are mental and developmental variations. The essence of each individual is his or her soul. Each soul is created equal before God, and given the opportunity to grow toward oneness with God. Some of those journeys are more difficult than others. Will not their reward, then, be greater also? Judge not lest you be judged.

A book written by the mother of a severely handicapped child contains a quote that inspires me – "I don't know why God saw fit to make these children, but since He did, I'm glad He gave one to us, because we know how to love him."

It is the church's job to know how to love!

--Pauline Webb, Pastor
Eagle Butte/Dupree UCC

BEATITUDES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

BLESSED ARE YOU who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us to know that if we persevere we can be understood. BLESSED ARE YOU who walk with us in public places, and ignore the stares of strangers, for in your friendship we feel good to be ourselves. BLESSED ARE YOU who never bid us to "hurry up" and, more blessed, you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us, for often we need time rather than help. BLESSED ARE YOU who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures, for our unsuredness will be outweighed by the times when we surprise ourselves and you. BLESSED ARE YOU who ask for our help and realize our giftedness for our greatest need is to be needed. BLESSED ARE YOU who help us with the graciousness of Christ, for often we need the help we cannot ask for. BLESSED ARE YOU when, by all things, you assure us that what makes us individuals is not our particular disability or difficulty but our beautiful God-given personhood which no handicapping condition can confine. REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD for your understanding and love have opened doors for us to enjoy life to its full and you have helped us believe in ourselves as valued and gifted people.

Congratulations!

To Alyce Steckelberg for winning the "Souper Bowl" door prize on Feb.1st on Youth Sunday. Hope you enjoyed it!

Congratulations also to Brenna Comfort, she won the "kids" door prize on Youth Sunday.

Thank you for supporting the youth!

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 March

Coffee Fellowship and Carry-In Dinner

The March hostesses are members of the Chilson Circle.

Ushers

Jack Dooley, Bob Burke
Bob Augspurger, Jason Sorensen

Chancel Arrangements

Janeen Story

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date: Attendance: Offering: Avg.needed:

Feb. 1st	135	\$3118.00	\$2,800.00
Feb. 8th	130	\$1934.50	\$2,800.00
Feb. 15th	127	\$1078.05	\$2,800.00
Feb. 22nd	121	\$3530.05	\$2,800.00

Youth Group News

The Youth Group would like to thank the church for their support and donations for Youth Sunday. February 1st was a success and it wouldn't be possible without the help of the Youth, their families, the congregation and the Pastor.

Our applause goes out to Brittney McDonald for writing the "word" for the day, she did a spectacular job, and to the youth who participated in the meetings and helped in planning, you did great! Also a big thanks has to go to Patty Juhnke for stepping in at the last minute and providing special music during worship. There were so many families that donated work, food and money, THANK YOU!

It's always amazing to me how everyone steps in and works and it turns out such a great success.

We were able to raise over \$500.00 between the meal and Soup Kettle donations, and the youth want to donate part of the proceeds to Diane Philen and her family.

-Lynn, youth leader

"OUR YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE!"

-Lynn Miller

Thank s to Devin for burning the Psalms for Ash Wednesday services. We appreciated it & you truly are a helpful youth!



Birthdays and Anniversaries of Members and Friends

March 1: Pearl Swanson, Moriah Glaus,
John Swanson
March 2: Jerome Feltman
March 3: Wendy Hieb, Wyatt Olson
March 4: Myron Longden, Troy Glaus
March 5: Laura Swanson
March 6: Florine Glaus, Riley Knippling,
Tate Hansen, John Blum
March 8: Tim Mertz, Colton Powers
March 10: Lily Van Oort
March 11: Mike Steckelberg, Adam Mayer,
Cortney Ashes
March 12: Jerry Fees, Sean Johnson,
John McQuiston
March 14: Aaron Larson, Marie Longden
March 15: Herold Hubbard
March 16: Alice Carlson
March 19: Ella Phillips, Liz Zeman
March 20: Emma, Powers, Delora Steckelberg
March 21: Katherine Smith
March 22: Geneva Krois
March 23: Eva Birchfield, Nathaniel Winter
March 24: Garret Christensen, Brittney McDonald
March 26: Dooley Shroyer, Kristin Biskeborn
March 28: Bradee Christensen
March 29: Clinton McQuiston, Barry Betts,
Chynna Story
March 30: Arleen Swanson, Roy Bergner

Anniversary's

March 1: Tom and Cindy Selland
March 27: Jerome and Phyllis Feltman
March 31: Dave and Deborah Rinehart,
Wes and Renee Schaub

We would like to **thank** everyone who bought items during our bake sale at church! The money will go towards building a play set for the Missouri Valley Crisis Center.

Your generosity was very much appreciated!
-The 5th grade girl scout troop & leaders

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

The Religious Ed had a meeting on Sunday, Feb.22nd. I'm pleased to announce that Connie Priebe will be the supervisor. This is an important duty and we should all pray for our RE board.

I want to thank everyone for letting me be part of the RE board for the last 3 years. It proved to be rewarding, fun and a little challenging sometimes... but I'm up for a good challenge!

I learned that the teachers are a vital part of our church and we need them. We need to remember this is about the youth and we are setting the example.

I want to thank the board for the last 3 years...their support, hard work and friendship. Yes, I said friendship, I was blessed enough to become friends with several board members that I may not have otherwise. I'm thankful for that. God Bless the RE board, and remember, the church supports you and your decisions! -Lynn

For nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 1:37

**Zane Lowell Rinehart
8-14-1991—3-9-2008**

We want to take a moment to let everyone know for the last year Zane's family and friends have missed him greatly. We are thankful to have known and been with him for the last 18 years, but it is still hard.

Thank you to members of UCC and the community for their support and kind words, they do help. I also want families to talk to their children about driving safely, and don't stop talking about it!

I know Zane is in heaven and I know he is looking down on his cousin smiling.

-Thank you, Zane's family

January Trustees Meeting Jan. 28th, 2009, - 5:30 p.m.

Present : Jeff Tichy, Roger Burfeindt, Lawrence Pickner, Barry Swanson, Doug Johnson, Pastor Ellis, Gary Biskeborn Absent: Ronda Schelske and Sally Reimer

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotion read by Pastor Ellis. Roger made the motion to approve the Dec 30th. meeting minutes. Gary seconded. Carried. Lawrence made a motion to approve the bill list for Jan., Roger seconded it. Carried. The Burke Oil payment will be held until Lynn can recheck the amount owed with Burke's. The asbestos loan payment to Great Western will be held in January. Financial report: all o.k.

Old business: The Annual meeting was held on Jan. 18, 09 and concern about lower offering coming in and also not many 09 pledge cards were sent back to the church. The Board of Trustees are trying to deal with this concern by writing a letter to explain the situation to the congregation, and they also thought of ideas such as...matching funds and a bulletin insert. Lynn will put inserts in the bulletin for 1 month and also in the March newsletter. A small group, including some diaconates will go through the active/non active church list to "clean it up," there are people who have moved and transferred. The trustee will review the final list. The wind tower project was finally heard back from. A notarized letter was sent to the church with the information needed, and also a check, which will be deposited. Lynn will report the information needed to ELO so that the W-4's can be prepared by them.

New business: There were 2 new board members added to the Trustee's this year, Doug Johnson and Sally Reimer. Welcome and thank you for volunteering to be part of the trustee board! We also lose members this year, Wes Schaub and Dooley Shroyer. We thank them for their hard work and dedication for the past years. Jeff Tichey also needs to be applauded for his past "head" trustee position, he did a very good job and we thank him. Jeff stepped down on Jan 28th. Roger nominated Gary Biskeborn the head trustee position, seconded by Barry S. Carried. Roger nominated Ronda for the vice position. Lawrence seconded it. Carried. 2 dates were approved for church use in the future. A 100th birthday party in Oct. and a statewide choir practice for 2 hours in April. Offering envelopes were checked on and it was decided that Lynn would order more so that they are available to members. Lynn will also "advertise" that there are offering envelopes available. The meeting was adjourned by Gary and seconded by Lawrence. Carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside room. Note: This is also Ash Wednesday and the service is at 7:00 p.m. Lynn Miller, clerk

February 2009 bill list						
PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	MEMO	EXPENSE AMOUNT			TOTAL
			GENERAL	BUILDING	Music	
pastor Ellis Carr		2/13/2009	1,691.82			1,691.82
pastor Ellis Carr		2/27/2009	1,691.82			1,691.82
pastor Ellis Carr	professional reimbursement	book, software, gifts	139.30			139.30
pastor Ellis Carr	milage reimbursement		374.40			374.40
pastor Ellis Carr	internet		39.21			39.21
Tim Johnson	Monthly Custodial Contract		385.00			385.00
Tim Johnson	2-funerals	Neeman, Hulce	100.00			100.00
Jane Cameron	organist				183.94	183.94
Lynn Miller	petty cash for office	stamps, batteries etc.	93.66			93.66
Lynn Miller	secretary		582.94			582.94
Woman's Fellowship	3 D. Ramsey payments	reimburse	299.00			299.00
McDorman Piano Service	tune piano				68.90	68.90
Cokesbury	church supplies	visitor sign up sheets	23.69			23.69
Dakota Milestones	2 bulk mailing	Newsletter's	117.94			117.94
Burke Oil	propane		874.50			874.50
Designs Décor & More	alter rose for new baby		8.43			8.43
Midwest Supply	church supplies	mop head	33.29			33.29
Midstates Communications	Utilities		128.56			128.56
Steckelberg & Steckelberg	Utilities		38.59			38.59
Northwestern Energy	Utilities		534.13			534.13
Servall Uniform/Linen Co.	Maintenance		42.31			42.31
Domain Renewal Group	Web-site contract		30.00			30.00
Office Products Center	Serv. Contract & Supplies		144.15			144.15
SD Conference	Placerville		50.00			50.00
SD Conference	OCWM	from Womans Fell.	651.80			651.80
SD Conference	OCWM		1,000.00			1,000.00
Wells Fargo	Payroll Tax		168.32		-36.78	168.32
TOTALS			9,242.86	0.00	216.06	9,495.70

Blum Circle Report-January 28, 2009 Submitted by Bev Feltman

The Blum Circle met in the Fireside Room with Marge Miller, Ruth Blum and Bev Feltman as hostesses. Thirteen members were present and answered roll call with Bible verses. Guest, Pastor Ellis said a prayer for us and we thank him for that! Thanks also goes out to Jean Cozine for fresh apple slices.

Valentines were sent to 2 confirmands, Teil Glaus and Devin Adcock. A card was also signed and sent to Ruth Christensen.

Ruth Blum read a letter from Geneva Krois, which was enjoyed by all.

The Arla Neeman funeral was discussed, and it was decided that we would help Alyce Steckelberg, if needed, at the funeral.

Youth Sunday is February 1st and consists of lunch and worship.

Florine Glaus had lessons taken from the book, "When God Listens Winks for You," by Squire Rushnell. These were true stories and miracles by people touched by God. Florine closed with a prayer of thanks.

-Bev Feltman

Missions Moment; The Missions Committee will be promoting the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering during March. You will be getting bulletin inserts and offering envelopes. Please consider giving to this important, special offering. With more needs developing every day whether it be related to the economy, or natural disaster. This is an important source of help to people in our country and world-wide!
Thank you for your support, Wes Schaub

Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes February 15, 2009

The Nominating Committee met on February 15, 2009. Present were: Pastor Ellis, Sherri Hansen, Connie Talich, Karen Karlen and Renee Schaub. Absent were Amy Blum and Mark Ohm.

The first order of business was the election of chairman. Renee Schaub will fill this position for 2009.

It was decided that the initial meeting to fill the various committee/board positions would be in October, with another to follow in November. The goal is to have all nominations completed before Christmas.

The duties of our committee were reviewed and it was agreed that a portion of our contacts to possible candidates would be face-to-face versus solely by telephone. If possible, the questionnaires that were completed by congregation members at the time the church directory was being put together will be obtained. This will allow our committee an opportunity to obtain the best possible candidates for the upcoming vacancies.

Pastor Carr discussed the possibility of creating a "Visit Committee", whose duties would include contact with the shut-ins. The idea will be discussed with the Diaconate Board prior to bringing it to the Church Council. He also stated that Cassie Gimbel has volunteered to be a delegate for our church for district/state meetings. She will be transferring her membership to our church in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted, Renee Schaub

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 1st Lent *choir sings in church	2	3 Lenten Bible study-10:30 a	4 *Powers Circle-5:30 Fireside Room *Circles...Blum, Hansen & Chilson Lenten Bible Study-7 pm *choir practice-7:30	5	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8 9:00 am confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 2nd Lent *choir sings in church	9	10	11 choir practice-7:30	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Potluck 3rd Lent *choir sings in church *Servant Leader Service	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Diaconate-7:00 Choir practice-7:30	19	20	21
22 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4th Lent *No choir-children sing in church.	23	24	25 Choir practice-7:30	26	27	28
29 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 5th Lent Choir sings in church	30	31				

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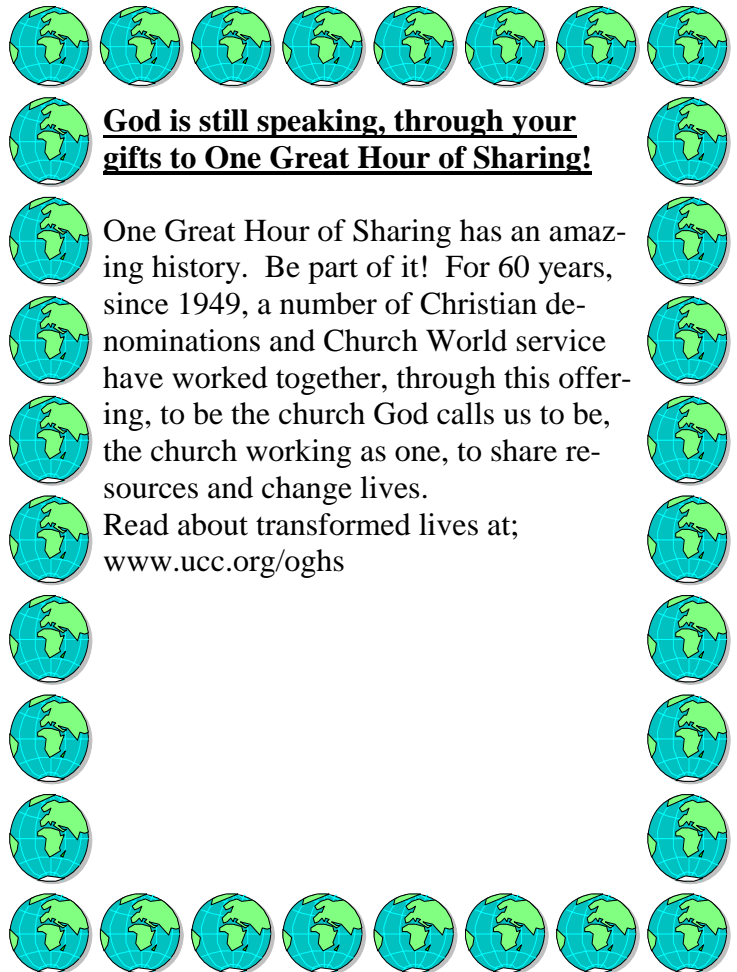
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Spring Meeting

When: Sunday, March 22, 2009
Where: First United Church of Christ
Pierre, SD

Registration: begins at 3:30 p.m.
Business Meeting: 4:10 p.m.
Break: 5:00 p.m.
Program: 5:15 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.



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