



Mission Statement of 1st Presbyterian Church, Hastings

Following Christ, we strive to love and serve the world so that all may grow in faith and experience true joy.



More Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

Reformed and always reforming, as in the church reformed and always reforming. The idea of reformation was paramount to John Calvin and as such it is paramount for our lives and ministries as well. I serve on the Princeton Theological Seminary Alumni Association Executive Council and on campus in Princeton, New Jersey we just hosted the Re:Union. The theme of this year's reunion; "2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This historic event changed the way we view religion and has been recognized as the beginning for the Reformation."

Nearly all of the events and seminars were focused around the topic of Reformation. During the faculty panel discussion Dr. Geddes Hanson (a professor Emeritus, who taught courses in pastoral care, congregational life and congregational leadership) said, "People thought that the reformation was permission to split," and that "Schism was thought to be a greater sin than heresy." Even years ago the church wrestled with what it means to be a church in the midst of disagreement. During our current social and political climate it seems appropriate for us ponder what reformation means for the church, and perhaps more so, what reformation means for our lives full well knowing that reformation is a process and not an event. Reformation is personal.

June at a Glance

June 4

9:30 Bell Choir
10:30 AM Worship w/Communion

June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Bible Study 6 - 7 PM

June 11

10:30 AM Worship

June 13

Session 6:30 PM

June 14

Prayer Shawl 7-8 PM

June 15

Newsletter Deadline

June 18

10:30 AM Worship

June 25

10:30 Informal Worship

June 27

Pastor April on KDWA
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sometimes it is helpful to start with questions and try to identify the right question first and then reflect. For example, do you love the idea of justice or love the doing of justice? What is enough? How can we rise above the fear of not being enough? How can we love our neighbors if we don't know our neighbors? Can there be greatness without goodness?

These are a few of the questions I left Princeton with; I hope together we can try to discern the correct question and then move forward in discerning how to continue to be hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Grace to you, and peace,
April

and **WHAT** *Lord* require of you?
DOES THE
To act **JUSTLY** and
To love **MERCY** and
To walk **HUMBLY** *God*
with your
MICAH 6:8

1st Presbyterian Church of Hastings Core Values

- * Moving and engaging worship
- * Openness in decision-making
- * Deep, life-giving relationships
- * Building and 150 year history as part of our identity
- * Serving the community through mission
- * Courage to take risks and the ability to persevere



Our Bible Study of Favorite Bible stories continues on Wednesdays in June. We will have a light supper starting at 6 PM and then read a story in the Bible. We are currently reading stories from the New Testament. Each session is an independent study so you do not have to have come previously. Please come join us for a time of fellowship and fun as we explore some of the many stories in the Bible.



GARAGE SALE

Recap

Thank you to all who donated merchandise, provided baked goods, or helped in anyway with the set up and take down. We finished another successful garage sale with the net results earning the church \$1,784, after all expenses were paid. Of that amount \$502 came from the bake sale and lunch proceeds. Well done!!

We received the grant we sought from the Presbytery. Now it is time to begin to put those ideas into action. If you are interested in participating in a committee tasked with organizing grant funded guest musicians, talk to Pastor April.





If you are interested in participating in the Rivertown Days Parade on Sunday July 23rd, please let a Session member or Pastor April know, or sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship hall. We are planning to order t-shirts this year.



As the summer is rapidly approaching and people leave for vacation, the church still has bills to pay (phone, electricity, garbage, radio broadcast, copier, pastor, water, etc) so PLEASE make sure you are current on your pledge or send a little extra if possible. Many, many thanks for your generosity and stewardship!

Cole Christian participated in the Make a Wish gala. His painting was sold at the silent auction for \$2150.



THE RECIPE CORNER

Please send your recipes to Becky Tiefenbruck at mrsbect@gmail.com or put them in the newsletter box in the office.

Bernice's Barbecued Meat Loaf

submitted by Bernice Wittkopf

Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds hamburger
1 cup bread crumbs
1 egg
Oregano
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 medium onion
1 small can tomato sauce

Barbecue sauce:

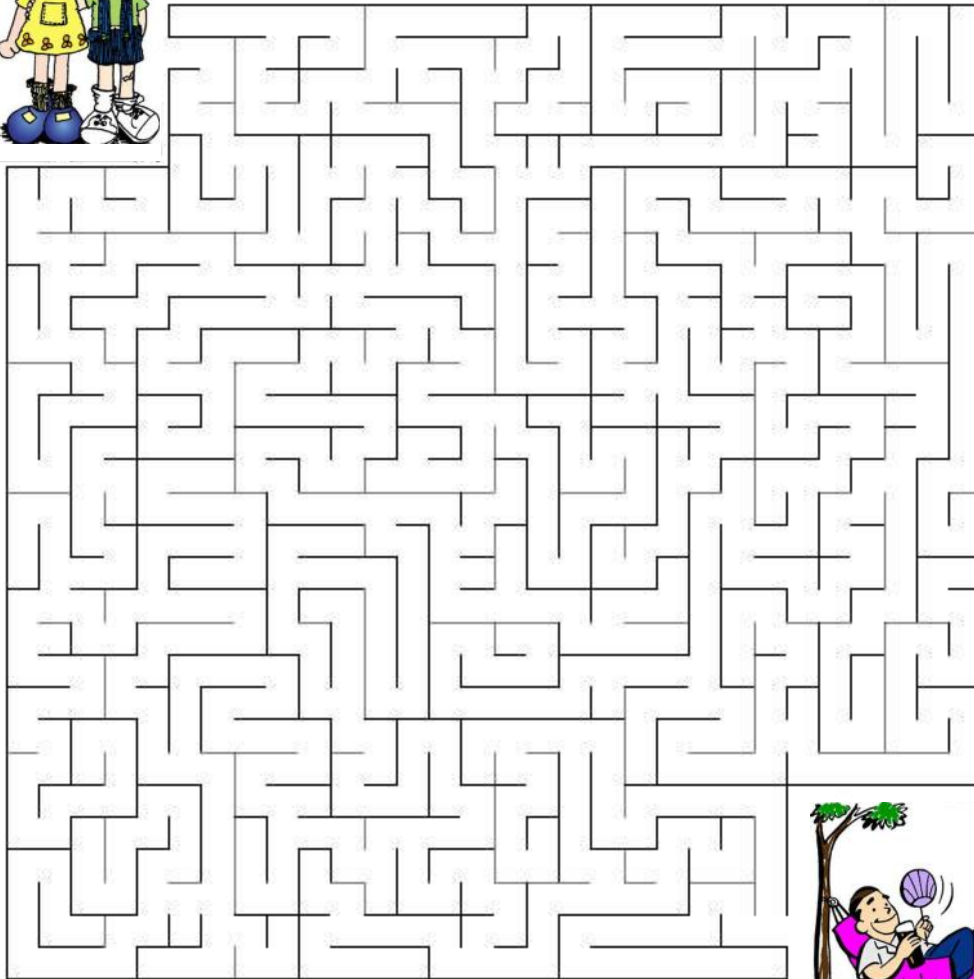
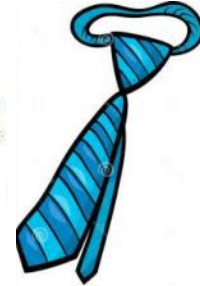
1 small can tomato sauce
1/2 cup water
2 TBL brown sugar
2 TBL mustard
2 TBL vinegar
1 TBL Worcestershire sauce

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Mix together meat loaf ingredients in large bowl and put in a loaf pan
Mix barbecue sauce ingredients together and cover meat loaf
Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes
Baste with remaining barbecue sauce once in awhile

Happy Father's Day

It's Father's Day and the kids are all trying to find Dad so they can give him a snazzy tie!
But where is he?



A Poem for Pentecost

William Blake (1757-1827)

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.



When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for power and life. That's what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the day of Pentecost.

David Wilkerson



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

**THE SPIRIT OF
PENTECOST**

**PRACTICING HOLINESS
ON ORDINARY DAYS.**

Bible Readings This Month

June 4

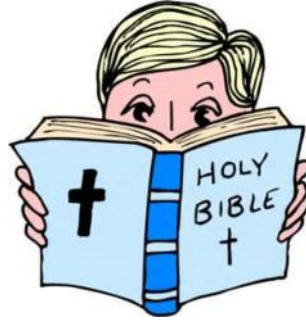
Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21 or Num. 11:24-30

Ps. 104: 24-34, 35b

Cor. 12: 3b-13 or Acts 2: 1-21

John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39



June 11

Trinity Sunday

Gen. 1: 1-2: 4a

Ps. 8

2 Cor. 13: 11-13

Matt. 28: 16-20

June 18

Gen. 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7)

Ps. 116: 1-2, 12-19

Rom. 5: 1-8

Matt. 9: 35-10: 8 (9-23)

June 25

Gen. 21: 8-21

Ps. 86: 1-10, 16-17

Rom. 6: 1b-11

Matt. 10: 24-39

June 2017 Servers

	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Leaders
June 4	Tayson/Wittkopf	Tiefenbrucks	Kristin Blevins
June 11	Brenda Reiter	Blumeyers	Grant Tiefenbruck
June 18	Christians	Browns	Karen Altpeter
June 25	Informal Worship	Mary Crawmer	Dave Hume

Session Minutes for April 4, 2017

A stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MN was held at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church on April 4, 2017.

The meeting began at 6:35 PM when Moderator Reverend Dr. April Davis Campbell lit the Christ Candle to remind us that we are on holy ground and that we have come to listen for God's word. Brenda led devotions. She related a story about a man who dragged food scraps into the woods and ended up attracting crows. Not exactly what he was hoping for, but even crows have to eat. Not all of us are loveable, but all of us still need to be fed. We need to show love to people who are hard to love. The meeting was then opened with prayer.

Elders Present:

Class of 2017: Grant Tiefenbruck, Dave Hume

Class of 2018: Dennis Brown, Mary Crawmer

Class of 2019: Brenda Reiter, Karen Altpeter

Also present: John Christian, Kaitlin Christian

Clerk's Report: The March Session Minutes were approved as submitted. The minutes from the Special Meeting of the Session on April 2, 2017 were also approved.

Treasurer's Report: At this point in time we are still doing well.

Foundation Report: The Foundation met and agreed to take a significant amount of money off the table. Bob Albright was going to investigate some options for moving money.

Pastor's Report: April was in Nebraska in March. Her father looked good. He seems to be able to do his own personal care. We shall celebrate Palm Sunday and confirm three young people. The "Passion" will happen on Thursday. The ecumenical community Good Friday (April 14th) Service will be at 5:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton. There will be a Synod meeting at the end of April. April will be going to the monastery in Indianapolis in May. She'll also be at a reunion at Princeton Seminary in May. We need to set plans for the grant activities. Holy Yoga training will begin later this summer and there will be an immersion week in November. Music series could be set up for once per month during the fall. Perhaps we could work with the liturgical artist during Advent.

Presbytery Meeting: Presbytery met at Oak Grove Church in Bloomington. J. Herbert Nelson, the Clerk of the General Assembly, was a very inspiring speaker. The next meeting of Presbytery will be on May 9th at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Rochester. Dennis was elected commissioner and maybe Grant will attend, too.

Deacons: Perhaps they will provide feedback about communion on Sunday.

M/S/C to receive all of the reports above on the consent agenda.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Dennis – New sign. M/S/C to ask the Foundation for money to purchase a new sign for the front of the church (~\$6,000). Dennis will get an estimate for limbing the tree that blocks the view of the sign. Ryan Fagnant is aiming to present to the Session in May about his request to do an Eagle Scout project.

Fellowship – Brenda – Still thinking!

Christian Education – Kaitlin continues. “96 Stories of the Bible” study resumes on Wednesday.

Mission – Mary – \$615 is being taken to HFS from Foodshare Month.

Stewardship/Finance – No report

Personnel/Nominating – The Session met with Nancy Becker who is a candidate for our bookkeeper position. She is acting as a bookkeeper for her husband’s business, and two other small businesses. She worked for Cranky Ape in the past, too. She is experienced in using several versions of Quick Books. She was okay with our offer of 6 hours per month of work.

Worship – Karen - The Church Garage sale is coming soon. An ad for the Easter service will be placed in the Hastings Gazette.

M/S/C to receive the committee reports.

Old Business – None

New Business - The Session met with Kaitlin Christian, the third confirmand in this year’s class. We read and discussed her “Affirmation of Faith.”

M/S/C to accept Kaitlin into membership of the church.

There will be a meeting of Session on May 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the church.

There will be a meeting of Session on June 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the church.

There will be a meeting of Session on August 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the church.

Brenda closed the meeting with prayer at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Tiefenbruck
Clerk of Session



JUNE



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4  9:30 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship w/Communion  Sullivan Norcross	5	6	7 6 - 7 PM  BIBLE Study	8	9	10
11 10:30 Worship  Trinity Sunday	12	13 Session 6:30 PM	14  FLAG DAY Bible Study 6-7 PM Prayer Shawl 7-8	15	16	17
18 10:30 Worship  Happy Father's Day!	19	20  First Day of Summer	21 6 - 7 PM  BIBLE Study	22	23	24
25 10:30 Informal Worship	26  Lizzy Hume	27 Pastor April on KDWA 11am-12pm	28 6 - 7 PM  BIBLE Study	29  Emmett Campbell	30	



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