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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERTHA!

BERTHA RICKERTSEN'S 100th BIRTHDAY is February 17. Julie and Bruce and family are requesting a card shower for her. Her address is: 1811 Ridgeway Dr., Room 4, Brookdale, Lexington, NE 68850.



LENT SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE February 14, 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE

Lunch is 12:00-12:20, Devotion's 12:20-12:45

- Feb. 15 — St. Anne's
- Feb. 22 — First United Methodist
- Mar. 8 — Grace Lutheran
- Mar. 15 — First Presbyterian
- Mar. 22 — Trinity Lutheran



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes begin Sunday, February 18th, and go through Lent in the church Conference Room.

ADULT



FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

-FELLOWSHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex for anyone who would be willing to volunteer to help serve/clean-up for Fellowship Hour. If you enjoy this time of fellowship and are willing to help, please sign up. **Volunteers are still needed for March, April and May!**



SPRING CRAFT FAIR!

There will be a Spring Craft Fair at First Presbyterian Church on March 19, from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Lunch available (Sloppy Joes, chips, drink and dessert \$5.00) 11:30 am-1:30 pm, lunch proceeds go to the church youth program. For information on renting a booth, please contact Vicki Davis - \$25 per table, checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, may be mailed to: PO Box 160, Lexington, NE 68850. (No vendors please.)



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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship

10:00 a.m. - Worship/nursery provided

11:00 a.m. - Coffee

Church Staff

Teaching Elder: Pastor Eddie Mariel

Hostess: Linda Anthony

Financial Secretary: Julie Rickertsen

Office Manager: Alice Screws

Joy Ringers Director, Chancel Choir

Director, and Music Coordinator: Holly Rickertsen

Ruling Elders

Dale Biehl

Mary Reed

Robert Copper

Curt Rickertsen

Ed Heusinkvelt

Beth Rogers

Da'Lacy Lans

Tempie Roberts

Steve Luther

Clerk of Session: Gene Nansel

Deacons

Linda Anthony

Tom Musil

Dorothy Bremer

Carol Nelson

Jonelle Lans

Pat Sherman

LaDonna McClure

Julie Rickertsen

Larry Moomey

Sharon Steinberger

Rhea Musil

Carol Stock

Serving in February

Head Ushers: Lorin and Dorothy Bremer

Greeters: Helen Young and Carol Nelson

Offering Counters: Ed Heusinkvelt and a Properties Volunteer

Lay Leaders:

February 4 – Anne Grubb

February 11 – Diane Yeutter

February 18 – Bruce Rickertsen

February 25 – Dwayne Margritz

***** Lay Leaders: If you switch Sundays with another Lay Leader, please let the church office know by Thursday noon of that week so that the Lay Leader can be listed correctly in the Sunday bulletin.**

Nursery Volunteers:

February 4 – Kamryn Pike

February 11 – Abbie Owens

February 18 – Isabella Carlson

February 25 – Jordan Lans

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Faith Team – February 6, 6:15 p.m.

Properties Team – February 19, 7:00 p.m.

Welcoming Team – February 10, 6:15 p.m.

Personnel Team – February 27, 5:45 p.m. (?)

Session – February 27, 7:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS!



CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Marilyn Biehl on their 64th wedding anniversary February 14th!



PASTOR EDDIE'S PAGE

Greetings Friends,

I want to start out by expressing what a joy it is to be here and serve all of you. As I reflect upon my journey that has landed me here, with all of you, I recognize that this is the culmination of a calling that God has had upon for me over 20 years. I did not recognize my call to ministry as a high school student, but it was precisely in high school when I began serving and leading others. I joined a student leadership team which enabled me to take ownership over how weeknight meetings flowed for my peers; I started leading worship at youth group meetings with my peers; I started serving the junior high students of my church as a student leader. Indeed, God has had this call upon me for quite some time. It is an honor that such a calling has come to fruition among you all!

Thus far, in the two sermons you have heard from me, I have tried to focus intently upon Jesus; who he is (the voice of the LORD; a steadying presence in the midst of change) and the type of model he is (being in rhythm with God) for each of us. As we swiftly approach the season of Lent, it is my pleasure and joy to walk alongside you all as we plot out and remember Jesus' own movement towards the cross of calvary. We will see yet more modeling and rhythm. We will also see what seems to be crushing defeat turned into the most glorious victory one could ever hope to imagine.

If you feel unsteady, or insecure, hold to Jesus. If you are unsure of the way forward, hold to Jesus. If you are out of sync or out of rhythm, seek Jesus as he is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). Let us hold to Jesus and seek him together. My prayer for our community of faith is that we will be people who discern and pursue God's will and those are the things that we must do together.

In His Service,

Pastor Eddie



Birthday Club

BIRTHDAY CLUB

JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB! In your birthday month contribute \$1.00 (or 10 cents or a quarter, etc.) for each year of your life so far. The thousands of dollars contributed each year go to the Endowment Fund. The fund generates interest which is divided between Physical Facilities and Outreach Fund. If you would like to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes in the pews, or you can write "Birthday Club" on your check. Joining the birthday club in December: Jo Sherman; in January: Betty Nelson and Leroy Sherman.

WOMEN'S GROUPS



-SOUTHSIDE BIBLE STUDY meets most Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. They have started a new study by Adam Hamilton called *Half Truths*. This study deals with "sayings" that are attributed to the Bible but that don't actually come from the Bible. These are simple phrases that capture some element of truth, yet miss the point in important ways, such as "Everything happens for a reason" or "God helps those who help themselves" or "God won't give you more than you can handle". They welcome anyone who would like to attend this study every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to come and join us for lively conversation, snacks and fellowship.

-MARTHA CIRCLE will meet February 15. Hostess is Marlene DeLap and Rose Marie Sherman is in charge of the lesson.

LOGOS



LOGOS continues the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays of most months: 4:00 p.m. for Kindergarten through 5th graders, and 6:00 p.m. for 6th through 12th graders, with supper for both groups at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year is *Learn and Serve*. This year we will visit various countries during our LOGOS season.

The month of February we will be visiting China. Sally Heusinkvelt is in charge of table decorations.

THANK YOU!

-THANK YOU church family for the generous acts of kindness given to me during my two months of illness. — Judy Moomey

-THANK YOU for all the cards, calls, visits, help, and the beautiful prayer shawl. It is a rich blessing to have your caring and support through the challenge of serious illness. —Yours in Christ, Janet McKee

-THANK YOU! to my church family for all the cards, calls, prayers, and for the beautiful prayer shawl I received during my illness and treatment. It means a lot to have the support of such a loving and caring church family. — Dale Biehl





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Once every six weeks we spend a week helping folks get a good hot noon meal, delivered with a friendly face and a smile! Thank you Dick and Liz Sanderman, Lorin and Dorothy Bremer, Morry and Marlene DeLap, and Sharon Steinberger, for getting those hot meals to our shut-in residents. If you are willing or able to volunteer, please Contact Sharon Steinberger at 324-2060. Next delivery date will be March 5-9, 2018.



LOOSE OFFERINGS

Loose Offerings during the month of February go to LOGOS.



GROCERY CART

The grocery cart is in the narthex or the office hallway ready for your non-perishable food items for the Lexington Food Pantry. The Lexington Food Pantry serves many people in need.

Steve Luther was able to take 97 food items over to the Food Pantry from our Souper Bowls luncheon!

The local Food Pantry shelves are always in need of donations at this time of the year .



UP NEXT — SERVICE COMMITTEE GROUP B

Co-Chairs: Karla Denker 325-1821
 Jo Sherman 324-4772
 Sharon Steinberger 324-2060
 Carol Stock 324-7128

Ardith Bandler 324-4247
 Marilyn Biehl 324-4426
 Rosalie Bonini 324-5190
 Geraldine Bricker 324-3323
 Betty Clark 324-6874
 Billie Clements 324-2470
 Deb Harkless 324-6845
 Jean Henderson 324-2236
 Evelyn Hutt 324-4874
 Gail Magnuson 324-3746
 Doll Nielsen 324-6834
 Andrea Nisley 324-3651

Joyce Olsen 785-8172
 Barb Poehler 784-3753
 Cindy Reutlinger 324-3250
 Holly Rickertsen 324-2417
 Joyce Rimpley 324-4063
 Ann Smets 324-1919
 Shirley Smets 324-4333
 Becca Walton (w) 324-5651
 Jill Williams 785-8131
 * Gladys Hodgson 324-3146
 * Ellie Kelly 324-2538

**NEW IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY in 2018**

THANK YOU to Barb Knapple and an anonymous donor for books for the library.

NEW BOOKS —**BIOGRAPHY**

God Is For Real by Todd Burpo. This is a follow up book to “Heaven Is For Real”.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Half Truths Leader Guide by Adam Hamilton. Are you stumped as to how to explain these popular sayings?

1. Everything Happens For a Reason
2. God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
3. God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle
4. God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It
5. Love The Sinner, Hate The Sin

CHURCH

Searching For A Pastor The Presbyterian Way (a roadmap for Pastor Nominating Committees) by Dean E. Foose

COUNSELING

Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. When to say Yes, how to say No, how to take control of your life. Can I say No and still be a loving person? How to set healthy boundaries.

FICTION

Christmas Angel Project, The by Melody Carlson

Christmas Joy Ride, The by Melody Carlson

Proving, The by Beverly Lewis

PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE

Faithful by Adam Hamilton. This book speaks of Christmas through the eyes of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. You will experience the birth of Jesus in a new way.

WORSHIP

Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan. The music and words of 150 of the world's greatest hymns is in this book plus the stories behind them. These stories not only speak to our souls but add depth and meaning to each of them.

*Second Wife, Second Life*

by Marjorie Holmes

A book report by Jo Sherman

Since February is known as the Love Month, containing Valentine's Day, I chose to review a love story this month. It is a little different from usual love stories, in that it tells us about a marriage between two older people who have both lost their first spouses to death after about 50 years of togetherness.

Marjorie Holmes is a well-known author of over 130 books. Perhaps her most known book is, *Two From Galilee*. This is the first of three written about Jesus, the other two from this trilogy is: *Three From Galilee*, and *The Messiah*. Her book, *I've Got To Talk To Somebody, God* plays an important role in this story, which is a true memoir of her second marriage.

After first meeting her in February, Dr. George Schmieler asked her to marry him. She was able to put him off for awhile, but decided to marry him in July. He told her the words he tried to live by, "Work and play, love and pray..... They're like framework, a support—the four points of a cross."

One evening as they were walking, Marjorie saw a large box on a power line and asked George about it. "A transformer,... It gets electricity from a large line and reduces it to usable current.....Christ is like a transformer, making it possible for God to show himself to the world.....His son became the *light of the world!*"

One day he told Marjorie how he functions as a doctor, "I start with the head.....I feel the jaws.....I examine the ears, eyes, nose, etc."

"When I look at the ear, I marvel. Each ear is shaped the same, outwardly simple, but inside so complex. I see the eardrum, thin as tissue paper. To think that this delicate thing vibrates to all the sounds that enter. And behind are three tiny bones, the smallest in the body, to catch its vibrations and carry them into the cochlea, a larger bone that looks like a snail, and then on to the brain, which translates them into sound.....There has to be a Master designer working miracles somewhere."

He then tells us about the head, "A human head is a treasure, it is God's greatest sculpture mounted on his perfect pedestal, the body."

She ends this very interesting book with, "George and I will never cease to marvel over the miracle that brought us together. Every day we thank God for it. In sickness or in health, no two people could have been happier. That this happiness came late only makes it more precious.

We feel, as the groom was told at the wedding in Cana: *'You have saved the best wine for the last!'*

As she ends the book she tells us that George and she had a joyful reward for over ten years. "The last decade has been the happiest, most romantic, inspiring, and beautiful of all."

After his death, Marjorie Holmes lived on Lake Jackson, near Manassas, Virginia, where she first met and fell in love with George.



Notes from the January 23, 2018 Session Meeting

Communion: January 7, 2018-----101

Membership remained at 267

Gaylene Brown died January 2, 2018. The Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams officiated a grave side service on Friday, January 12, 2018 at Greenwood Cemetery, Lexington, Nebraska.

Robert Copper was ordained and installed as Elder on January 14, 2018.

Curt Rickertsen and Tempie Roberts were re-installed as Elders on January 14, 2018.

Sharon Steinberger was ordained and installed as Deacon on January 14, 2018.

Linda Anthony, Julie Rickertsen, and Carol Stock were re-installed as Deacons on January 14, 2018.

Current balances are:

Balance brought forward 01/01/18	8,663.44
Receipts	13,145.00
Disbursements	7,762.24
Transfers to general fund	0.00
Transfers to money market	0.00
Balance as of 01/23/18	14,046.20
Balance of money market fund 01/23/18 \$	51,536.93

Session approved the following committee assignments:

Properties Team: Ed Heusinkvelt and Curt Rickertsen

Welcoming Team: Beth Rogers

Endowments and Gifts: Da'Lacy Lans and Steve Luther

Faith Team: Dale Biehl and Tempie Roberts

Giving Team: Da'Lacy Lans and Steve Luther

Personnel Team: Mary Reed and Robert Copper

Da'Lacy Lans moved that a Craft Fair be held at the church on April 7, 2018. The motion was approved.

Committee Recommendations:

Endowments and Gifts: Hastings College Scholarship Memorial Fund be combined with Edward Jones Money Market Scholarship Fund. Session approved the recommendation.



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Monthly Planner



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