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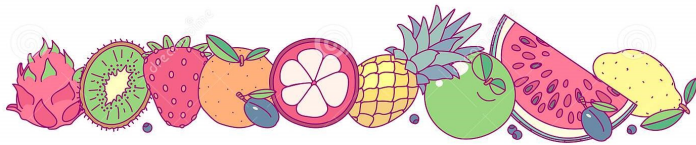


**PASTOR'S BLOG:** [wouldbbest.wordpress.com](http://wouldbbest.wordpress.com)

<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>



# Newsletter



# JUNE 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	3	4 Aiden Thie's Graduation Open House 4:00-7:00 pm
5 9:15 am Prayer in Nursery 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	6	7 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE	8	9 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	10	11
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## MAY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
5/1	41	16	\$4,035.00
5/8	46	38	\$2,093.00
5/15	49	13	\$3,176.90
5/22	51	15	\$1,881.00
5/29	33	6	\$1,107.50

2022 Year to Date received: \*\$59,751.65

2022 Budgeted Amount: \*\$59,625.94

Amount Needed Per Sunday: \*\$2,710.00

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VICTOR SOLO & SKIP SHERMAN

★ JOIN US ★

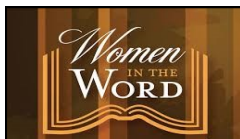
FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR AIDEN THIE

Please join us in celebrating  
Aiden's graduation from  
Washing High School  
at our home

Saturday, June 4  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

1108 N Sycamore Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57110



Ladies, the book of the month  
For JUNE is I & II THESSALONIANS.

PLEASE  
NOTE

If you no longer wish to receive this  
Newsletter or would like to receive  
by email, please call the church office,  
605-336-6780 and let us know. Thanks!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Dick Kruse
- 5 Betty Coffey
- 6 Helen Peters
- 12 Jackie Harris
- Kristy VanMeeteren (Sherman)
- 14 Karen Walter (Kruse)
- 16 Nancy O'Connell
- 17 Noah Carlson
- 25 Jon Michael Talbert
- 26 Kary Best
- 27 Junie Bittiker
- 28 Cassandra Wise
- 30 Katrina Kruse

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Becky Lindstrom & Bill Palanuk
- 7 Skip & Sandy Sherman
- Chris & Kathy Paul
- 9 Dave & Susan Behrends



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OF SHARING

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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**  
**will be taken on June 12 & June 19**  
**during the Worship Service**

**If you would like, you can mail your offering**  
**in the enclosed envelope.**

## **Randy Rasmussen**

### **Retirement Thank You Letters**

Dear ABC of the Dakotas family,

As you know, our Executive Minister, Rev. Randy Rasmussen, is resigning effective September 30. We will be honoring Randy at the Mission Conference Banquet on September 17 in Aberdeen, SD.

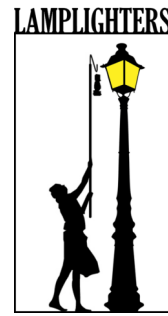
Randy has done so much for our Region, and also so much for so many individuals and churches. We would like to make a booklet to let him know how much he has meant to us.

Please share this email to other people who you know might like to write a message to him. Please type or write your comments on an 8 1/2 by 11 paper, and mail or email to me. No one else will be reading these except Randy and Pat. I will put them in a booklet to be presented to Randy at the banquet. **THE DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1.**

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Thank you,  
Ruth Skar  
Associate Executive Minister  
American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas



The Lamplighters met on May 13 at Grandview Covenant Church. Darlene Frueh, President gave the welcome. The money set aside for another large refrigerator costing \$5,000 was tabled as the storm last week took out 3 air conditioners. The cost will be between \$30,000 to \$40,000. The Mission has insurance so it's possible they may be out \$5,000.

Elly, the Marketing Director at the Mission spoke on the community program. They give away clothes, help with mental health issues, and give free hair cuts every Friday. There is one family from Ukraine which the Mission is helping to get settled.

The mission store is in need of plastic hangers, trash bags and plastic grocery bags.

The next meeting will be held June 17 at the Chancellor Reformed Church. LOVE GIFT: Gift cards for water bottles, shampoo & body wash, project money for air conditioner.

We enjoyed an assortment of cookies and coffee.

Helen Peters, Delegate

## **WHAT MAKES A DAD**

**GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN,  
THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,  
THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN,  
THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA,  
THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE,  
THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,  
THE WISDOM OF THE AGES,  
THE POWER OF THE EAGLES FLIGHT,  
THE JOY OF A MORNING IN SPRING,  
THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED,  
THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY,  
THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,  
THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,  
AND THEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO ADD,  
HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS COMPLETE,  
AND SO, HE CALLED IT—DAD.**

### **Labor Pains In the Church Family**

Paul's letter to the Galatian church was a painful one for him to write, as the following excerpt shows. Paul was at odds with the church because they had given in to false teachers and given up their freedom in Christ. Aware of the context of this passage, read the following with understanding and empathy.

<sup>15</sup>Where is that joyful and grateful spirit you felt then? I am sure you would have taken out your own eyes and given them to me if it had been possible. <sup>16</sup>Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?

<sup>17</sup>Those false teachers are so eager to win your favor, but their intentions are not good. They are trying to shut you off from me so that you will pay attention only to them. <sup>18</sup>If someone is eager to do good things for you, that's all right; but let them do it all the time, not just when I'm with you.

<sup>19</sup>Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. <sup>20</sup>I wish I were with you right now so I could change my tone. But at this distance I don't know how else to help you. (Galatians 4:15-20)

Paul lamented the influence these false teachers had on the church, for they robbed the church of their JOYFUL AND GRATEFUL SPIRIT. This is always the result when legalistic people have their way in a church. The genuine emotions of people are bled away in a search for "dignity"

and dedication to traditions whose original meaning and significance is lost, though the empty forms are still observed. I believe when worship occurs, different emotions will be felt. The presence of these emotions is not an achievement, but they are a blessing and a sign we are on the right track.

False teachers are always fake teachers; they are self-condemned by their hypocrisy. We've often heard hypocrisy used by unbelievers and non-attenders as an excuse for not believing and not attending. Shame on us: instead of outsiders, Jesus' people ought to be the most vocal critics of hypocrisy, just as He was.

Paul did not use the image of LABOR PAINS to exaggerate his feelings about the church. He intended to give them a "gut level connection" to express how deeply he loved them, an affection the false teachers did not share. A hypocrite may sound "biblically correct" because they love law and order, but the truth is, they only love law and order to advance their ambitions.

Paul's genuine love for the members gave him a desire to take a more positive approach to them, but they had thrown away their freedom with both hands so God prevailed on Paul to bring discipline on them instead. We must be realistic and flexible to follow God's leading. There are times a positive approach fails to achieve God's will and a disciplinary approach must be used. May we have wisdom from God to know the difference and courage from God to do the right thing regardless of the sacrifice required.



**Lincoln Unruh** - son of Nathan & Sarah Unruh and great-grandson of Joy Ingalls graduating from Grand Canyon Christian University in Phoenix, AZ. He majored in Business and has yet to confirm his future plans.

**Andrew Rogers** - son of Karen Waldner & Mark Rogers and grandson of Joan Cleveland and the late Paul Cleveland graduating from the Mitchell Technical College. His studies have been in Progressive Welding Technology. He plans to continue at Mitchell Tech studying machining and manufacturing.

**Megan Gilk** - daughter of Deb Gilk Kautzman & Paul Gilk and granddaughter of Duane & Doris Carlson graduating from SDSU with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Biology. She will be starting Physicians Assistant classes at USD in July and getting married in November.

**Nicholas Hanson** - son of Richard Hanson and grandson of Elaine Hanson graduating from Roosevelt High School, Sioux Falls. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska majoring in Data Science and Statistics.

**Taylor Hanson** - daughter of Robert Hanson and granddaughter of Elaine Hanson graduating from Tracy High School, Tracy, MN. She plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in Sports Management.

**Grace Hanson** - daughter of Robert Hanson and granddaughter of Elaine Hanson graduating from Tracy High School, Tracy, MN. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Morris and major in Psychology and Law.



***"Now then, stand still  
and see this great  
thing the LORD is  
about to do before  
your eyes!"***

1 Samuel 12:16

**The following names are members,  
family or friends of Emmanuel Baptist  
Church who are honoring a  
2022 Graduate.**

**Aiden Thie** - son of Chris & Dawn Thie and grandson of Terry & Joanne Lindstrom graduating from Washington High School, Sioux Falls. Aiden plans on working in welding or auto repair.

**Royce Anthony Sprouse** - son of Nathan & Macaria Sprouse and grandson of Eva Sadat graduating from Lincoln High School and has listed in the Army.

**Matthew Graham** - son of Rob & Kari Graham and grandson of Sharon Hoover graduating from the University of Sioux Falls with a Masters Degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics.

**Mitchell Hoover** - son of Jay & Kristi Hoover and grandson of Sharon Hoover graduating from Northern State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Management.