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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 a.m.

THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study 1:30 p.m.



Newsletter



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 OPEN HOUSE Richard Rose 80th Birthday
3 9:15 am Prayer in Nursery 9:30 am Worship w/Communion Fellowship following Worship		5	6	7 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	8	9
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JUNE REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
6/5	40	13	\$2,292.00
6/12	42	11	\$1,416.00
6/19	49	15	\$9,272.23
6/26	36	13	\$3,038.00

2022 Year to Date received: *\$75,769.88

2022 Budgeted Amount: *\$70,467.02

Amount Needed Per Sunday: *\$2,710.00

USHERS FOR JULY LEROY MATHIEU & KEVIN SKOGSTAD

★ JOIN US ★

**FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 3.**

GET TOGETHER

A Church Outing is being planned for July 20, 12:00 noon. A place to be determined. Please join in on some food and fellowship. Contact Sharon Hoover or Helen Peters if you plan to attend. Watch the bulletin for more information

*Women
IN THE
WORD*

**Ladies, the book of the month
For JULY is **PSALMS 1-72.****



**FOR YOUR
INFORMATION**

Sunday, August 14 will be our annual "ABC/D Sunday." Our outgoing Executive Minister, Rev. Randy Rasmussen, will be bringing the message. Plan now to attend!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Richard Rose
2 Brett Best
4 Cindy Van't Hof
5 Elaine Hanson
6 Marge Sanborn
7 Clay Anthony Coffey
15 Russel Peters
16 Nancy O'Connell
20 Katie Best

Cindy Nelson

21 Lisa Dawley
26 Elida Bell
Jay Hoover
30 Delores Williams
31 Frank Feltis

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Russel & Helen Peters
25 Bill & Cindy Nelson



**RICHARD ROSE IS
CELEBRATING HIS
80TH BIRTHDAY**

You are invited to his OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, July 2
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Emmanuel Baptist Church
1600 E 12th St - Sioux Falls

*thank
you*

Dear Emmanuel Family - Our family can't thank you all enough for all of your love, prayers, support and everything you have done for our family, Thank you to the ladies for the food preparation-we are so blessed. God bless you all.

With Love, The Lindstrom Family



Dear Emmanuel, Thank you so much for the graduation money and for being such a great church.
Love, Aiden Thie

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, ABC of the Dakotas

LAMPLIGHTERS



The Lamplighters met on June 17 at the Reformed Church in Chancellor. Mary Weeldreyer gave the welcome. We sang 2 songs.

Pastor Marc deWaard told stories about his life and his father as Father's Day would be Sunday. He was born in the Netherlands, one of 8 children. He lived in 17 homes and 3 countries. He became a U.S. citizen in 1987. His Bible theme was "Do Things Together." He mentioned a joint Bible school, serving at the Banquet and the Mission.

Darlene Frueh president, led the business meeting. She thanked everyone for the love gifts. There is no meeting in July & August.

Elly, the social worker from the Mission mentioned several needs: money for bottled water, the air conditioner, bus passes, meat of any kind for the kitchen and fresh produce.

The social needs are great as many are depressed and suicidal. They continue to give free hair cuts every Friday.

David Gladder closed in prayer. We were served an assortment of delicious bars and coffee.

Helen Peters, Delegate

*So many of life's little blessings today
Will come unnoticed and slip away.
While we continue to grumble and fuss,
Ignoring the God who gave them to us.
How much happier our lives would be,
If instead of complaining, we'd stop to see
The numerous blessings He gives us each day,
Which lighten our burdens and brighten our way.*



THE HUMMINGBIRD STORY...

Once there was a great forest fire. All the animals fled to the edge of the forest and froze in fear not knowing what to do. They watched as the flames began destroying the beauty of their home.

Finally a tiny hummingbird flew to a body of water and took a few drops into its beak. It then flew quickly toward the fire allowing the drops to fall on the roaring flames. Over and over the tiny bird continued. Drop by drop. Back and forth. Again and again.

The other animals watched from the edge of the forest, and called to the little bird, "What are you doing?" The hummingbird replied, "I am doing what I can."

How often we can become overwhelmed by fear or the sheer size of problems and become paralyzed to do nothing. Or we may compare ourselves to others and feel too small to matter.

Small. What we consider to be small and insignificant may actually be huge in God's scheme of things. Have you ever noticed how often God's view and the world's view are opposite? The world says, "Be first!" God says, "Be last." The world says, "Go, go, go!" God says, "Be still." The world says, "Bigger is better!" God says, "Small is important."

The widow giving her offering of two small coins in Luke 21:1-4 was affirmed by Jesus when He said she had given more than all the rest. Jesus went on to say in Luke 16:10, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much."

In God's hands, small can become big just like in John 6 when a boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish became enough to feed over 5,000 and also have leftovers!

This little hummingbird story can remind us to do what we can. Everything we do for the Lord Jesus matters. It counts!

Every word. Every prayer. Every act of kindness. Every hug. Every penny. Small counts in the hands of our BIG God!

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Camp Judson needs each church's assistance in the **Pray for a Cabin** program.

Pictured above is the "cabin" that we are being asked to keep in prayer this summer.

This program gives the churches an opportunity to be a part of the ongoing ministry of Camp Judson. We ask the churches to be prayer warriors for all the campers and staff who will be involved in the camping ministry this summer.

The power of prayer is essential to the camping ministry. The knowledge that people and churches from across the state are in prayer strengthens the whole camp experience and success. We include the camp staff in this program as they too need to be coveted and encouraged in our prayers.

There are many benefits and blessings to this program: counselors, staff and campers will be uplifted in prayer daily and churches and congregations will realize their importance to the work of Camp Judson.

Thank you
Kim Aalberg

JOURNEY OF Faith

With you on the journey...

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:25)

"I don't need to go to church; I can worship God anywhere" is an excuse we have heard repeatedly from folks eager to justify their absence from Sunday morning worship. Since the pandemic has beset us and most churches have made their services available online, we have more options for non-attendance. A spectator's view of worship has never been more available.

However, Hebrews 10:25 and the witness of all the New Testament point to the irreplaceable requirement (and benefit) of MEETING TOGETHER. Worship is more than an assembly of spectators to witness a performance; it is a MEETING TOGETHER, a joining of spirits, a communion of believers that can only be achieved by meeting in person. Situations may require a person's absence, but this is not ideal and should be temporary.

The primary purpose of worship is to put God front and center. The secondary purpose of worship is what we do for one another before, during, and after worship: ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER. This matter of encouraging each other was made powerfully apparent in a recent study

of Acts 11 where we were introduced to the Master Encourager Barnabas. We learned that everywhere Barnabas went, he encouraged people of faith. He spread joy and churches benefitted from his ministry of encouragement.

This fact of church life takes on increasing importance as we sense the day of Jesus' return DRAWING NEAR. Are you increasingly concerned about the state of the world? Do you find yourself thinking more often about Jesus' Second Coming and praying it might be today? If so, then you need to be increasingly involved in encouraging other believers. You have more, not fewer, reasons to be face to face and heart to heart.

What response can we give to the excuse offered earlier? Try these: "How do you worship God? Does anyone else benefit from your worship? How about the rest of us? Do you realize we don't get along as well without you? Your presence makes a difference; you'll do more good to worship the God of truth, not just the nature He created. Join us for worship at church." Think of worship this way: we are not only to attend to be encouraged, we are also to encourage others to attend.

... Pastor Brett