



PRESBYTIDINGS



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUDUBON, IOWA
Where every member is called to minister / May 2015/ Volume 66, Number 6
Rev. Roger C. Claxton
Sylvia Christensen, Editor

What's New at the Church?

- Holy Communion Served - May 3
- Friendship Home and Individual Home Communion - May 4
- PW Spring Salad Buffet - May 7 at 6:30 PM
- Choir and CE Recognition Sunday - Coffee served by Worship Committee - May 17
- Session Meets - May 20 at 7:30 PM

ROGER'S REFLECTIONS

This month we celebrate all Graduates of the Class of 2015, including Jalen Nelson and Wyatt Christensen of Ebenezer Lutheran. Baccalaureate Service for Audubon High School will be May 13th, beginning at 7:00 PM. Commencement is May 17th at 2:00 PM. We wish the best for all of our graduates, and God's blessings on their future endeavors!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th, as we give thanks and remember our own mothers, especially that Sunday.

Memorial Day is May 25th. This year we recognize the 70th Anniversary of the end of WW II - including V-E Day on May 9th and V-J Day on September 2.

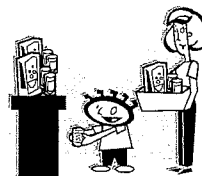
Western Iowa Synod Assembly (Lutheran annual convention) begins on Friday, May 29th through Saturday the 30th. Connie and I have a granddaughter graduating in St. Paul, MN, on Sunday, May 31st, so we will be attending only part of the WIA Synod Assembly before heading north for this

important family event. This is "recent information", so more details will follow regarding Sunday the 31st in our congregations.

A brief note of thanks to all who remembered Connie and I after her Mom, Mitzi Colvin, died. Ebenezer also contributed flowers for the altar several Sundays ago, and your thoughts and wishes are appreciated!

I have made some changes in my office at First Presbyterian as of late, including a new recliner chair. I am now having to elevate my legs throughout the day, so I will be reading and doing other work in the chair. If I do fall asleep - I probably needed to catch some zzzz's!

Pastor Roger



Our Missions

Food pantry donations in May go to Family Development Center. As we are fed, let us remember those in need of the

basic necessities.

Also, please remember our Dimes for Deacons the last Sunday of every month!

Choir and CE Leaders' Appreciation Sunday

On May 17, the Worship Committee will be hosting a Recognition Sunday following worship services for our wonderful Choir and CE leaders. These folks put in countless hours rehearsing, performing,



preparing lessons, etc., to stimulate and enhance our worship services and Christian education. We want you to know we all very much enjoy your messages!

Choir and Church School will not be meeting after May 17 until fall. Enjoy your summer!

Home Communion



We will serve Holy Communion in the homes of anyone who wishes. In May communion will be served at the Friendship Home at 10:45 AM on Monday, May 4, with individual home communions starting at 1:00 PM on Monday afternoon.

If you wish to partake in the Lord's Supper or know of someone who needs to receive communion in their home, please call the church and leave a message with the office.

Remember Our Library



Have you checked out the church's library located on the north side of the Fellowship Room? There are some very good books including the current favorite, "Heaven is for Real".

It's easy and fast to check out books – no set time limit or fines! Then be sure to tell your friends about the ones you enjoyed the most.

If you have books to share with our library, you may leave them in the office at any time.

Summer Music

Beginning June 7 we will need volunteers for special music.

Grandmas and Grandpas -- if you have family visiting for a few days, it would be great to hear/see some of their talents.

Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Room.



Session Notes

The Session met for their regular meeting on April 15, 2015. Highlights included:

- Appointed Carolyn Blohm as Congregational Member at Large
- Discussed new south entrance doors
- Appointed Loretta Petersen, Carma Hutchins, Sue Barnes, and Joni Short as money counters for 2015.
- Security cameras are in place.

The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2015, 7:30 PM, Fellowship Room.

By the Numbers

Treasurer's Report



March

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| Receipts: | \$ 8,290.20 |
| Expenses: | \$ 8,798.62 |

Per Capita for 2015 has been set at \$40.00 per member.

2015 breakdown is as follows:

Presbytery \$27.73; Synod \$5.20; General Assembly \$7.07

In Our Prayers

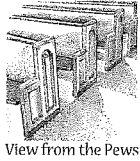
Let us remember daily those who need our prayers most. Among our people, prayers are extended to:



| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Lila Jean Jensen | Floyd Ditto |
| Sue Barnes | Teresa Barnes |
| Dean Hollister | Wilma Bowman |
| Jean Griffith | Norma Petersen |
| Delores Klever | Donna Kessler |

Death: Gary G. Fancher passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2015. A service of witness to resurrection was held in the sanctuary on Monday, April 20, 2015, with Rev. Roger C. Claxton officiating. Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Audubon, Iowa.

Baptism: Jude Donald Fastert, son of Joshua and Jessica Fastert, at First Presbyterian on April 12, 2015, with Rev. Roger C. Claxton officiating.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

| | |
|---------|----|
| April 2 | 32 |
| 3 | 38 |
| 5 | 37 |
| 12 | 45 |
| 19 | 22 |
| 26 | 46 |

PW Women

On May 7, the PW will have their Spring Salad Buffet at 6:30 PM here at the church. The supper will be catered at a cost of \$10 per attendee.



Both circles are in charge of the program so it should be double good!

We know this will be an event to remember.

Worship Flowers in May
Ruth Circle

Kitchen Planning Committee for Events
Beverly Gaskill

Deacon of the Month

Becky Marten

May Birthdays

- 5 Camilla Lawshe
- John Tiner
- 9 Gayle Klever
- 11 Minnie Fancher
- 12 Mark Kessler
- 13 Dorothy Groteluschen
- 14 Jack Weighton
- 20 Robbie Nelson
- Peggy Grabill
- 21 Julie Olson
- 22 Bev King
- 25 Tom Rasmussen
- Henrietta Wheeler



May Anniversaries

- 3 Earl and Carolyn Blohm (51)
- 9 Howard & Camilla Lawshe (51)
- 31 Doug & Julie Olson (35)

Who's serving our church in May?

- | | | |
|-----------|------------------|--|
| 3 | Liturgist | Carolyn Blohm |
| | Greeters/ Ushers | Earl Blohm, J. D. Mendenhall, Jordan Jensen |
| | Videographer | David Jensen |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |
| 10 | Liturgist | TBA |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Earl Blohm, J. D. Mendenhall, Jordan Jensen |
| | Videographer | Larry Klever |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |
| 17 | Liturgist | TBA |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Earl Blohm, J. D. Mendenhall, Jordan Jensen |
| | Videographer | Ed Andersen |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |
| 24 | Liturgist | TBA |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Earl and Carolyn Blohm, J.D. and Peggy Mendenhall |
| | Videographer | Jordan Jensen |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |
| 31 | Liturgist | TBA |
| | Greeters/Ushers | Earl and Carolyn Blohm, J.D. and Peggy Mendenhall |
| | Videographer | Vickie Andersen |
| | Coffee Hosts | TBA |

Please make note of when you serve. If you cannot serve, please find someone to serve in your place. Thanks!

Our Many Thanks to All Who Shared Easter Lilies with Us

In Loving Memory of:

- Vaughn Bowman** from Warren & Wilma Bowman, Howard, Camilla, & Todd Lawshe
- Glenn Fancher** from Lavaun Fancher & family
- Lois Schmidt** from Gary & Joni Fancher & family
- Daryl Fischer & Loved Ones** from Mary Ellen Fischer & family
- Loved Ones** from Jack & Sharlette Weighton
- Loved Ones** from Sue & Teresa Barnes
- Glen Ditto** from Lorraine Ditto & family

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| May 2015 First Presbyterian Church Audubon, Iowa | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee | 4 10:45 AM Holy Communion at Friendship Home 1:00 PM Holy Communion in Individual Homes | 5 | 6 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting | 7 6:30 PM PW Spring Salad Supper | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee | 11 7 PM Boy Scouts | 12 | 13 4:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 PM Baccaluareate | 14 WIC Clinic | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:00 AM Church School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee | 18 7:00 PM Priscilla Circle at Nancy Owen's home | 19 | 20 7:30 PM Session | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee | 25 Memorial Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship Coffee 4:00 Vespers at Friendship Home | | | | | | |

