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May 2009



What does it mean for us to be the church of the 21st Century? Are we to be a church of healing and hope? Do we reach out to others and share the Good News of the Gospel? Certainly this means we have to have a desire to heal and not hurt. This means doing good to people who have been hurt, abused, sick, hungry, and homeless. It means the we actually believe Jesus' words when he says feed the poor, he means we should do this directly.

What we believe is what we do! Feed the hungry, and not neglect them. House the homeless, and not leave them homeless. Heal the sick. Actions do speak louder than words! The church is not about what we can get out of her, but what we can put in her in the name of Jesus Christ! We can share words of healing and love to others!

We are ambassadors of Jesus Christ, who is the "cornerstone" of the church. Apart from him, we can do nothing of any lasting good. Our effectiveness comes from our connection with Jesus Christ. We should be as bold as Peter when he says, "**Let it be known to all of you, and to all people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.**" (Acts 4: 10)

Jesus is our foundation for everything we do. J.G. Frazer writes in his book, *The Golden Bough*, about a custom that is still practiced in some parts of Europe. "In modern Greece, when the foundation of a new building is being laid, it is a custom to kill a cock, a ram or a lamb, and let the blood flow on the foundation stone, under which the animal is afterwards buried. The object of the sacrifice is to give strength and stability to the Building." (pg. 106).

Frazer goes on to observe that the custom is a more humane replacement of the ancient custom by which a human being was sacrificed, buried beneath the cornerstone, to insure the building's integrity. Do you think Peter is aware of this custom when he described Jesus as the "cornerstone?" Through his death on the cross, Jesus has strengthened the church today, the structure that God has built on top of Jesus Christ.

When we present the truths of our faith, with Jesus Christ as our cornerstone, we should do it in a way that carries with it the promise of healing and hope to a broken world that is crying out of a stable foundation! The world needs our message of hope and healing. Let Jesus Christ be the very cornerstone of our church. Let everything we do reflect His glory and His love!

~Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

MAY

Ushers

Bruce & Stacy Determann

Acolytes

Alexis & Ethan Determann

Lectors

May 3rd & 10th—Judy Reeve

May 17th, 24th, & 31st—Linda McCellan



**Sunday School  
Recognition  
May 10**

*Graduation Celebration*

**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH**

**CAKE, COFFEE, & PUNCH WILL BE SERVED  
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES**

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!**

## Session Meeting Notes

The Session met on April 28, 2009 at 8:00 pm.

- Two members of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry visited. They were making their terminal visit to the session. Their mission is to affirm and support local ministry and learn more about the church's vision. Pastor Mike reported that Jennifer Santer, Mission Coordinator, will visit during a session meeting.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastoral visits included Mary & Dave Haselton, George Slocum, Eula Bender, and Irma Holley, who will be moving into the Carroll Health Center.
- Presbytery Meeting is May 12th at 5:30 P.M. in George, IA.
- **Clerk's Report:** The SESSION VOTED to approve the baptism of Carter Roy Sparks, son of Chris and Kate Sparks, on May 31, 2009.
- **Finance Committee:** No financial reports were available for review. Stacy Determann presented forms from Midwest Financial for the church's Putnam Fund to be signed by Harry Reeve and Clerk Linda McClellan.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** The committee has disposed of the old organ.
- **Christian Ed.:** Sunday School Recognition is scheduled for May 10. Pins and movie passes will be given, along with a Bible for first grader Ethan Determann and gifts for the graduates. Last day of classes will be May 3.  
Plans for next year Sunday School curriculum are in the works.
- **Parish Life:** Graduation Recognition Sunday is scheduled for May 17. Clerk Linda will buy cards for the grads: Brooke and Bridget Graves and Weston Conner from High School, Zachery Mueggenberg from 8th Grade, and Alexis Nelson from Pre-school.  
Worship in the City Park is scheduled for June 7 at 9 A.M. and will include a brunch.
- **Stewardship & Mission Interpretation:** One Great Hour of Sharing proceeds have not been reported by the financial committee yet..
- Next regular session meeting is May 19, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

### January 2009

	This Month	Year to Date	Budget
Balance forward	17296.53	17296.53	0.00
<b><i>Income</i></b>			
Adult giving	2745.00	2745.00	0.00
Loose offering	86.00	86.00	0.00
Preschool	75.00	75.00	0.00
Special offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flowers	63.00	63.00	0.00
Transfers in	0.17	0.17	0.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>2969.17</b>	<b>2969.17</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>			
Ministry	2766.68	2766.68	34180.00
Operations	3271.47	3271.47	18325.00
Parish Life	0.00	0.00	500.00
Stewardship	0.00	0.00	100.00
Christian Ed	0.00	0.00	3000.00
Worship	105.00	105.00	1000.00
Missions	285.00	285.00	5420.00
Per Capita	0.00	0.00	2240.25
Transfers	10.00	10.00	0.00
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>6438.15</b>	<b>6438.15</b>	<b>64745.25</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	<b>13827.55</b>	<b>13827.55</b>	

# Financial Reports

### February 2009

	This Month	Year to Date	Budget
Balance forward	13827.55	17296.53	0.00
<b><i>Income</i></b>			
Adult giving	2332.00	5077.00	0.00
Loose offering	135.82	221.82	0.00
Preschool	0.00	75.00	0.00
Special offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flowers	0.00	63.00	0.00
Transfers in	0.00	0.17	0.00
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>2467.82</b>	<b>5436.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>			
Ministry	2766.68	5533.34	34180.00
Operations	1382.48	4653.95	18325.00
Parish Life	0.00	0.00	500.00
Stewardship	0.00	0.00	100.00
Christian Ed	0.00	0.00	3000.00
Worship	0.00	105.00	1000.00
Missions	285.00	570.00	5420.00
Per Capita	2517.12	2517.12	2240.25
Transfers	0.00	10.00	0.00
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>6951.26</b>	<b>13369.41</b>	<b>64745.25</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	<b>9344.11</b>	<b>9344.11</b>	

**You are invited**  
**to a Graduation Open House Honoring**

**Bridget & Brooke Graves**

**Sunday, May 17, 2009**  
**4:00-8:00p.m.**

**Glidden City Park, Glidden, Iowa**



**COME CELEBRATE!!**  
**A GRADUATION PARTY FOR**

**WESTON CONNER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 3:30 PM-?**  
**17126 SYCAMORE AVE.**  
**GLIDDEN, IA**





# LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

May 19th, 2009

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

May 19th, 6:30 P.M.

We invite you to share  
in a card shower for  
*Harriet Heglin,*  
who will celebrate her  
*90th birthday*  
May 30th, 2009.

Please no gifts—  
just your greeting  
and any special memories  
to Harriet:

3747 - 105 Vista Campana S.  
Oceanside, CA 92057

She would love to hear from you.

*Thank you,*  
*Ruth, John, Mark, & Paul.*

# *Announcements:*

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\* *PW Luncheon* \*  
\* *Thursday, May 7, at 12:30* \*  
\* *Glidden Downtown Lounge* \*  
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## *Worship in the City Park*

**JUNE 7, 2009 @ 9 AM**

**FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT BRUNCH**

*EVERYTHING WILL BE FURNISHED BY PARISH LIFE*

## *May Birthdays & Anniversaries*



**4th—Jeremy Douglas**  
**9th—Roy Middaugh**  
**11th—Wesley Reever**  
**14th—Rick Burdine**  
**16th—Marlys Conner**  
**20th—Tim Reever**  
**21st—Ron Burdine**  
**25th—Kathy Schuette**  
**28th - Adeline Riedesel**

*Happy Mother's Day  
to all of our Mothers!*

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!



*Mothers hold their children's hands for a  
short while, but their hearts forever.*

*~Unknown*