

Holmes United Methodist

Fall News

October, 2024
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Reynolds, ND 58275



World Communion Sunday

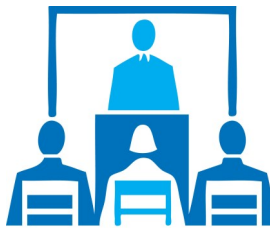
The idea of World Communion Sunday came from the Presbyterian Church in 1930. The purpose was to demonstrate Christian unity around the gift of Jesus Christ.

This year the celebration falls on Sunday, October 6. Chaplain Mark will be leading worship that day and will serve communion at the 9:00 am Beaver Creek service and the 11:00 am Holmes worship.

(By the way Mark grew up Presbyterian. This shows that Presbyterians sometimes have great ideas!)

Holmes Charge Conference

Holmes Charge Conference is scheduled for Monday, October 28 at 6:30 pm and will be led by our District Superintendent Kris Mutzenberger. Everyone is welcome as we share what is happening at Holmes and hear about happenings within the Annual Conference.



EARLY WORSHIP!

Holmes will have a 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, October 27 so Trinity can have their Harvest Festival at 11:00 am.



Help Keep Up the List!

Every quarterly newsletter will contain a birthday and anniversary list. Please let us know of changes, additions etc. Especially let us know about name changes, as in with marriage.

We also try to notice folks who no longer have any connection with Holmes (and hope to add those who do)

Send updates, changes to the “annibirthday” list and anything else to Mark or Betty (see below).

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EMAIL:**

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What I've Been Thinking

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27



Do you speak another language? I had three years of German in high school, though I doubt I could carry even a short conversation with someone. I'm amazed at New Americans who come here and can speak their own language and English.

Christ's church also has a language. Oh, it might be in English or German or Norwegian, but this language has words of its own. Think of these words: Savior, grace, worship, repentance ... and we could add many more. In the following I'd like to look at a word we commonly use in the church and among Christians: pray.

You might be on a prayer chain or notice all the items listed in the bulletin under "prayer concerns and requests." As a Christian you probably tell someone who is facing surgery or a big decision, "I'll pray for you." We start church services or a meal with a prayer. Yet do we ever get everything out of prayer we should? Do we actually pray?

There's several things I might suggest we do. For instance we could look at the Lord's Prayer as a part of sacred scripture from which we should learn and study it a bit instead of merely reciting it without thinking of the content. Let me give a couple of other thoughts to boost our prayer life.

First, have you ever asked God a question in prayer? I don't mean giving God an order, like "tell me what to do!" I read about a man who would wake each morning and take just a moment to say, "God, what you do want of me today?"

What might happen if we have situations and take them to God not demanding He fix them, but asking for His wisdom and perspective? We have an argument with another. We ask God, "What am I doing in this fight and how should I respond?" Asking such a question makes us open to different thoughts, to new ideas and to the novel idea that we might be wrong.

And, if you are asking questions of God ...

Second, have you listened for God's voice during prayer? For that matter have you listened for God voice in the midst of many other things? Let's treat prayer like a conversation and give God a chance to answer.

During prayer, a friend of mine and I discussed, we should take time to breathe and listen. I'm not saying God will talk audibly (though I've heard the Lord in my mind clear enough that it seems that way). I'm thinking we could teach our minds to listen not just during a formal prayer but all the time. We might be amazed at the thoughts God might help us to think.

Look again at the verses at the top of this column. May God help us to hear and recognize His voice!



See you in Church!
Chaplain Mark

Harvest Festival

Every year Holmes celebrates harvest with a special service and an auction. That is the plan this year. Likely this will be in early November, but watch Facebook for specific details.



Last year we dedicated the offerings on Harvest Sunday for several missions. This year? Watch for updates.



Advent and Christmas

Advent, which celebrates the arrival of Jesus Christ on earth, will start on Sunday, December 1. There will be opportunity to decorate the church either by donating/bringing poinsettias or helping set-up the tree, etc. — watch for that.

This Christmas season will be a bit more sad because we will not be holding our Live Nativity. We pray someone else might pick up that ministry of sharing the true meaning of Christmas.

We will look for opportunities to share of the goodness God has given us. If you have an idea, please share it.

Christmas Day will be Wednesday, December 25. We will plan to have a Christmas Eve worship gathering on the 24th. Details will be announced later.

Prayers for Safe Travels!

Pastor Jim Wilson and his wife Jayanthi will be in the UK for a couple of weeks, leaving on September 30 and returning on October 13th.

Stuff Happening

The Kumla Supper is Sunday, November 17 from 5-7 pm at Trinity. Kumla is a Norwegian food, basically a potato dumpling. Plus all the fixings.

How about a Cell Phone Tower at Holmes? The Dakotas Annual Conference Trustees have entered into an agreement with Steeplecom regarding cell phone tower leasing opportunities. Steeplecom works with cell phone carriers and organizations (like Dakotas UMC) to provide additional income for organizations by working to create lease agreements to lease space on church property or roofline for cell towers.

There were 51 UMC locations having potential for this opportunity in the Dakotas Conference and Holmes is one of them. Several leaders from Holmes will listen to what is possible at a future Zoom meeting. Stay tuned.

Mae Schroeder's funeral was Saturday, September 14 at Holmes. Mae was remembered as a strong woman committed to Christ, her family, her church and music.

Standard Time will return on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 am.

This means you should turn your clocks back one hour before heading to bed on Saturday night. If you don't you will be very early for church on Sunday!



Pastor Mark will be acting in "The Diary of Anne Frank" at Fire Hall Theatre in Grand Forks. The performances will be the third and fourth weekends of October and the first weekend of November.

OCTOBER

- 1 Kent Hanson
Travis Knecht
David & Randi Ellingson
- 4 Jana Leake
Jeffery Leake
Summer Lenz
- 5 Riley Hanson
- 6 Robert Roeder
Kristen Kent
Darrick & Katie Richardson
- 8 Joseph Chapman
Diane Daniels
Jaci Lenz
Andrew Backstrom
- 9 Kaj Naujokas
- 11 Rachel Lange
- 13 *Dave & Marguerite Kent*
- 14 Karen Schneider
- 19 Eileen Griffin
- 20 Eryn Hagadone
- 23 Reese Roeder
- 24 Andrew Beine
- 25 Pam Sandlie
- 26 *Steve & Teresa Evanson*
Jim & Laurie Yates
Dwayne Cook
- 27 Jordan Johnsen
Madalyn Rambousek
- 28 Loran Schroeder
Autumn Voight
Connie Rebsch
- 30 Vicki Klamm



NOVEMBER

- 1 Tyler Smith
- 2 Miriam Danielson
Eric & Sarah Burger
- 3 Cindy Tredwell
- 5 *Myron & Patricia Disrud*
McKaylee Klamm
Marissa Rupe
Tyler Rupe
- 6 Andrew Schroeder
- 7 Kevin Wold
- 8 Nikki Sandlie
Ethan Solheim
- 9 *Chris & Donna Smith*
- 10 Chad McRae
Natasha Baumtrog
- 11 Scott Clayton

We expect errors, omissions and changes. Please tell us!

- 13 Magnolia Ellingson
Vicky Salmonson
- 15 Brandon Adams
- 16 Zachary Crawford
- 17 Larry Leake
- 18 Carol Lange
- 21 Bryann Colquitt
Jason Hamm
- 22 Tripp Sullivan
- 23 *Mike & Steph Melfald*
Zachary Wold
Elias Wold
- 24 Jacob Brend
- 26 *Mark & Betty Ellingson*
- 27 Randy Schroeder
Beth Hutton
- 28 Laura Sullivan
- 29 Leah Zimmerman
Scott & Miriam Danielson
Dennis & Priscilla Backstrom
- 30 Darrick Richardson



DECEMBER

- 1 Kristen Kaiser
- 2 Susie Keenaghan
Dwayne & Stephanie Cook
- 3 Mary Yaeger
Allison Wilson
Tyson Danzl
- 5 Parker Beine
6. Janice Fichtner
Randi Ellingson
- 8 Betty Ellingson
- 9 Mike Knecht
- 10 Jennifer Lange
- 11 Matthew Bahr
- 13 Jennifer Rustad
- 15 Dale Fadley
- 18 Brent Roeder
- 19 Jenna Peterson
- 20 David Ellingson
- 21 Kyleigh Sullivan
- 22 Tammy Anderson
- 23 Alan Rebsch
- 25 Jesus Christ
- 26 Tristan Belgarde
- 28 Shirley Griffin
- 29 *Cassie & Andy Lappegaard*
- 30 *Gary & Joan Bahr*
- 31 Jenna Solheim

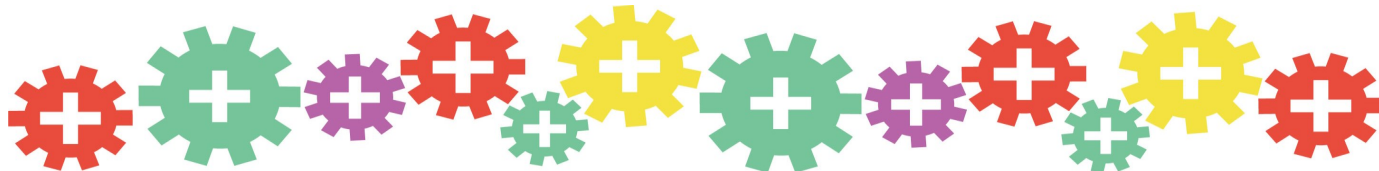
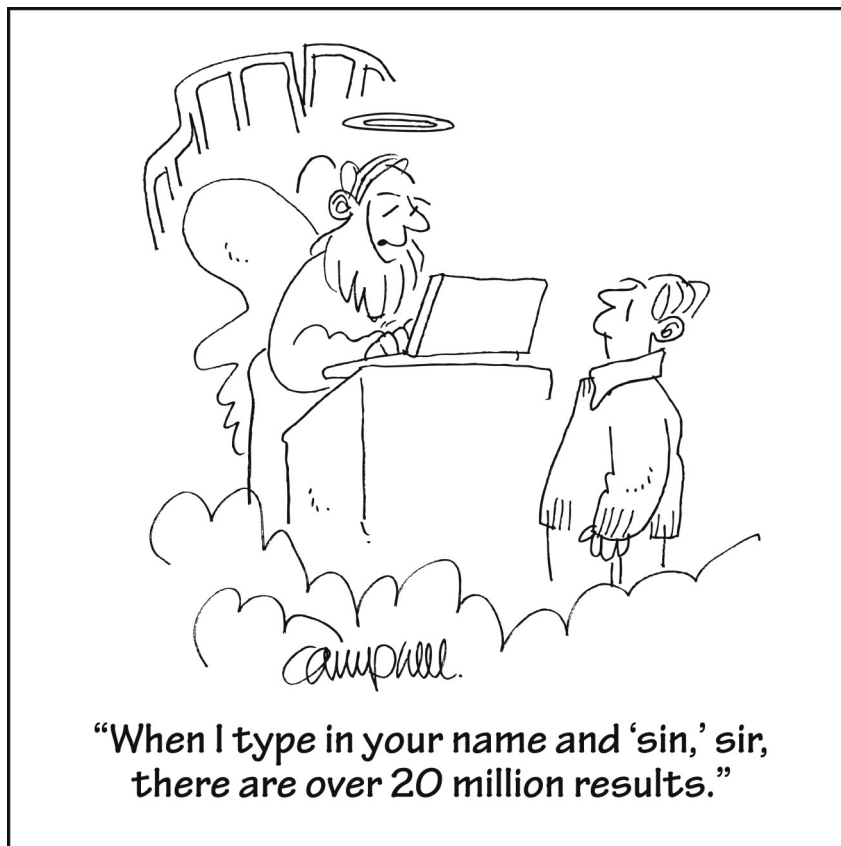


Missions Every Fifth Sunday

On June 2 Holmes invited John & Katie Draxton to share about the International Farmers Organization for a Sustainable Development (IFOSUD). Their presentation inspired.

Our Sunday offering on September 29 will go to IFOSUD. If you have other giving please designate it clearly on an envelope or wait until the following Sunday.

Every fifth Sunday we'll try to have a mission emphasis with the offering going to missions. The next fifth Sunday is December 29. Missions is the heartbeat of the church



The Editor's Corner

Change Here and There

Have you heard the old saying, “The more things change the more they stay the same”? That’s sometimes true of us. I came to be the pastor Holmes in 1984. I went to be a chaplain in 2011. And, yet, here I am helping out in various ways in 2024.

Other things do change. We don’t have a full-time pastor and enjoy a variety of preachers in the pulpit. We do what we can together to help out with our shut-ins and those in a facility.

And we are part of a parish along with Trinity and Beaver Creek Lutheran. All around us the small parishes are without regular pastors. That means more and different kinds of change. Some of that could affect us — or, more likely, our Lutheran partners. That said, nothing is changing right now. But things will change even while most things stay the same. Listen to the words of Hebrews 13:8.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(Editor's Note: what follows is the original Thanksgiving Proclamation given by President George Washington)

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. George Washington.

