

# † PresbyNEWS †

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## Hearing the Word – Again

*“To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers. It is the same with the Scriptures; the more familiar they become, the more they reveal their hidden treasures and yield their indescribable riches.”* – John Chrysostom, A.D. 347-407

God uses the Bible to change our lives! The words of scripture motivate us, transform us, convict us, and heal us. As Presbyterians we believe that the very same Holy Spirit who spoke through the prophets and apostles, *still speaks to us today through the words of the Bible*. We have not a dead book, but the living and active Word of God.

One way we can experience the inexhaustible riches of scripture is to both read it and *pray* with it. *Lectio Divina* (“sacred reading”) is an ancient Christian method for slowly *reading and praying with scripture*. The ‘goal’ of *Lectio Divina* is not gain facts or figures, but to *connect our hearts and minds with God*. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “...just as you do not analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart, as Mary did. That is all.”

### Five Simple Steps:

- 1) Read.** Read a scripture passage *slowly and attentively*. What word or phrase captures your attention?
- 2) Meditate.** Read the passage a *second time* and *pause to ponder* the word or phrase that first captured your attention. Allow that word or phrase to interact with your thoughts, hopes, memories, and desires. What is God calling you to do or be in this passage?



- 3) Pray.** Have a loving conversation with God. Open your heart and mind to God. Ask that God would give you grace to do what he is asking of you.
- 4) Contemplate.** Rest. Having sought God’s voice, heard it in scripture and prayer, and asked for grace to act, simply rest in gratitude. Remember what a gift it is to read God’s Word and hear his voice!
- 5) Act.** Bring God’s Word to life in your daily routine. Ask for grace to go and live what you have learned! Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it!” (Luke 11:28)

- Pastor Andrew

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### Sunday School

### Worship

Date	#	Date	#	Date	#	Date	#
12/05/10-38		12/04/11-45		12/07/10-169		12/04/11-177	
12/12/10-44		12/11/11-53		12/12/10-177		12/11/11-223	
12/19/10-40		12/18/11-30		12/19/10-210		12/18/11-225	
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The baptism of Jake Eichstadt, infant son of Ryan and Becky Eichstadt, will be held during worship on January 15.

During worship December 4 Jill Reimer and Diane Peters were ordained and installed as Deacons for the Class of 2014. Also installed were Deacons Donna Amundson, Frank Amundson, and Brenda Peterson and Elders for the Class of 2014 Dave Armstrong, Keith Decker, Barb Peterson and Mike Scheibe.

Committee assignments and Elder of the Month responsibilities were assigned and will be printed in the Annual Report.

Don and Evelyn Reynen will provide officer training at the church from 1-5 pm on January 14.

Nancy Kelley, Derek Wipf, Kimberley Eggleston, and Evelyn Cudmore were examined at a Special Session meeting before worship December 18 and received into membership during the worship service.

Gary Pribyl of Wolsey has been assigned by Presbytery as our Committee on Ministry liaison.

Milo Pietz and Keith Decker were elected as co-chairs for the nominating committee and Dave Armstrong was elected to be our Commissioner to Presbytery.

The next Session meeting will be at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, January 10 in the Dining Room. Committees will meet prior to the Session meeting.

**Building & Grounds** There are some minor maintenance projects being done. They will be checking the breaker on the boiler as it has tripped.

**Church Life** A potluck was held December 18. Many members shared traditional family dishes.

**Church Administration** Milo Pietz was authorized to sign checks. Session voted to approve the budget for 2012. The pastor's

compensation section will be presented to the Congregation at the Congregational Meeting in January. Committee members are researching a new sound system and multimedia capabilities. Session voted to present Pastor Andrew with a cash gift for Christmas.

**Mission & Evangelism** Socks donated by the congregation were delivered to the Human Services Center in Yankton. A pizza party was held for children receiving gifts from the Angel Tree. They will be giving a cash gift to Haitian Missionaries.

**Worship & Music** Session voted to approve the communion schedule for 2012. Communion will be served Feb. 19, April 5, May 13, Aug. 19, Oct. 7, Nov. 18, and Dec. 24. Session also voted to give all Christmas Eve offerings to the Christmas Joy program. Undesignated memorial money will be used to purchase 10-15 new chairs for the choir loft.

### **CAKE PROVIDERS AND WORKERS FOR January 2012 FUNERALS**

Donald Urquhart Carol Vander Laan,  
Charles & Jennylyn Vander Laan, Phil & Linda  
VanDeWalle, Steve & Deb VanOverschelde,  
Merle & Roxann Veenhof, Jake & Nadean  
Vilhauer, Ruth Winter, Peggy Zieske, Terry &  
Marla Bawdon, Ruth Bennett, Dick & Pam Biel,  
Ken & Beckie Boetel, Norma Bonnes, Kathie  
Bostrom, Darrell Briscoe, Iris Brown, Ione  
Buckley

#### **Volunteers for Prayer Chain #1**

Harriet Turnwall	353-1750
Greg and Donna Hepper	352-3621
Cobbie and Vi Magness	352-5377 or 352-8759
Oliver and LaVonne Nicholas	352-7957
Sue Gose	352-8104
Betty Freeman	352-1447

#### **Volunteers for Prayer Chain #2**

Frances Langbehn	352-4079
Thelma Peterson	352-4343
Bev Erdahl	352-4746
Marlene Gamber	352-5219
Cam and Melba Galliger	352-4928
Mona Kotas	352-9517
Brad Magness	352-9545

If you would like to be on one of our prayer chains, please call the church office

**CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...**

**Holy Buckets Penny Offering** Dec. 4, \$369.61  
matched by Marvin and Ruth Kelley bringing the  
total to \$739.22

60% Hunger Program: \$443.54 / 40%

Local Hunger Relief: \$295.68

Total for year 2011: \$4546.49

**Elder of the Month:**

January Wade Katz

**Deacon of the Month:**

January Janice Christensen

**Ushers for the Month**

Jack & Sharon DeDyne Harold & Dar King  
Jim Dunbar & Dwayne Poulisse

**Acolyte Schedule:**

January 1 Zach & Austin Kopfmann  
January 8 McKenna Letcher & Jaclynn  
Lichty  
January 15 Ellie Eichstadt & Lindsey  
Leyendecker  
January 22 Brianna Lichty & Alyssa Schwartz  
January 29 Caitlyn McNeil & Emily Artemann



To:  
The family of Audrey  
Peterson.  
The family of Edna  
Peterson.

The family of Lloyd Turnwall

**PRAYER LIST**

**Members**

Anonymous Keri Brede  
Linda Marcus Sally Meyer  
Audrey Peterson Alan Schmidt  
Beverly Hook LuVerne Peterson  
Melissa Arhart  
Baby Alex (son of Tiffany Lawrence and Adam Atkins.)

**Friends & family**

DeAnn Beckett (niece of Cobbie & Vi Magness)  
Orville Brugger (LaVonne Nicholas' brother)  
Scott Brugger (LaVonne Nicholas' nephew)  
Virgil Brugger (LaVonne Nicholas' brother)  
Carolyn Carathers (Ken Shoultz sister)



Don Clark of Wessington  
Larry Claypool (Renea Katz's father)  
Carolyn Crathers (sister of Ken Shoultz)  
John Diebold (Gina Griffith's uncle)  
Lois Duxbury (Jack Duxbury's mother)  
Darlene Ford (Paul Ford's mother)  
Leslie Gamber (Marlene Gamber's brother-in-law)  
Gladys Hrdlicka (Donna Meiers' mother)  
P.F.C. Andrew Keith  
Nita Kirkham (Steve Peters' Step Sister)  
Ethel Kruger (Brenda Schmidt's aunt)  
Doretta Nelson (sister of Berneice Muilenberg)  
Charlotte Mangan (sister of Oliver Nicholas)  
Pam McAloon (friend of Sandy Fisher)  
Dr. Rocky Mohr  
Angel Pietz (Cheryl Davidson's great niece)  
Harvey Pietz (Milo Pietz's cousin)  
Ron Portner (Alan Schmidt's cousin)  
Samantha Schmidt (great niece of Inez Eddy  
Darlo Tschetter  
(Jake & Nadean Vilhauer's neighbor)  
Kip & Jessica Tschetter (friends of Wade Katz)  
Karen Winson (friend of Marlene Gamber)  
Sandy Roache Smith (former student of Steve  
Peters)  
Joe Wolf, JoLynne Parmely's brother -in-law

**Others**

Victims of the Pierre and Fort Pierre Flood.  
Prison Inmates President Obama,  
Government Officials & Military Personnel

**Nursing Homes & Home bound**

**Courtyard Apartments:** Bernice Hermanson

**CountryView Estates:** Evelyn Williams

**SunQuest Village:** Harlow & June Larsen

Eva Vilhauer, LuVerne Peterson

**Country Side Living, Mitchell:** Don & Korlis  
Winter

**StoneyBrook Suites:** Viola Hins, Gertrude  
Troth, Harriet Turnwall.

**SunQuest Healthcare Center:** Maxie Cook,  
Les Erdahl, Virginia Hanson,

**Violet Tschetter Home:** Emma Timothy

**Out-of-Town Nursing Homes:** Jean Ann  
Beach, Florence Reimers, Ella Hanson, Ann  
Thompkins, Jill Baker

**Home Bound:** Mahalia Connell, Leah Ochsner

## Congratulations To

Jake and Nadean Vilhauel on their 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Iris Brown on her 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Jim Long on his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Do something special for your **January Birthday** by donating a penny for each year of your age to the PW's Birthday Box in the east room. You will be helping to fund our mission projects. Have a special happy birthday

## Thank You



**The Mission Committee would like to thank you for once again supporting our Christmas projects by providing socks for patients of the SD Human Services Center in Yankton and buying, wrapping and delivering gifts for Prison Fellowship Angel Tree children. We appreciate your generous giving to share Christ's love with those less fortunate.**

We would like to take a moment to send a sincere Thank You for the wonderful donations we have received. Please know your generosity is greatly appreciated. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely, Leah Brandt, SDHSC

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I want to thank you all for the beautiful Christmas plant you gave me. I really appreciate it.

Thank You so much,  
Eva Vilhauer



Dear Decans of the Church,  
We want to thank you for the beautiful Poinsettia plant you sent to Lloyd.  
Lloyd and Harriet Turnwall

Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the Dorothy Linette scholarship. It will help greatly with my college expenses.

Thanks again,  
Molly Reimer

To The Deacons,

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia for Les. It brightened his room considerably. You have a marvelous mission which is so appreciated.

May God bless all of your caring.  
Les and Bev Erdahl;

To The Deacons,

Thank for the flowers you sent when I was in the hospital.

Berneice Muilenburg

## Welcome New Members

Evelyn Cudmore, Letter of Transfer McAllen, Texas;

Kimberley Eggleston, Letter of Transfer, Wolsey, SD;

Nancy Kelly, Reaffirmation of Faith;  
Derek Wipf. Reaffirmation of Faith

An office full



Santa appeared



Bringing a gift



Making out of town deliveries

Your generosity provided over 100 gifts to children for the Prison Angel Tree Project in 2011.

Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$1,916.55

## Member Highlights



### Brian and Gail Lichty

Brian and Gail Lichty were married in 1997. They moved from Wessington to Huron in 2005. They were members of the Presbyterian Church in Wessington and recently joined First Church here after attending First Church since they moved to Huron. They have five children: Brianna, age thirteen and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Jeclyn, age ten in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, both attend Middle School. Dylan age seven is

in the first grade at Madison School. Their two oldest daughters live out of the home. Ashley Kienow, age 23, lives in Iroquois and works at the Center for Independence. Megan Kienow, age 21, lives in Aberdeen and works for Wyndham Hotels. Megan has two children, Landon, age 7, and Collyn, age 1.

Brian was born in Wessington Springs to Paul and Evelyn Lichty and grew up on a farm near Wessington. Paul is deceased and Evelyn now lives in Huron. She is an active volunteer and enjoys her grandchildren. Brian, the youngest in his family, has four sisters and six brothers who mostly live in S.D. His sister, Kay (Kelly) Daughtery lives in Huron. Brian works at Timber Roots Distribution Center as an inside salesman. While in Wessington he was the manager of Farmland Building Supply. Handy man to have around when it comes to remodeling. They have done some at their current home.

Gail Glaser was born to Ron and Marie Glaser in Oaks ND and grew up in Ipswich. Marie now lives in Aberdeen while Ron lives in Huron. Both love to spoil their grandchildren. Gail's two sisters live in Sioux Falls and Goodwin. Gail works for the Churchill/Manolis Law Firm as their bookkeeper. She also works part time at the movie theater.

As a family they bowl, camp, play video games, go to movies and read together. Brian and Gail go hunting together and in fact Gail shot her first BIG buck this year. They also are busy trying to keep up with the kids. All three kids are in bowling leagues; Dylan is in the American Legion Bantom Bowling League, Jeclyn is in the American Legion Auxiliary Prep League and Brianna in the Jr./Sr. High League and Bowling Travel Team. Dylan also loves playing soccer and coach pitch baseball and is a member of the Prairie Pasque Book Buddies Club. Jeclyn plays the violin in the orchestra and is part of the Prairie Pasque Book club. Brianna plays volleyball, basketball and the clarinet. Both of the girls also enjoy playing softball and are in We Found Sound. Both girls also attended baby-sitting clinics and are certified baby sitters. Of course, they all go to Logas and Sunday School.

Oh, and we nearly forgot to mention Molly, the family dog.



**Sunday 9:15 am**  
 Superintendent: Brenda Arteman

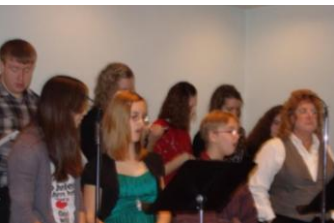


**LOGOS**

**Wednesday 6:00-7:45**  
 Director: Gina Griffith



Children, youth, and adults shared their gifts of singing, reading, and acting in worship on 12/12.



Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

**Sunday School resumes January 8.**

**Nightly Schedule:**

6:00 Supper  
 6:30 Bible Study  
 7:15 Activity

**Upcoming Schedule:**

DATE:	ACTIVITY:	THEME:
Jan 4	<b>NO LOGOS</b>	
Jan 11	Worship Skills	
Jan 18	Worship Skills	"Sports Night"
Jan 25	Banner-Making	
Feb 1	Worship Skills	"Backwards!"
Feb 8	Worship Skills	
Feb 12	<b>Participate in Sunday Worship</b>	

The **entire** family is welcome to supper at LOGOS (\$2) and we always welcome additional *Table Parents* and *Kitchen Helpers*.

Questions? Contact LOGOS Director Gina Griffith (412-6032) or Pastor Andrew (352-8789).



**Sr. High  
 Youth Group**

**Wednesday 6:00-7:45 pm**  
 Directors: Diane C., Wade K., Deb V.

In December the Sr. Highs purchased Angel Tree gifts and Ushered for Christmas Ev

**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

2/12 Valentine's Dinner.  
 3/23-5 Statewide Youth Rally in Pierre.

