

COMMUNITY CALL

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ADVENT PROGRAMS

Once again, in addition to regular worship services, Community Presbyterian Church offers many special ways to celebrate the Lord's birth throughout the month of December.

Sunday, December 13, will mark a day of Christmas celebration starting with the Christmas Cantata during worship. The performance is entitled An Evening in December <see page 7>. Please bring holiday treats to share in the fellowship hall afterwards.

On Sunday, December 20, there will be a potluck following worship. Immediately after the potluck, around 12:30 p.m., will be singing by the Jr. Choir and the Sunday School's Christmas program, entitled What Did I Miss?

Finally, you'll want to join us for the Christmas eve service on Wednesday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. and the Christmas service on Thursday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Watch for more details of these events and other ways that you can celebrate Christ's birth in community elsewhere in this newsletter.



PASTOR'S PEN



By now, many of you have heard at least a little bit about the grant that our church has been awarded by the Lilly Endowment. In this column, I hope to provide a bit more detail about the grant, the programs that it will fund, and, most importantly, the benefits that we believe and hope will accrue to our church as a result.

Last May, after quite a bit of time spent in discussion, information gathering, and writing by me, the Personnel Committee, and the Session, we submitted an application to the Lilly Endowment's national Clergy Renewal Grant program. The basic purpose of these grants is to fund programs of rest, renewal, and discovery for pas-

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tors and congregations who feel the need for something new and refreshing in their ministries together—in effect, to provide a real and meaningful Sabbath rest for both clergy and congregation. It seems to me, and to those who also worked on the proposal, that we could certainly benefit from such a program.

Recently, we were informed that our proposal was approved, and that Lilly was offering to fully fund the program we developed. Session has voted to accept this grant, and to award me a sabbatical leave during the summer of 2011 in order to carry out the renewal program that we proposed. It is exciting to realize that we are one of only 160 or so churches nationwide (including 30 in Lilly's home state of Indiana) to receive one of these grants this year—it is a great blessing to be chosen, and thanks are due to God for his wonderful providence!

In a nutshell, the renewal program we will be undertaking focuses on a return to our roots and sources, particularly our roots in the Reformed tradition of Calvin, Knox, and other heroes of our Presbyterian heritage. During our time away, I and my family will have the opportunity to take a pilgrimage to visit and study in some of the most important places in our Reformed history—while at the same time practicing some of the spiritual disciplines that have historically been an important part of our heritage.

We will travel to Scotland, where John Knox and others developed the Presbyterian form of church organization, as well as many of our most important theological principles. We will visit the

sites of some of the key events in the Protestant Reformation itself, following Luther's footsteps at Wittenburg and elsewhere in Germany. And, dearest to my heart, we will spend time in Switzerland, where Huldrych Zwingli and John Calvin each made foundational contributions to the faith and practices that define what it means to be Presbyterian. Our pilgrimage will close with some time spent in France, site of Calvin's birth, boyhood, and education.

Besides our pilgrimage, the sabbatical will also include time to spend with our families in Indiana, time to rest, and even a bit of time in the woods, another place where I can most easily connect with God and with his creation. And through the whole period, the Stiths will be engaging in two spiritual disciplines that are also a longstanding part of our tradition: journaling and Psalm study.

This, as well as being a crucial part of our journey, is also where the rest of you come in. Along with funding my sabbatical activities and the costs of pulpit supply and pastoral care coverage in my absence, the grant also provides for corresponding renewal activities for the congregation. As we travel, a teacher from, perhaps, Jamestown or Concordia will be leading the congregation in a weekly study of the same people, places and events that we are exploring. And, more exciting by far to me, we will be offering the opportunity for all of you to join with us in the disciplines of journaling and Psalm study, meeting in small groups that I hope will develop a long-term existence of their own.

So why are we doing all this? Simply because I, Session, the Lilly Endowment,

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and all who have been a part of the process so far are convinced that the rewards will be great. When God's people sit down together to pray and study his Word, when they immerse themselves in the continuing stream of his walk with the church through history, and when they open themselves to the working of his Holy Spirit through reflection and prayer, a renewal of spirit, of energy for worship and service, and of joy in the company of God's people must surely follow. I'm looking forward to it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted 2009 giving:
\$165,747.79 / 52 weeks =
\$3,187.46 per week



<u>Week</u>	<u>to Date</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Giving</u>	<u>Giving</u> <u>to Date</u>
11/15/09	\$146,623	\$119,351	

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We have funds designated to pay the mortgage through January.

The balance of the operating fund loan at this time is \$9,800.00.

God wants us; He wants the givers, not just the gifts from the givers. He doesn't need our gifts, but we have a need to give. God wants us to honor Him through our faithful and generous giving. When we make giving a priority week after week, He is honored.

YUM, YUM, YUM!!!!



Mark your calendars - the Holiday Bake Goods Sale is coming December 13th and 20th. Soul Train will be sponsoring this delicious event. We need bakers to supply some goodies, and we really need samplers to taste our treats. Come hungry.

CLERK'S CORNER: SEPTEMBER SPECIAL MEETINGS MINUTES



A special meeting was held by Session on September 27 to discuss a Lilly Endowment Grant that was granted to Matt Stith. Decisions were tabled for a second special meeting September 28.

A special Session meeting was held on September 28 for several items. Session approved the renewal of the bank loan at a rate of 2% over the CD rate and have Carolyn Meester and Kent Vail as the official signers at the bank. Session approved the transfer of Doug and Kristin Sharbono and their children to Grace Lutheran Church. Session approved the use of the church for a Bible study to be led by Vicki Peihl.

Session approved the request from Pastor Matt Stith to take a sabbatical leave from June 5, 2011 through August 7, 2011, (approximate dates). Pastor Matt explained how the funds would be used and what kind of paperwork/receipts would be needed after the sabbatical. Session approved to accept the grant from the Lilly Endowment Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Peihl, Clerk of Session

OCTOBER CLERK'S CORNER



Session met on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 7:00 pm. All except Chuck Richard and Larry Peihl were present.

Carolyn Meester, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report. It was noted that there was enough to pay mortgage payment through December. The church still owes \$5261 for per capita for this

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year. Session approved the financial report.

Carolyn also had a report from the Audit Committee. All the areas they checked were very comparable, and the treasurer and bookkeeper are doing a fine job. They commended Cheryl Montgomery on the good job she had done as treasurer in past years. The audit committee asked if the session had any thoughts on what else should be checked in the audits. The clerk will check with the presbytery and see if there is a standard check list for church accounting.

Session approved a request from Ken and Julie Faircloth to transfer their membership to Living Waters Lutheran Church in Fargo.

Session approved removing Craig & Dixie Pederson and their children and James Wright from the rolls.

Session approved the remodeling of the kitchen and adding a sanitizer. The work will be done during Christmas vacation in order to avoid disturbing the Preschool classes. The payment for the sanitizer and incidental remodeling come from a designated memorial gift from one of the church members.

Session approved for the Quilters Group to sell chances on a quilt beginning at the Fall Bazaar until the Sunday School Christmas program.

Session approved the baptism of Ryan Whitcomb, the son of Seth and Alicia Whitcomb, on Jan. 17, 2010. They are in the process of moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado from Germany at this time. Vicki Riedinger and Carrie Leopold will visit with Seth and Alicia before the

baptism.

Session approved letting Toni Stith use the church for a large scale Girl Scout activity, making blankets for Project Linus, on March 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Matt thought he would be there, so no other Session members would need to attend.

Worship Committee asked if the church doors should be kept locked while groups are meeting in the church. Recently, panhandlers have entered the church during a music practice and a Bible study on two separate days and asking for money. If panhandlers come in, there are cards with First Link's phone number on the narthex bulletin boards to be handed out. It was decided to let each group determine whether they want to lock the doors while they are meeting. If anyone is concerned about safety issues or whether the church has been vacated, they are advised to call any male church member to come and check the building.

Trustees reported that the air conditioners had been taken out for the winter.

Session approved allowing the Christmas Cantata to be held on December 13 during worship with special treats to follow. While the Children's Christmas program is scheduled to occur on December 20 about 12:30 p.m. following the worship service and a potluck dinner.

Christian Education Committee is in need of a Sunday School teacher from November 8 to December 20 for the preschool class. Confirmation went well, but the parents had trouble seeing their youth when they were up front. A sug-

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gestion was made to be sure the youth turned toward the congregation. Also a suggestion was made that the confirmation youth line up after the service to be greeted by the congregation and that the cake not be cut until pictures with the youth and cake have been taken.

Session approved letting Soul Train members sell cookie and soup jar mixes in the narthex from October until they are all sold. Session also approved letting Soul Train have a bake sale December 13 and 20 and selling of calendars November 15 and 22. Session approved that the Christian Education set up a Giving Tree after Thanksgiving.

The Stewardship Committee would like budget requests from all the committees as soon as possible and to stay realistic in their needs. They will be meeting on Thursday, October 29, at 7 p.m. to finalize the member canvassing plans.

Deacons reported that phoning ahead to visit anyone in hospitals is required due to the flu. Bowmans had received meals and Yokoms did not need any at this time. Jim Bjorklund has been giving Leroy Bowman rides for his therapy. The birthday party in October was not well attended, so they will hold parties on the first Sunday of each month starting in January. Pastor Matt added that Linda Bishoff had alerted him that a member needed a pastor visit. He also mentioned that Clyde Van Cleve was still in the VA Hospital. Some of the men have offered to help clean out Clyde's garage.

Missions gathered almost four full baskets for Path for the month of September. They have been collecting for

Youth for Christ in October. They will meet next week to finalize the November mission which will be concerning something to help in Kenya .

Personnel Committee met and decided that the following groups should meet with the employees of the church and then get back to the committee with any pertinent information or recommendations. It would be up to each group to decide if they wanted an informal or formal meeting. Worship Committee should meet with organist, Sue Leyendecker, and music director, Dawn Larson. Christian Ed Committee should meet with youth leader, Craig Holden. Buildings and Ground Trustees should meet with custodians, Bob and Deb Wenzloff. The treasurer and/or pastor should meet with bookkeeper/office assistant, Lora Wehrung. Two designees from the Personnel Committee will meet with the pastor.

Service and Fellowship reported that they have filled all the head usher spots for 2010 and letters will be going out to the head ushers next week. There is an updated head usher sheet in the drawer.

Nominating Committee met and have to fill three positions on Session, two on trustees, and two on deacons. They have found one person for Session and one for trustees so far.

Session approved letting Matt take study leave for November 20-24. Dixon Moorhead will fill the pulpit that Sunday.

Matt also needs one more female mentor so that confirmation class can begin. He has been asked by Concordia to teach one class in spring 2010. He will adjust his hours at the church to keep

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working same number. Vicki Riedinger will announce in church on Sunday that Matt received the Lilly Endowment Grant.

There were 133 persons served Communion on Sunday, October 4. The annual reading of minutes was held at Casselton Presbyterian Church on September 19. There were a couple minor mistakes noted. A listing of our current membership was handed out to Session members for review.

Dixon Moorhead will be taking people from the high rise to Concordia's Christmas Concert at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. There will be wheelchair bays for those with walking challenges. A HandiWheels van will leave CPC at 2:00 p.m.

Salvation Army Christmas meal is on Thursday, December 24. Cooks, steam table, and serving help are all needed. Everyone will be needed to clean up.

Meeting closed with prayer by Carolyn Meester at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Peihl, Clerk of Session

**NOVEMBER
CLERK'S
CORNER**



Session met on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. All except Vicki Riedinger, Carrie Leopold and Larry Peihl were present.

Carolyn Meester, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report. It was noted that there was enough to pay mortgage payment for December and January. The church still owes \$4208 for per capita for this year. The Lilly Endowment check has been received and deposited.

Session approved the financial report.

The Annual Meeting date was set for January 31, 2010, with the storm date to be Feb. 14, 2010.

Session approved letting Halftime by Sheri advertise their potato bake with a mobile sign in our church parking lot provided the sign is compliant and in code with West Fargo city regulations.

Session approved Christian Education's request for Soul Train to participate in the 30 Hour Famine program on March 12 and 13 under Toni Stith's direction. Session also approved Soul Train to ask congregation members for sponsorship and prayers for the 30 Hour Famine.

Discussion was held regarding a pictorial directory. The company, Life Touch, has recently delivered information in this regard. It has been several years since our last one. More discussion will be held on this at a later date.

Service and Fellowship Committee reported that they have filled all the head usher spots for 2010 and letters have gone out with an updated head usher sheet.

The Deacons reported that LeRoy and Esther Bowman are doing well; Clyde Van Cleve is in Villa Maria nursing home, and Hank Yokom is using a walker but their kids are helping them out. No one has been needing rides. They will be putting together about 30 Christmas baskets to be given out in December. Pat Langfitt has returned to her home, is doing well, and would like visitors. Deacons wondered about an AED (defibrillator) and the possibility of getting one. Grant money may be available to get one in the future.

Missions Committee is still collecting
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cold weather items for New Life Center for November. The January mission will be Teen Moms. They still need more information before beginning a fund to sponsor a teacher in Kenya.

The Stewardship Committee still needs budget requests from all the committees. They are meeting on Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. to finish going through the member list for an all member canvass.

Worship Committee confirmed that there will be communion on December 6, the cantata will be December 13 during the worship service with treats to be served afterwards (Everyone is invited to bring treats to share.). There will be a potluck on December 20 after church and the children's Christmas program will follow that about 12:30 p.m. On Christmas morning worship will occur at 10:00 a.m. with communion.

The Christmas eve candlelight service was approved to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee is gathering names and still needs one nominee for Session, Trustees, and Deacons.

Trustees report that the kitchen project is on schedule.

Moderator Matt Stith mentioned that December 1, 2009, is the official start date of the grant. He will be gone on study leave from this Friday until Tuesday evening, November 24.

There were 110 persons served communion on Sunday, November 1.

Meeting closed with prayer by Vicki Peihl at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Peihl, Clerk of Session

AN EVENING IN DECEMBER



How can we adequately tell the story of our transcendent God becoming a human being... becoming the poorest of the poor and the weakest of the weak...in order to give us His boundless, everlasting life? How can we celebrate such an event?

- The story should be retold both with time-honored tradition and with the newness of here and now.
- It should be celebrated with unbridled joy and with deep quiet reflection.
- It should be sung with great power and with heartfelt tenderness.
- It should exalt our magnificent God with boldness and with childlike humility.

Such a retelling, such a celebration is our prayer for An Evening in December. As it is presented to you on Sunday, December 13, during worship. May it give you a new glimpse of Emmanuel, God with Us, and fill your heart with a new song of thankfulness and praise.

2010 HEAD USHERS LIST

January	Dwight Steffen
February	Bob Gross
March	Terry Meester
April	Dave Ruhnke
May	Brent Montgomery
June	Larry Peihl
July	Jack Smith
August	Chuck Thompson
September	Don Van Cleve
October	Jim Bjorklund
November	Derek Leopold
December	Gary Duggan

*Wil Petik is available to substitute as needed.

COMMENTS FROM CURT

November 17, 2009

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Seems like we keep traveling...

My previous newsletter spoke about traveling. Once again, we are looking at a season of traveling. Over the Christmas holiday we will be traveling to Fargo from December 16 until the 20th. We then hope to head on to Colorado for the following week. We look forward to seeing all of our friends and family and hope we do get a chance to spend time with all. We also hope for safe travels and reasonable weather; we all know we can only ask so much over the winter months!

Most Recent Updates

As we come to the end of my third semester here at UDTs, Kadra and I have as busy as ever. Kadra has been working a lot and been kept up to date on the H1N1 status; for young children and pregnant women seem to be prone to the illness. I have been finishing up the semester and finding myself much in need of a break. Fortunately, I will have the week surrounding Thanksgiving off. This will give me the opportunity to get big assignments done, but also to get some well needed rest. At the same time, I consider my wife and myself blessed. We are healthy and doing well here in Dubuque. We thank God for our circumstances, as I hope you all find yourselves blessed over this holiday that we remember our Lord's incarnation.

The Round up

Once again, the year is flying by. First it was October, then all of a sudden it was November. Now I am already talking



about the holidays leading into December. My peers and I reflect on our education and realize that we are pretty burned out, but keep in mind the reason we came to UDTs in the first place. When we embrace the education through a loving community, the stresses do not seem so overwhelming. Still, we press on, working hard all the while being concerned and caring for our families.

On a completely unrelated note, it seems there is something in the water here at the Seminary community. Although we are not pregnant and have no plans to be so anytime soon, there are at least four different married couples at the seminary that are expecting. This has been a wonderful blessing, yet something we pray for on a regular basis. We pray for health, those families keeping their sanity, and for the blessing of life.

Through the struggles that I have mentioned in previous newsletters, men in the community have started up a Bible study / accountability group. This has been an incredibly productive endeavor as we begin to see the Spirit at work in this community. At the same time, Kadra continues to be a part of spouse group and has began a craft night that she tries to hold about every week. This has been great community and fellowship for her while giving her a break from the everyday work and life.

So I can't help but say:

God is good...

All the time...God is good.

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THEOLOGY IN THE BIG APPLE

by Blair Moorhead

Maybe I should not write newsletter updates after finishing a paper on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, but I am going to give it a try anyway. The reason I joke that it is difficult to write after thinking about Bonhoeffer is that he is such an extreme character. He wrote many texts integral to Protestant theology, but is equally famous for being murdered in a Nazi prison camp after getting caught in an assassination plot against Hitler. The class for which I am writing this paper is Systematic Theology - a required course taught by one of our most passionate and well-known professors, James Cone.

In Letters and Papers from Prison, one point in particular is driven home (many points are driven home by the book - that's why I can write a paper about him, but let's focus on one): it is a huge responsibility to call oneself a Christian. Bonhoeffer's other titles include Ethics and The Cost of Discipleship, so this is not a conclusion he came up with only in Letters and Papers. To call myself Christian means that I read and faithfully try to understand scripture. How do I treat the Bible which advocates slavery and tells me I should not speak in church? This text also tells me that love is the most important commandment and that I should give all I have to help the poor. Which part do I uphold? Which part do I chalk up to historical context then promptly forget about? Furthermore, accepting the title Christian means that I inevitably will have to tell others how I

feel about this scripture and a relationship with God. Whoa.

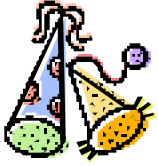
To make matters more complicated, it took about 11 weeks of classes, but I finally realized that I am in a program to receive a Masters of Divinity - a degree that generally leads to some form of ministry. Not only do I have the audacity call myself a Christian, I also have the nerve to think I might be able to minister to people. Whoa again.

Yet I love seminary, and I know I am in the right place. I am in this place to ask these questions and to learn from others asking their own questions. We all face questions in our faith journeys, and we are blessed as a church to be able to journey with our questions in a community setting. We are also blessed to have a forgiving, loving, patient, and grace-giving Lord. I look forward to the questions on the way and am grateful for the questions of now. I am also so grateful for your prayers and support along the way. I will keep you updated on the next batch of questions as they arise.

PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT



It's that time of year when we must pay the per capita assessment to Presbytery of the Northern Plains. The amount to be paid for 2009 is \$41.95 per member or \$12,794.75 for Community Presbyterian Church. Each member is responsible for their own per capita assessment. Each family is responsible for their children once confirmed as well. If members do not pay their assessment, it must come out of the General Fund! Your church really needs you to step up and take care of this obligation! Thank you.



DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 12-2 Amber Swart
- 12-4 Jaden Steele
- 12-5 Terry Meester
- 12-6 Jessica Nelson
- Kailyn Ohm
- 12-8 Casey Larson
- 12-9 Brandi Vistad
- 12-10 Brady Bahls
- Richard Pyle
- 12-11 Madison Kellerman
- 12-13 Bo Sheeley
- 12-15 Anneus Meester
- 12-18 Janine Steele
- 12-19 Nich Leopold
- 12-21 Gail Sheeley
- 12-23 Erin Thostenson
- 12-25 Ray Christopherson
- 12-26 Boots Montgomery
- 12-28 Gary Duggan
- 12-28 Chad Nelson
- 12-31 Sophia Dobrinz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12-12-70 – Jack and Dixie Smith
- 12-16-89 - Richard and Faye Pyle
- 12-19-86 – Ron and Kathy LaCoe
- 12-18-82 – Andrew and Gayle Thostenson
- 12-27-?? - Randy and Joyce Ackerman

THE GIVING TREE



It is time again to make a child's eyes sparkle with delight on Christmas morning. The Giving Tree will be up on November 29th. Grab an ornament from the tree and return it with an unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 13th. All gifts will be taken to the First Link - Seasons of Hope. Thanks for making Christmas a little merrier!

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-1 Jessie LaCoe
- 1-4 Wil Petik
- 1-5 Joyce Ackerman
- Evan Thostenson
- 1-8 Ross Montgomery
- 1-10 Elizabeth Meyer
- 1-11 Kristina Krzysiak (Sterup)
- 1-12 Gabriel Gross
- Isaac Leopold
- 1-16 Doris Randle
- Lora Wehrung
- 1-18 Grace Moorhead
- 1-19 Violet Galt
- Donna Gertz
- 1-21 Jenna Olson
- 1-22 Derek Leopold
- 1-23 Austin Montgomery
- 1-26 Gail Matzke
- 1-28 Brenda Bjorklund
- Brian Matzke
- 1-29 La Verne Dahl
- 1-30 Pat Langfitt
- Matthew Pyle
- 1-31 Cooper Pederson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-9-82 – Brent and Boots Montgomery
- 1-16-81 - Martin and La Verne Dahl
- 1-19-57 – Edwin and Harriet Diede

STARBUCKS, SANDY'S, AND SUDS



Well, it is that time of year again where the trustees humbly beg for help washing down the pews and vacuuming down the pads. If you are able, join us on Saturday, December 12th, at 9:30 am. Piping hot Starbucks coffee and Sandy's donuts will reward the hardy souls willing to lend a hand.

MS SOUL TRAIN 2009-2010

Dec. 6th - Wii games with Carey Talley-dinner will be served.



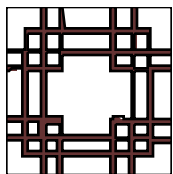
Dec. 20th - TBA - Progressive dinner

Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd - no meeting- Christmas break

April 11th - The Jamestown Retreat - put this on your calendar NOW! You have plenty of warning. Make this a priority!!!

Becky - 281-8122

Lisa - 282-5308.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES

The next meeting of the Presbyterian Square Ladies will be on Wednesday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a light meal, a time of fellowship and a short devotional. This is a great time for those busy working and stay at home moms to meet in the spirit of God's corner of life.

Questions- call Vicki at 532-0358. See you then!

FOCUS ON MISSION: BABY SHOWER FOR TEEN MOMS



The mission focus for January will be the Teen Moms program sponsored by Youth for Christ.

We'll be collecting baby items-anything you would bring to a baby shower, for example, diapers, sleepers, blankets, bibs, booties, clothing, toys, lotions, shampoo. Cash donations are welcome too.

PATH THANKS

October 28, 2009



Dear Friends:

On behalf of the youth served by PATH, I want to thank you for your generous giving of the overflowing baskets for the "Welcome Basket" project. Support such as yours helps us meet vitally important needs of foster youth leaving care to move into independent living.

Currently there are few post-foster care services available for youth. Many youth who leave foster care return to the care of the state as adults, either through the welfare system, criminal justice system, or they reside in homeless shelters. Most former foster youth are unable to return home due to familial history of abuse, neglect and other issues. The same reasons that caused them to enter the foster care system are not always resolved at the time of emancipation.

The gifts you contributed to the baskets will help youth begin their independence with hope for a bright future. Your contributions help make it possible for PATH to continue empowering children and families to achieve lifelong successes.

Thank you for your investment in PATH youth, for sharing your heart, and giving hope.

Gratefully, William A. Metcalfe, CEO

CHRISTMAS EVE AT SALVATION ARMY

Salvation Army Christmas meal Thursday, December 24. We need cooks, steam table, and serving help. Everyone helps clean up. Share this gift of ministry with others.



Kindest Regards, Dixon
W 232-8283; H 277-1414

INTERVIEWS BY MS SOUL TRAIN: DWIGHT STEFFEN

Personal Information

Birth date - May 3, 1962
 Birth place - Cooperstown, ND
 High school - graduated from
 Cooperstown High School
 College - NDSSS in Wahpeton
 Occupation - Transportation Logis-
 tics Supervisor/cattle farmer
 Married - Lisa in Fargo, ND on
 April 6, 1988
 Children - Stephani (17 - senior),
 Christian (15 - sophomore)
 Joined Community Presbyterian
 Church - 1992

Favorites

Athlete - Wayne Gretzky
 Restaurant - Italian - chicken or
 Shrimp Alfredo
 Color - blue
 Food - steak, pasta, pizza
 Movie - Caddy Shack, Happy Gil-
 more

Would You Rather

How well do you know Dwight? Try to guess which answer he chose for each of the following questions. His answers will be at the end of the interview.

- ... know it all or have it all?
- ... write a mystery or a poem?
- ... get shot from a cannon or walk a high wire?
- ... drink out of a toilet bowl or eat mysterious morsels out of a garbage disposal?
- ... date a person who is constantly humming or someone who repeats everything you just said?

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News reporter Ian Alves here! I just had an interesting interview with Dwight Steffen. This was actually the first time that I met Dwight, but he was a very interesting person. In the following three



paragraphs, you will learn a lot of things.

Instead of starting at Dwight's childhood, we'll just skip to other things. Dwight loves raising cows! I bet you never thought of that as a hobby! Well, neither did I! He started because he grew up around cows. He likes it when calves are born. He seems to enjoy cutting the hay and baling.

He likes to live at his cabin on the farm. He likes it there because it is peaceful. He also likes it there because there is no traffic. The worst group of storms he has ever endured were the blizzards of 1997.

People that lie or hurt kids make Dwight mad. They make him mad because these things are wrong! His most embarrassing moment was when he had to sing a solo at a Christmas concert. He was in 3rd grade. I would have been embarrassed too! The most disgusting food Dwight ever ate was lutefisk. He went to a lutefisk supper with his parents. He tried it. He said it stunk and it was like jelly. EEEEEEEEEWWWWWWWWWWWW! That is so vulgar!

That is a lot about Dwight! Reporter, Ian Alves, signing off. Thank you for  
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reading this interview!

Interviewed by:  
Ian Alves  
6th grade  
March 8, 2009

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When Dwight wasn't busy with the cows he played many different games. Some of his favorites were hide and seek and basketball.

He also learned how to drive when he was at the farm. His dad taught him and it took him half a mile to learn. He would put the truck in gear and jump in and his dad would tell him to shut it off , when he got to the end of the field. His first car was a 1970 Dodge Super Bee. He got it in Valley City and paid \$1,600.00 for it. He eventually ended up selling it.

Dwight has had many different jobs. He has been a mechanic, worked on tractors, worked on a crab boat, and drove a semi-truck. He especially enjoys his job of being a husband and dad.

Things that he doesn't enjoy are being on the clock, having to have a schedule, and lazy kids.

The best present he has ever received was a snowmobile. It was so special because his family didn't have much money and they still got it for him.

I enjoyed interviewing Dwight, and I hope that you feel you know him a little better now.

Interviewed by:  
Marissa Beauchane  
7th grade  
March 8, 2009

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(Would You Rather answers: know it all, mystery, high wire, toilet bowl, humming)



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Introduce your friends to the famed Concordia Christmas Concert and share the grandeur of 425 student musicians performing in front of the concert's largest mural ever. A magnificent art installation, the mural is the work of newly commissioned artist Paul Johnson. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. We will have wheelchair bays for those of us with walking challenges. HandiWheels van will leave CPC at 2:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Dixon Moorhead at (W) 232-8283 or (H) 277-1414.

2010 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, with Sunday, February 7, for a storm date.

Committee chairs please have annual reports to the clerk by January 17. Everyone, please make an effort to attend this important meeting of your church.

Vicki Peihl, Clerk of Session



FOOD IN A JAR

Soul Train will be selling cookies, soup and cappuccino in a jar. These will make wonderful presents for birthdays, Christmas, and youth leaders. The jars will be in the narthex on the coffee counter. They will be \$10.00 each or two for \$15.00.

The February Community Call deadline will be Thursday, January 21