

# The Home Page

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As I write this it is day two after the evil attack on the people of the world. This time the attack took place in Brussels. Whenever something like this happens all people are affected. It was a joy this morning to see on the TV reports how the people of that city have responded. With great sorrow for those who lost their lives there was also joy as the people gathered in unity against evil. By their gathering they made a statement to the perpetrators that their evil act would not keep them from living in the world. They would be strong even in the threat of danger.

It is great to see their unity and yet I wonder how the world would really like to respond? For myself my human reaction is to get even. Revenge. Fight back. But then I have to step back and look at the situation through my Christian faith. We have been instructed by Jesus himself to “love our enemies,” “love those who hate you,” “do not return evil with evil.” So our struggle continues as Christians and as citizens of God’s world.

We have just celebrated the most glorious events in our Christian faith—the resurrection of Christ to new life. A life that was and is lived in love, peace and mercy. As difficult as it is we are called to be loving, peaceful and merciful. That is the new life that the resurrection brings to us as individuals and as part of the human race.

May the love and peace of God walk with us in all our struggles and difficulties in life.

*-Pastor Don Canady*

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**From the Mission Committee:** The Mission Committee's shirt drive has concluded, but donations of long-sleeved shirts continue to be appreciated by Proteus (an organization that serves migrant and seasonal farmworkers, immigrants, and others). Please feel free to take shirt donations to the Proteus office, located in Hastings at 2727 West 2nd Street.

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| 41 long-sleeve shirts |  
| and 6 pair of work |  
| pants were taken to |  
| Proteus on 3/17 |  
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Thank you so much for investing in the future of our church by contributing to the Theological Education Fund (TEF). Your gift supports our Presbyterian

seminaries in preparing future pastors, educators, chaplains, scholars, spiritual directors and other church leaders for lives of bold mission outreach: proclaiming the gospel and transforming lives through Spirit-filled ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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**Check the table in the Memorial Room for info on these great opportunities:**

1. Spanish classes offered via free will donation by a teacher visiting Hastings this spring from Guatemala.
2. "Pilgrimage"--a weekend retreat (similar to Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus) for adults held April 7-10 at Calvin Crest (near Fremont).
3. Training opportunity for women interested in becoming disaster preparedness trainers. Held in Sioux Falls, SD, June 18-19, all expenses paid.

**Looking for a video-recording volunteer...**

Kili has received multiple requests that the Forum classes be regularly video-taped. The church will provide the equipment to make this happen, but we need a few individuals to take turns making sure the equipment is set up and going during each Forum class (9:15-10:15, Sunday mornings). Contact Kili if you can help. Thank you for your consideration!!!

**Don't miss out on great First Presbyterian and community opportunities!**

Every week, Kili sends out an email with reminders for that week's church and community events that facilitate learning, spiritual growth, and service. If you don't already receive these "Learn, Grow, Serve" emails, contact Kili to be added to the list.

**It's time to reel in the fish (banks)!**

If you forgot to return your fish bank on Easter Sunday, that is OK! The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received as our communion offering this Sunday, April 3. *Non-fish bank offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing can be given using the communion offering envelopes in the pews.*

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Are you a Military Veteran Family Member? Would you like to contribute to improving community services for military families and veterans? If so, you are invited to join us for **Making Connections, Community Conversations**, a statewide effort to help shape an action plan for Nebraska veterans and their families. Meet at South Heartland District Health Department @ 606 N. Minnesota Ave., Ste. #2, Hastings, on Thursday, April 28, 12pm-1:00p.m. – or- 5:30-6:30p.m. To reserve your spot or to answer any questions, contact Amy Market t 402-462- 6211 or toll free 800-238-7595 by Friday, April 22, 2016. (Light meals will be provided and gas reimbursement will be available for those traveling more than 10 miles.)

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**APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING -One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 3, 2016. **One Great Hour of Sharing** funds are used for *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.*

# Discover Your Why

You sacrifice sleep for fun,  
family time for work,  
and money for those in need.  
What would you say if asked,  
“Why do you do that?”



April: *Sacrifice*

## Adult Forum Schedule

- [4-03-16] *Sacrificing our Attachments*  
Kili Weenburg
- [4-10-16] *Jesus' Sacrifice: Part 2*  
Dan Deffenbaugh
- [4-17-16] *Parenting as Sacrifice*  
Jody Lieske
- [4-24-16] *Opening the Gifts*  
Brady Rhodes

## Why ask “Why?” ...

Habit and obligation dictate many of our daily decisions. But when habits get boring and obligations feel like burdens, with what motivations are we left? Together, we'll pause to look more deeply at why we do what we do so that we can refresh our lives with intentionality, purpose, and joy!

Over the course of the Winter/Spring semester, Forum classes are addressing the “Why?” question from each of four different monthly vantage points, continuing March's theme of *Sacrifice* into and through April.

On April 3, Kili Weenburg will lead us in exploring and releasing our attachments to ideas of what a pastor should/must be so that we can more readily welcome our next pastor. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College religion professor, will join us to give “Part 2” of his overview of the evolution of atonement theology. Then, on April 17, we welcome Jody Lieske, Ph.D., licensed child/adolescent psychologist, who will offer suggestions for and discussion about how to manage modern expectations in order to parent in healthy and authentic ways. And finally, on April 24, Brady Rhodes will facilitate discussions enabling us to expand and apply what we learned from all the Sacrifice-themed forum classes.



## Heirs Apparent Class--Anderson Conference Room

Curtis Reimer continues leading the Heirs Apparent class in viewing and discussing episodes of the miniseries *The Bible*, originally aired on the History Channel. Join anytime! All are welcome!



Vacation Bible School 2016  
May 23-27  
2:00pm – 5:00pm  
Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>



Participant and Volunteer registration online at [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)  
(paper registrations also available on glass shelves near church office door)

Jr. and Sr. High youth are encouraged to register as volunteers along with adults.

Check out the Children & Youth and 2016 VBS menus on the church website at [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)!

You can find information and schedules for acolytes, ushers, Go & Serve, summer camps, WNL, Sunday School, VBS, and more.

#### Dates of Interest

#### April

3—Go & Serve Meeting  
1:30pm in the Annex

15/16—Jr. High Lock-In

17—Children's Choirs and Bells sing/play at 10:30am service

20—Confirmation class meet with the Session  
6:00pm in Jr. High Youth Room. Dinner included

24—Confirmation at 10:30am service; Cake Reception to follow

29/30—Sr. High Lock-In

#### May

1—High School Senior recognition at 10:30am service

1—Go & Serve Meeting  
1:30pm in the Annex

#### Acolyte Schedule

April 3: Jonah Snell & Selah Wenburg  
April 10: Jayden Propp & Grace Redinger  
April 17: Allie Bauer & Lily Black  
April 24: Chase Johnson & Michael Boeve  
May 1: Hannah Hafer & Nyaguor Duang

#### Youth Usher Schedule

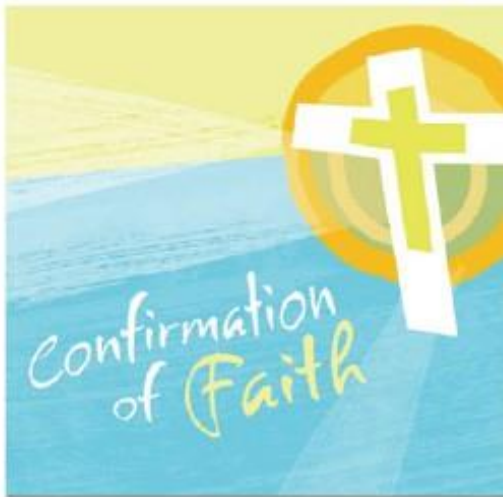
April 3: Sydney Kerr & Sophia Pankratz  
April 10: Emma Redinger & Lily Kingsley  
April 17: Erikka Rhodes & Julia Reimer  
April 24: Morgan Karloff & Sam Reimer  
May 1: Nyanhial Duang & Courtney Junker



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children & Youth age 2 1/2\* thru  
18 please join us for Sunday  
School!

Sundays 9:15am -- 10:15am



## Sunday, April 24 10:30am service

2016 Confirmation Class: Allie Bauer, Lily Black, Michael Boeve, Grace Canady, Lyndie Eddleman, Cale Henderson, Chase Johnson, Nina Meyer, Jayden Propp, Grace Redinger, Carter Wenburg

Teachers: Steve Wolford, William Oliver, Megan Launchbaugh

Please join the class for a cake reception in Fellowship Hall following the worship service

### Wednesday Night Live

Activities include Recreation Play, Worship Skills (bells/choir), Bible Study, and Family Time Meal.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Age 4 thru 5th Grade: 4:00pm - 6:45pm  
6th thru 12th Grade: 6:00pm - 8:15pm

#### Themes:

April 6: April Birthday Celebration  
April 13: Luau  
April 20: Pirate Night  
April 27: Hollywood Movie Night  
May 4: May, June, July Birthday

Adult sponsors needed for Jr. and Sr. High Lock-Ins! Help ensure that the groups get to have this time together by volunteering. Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) if you can help.



### Graduating Senior Recognition Sunday, May 1 10:30am service

Do you have a graduating High School or College Senior? Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) in order for FPC to recognize their accomplishment!

#### JR. HIGH LOCK-IN

Friday/Saturday April 15/16  
6:30pm - 8:30am

#### SR. HIGH LOCK-IN

Friday/Saturday April 29/30  
6:30pm - 8:30am



**Scripture Theme:**  
**Romans 8:28**

We will be discussing the question... "Are you Flawsome?" and the topic of God calling us according to his purpose along with food, fun, and fellowship!

Pre-registration required before April 8! Go to [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org) and register under the Children & Youth section or stop by the church office for a paper registration.  
\*\*Event is subject to cancellation if adult volunteers are not available.

## Congregational Lives

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling the church office or Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

**Presbyterian Women luncheon** is Wednesday, April 6 at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall. Joyce Dean, a certified lay pastor from Beaver City, presents "Good Samaritan", a dramatic program. Circle 1 is scheduled to host; Circle 3 set-up, devotion, etc. Everyone is invited. \$5 donation is requested. Please reserve your spot by calling the office no later than Monday, April 4.

**Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering** is at FPC on Saturday, April 9, from 8:30am – 3:00pm.

Registration costs \$10 per person (\$3 will be sent to the Presbytery, \$7 will go to PW). Deadline is listed as April 4 but reservations will be accepted through Friday, April 8. Forms and more information are available in the Memorial Room.

**In the Hospital:** Winifred Barrows

**Nathan Jensen** will present his **junior vocal recital** on Sunday, April 3 at 3:00p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary. Also on the program is **organist, Phillip Clay**, presenting a non-degree recital. Both will greatly appreciate your presence as they share their musical efforts. Thank you.


**Chorus of the Plains** is hosting the *Hastings Got Talent Show* on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Temple. Tickets are \$10 at the door. A portion of proceeds go to charity.

### **Langenberg Scholarship Program:**

First Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to participate in a very exciting program offered by our church. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the children and youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. NOTE: Although grants are renewable, parents MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

**Synod School 2016**



"People having so much fun  
while examining issues related to faith."

"Wonderful, thoughtful, energetic, fun-loving  
teachers, staff and leaders."

"A place where the needs of the entire family are considered."

"Gives me the incentive to try new things in my church."

"The 'connectedness' and warmth of Christian community."

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July 24-29, 2016  
Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

*Discover Synod School!*  
[www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool](http://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool)  
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Ministry of Music**

**Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program**

----Application----

*2016 Spring (February - May)*

**RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY May 31, 2016**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Last First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Area (Circle One):

Piano Organ Voice Guitar String Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Wind/Percussion Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly Cost of Lessons: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Verification of Instruction and Participation**

*(Near the end of May, the teacher may be notified to verify the completion of lessons)*

Private Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

FPC Music Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Students must be age 6 – 18 and **MUST** participate in the children's/youth choir/ music program of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska.*

*Parents **MUST** be members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, Nebraska.*

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**Publishing Guidelines:**

The *Home Page* is a weekly publication for the people and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

The newsletter seeks to inform, instruct and challenge its readers to become engaged in the ministry of FPC.

**Articles** will be accepted by Friday of each week. Submissions may be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147.

**Sunday,  
March 20, 2016**

10:30 Worship Attendance	219
General Fund	\$9,037.00
Plate Collections	\$72.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$41.16
CE Sunday School	\$7.00
Food Pantry	\$5.00
Open Table	\$55.00
Memorials	\$40.00
OGHS	\$225.00
Go & Serve Fair Booth Rentals	\$1,120.00
& Serve Fair Concessions	\$567.25
Easter Lilies	\$343.00
Recyclables	\$7.80

**Thanks be to God!**