

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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NEWSLETTER

GLACIER CAMP NEWS



GLACIER CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER PREPARES FOR SUMMER CAMPING SEASON

Director Rev. Timothy Lanham and the staff are busy planning for a refreshing and safe camping season. Here are some high points as they make preparations:

“Camp is needed this year now more than ever! After many weeks of social isolation, the unique opportunities provided by Summer camp are needed more than ever. The chance to be outdoors, to disconnect from technology, and to enjoy Christian fellowship in small groups provides a balance to the trauma of isolation as well as the occasion to strengthen young people’s physical, mental, and spiritual health. Camp has always been important. For this Summer, it is more important than ever.”

The Glacier Camp Board approved plans for a Summer 2020 camp schedule. These plans include important changes to what had been previously scheduled. Here is a quick look at those changes:

1. We will start Camp on July 5th rather than June 22nd.
2. The number of campers per week will be reduced, in order to conform with directives from the civil authorities and CDC protocols on the size of groups.
3. We will conform to the American Camping Association’s guidelines for Summer Camp operation including health screening, monitoring, food service, cleaning/disinfecting, and facility management. A nurse will be on staff all Summer, providing oversight of our health compliance protocols.
4. Campers who decide to take this year off will be provided with “Camp In A Box” that will include craft materials, tee shirts, and home activities.

A full copy of Rev. Lanham's letter can be found on the Camp website (glaciercamp.org) with more information and registration details. You can reach Tim at timothy@glaciercamp.org.

Glacier Camp and Conference Center
PO Box 384, Lakeside MT 59922

From the Pastor



Dear Friends,

It has been very good to worship again in person with many of you these last two weeks. I look forward to more opportunities to see you in worship, and we will continue to offer an online option as well. As we haven't had anyone join for our conference call worship these last two weeks, I'm going to discontinue that option. If you would still like that available, please contact the office, and we can re-start conference call worship.

I expect our session will discuss again this coming Monday when we might celebrate the Lord's Supper again. I, obviously, can't predict the outcome of that decision; however, if you are missing the sacrament, I invite you to our presbytery meeting at 9 AM this coming Saturday, June 13th. I will be leading our celebration of the sacrament, and you are invited to participate online. Details for registration are later in this newsletter.

I will not be in worship this coming Sunday, June 14th, as I'll be participating in our presbytery worship online. Gary Klette will be giving the message that Sunday, and I'm very thankful for his willingness to offer his gifts to our congregation that day.

You have likely noticed my inclusion of the Heidelberg Catechism as a part of our worship. Our creeds and confessions have been used to teach the faith and to document positions of the church since rather early in its history. To date, I've been selecting one or more questions that relate to the scripture passages of the day; however, starting Sunday, June 21st, I intend to use the 52-week sequence for the confession. This catechism has been split into 52 sections to be used through the year, and we'll start working our way through the confession from the beginning. A few of you have expressed a desire to understand the basics of our faith better, and this is one offering I intend to include. If you would like to read through our creeds and confessions, you can find them in the *Book of Confessions* available at <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/book-confessions/>. This would be a great resource to work through at home. In 1998, our denomination, also, approved a study catechism, which is available at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/study-catechism-full-version/>.

We have started meeting for Wednesday Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Feel free to join us. We would be happy to provide the printed materials or help you install the app on your smartphone.

I'm very happy that we've, also, started outdoor coffee hour as the weather allows. It will be great to get to know all of you more with time. Certainly, let me know, also, if you have any concerns or recommendations for worship and fellowship.

Grace and peace

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy".

Pastor Andy

JUNE LAY READERS

June 7 Pat Keil



June 14 Amy Zimbelman

June 21 Karen Burditt

June 28 Carol Dayrider

Deacon's List

June 7 Elsie & Carol

June 14 Mike & Amy

June 21 Charlene & Arlene

June 30 Karen & Jeremy

July 5 Val & Della

Deacon's Communion List

June 7 Mike & Amy

June 21 Elsie & Carol

July 5 Charlene & Arlene

DEACONS NEWS

The deacons are starting a new caring ministry here at Conrad First Presbyterian Church. If you or someone you know could use meals brought to your home because of an injury, illness, death in the family, etc., please contact Karen Burditt at 271-5295. Karen will then contact people to provide the meals needed. You will be asked about any special dietary needs to be sure you will have the proper diet.

Sometimes we are not aware of what is happening in someone's life but we would like to be there for you. Please do not hesitate to call because we would be happy to help you.

If you would be interested in helping with this ministry or if you have questions, please contact Karen. That way we will have a call list of people willing to help when someone could use our service. You can choose to make the entire meal or part of it and someone else would provide the rest. This way it can be organized as to who will be taking the meal each day. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

SAD NEWS

On April 25th, 2020, Pastor Paul E. Cousins passed away in Phillipsburg, MT, where he lived with his wife, Doris. Pastor Cousins served as the Pastor for Conrad Presbyterian Church from 1978-1990. He was very active in engaging youth in the church and shared his love of nature by arranging multiple hiking trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and ski trips to local ski runs. He was a great friend to many in Conrad.

Please keep Doris and her children in your prayers. If you would like to send a card to the Cousins family and need the address, you may contact Wendi at the church office.

JOIN US FOR A PRESBYTERY MEETING SATURDAY

If you've ever wondered what happens at presbytery meetings, you have a unique opportunity to join us this coming Saturday, June 13th, from 9 - 12 AM, by Zoom call. The presbytery time together will begin with worship, and I'll be leading communion. If you have missed communion, you are very welcome to join us, but please do have a small bit of bread and juice or wine so that you can participate. Please, also, register as a visitor online at <https://www.glacierpresbytery.org>. Details are near the top of the page; only those who are registered will be admitted into the online meeting. The meeting will continue into the business of the presbytery after worship, and you are welcome to be an observer for any part of that period.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Hello! Summer is here and usually by now you would have received information about Vacation Bible School and when to join in the fun. As you can imagine, planning VBS this year has faced some unusual challenges. Our church is working collaboratively with the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church again this year and the fundamental goal of our two churches is to give families options for VBS that meets their needs and comfort levels.

With that, families will have the opportunity to choose from two options:

1. **At-home activity packets:** Pick up, or ask to have mailed, an activity packet for families to use at home. The packet will include fun activities, Bible stories, snacks, and more!
2. **In-person VBS:** The Pondera Valley Lutheran Church is hosting an in person on July 27th-30th for students entering 1st-6th grade from 9-11:30 AM. Preschool students (potty-trained, please) will attend July 27th-29th. If local and state guidelines indicate that in-person gatherings should not occur, all students will have access to the at-home activity packets.

We hope that by having these two options, families in our church communities will enjoy a VBS experience that meets their needs.

If you are interested in helping with any of the following, **please call Mary Di Biase at 406-450-6198:**

Providing snacks

Helping (there are many different levels of support available) with in-person VBS

Creating and assembling at-home packets

Families will be mailed registration forms and letters explaining the VBS options within the next couple of weeks and details will also be posted on conradfirstpres.org and our Facebook page. Have a great summer!

WE RECOGNIZE OUR MOTHER'S DAY BABIES (UPDATED)

Because of the pandemic and not meeting in person on Mother's Day, the babies born this past year to families of our church family are being recognized in the church newsletter.

Joining us this year are:

Brooks Eizzo Broesder, born September 13th, 2019, son of Blake Broesder and Shawnee Redd
(Grandson of Terri Redd)

Evelyln Rose Orcutt, born September 21st, 2019, daughter of Nick Orcutt and Sheridan McKitrick
(Great Granddaughter of Martha Orcutt and Nephew of Austin and Lauren Orcutt)

Lance Michael Hitchcock, born September 29th, 2019, son of Tavie and Jeremy Hitchcock

Heston John Jones, born October 8th, 2019, son of Dusty Jones and Lyndee Golden
(Great Grandson of Carol Bain)

Riley Rae Rummel, born December 4th, 2019, daughter of Cody and Kelsi Rummel

Rebecca Blayne Kipperchuck, born January 6th, 2020, daughter of Cody Kipperchuck and Jackie Miller
(Great Granddaughter of Don and Carol Miller)

Opal Jo Ayers, born February 12th, 2020, daughter of Jake and Annabell Ayers (Granddaughter of Matt and Pam Wittmier; Great Granddaughter of Allen and Dolores Wittmier)

Maxwell Layne Gruzilis, born February 15th, 2020, son of Jeff and Brianne Gruzilis (Great Grandson of Carol Bain)

The Lord has blessed these families with the birth of their little one. A gift of love and a blessing to all. May the grace of God and the love of Jesus Christ be ever present in the lives of these young families. Amen.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours, starting June 1st, will be Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Office Hours will return back to Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM on September 7th.

UPDATE ON THE ZEILER FAMILY

Dave and Diane Zeiler called Bonnie Flesch and they had a very nice long visit. They are doing well and enjoying the sunshine in Arizona. They send greetings to everyone at First Presbyterian. They miss and love us all.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CONRAD

Session Highlights

May 2020

1. Pastor Smothers reported that there were 27 YouTube viewers on April 19th, 29 on April 26th, 28 on May 3rd, 20 on May 10th. These numbers are approximate. There also were 3 participants on the conference call sermon on April 19th, 2 on April 26th, 3 on May 3rd and 2 on May 10th.
2. Pastor Smothers said that there have been five participants joining the Wednesday Evening Prayer Program via conference call.
3. Our COVID19 Task Force has made the decision to have our first in-person Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, May 31st. The guidelines for the first several services will be printed in the newsletter, mailed to the congregation and friends of the congregation and also posted on our website.

The Church Finances:

April 2020:	Operating Income:	\$ 29,471
	Operating Expenses:	\$ 12,376
	Balance:	\$ 17,095
	Year-to-Date Balance:	\$ 19,522

The Christian Education Committee reports:

1. Due to social distancing it was decided to suspend child care during the months of June and July 2020.
2. We are still working with Pondera Valley Lutheran Church to decide on what type of Vacation Bible School will be held this year.

The Membership Committee reports:

1. The Committee reported that Austin Habets was our only Conrad High School Senior and since we are not having in-person church at the time of his graduation his card and gift will be mailed to him.

The next Session meeting will Monday, June 15th at 7:00 PM.

June Birthdays

- 1 Jayne Brown
2 Jack Baringer
Deloris Burdick
6 Paul Stenerson
7 Aaron Jones
10 Darryl Burditt
11 Helen Stordahl
16 Marie Ahmed
Linda Garnett



- 20 Sue Sheldon
21 FATHER'S DAY
Ron Warwick
25 Callie Yeager
26 Shirley Sanders
Ashton Hofstad
Isabella Dayrider
28 Bryon Carter
29 Jeff Baringer
30 Andre Harris

July Birthdays

- 2 Jana Brown
Shanna Lee Finlayson
4 FOURTH OF JULY
5 Jean Baringer
10 Kristy Norman
13 Phyllis Rauscher
16 Elsie Lamma



- 17 Allen Wittmier
Pam Wittmier
18 Nick Schultz
21 Wayne Venetz
24 Brittney Wittmier
25 Matthew Tranmer
26 Jim Finlayson
Jessica Garnett

June Anniversaries

- 8 Byron & Jan Carter
12 Cathleen & Phil Rafferty
13 Ralph & Helen Stordahl
17 Marla & Gerald Bruner
25 Llew & Carole Jones
David & Jane Arends
27 Steve & Linda Keil
30 Don & Carol Miller

July Anniversaries

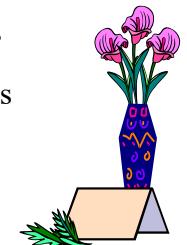


- 6 Cory & Mary DiBiase
10 Jack & Jean Baringer
15 Tyler & Vanessa Bucklin
24 Dwight & Julie Thompson
28 Steve & Shellie Mellinger

August Birthdays

- 1 Phil Rafferty
2 Valerie Elings
4 James Meyer
5 Alex Kallstrom
7 Sara Hohman
8 Mark Orcutt
Arlene McHenry
Karen Burditt
10 Tawnya Broesder
11 Don Miller

- 12 Cathleen Rafferty
13 Anita Vandolah
14 Jeremy Carter
Rondale Sheldon
15 Kit Finlayson
Carol Bain
21 Scott Sanders
22 Jeanne Duncan
Phil Broesder
Karen Keil
Cooper Martin
25 Richard Orcutt



August Anniversaries

- 3 James & Charlotte Meyer
7 Brian & Linda Garnett
21 Paul & JoAnn Stenerson
22 Nick & Irv Jean Schultz
30 Jay & Diane Hould

KID'S CORNER



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH NOAH'S ARK

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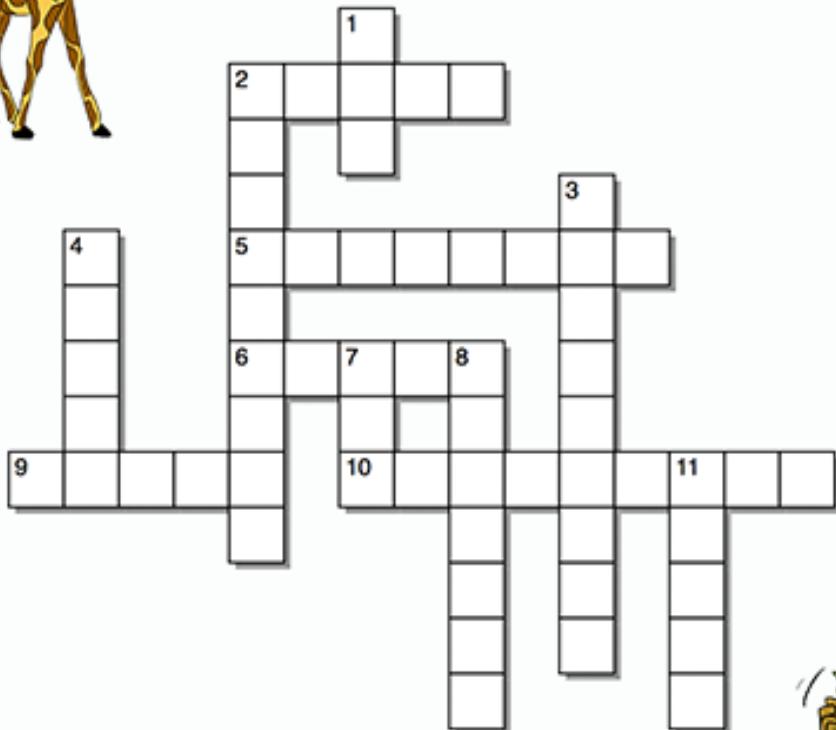
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COVENANT
CLEAN
NOAH
WATER



Bible Pathway Adventures



CROSSWORD NOAH'S ARK



ACROSS

- 2) Rain fell on the earth for ____ days.
- 5) "The _____ were on the earth in those days." (Gen 6:4)
- 6) Noah made this as soon as he left the Ark.
- 9) On the Ark, there were ____ of every clean animal.
- 10) What type of leaf did the dove bring back?



DOWN

- 1) God told Noah to build this.
- 2) "The _____ of the great deep were broken up." (Gen 7:11)
- 3) Noah was a _____ man.
- 4) How many sons did Noah have?
- 7) On the Ark, there were ____ of every kind of unclean animal.
- 8) A sign that Yahweh will never flood the earth again.
- 11) How many people entered the Ark?

COLORING TIME



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SUMMER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Summer is upon us, and we have attempted our first outdoor coffee hour fellowship this past Sunday. We're hoping to continue this practice for now and are looking to continue to make enhancements. We'd continue to invite you to join us outdoors (as the weather permits) and visit with friends and other members of the church. If you would be willing to assist with coffee hour by providing food or helping with setup, please use the sign-up that will be available near the refreshments. We could use some additional volunteers — particularly as some may be unavailable at times during the summer. As always, let's try to keep it simple.

There maybe changes depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Check out our website, www.conradfirstpres.org or look us up on Facebook for updates and changes.