



March 2021

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 UMW—1:15 P.M. Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	4 Adult Bible Study at Church 10:00 A.M.	5 World Day of Prayer at the Lutheran Church 11:00. Lunch will be served.	6
7	8	9	10 Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	11 Adult Bible Study at Church 10:00 A.M.	12	13 Infant Loss support group at 10 a.m. at Hope's Place in Goodland
14 Communion Adm Co Mtg Daylight Savings Time begins	15	16	17 Spring Break No Children's Choir Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	18 Adult Bible Study at Church 10:00 A.M.	19	20 Spring Begins!!
21	22	23	24 Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	25 Adult Bible Study at Church 10:00 A.M.	26	27
28 Children's Choir Sings <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31 Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	Sunday School Worship Service	9:45 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

Friday, March 5, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

At Sharon Springs Lutheran Church

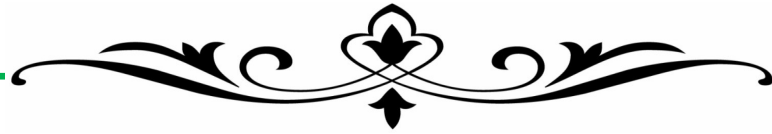
Luncheon will follow the program

Through the worship service we hear the voices of the Vanuatu women, who invite us to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build the house is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. The combination of considering the terrain and the climate is crucial in a tropical archipelago located in the South Pacific Ocean prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels.



SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021





“How sweet are you words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103 NRSV).

Recently I was confronted with this question: If you fed yourself with food the way you feed yourself with God’s Word, would you still be alive? It gave me pause.

Do I eat *enough* spiritually? - feast regularly enough on Scripture to keep up my energy and the health of my soul?

Do I eat *nutritiously*? - take in a balanced meal of law and gospel, comfort and commandments, prophecy and promise? Do I pass up spiritual *junk food*? - set aside empty calories that lead to disease, in order to hunger for what truly give life? Do I drink enough *Living Water* to avoid faith dehydration? And once in a while, do I *splurge on dessert*? - *savor the sweetness and joy of belonging at God’s table?*

What abundance God sets before us. May we never skip a “meal”! - Heidi Mann



Pastor’s Page

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February was a great month. Our attendance was up as well as our on-line ministry. I wish to thank you all for your continuing to send in your tithes and offerings as God instructs us to. We just continue to pray that we can all come back together to enjoy our “normal” church services.

As we travel along the Lenten path have you decided what you will give up for Lent? Why is it important give up something for Lent? It is a way we can show God we mean what we say when we give up something that we don’t think we can live without for 40 days! Amazingly enough we all come out of Lent in 1 piece and closer to the Lord.

Our pancake feed and fund raiser for the Brown family was a huge success. A special thank you for the ladies that stepped up to help in the kitchen when things kind of blew up. Overall, it was a great day.

March is going to be a great month as well. With the new life of spring comes promises of new attitudes and energy to serve the Lord. Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of the month.

Please continue to walk the Lenten path in your quest to gain a closer connection to our God!

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Galen

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SERVICE COMMITTEE

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Kathy McDaniel, Chairman

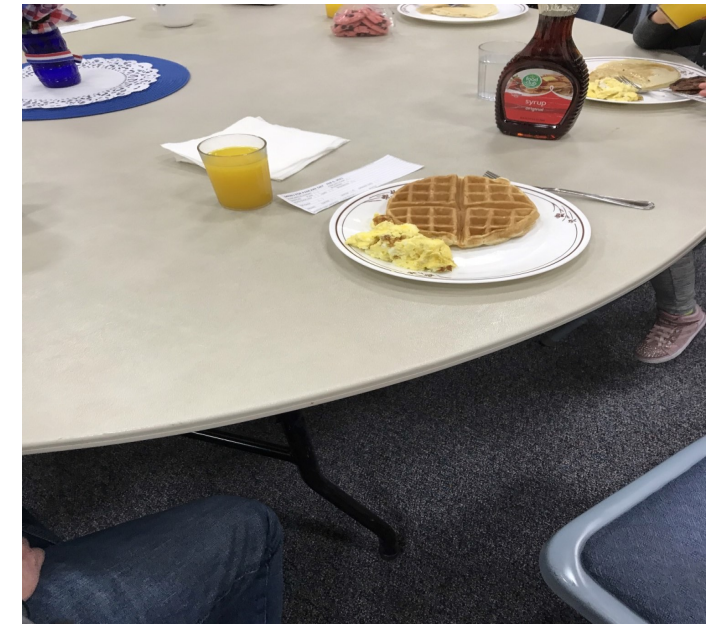
Wanda Funk

Peggy Fischer

Barb Van Laeys

Debbie Rains

Candice Van Allen



The Men and Women of the church held a Pancake Day and Bake Sale on Saturday, February 6th. This was a fundraiser for the Brown family for medical expenses incurred when Quade was bitten by a rattlesnake last fall.





Meet Our New Hays District Superintendent As of July 1, 2021 Turning 36 in March, Anderson is the youngest district superintendent in the seven-year history of the Great Plains Conference. Bishop Saenz said Anderson will bring a new perspective to the cabinet. “When we talk about the church of the future, oftentimes we don’t allow for the voice of those who will live into that church to be present in the conversations,” the bishop said. “He’s wiser beyond his years. He’s a strategic thinker, a long-range planner. He pulls people together and does visioning. I’m excited about having Zach’s voice, experience and perspective at the cabinet table, especially as we move into the new era for the church.” Anderson replaces the Rev. Don Hasty, who is returning to local-church service after completing an eight-year term on the cabinet. “I think I bring a perspective that’s probably quite different than before,” said Anderson, who has been in pastoral ministry since 2008 and has been pastor at Goodland UMC since 2017. “There’s not a lot of my peers in the pews as lay members. We’re missing that dynamic. For my friends who have left the church over time or become lapse in their practices, what we can possibly do to reach out and bring people back in?” A Wahoo, Nebraska, native, Anderson got a call from Bishop Saenz with the appointment as he was en route home from his grandmother’s funeral in Nebraska. He and his wife, Nicole, have a daughter who will turn 2 in March. They will live in the district superintendent parsonage in Dodge City. A graduate of Doane College and Saint Paul School of Theology, Anderson served an internship as the assistant to the campus minister at Baker University. He served a three-point charge in Denton, Pleasant Dale and Raymond UMCs in Nebraska from 2008 to 2011, was an associate at Papillion St. Paul UMC (serving under the Rev. Dr. Nancy Tomlinson, now Blue River District superintendent) from 2011 to 2013, and at Omaha Hanscom Park UMC from 2013 to 2017, before being appointed at Goodland. Anderson has spent all but one year since 2000 as a member of the conference Council on Finance & Administration, most recently serving as its chair. Bishop Saenz credited him as instrumental in CFA’s support of the Doing Justice Initiative. A former Peace with Justice coordinator, Anderson also was a clergy delegate to the General Conference in 2016 and was elected as a clergy delegate for the Jurisdictional Conference for 2020. “He’s very much aware of the issues facing the church into the future,” Bishop Saenz said.