

Belhar Confession, Article 1

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.



CALENDAR

Office Hours: 8:15am – noon, Monday-Thursday

Sunday, May 28th

10:30am
12:30-5pm

7th Sunday of Easter

Worship
Korean Church Worship

Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30th

11am
6pm
7pm

Silver Sneakers
Vacation Bible School Teacher Orientation
Vacation Bible School Room Decorating

Wednesday, May 31st

6-8pm
7pm
7pm

Community Gardening
Chimes Rehearsal
Vacation Bible School Room Decorating

Thursday, June 1st

11am

Silver Sneakers

Friday, June 2nd

Saturday, June 3rd

Sunday, June 4th

10:30am
11:45am
12:30-5pm

Day of Pentecost

Name Tag Sunday

Worship
Lunch Bunch meets at Speak Easy Restaurant
Korean Church Worship

Church Giving to Date

2017	Yearly Goal	April	May
Church General Offerings	Remaining (\$ 58,390.71)	\$ 6,446.26 thru April 30	\$ 5,813.00 thru May 21
Budget Estimate of Offerings	\$102,000.00	\$ 8,345.58 thru April 30	\$ 7,090.85 thru May 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers for Others: Jeanne Walker, Vernon Bancroft, Jr., Raymond Austin, Theresa Samuels, Laura Hagemann, Donald and Marion DeJong, Josh Peterson, Mabel Schneider, Austyn.

June 4th is Name Tag Sunday, and you are encouraged to get into the habit of wearing your name tag *every* Sunday! If you need a name tag, please contact the church office. If you would prefer a different type of tag holder, there is a basket in the narthex containing hanging and clip-type holders for you to use.

Lunch Bunch: Our first outing was a big success. Join us at the Speak Easy restaurant, 1001 30th Ave S in Moorhead, after worship on June 4th. Please contact Scott Dobovsky or any member of the New Life Committee if you have questions.

Wear Red! You are encouraged to wear red on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 4th. The color red symbolizes the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit.

June 4th Pentecost Offering:

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate with an Offering the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the Offering we receive is kept here locally to support the youth in our community. Last year, our local portion of the Pentecost Offering went to Churches United for the Homeless to serve the youth programs at the shelter.



Come Join Us for Vacation Bible School - June 5 - 8, 9am-noon. We're partnering with Bethesda Lutheran Church to present "Maker Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a Purpose"!! There will be games, crafts, singing, science and movies. Join us as we explore how we were all created by God. Registration sheets will be in Fellowship Hall along with a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

VBS Volunteers are Still Needed in the following areas:

- 1-2 Preschool/Kindergarten teachers
- 1-2 Games leaders (outdoors – weather permitting)
- 1-2 Helpers for snack time
- 1-2 Helpers to move rummage sale items and decorate rooms (Tues., May 30 and Wed., May 31 at 7pm) and for the Potluck on Thurs., June 8 (6pm).

The VBS lessons each day are well spelled out and will not involve much prep for the teachers/leaders. We will have a brief teachers training orientation Tuesday, May 30 at 6pm to share the theme and answer questions. If you are interested in helping with any of these areas please contact Scott Dobovsky ce@firstpresmhd.org or 612-986-9356.

Summer Music: Would you be willing to share your gift of music with the congregation this summer? There is a small calendar in the hall outside the office which shows the dates that are open. Please contact Diane Wray Williams if you would be interested in providing music this summer. Thank you.

Adopt-a-Chair: Would you like to adopt a toddler-sized chair to paint and decorate for resale at our fall Auction? We have several small wooden chairs waiting for “artists” to step forward. Please contact Diane Wray Williams if you would like to decorate a chair.

Closing Song - “Healing of the Nations”:

When I grew up Memorial Day was still referred to as “Decoration Day”. There are many stories of the origins and approximately 25 different places claiming the beginning of the holiday. One of the earliest is Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

The closing hymn this morning carries that thought of healing required on both sides of conflicts. The hymn is a consideration of how the promise of Revelation 22:2 can be realized in the world through cooperation with God’s healing intentions. Many of the words in this hymn are based on the concept of *shalom* .

“through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” Revelation 22:2

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