



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
123 Fourth Avenue SW
CONRAD, MT 59425
February 2020
NEWSLETTER

BIBLE SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 23rd

Sunday, February 23rd, will be a very special day in the life of our church. Our third graders will receive their personal Bibles. We have two third graders this year, Liam Martin and Corben Sullivan. In addition, the Church School will sing in morning worship followed by a Taco-In-A Bag Luncheon after church. We hear the Church School is preparing some fun and exciting music to share with us all. You won't want to miss it!

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30 PM, the congregation is invited to join the Logos students for a soup and bread supper in the Fellowship Hall. At 7:30 PM we will all gather in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday Service that will be lead by Amy Zimbelman. Service will feature time for prayer, self-examination, and receiving the grace of God's forgiveness. At the close of the service, participants may receive the imposition of ashes if they desire. Members and friends are invited to join the Logos Students at the 7:30 PM service, the 6:30 PM supper, or both!

BABY SHOWER

For: Brooks, son of Shawnee Redd and Blake Broesder, born on September 2nd, 2019.
Lance, son of Tavie and Jeremy Hitchcock, born on September 29th, 2019.

When: February 16th during Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

The shower will be hosted by Helen Elliott and friends. A money tree will be available for those wishing to donate. Please come and honor these wonderful little babies.

FEBRUARY LAY READERS

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| Feb. 2 | Martha Orcutt |
| Feb. 9 | Carol Bain |
| Feb. 16 | Charleen Utterback |
| Feb. 23 | Jane Arends |



GUEST SPEAKERS

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| Feb. 2 | Sara Branom |
| Feb. 9 | David Arends |
| Feb. 16 | Gary Klette |
| Feb. 23 | David Arends |

One Last Word From Our Interim Pastor

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,

Just a quick note to let you know how much I appreciated the opportunity to travel with you on your interim journey of faith. I admit to a sense of amazement that the time slipped by so quickly (even dealing with the occasional Montana Winter). I am also thankful for the wonderful ‘potato bar’ lunch on my final Sunday with you. The food was delicious and the conversation was filled with laughter and joy.

During my time with you, I have clearly seen that you are a faithful and faith-filled congregation that loves God and loves the church. My experience in Interim Ministry tells me that your search for an Interim Pastor and subsequently your search for a permanent pastor will be guided by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Greg

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the many volunteers that deliver Meals on Wheels to those unable to get out or cannot cook much for themselves. There have been over 24 people that have and continue to drive and deliver. This is just one thing our church is involved in. Each and everyone is much appreciated.

WEBSITE COMING SOON!

Good news! The Conrad First Presbyterian Church is approaching the digital age! Work has begun on a church website, which hopefully will be live by the beginning of March. A website is particularly important as we begin the search for a permanent pastor. As we know, when someone wants to know what is happening in a community or with a particular organization, the first place to go is to an internet search, and at this time, our church does not have an on-line presence. Lacie from Fenceline Design is creating an inviting site for folks to learn about our church and church activities, see what we have to offer, and how to connect with the church. A Facebook page will also be started for the same reasons. The cost for designing and hosting a website will be approximately \$1000. Contributions to this project and helping our church be more visible to the world are much appreciated! If you have any questions or suggestions for the website, please feel free to contact Mary Di Biase at 406-450-6198 or dibiasemk@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH SCHOOL

The second half of our church school program got off to an excellent start. On January 8th, parents and students were invited to another Family Fun Night. The cooks prepared a wonderful spaghetti dinner, after which the students participated in an age-appropriate scavenger hunt. The Preschool through 1st graders had a Noah’s Ark scavenger hunt, after which they received a prize and were able to complete a Noah’s Ark activity. The older students had a scavenger hunt where they looked for various symbols throughout the church. Parents were asked to fill out a survey form about the current Church School/Logos program. From all accounts the evening was successful.

Regular class began on January 15th.

It’s never too early to plan for summer. Our annual VBS will be held in conjunction with the Pondera Valley Lutheran Church, and will be held at our church. The dates for that will be June 29th through July 3rd.

Registration for camp at Glacier Camp is now open. Check out the camp website for available camps and prices. Remember, there are scholarships available from both the camp and our church. The website for Glacier Camp is glaciercamp.org.

LOGOS NEWS

Logos will be having a Taco-In-A Bag Luncheon on Bible Sunday, February 23rd following the worship service. It will be a freewill offering with all proceeds being given to our mission project. Please join us for lunch and support our mission project.

February Birthdays

1	Charlotte Meyer	16	Michael Kellogg	23	Maureen Orcutt
2	Dania Jones	17	Rebecca Meier	25	JoAnn Stenerson
3	John Goodheart	18	Don Zimbelman		Edgar Keil
10	Tawnya Broesder	20	Irene Stoddard	26	Matt Wittmier
	Molly Springer		Della Kellogg		Stacy Aaberg
13	Reed Harris	21	Robert Lamma	27	DJ Burditt
		22	Jackie Miller	28	Robin Goodheart



CONRAD LENT SOUP LUNCHEONS

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, St. Michael's Catholic Church, and Pondera Valley Lutheran Church.

2020 Schedule and Locations

11:45 AM—Welcome & Prayer from the Host Church
12:20 PM—Lenten Devotion
1:00 PM—Sending & Clean-up

- **February 27th** Lunch @ Pondera Valley Lutheran Church
 - Devotion By Father John Abutu
- **March 5th** Lunch @ Pondera Valley Lutheran Church
 - Devotion By First Presbyterian
- **March 12th** Lunch @ First Presbyterian Church
 - Devotion By Pastor Drew Nelson
- **March 19th** Lunch @ First Presbyterian Church
 - Devotion By Father John Abutu
- **March 26th** Lunch @ St. Michael's Catholic Church
 - Devotion By First Presbyterian
- **April 5th** Lunch @ St. Michael's Catholic Church
 - Devotion By Pastor Drew Nelson

Thank you to all those that prepare lunch and clean-up, with the local congregations who participate in this event. Conrad's community Lenten luncheons are open to all people and Christian Congregations. We welcome and invite you.

Meals are free and free-will donations will be given to the Pondera Food Pantry.

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

Romans 12:5

PER CAPITA FOR 2020

For those of you planning to pay your per capita in 2020, the amount this year is \$52.00.

This is an increase of \$4 over last year. The majority of the increase is for use in our own presbytery – the Presbytery of Glacier. Presbytery held per capita at one amount for five straight years, but the deck collapse at Glacier Camp resulted in our previous increase two years ago. This increase is far smaller.

Per capita is the way our congregation is assessed for denominational support, which furthers the mission of the whole church, regional and national. It's called "per capita" because our fair share of support is determined by the number of active members in our congregation. We thank you for your willingness to make your giving to our congregation go farther by including a gift to cover the per capita for each member in your household.

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Session Highlights January 2020

The Finance Committee reports:

December 2019:	Operating Income:	\$ 12,769
	Operating Expenses:	\$ 8,781
	Balance:	\$ 3,988
	Year-to-Date Balance:	\$ -5,838

1. Although better than last year, 2019 ended with a negative balance. Money will be withdrawn from reserves to meet the budget shortfall.
2. 2020 Per capita will be \$52.00.

The Property Committee reports:

1. Jones Electric is working on the fan in the Boys Bathroom in the Christian Education Building.
2. The Committee is still working on painting and covering more of the new heating pipes in the Christian Ed Building.

The Worship Committee reports:

1. Communion will be served on Sunday, January 19th, 2020
2. Scheduled events on our church calendar include:
 - a. Annual Congregation Meeting – January 26th, 2020
 - b. Souper Bowl Sunday – Sunday, February 2nd
 - c. Bible Sunday and Taco Salads in a Bag – Sunday, February 23rd
 - d. Ash Wednesday – Wednesday February 26th
 - e. Lenten Luncheon – Begins Thursday, February 27th

The Christian Education Committee reports:

1. A second Family Fun Night was held on January 8th, 2020 for all Church School & Logos students and their families. Numbers were a bit lower than the first Fun Night but still well attended.
2. Bible Sunday will be February 23rd

The Membership Committee reports:

1. The Committee encourages our church family to welcome and invite their friends from the Christian Reform Church that closed this year, to worship with us here at the First Presbyterian Church.

The next Session meeting will be determined.