



The Chamberlain View

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UCC at Chamberlain Church Staff and Leadership:

MaKaela Randall, Associate Pastor
Kelli Palmer, Administrative Assistant
Patty Juhnke, Treasurer
Chantell Kriel, Financial Secretary
Doris Dominiack, Diaconate
Bob Augspurger III, Trustee
Dee Handel, Moderator

Nancy McDonald, Pastoral Relations
Brooke McDonald, Religious Education
Cheryl Carruthers, Memorial Committee
Steve Dominiack, Captain of Ushers
Melissa Chmela, Missions Committee
Sara Klein & Sheena Larsen, HS Youth Group
Chantell Kriel & Destiney Storms, MS Youth

If you are able to donate financially (or with your time) towards updates for the church parsonage please reach out to a Trustee member.

Sunday school room doors should be left open during the week to let heat in. When you come back on Sunday for class, they will be warmer for you and the students!

Pastor's Column

Happy May!

May is a busy time of year for many of us, but it is also a great time to pause and acknowledge the many blessing all around us! On May 3rd we will recognize four Senior graduates that are members of our church; Maisey Peterson, Blaze Knippling, Chance and Piper Blum. Congratulations to you and all the graduating class of 2026! We wish you many blessings on this next journey of you lives!

Our Sunday School and Youth Group year has come to an end and I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talents helping leading our youth. The health of a church is marked by several things, but having a thriving Sunday School and Youth Group is an indication of really good things happening in the Kingdom of God! Thank you to the Religious Education Board that works hard to make our Sunday School and Youth Groups possible.

On April 21st, myself, along with four delegates from our church attended a special budget meeting of the United Church of Christ SD Conference online. At that meeting, the SD Budget was approved and will enable our SD Conference to hire an Associate Conference Minister. The hope is that with as Associate Minister, it will enable better communication and guidance for our SD Conference. As we continue moving forward in our search and call within our local church for a lead minister, the addition of a South Dakota Association Conference Minister will be very beneficial in offering support and direction.

The annual Memorial Day Flower Sale will be May 18th -24th. The church has been busy with volunteers coming in to paint crosses, organize and create arrangements. It is such a thoughtful way to honor our loved ones in the month of May. Thank you to everyone who puts in their time and dedication to making the sale a success!

My prayer is that you each feel the warmth and love of Christ as we enter a new month. Thank you all for your continued support of our church and our ministry.

Many blessings,
Pastor MaKaela



May & June 2026

Birthdays and Anniversaries of Members

Birthdays

May 2 Jason Sorensen
 May 3 Keli Winter
 May 4 AnnaRose Goodman, Michael Priebe, Makenzy Mutziger
 May 6 Karol Jo Hendrickson, Paul Mueller
 May 8 Doug Moeller
 May 10 David Meyer III, Taylee Edler
 May 11 Jack Augspurger
 May 12 Ryan Randall, Kirbie Mosel
 May 13 Jeff Burke, Alyssa Rohrbach, Chase Hansen, River Huether
 May 14 Karen Andera, Anna Palmer
 May 15 Hilary Carruthers, Nash Hutmacher, Kenneth Selland
 May 16 Chris Fees, Ashley Mayer
 May 18 Jessie Fees
 May 19 Julie Mertz, Mike Steckelberg
 May 21 Scott Simonsen
 May 23 Joe Hutmacher
 May 24 Abbey Kenobbie, Curt Swanson
 May 25 Ashton Burke
 May 29 MaKaela Randall, Brooke McDonald, Allayna Brown
 May 30 Keona Swanson

Anniversaries

May 5 Roger & Gerry Steckelberg
 May 29 John & Shana Hloucha

Birthdays

June 3 Deborah Winter, Ella Hieb, Rayne Hieb, Eric Hloucha
 June 7 Jeff Williamson
 June 9 Elaine Stone
 June 11 Steve Schelske
 June 12 Eunice Delfs
 June 13 Dave Hieb
 June 14 Tyler Sorensen, Makenzie Sorensen
 June 15 Knoxlee Augspurger
 June 16 Jim Maxon
 June 17 Blaze Knippling
 June 18 Donna Neeman, Dusty Rose
 June 19 Katie Augspurger, Lindsey Huether
 June 20 Ryder Michalek, Rhett Hoppe
 June 21 Lonnie Neeman, Barry Swanson
 June 22 Jeff Tichy
 June 23 Noah Hutmacher, Avery Lockwood
 June 24 Louis Bergner
 June 26 Levi Miller, Brett Brown, Jace Storms
 June 27 Raya Randall
 June 28 Logan Shroyer, Piper Blum, Chance Blum, Easton Kriel
 June 29 Sherry Hansen

Anniversaries

June 3 Tom & Cheryl Carruthers,
 June 5 Ronnie & Sally Reimer, Joel & Bradee Pazour
 June 7 Jim & Marla Maxon
 June 8 Ron & Sally Madison
 June 16 Al & Nancy Renner, Jesse & Becky Rose
 June 21 Bart & MaKaela Randall
 June 24 Chris & Kim Phillips, Cody & Madison Schreiber
 June 26 Brian & Trisha Burke

Helping in May . . .

Coffee Fellowship

Hannah Circle

Ushers

Steve Dominiack, Doris Dominiack

Chancel Arrangement

Dee Handel

Stewardship Report

Date: **Attendance:**

April 2 (Maundy Thur) **50**

April 5 (Sunrise) **30**

April 5 (Worship Service) **230**

April 12 **88**

April 19 **73**

April 26 **77**

Please reach out to the church with any prayer updates, prayer joys and any Congregation Outreach changes. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, do home visits and send out prayers whenever needed!

If you are a new member, please let us know family names, birthday's, address etc., so we can update your information!

April 12th, 2026-- Trustee Meeting Notes
Minutes by Nancy McDonald

Present: Bobby Augspurger, Nancy McDonald, Cheri Williamson, MaKaela Randall, Patty Juhnke, Gary Dominiack, Kelli Palmer, Sheena Larsen, Michelle Willrodt

Absent: Scott Simonsen

The board approved the previous month's minutes, financial reports, and bills, noting some fluctuations across funds, including a decrease in the General and Building Funds and an increase in the Music Fund. Several old business items were completed, such as setting compensation and disposing of unused furniture, while others like website updates and banking transitions remain in progress.

New financial discussions included moving to online bill pay, reviewing compensation rates for church roles, consolidating accounts, and exploring additional donation methods like Venmo. The board also began evaluating salary guidance for staff and discussing a future payroll package for a new pastor and updating our current package for pastor MaKaela.

Parsonage updates continue, including lighting replacement, dishwasher installation, volunteer-supported repairs, and defining rental readiness criteria.

Administrative assistant, Kelli Palmer, has been hired and has already started.

Facilities updates included addressing parking lot safety concerns, completing propane system repairs, planning for future painting and siding fixes, and replacing a heating unit with approved funding. Additional operational updates included reviewing service fees, confirming yard maintenance, and evaluating snow removal vendors. The board discussed Oahe Association participation, budget challenges, delegate representation, and ongoing support for conference initiatives. The meeting concluded with plans for the next session scheduled for May 13 at 6:30 PM.

MEMORIAL DAY SILK FLOWER SALE

Monday, May 18: 9 AM to 6 PM

Tuesday, May 19 : 9 AM to 1 PM

Sold in the church basement!



Get registered for VBS June 22-25
for kids entering K-6th grade!



Many Thanks

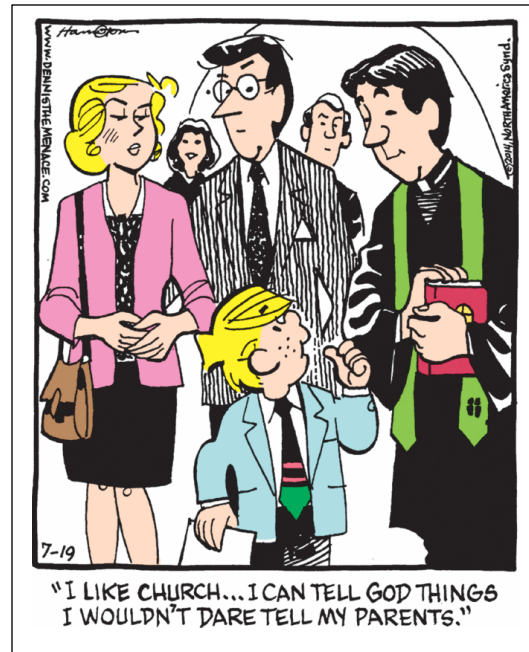
When we think of Spring, many of us think more of fresh starts and new beginnings. We tend to look forward into the future, but we can not forget to look back at all the helping hands that make our future bright! The countless supplies, snacks, and time donated to our youth does not go unnoticed! From early mornings to late nights, we are blessed with some of the best to lead our children! We recognize and thank this month our dedicated Sunday School and Youth Group leaders!

Count Them One by One

Perhaps we have not counted
All our blessings one by one;
Perhaps we have not bothered
To remember whence they come;
And maybe we have taken
Just for granted all the things
That the good Lord has created
And the gifts that nature brings:

The autumn hills in glory robed,
A golden field of grain,
A sunset's dazzling splendor
Or the Milky Way's great plain,
The starry sky's sublimity,
The ocean's mighty power,
The wonder of creation
In the petal of a flower.

And so if we have failed to show
By word or act or deed
That we are thankful unto him
Who fills our daily need,
May this day show we're grateful
When we add up all the sum
Of the blessings we remember,
As we count them one by one.
-Author unknown



Chance Blum
Piper Blum
Blaze Knipping
Maisy Petersen

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
					1	2
3 Last Day of Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20 Youth Group/Parent 2027 Missions Trip meeting 11:20	4	5 Communion Sanford 10am Regency 11am	6	7	8	9
10 Choir 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20	11	12	13 Trustees meeting 6:30pm	14	15	16
17 Choir 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20	18 Memorial Day Flower Sale 9-6 	19 Memorial Day Flower Sale 9-1 	20	21	22	23
24 Choir 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Praise Band 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee 11:20						