



The Salt Shaker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEAR ELY

11100 Spanish Road, Ely, Iowa 52227

JUNE - JULY 2015

Summer Worship Schedule

June 7: Genesis 3:8-15, The Tree

June 14: Mark 4:26-34, Seeds of Hope

June 21, Father's Day: Mark 4:35-41, Stepping Out of the Boat

June 28: **Youth Sunday**

July 5: Tom Vavra giving message of the morning

From the Pastor's Keyboard

In 2008 the two octaves of English Hand Bells were purchased to begin a new music ministry at First Presbyterian. From the June 2009 Salt Shaker, I repeat this letter from the family of Jessie Zahradnik:

After our Mom passed away last July, we were faced with the decision of how best to use her memorial money for the church. About the same time that she passed away, there was talk of a bell choir being organized. Even though our Mom didn't actively sing in a choir or play a musical instrument, we know she loved to plunk out a tune or two on her old player piano. She was always ready to hear a Sweet Adeline's or Barbershop Quartet performance, or attend one of her grandchildren's many musical concerts. Keeping her love for music in mind, we decided that purchasing the bells would be an appropriate place for her memorial. We hope that these bells will be enjoyed by many for years to come. We are sure she would be pleased that two of her daughter-in-laws and a grand-daughter are members of the choir. ~ Bob, Jerry, Norm & Carl Zahradnik

The original members of the Hand Bell Choir were, and many continue to ring: Autumn Arnold, Monica Bailey, Cheri Buresh, Paige Buresh, Taylor Buresh, Alyson Eadie, Angie (Zahradnik) Ehle,

Rachelle Mineck, Jenny Netolicky, Marlene Tiernan, Barb Zahradnik, and Terry Zahradnik. Directed by Stephanie Buonadonna.

The first hand bell choir rehearsal was Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008. The first hand bell performance during worship was Sunday, November 30, 2008, "Mary Had a Baby Boy." The Hand Bells and Choir was dedicated on May 10, 2009 (Mother's Day). A third octave of bells was purchased by Norm and Terry Zahradnik in 2013 and Esther and Galen Buterbaugh donated the money to purchase new tables, foam and pads which were purchased in this spring.

On May 17, 2015, the hand bell ministry was rededicated to continue bringing the gifts of music to the glory of God and for the lifting up of our souls. Thank you for the gift of music.

In Christ,
Pastor Julie



Summer Musicians Wanted

Consider performing during worship this summer. Contact Sharon Furler or  Stephanie Buonadonna to schedule your performance right away. All ages and experience levels welcome.



Join us for Ladies Night Out on Monday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Kava House in Swisher. All ladies are welcome to attend. Please let Jennie Netolicky know if you can attend at 319-848-4712.

Summer Family & Church Activities

Mark these dates on your calendar and join in the summer fun!



- C H U R C H & YOUTH**
- Sunday, June 7:** Family Fun children and youth at Dan & Jodie Chadimas, 2:00 –5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, June 14:** Outside worship service with breakfast breads afterward. Bring a lawn chair and a breakfast item to share.
 - I ❤️ Wednesday evenings June 17, July 15 and August 5, 6:00-8:00.** Multi-generational VBS events with supper inside or at the campfire. The goal is to have all ages attend and share in some family multi-generation activities and projects. Storytelling and fun. We are planning some great things. Ages nursery through retired are invited to participate. More information to follow. Again, EVERYONE will value this time together. No one is too young or too old for this kind of VBS. Volunteers can contact Dawn Zacek at zaceks2@southslope.net / 319-330-9443 or **Christal Bressler at csfbressler@gmail.com/319-360-1149**
 - Friday, June 19:** Families with young children (ages baby though grade 3) will meet again this summer. On Friday, June 19, we will meet at the Bresslers (795 Alexis Lane, Marion) at 4:30 p.m. RSVP by June 17. Other dates will include: **Friday, July 24, and Wednesday August 19.**
 - Thursday, June 25:** A church family fun day at the Linn County Fair for Kids Day (free train ride, bounce house, petting zoo, giant sandbox, tractors, watermelon, face painting, and more) Linn County Fair is June 24-29. Let Christal know if you plan to attend, so we can plan a meeting place.
 - I ❤️ Sunday, June 28:** Youth group will lead worship service.
 - VBS Wednesday July 15 6:00-8:00 p.m.:** Multi-generational events with supper inside or at the campfire. VBS No. 2
 - I ❤️ Friday, July 24:** Families with young children (ages baby though grade 3) will meet. TBD.
 - VBS Wednesday, August 5:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Multi-generational events with supper inside or at the campfire. VBS No. 3
 - I S T R Y**
 - Saturday-Sunday, August 8-9:** The annual VBS campout will be for families with kids and teenagers of all ages with camping, camp fire, and a theme of “Outback Rock” We will take an Australian adventure and discover God’s monumental love and what it means to have an unshakable faith. God is always with us. We will have music, discussion, games, and enjoy the great outdoors. Families will need to register beforehand so we have enough supplies available for each student. **It will start with a potluck and cookout at 6:00 and conclude at breakfast on Sunday, August 9 before worship.**
 - Sunday, August 9:** Vacation Bible School led worship service.
 - Sunday, August 16:** Youth group led worship service.
 - Wednesday August 19:** Families with young children (ages baby though grade 3) will meet. More information to come
 - Sunday, August 23:** Backpack dedication. All students are invited to bring their backpacks as we dedicate students to their studies this fall.
 - Sunday, August 30:** The Fellowship Committee is planning an all church hog roast and cookout after worship.

Session Notes from April 17, 2015

1. Average attendance in March: 98. Membership: 219 after death of Dorothy Harger on March 5. Funerals at church: Dorothy Harger and Allen Zach
2. **Treasurer's report** included note that fuel costs continue to trend high for the fiscal year. VBS and Christian Education recognition Sunday being planned. Current 3rd Graders receiving Bibles this spring: Anaka Bressler, Sarah Chadima, Ashlyn Kilberger, Jenna Parker, Haydn Stockdale, Anna Tedrow
3. **Fellowship:** \$400 was raised at omelet breakfast on Easter to be divided between the youth group for Montreat and for Camp Wyoming. August 30 is tentatively set for the summer church picnic.
4. **Personnel:** The 2016 pastor sabbatical through the Lilly endowment National Clergy Renewal Program has been submitted. We will be informed of its approval or denial by September 1.
5. **Property:** Great turnout for spring cleanup. Light on flag is non-functional and will be looked in to.
6. Welcome and Evangelism: a gift will be sent to St. John Lutheran Church in Ely for their dedication. Initial plans being made for the Ely Fall Fest on October 2-3.
7. **Worship:** 124 served communion on Easter. Mother's Day will be noted with carnations and Father's Day is being planned.
8. **Youth:** 30 Hour famine is being prepared for. May 31 is the puppet musical program. June 28 and August 16 are youth Sundays.
9. Quarterly statistical reports were shared by Pastor Julie
10. A lengthy discussion about the **Building Expansion Task Force** report. Motion approved to proceed on the path presented by Task Force. Presentation to congregation at an informal forum on May 17 by Matt Zacek and Chuck Stockdale. A summary of intentions:

Our goal is to build a multi-purpose, multi-generational, single level entry space to help us to:

- RECONNECT with our community through recreational space by growing deeper relational ministries
- RECLAIM part of our past space (The Barn)
- REBUILD our onsite youth and young adult ministry.

There are many different options, many were rejected right away, however a few we kept returning to:

- Remodeling the Current Facility
- Addition to Current Facility
- Separate Facility

Recommendation: For the church to best serve and reach our goals we need the facility to provide a place for the church and the community. We envision that the space could reflect the history of the church by in some ways recreating "**The Barn**" that used to be a place many youth, young adults, and families would gather.

Design Concept: The main area of the proposed space shall include a large open space for large group activities, for all ages in life—from the toddler to the teen to the retired—through play. The space should fit an elementary basketball court (74x42 which would also be large enough for a volleyball court.) There would be space for youth room or couple classrooms, meeting room space, a kitchen area and restrooms with showers.

The space would be used primarily for the youth and occasionally by the younger children, for meeting groups, wedding receptions, retreats as well as community events including clubs, sporting groups, and families.

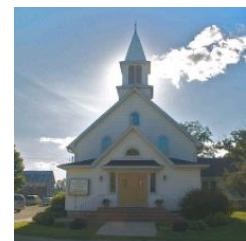
Initial Estimate: 5,500-6,500 square feet. \$95-120 per square foot.

Time frame: 2015 Consensus building, Building design

2015-2017 Fundraising

2017 Construction

2017 Dedication (continued on next page)



(Session Notes continued)

Fundraising:

- Congregational fundraising
- Current Estate gifts and memorials available for a project like this: \$198,000

NEXT STEPS:

- * Communication Station to be set up in lower level for idea board, copies of report, etc.
- * Committee formation: Fundraising
- * Planning and Implementation; and, Communication. Current taskforce members will be asked to continue as well as Session members and a call out to the congregation for volunteers.

Wednesday Evening VBS For All Ages



Everyone is invited to multi-generational events with supper inside or at the campfire on Wed. nights on June 17, July 15, and August 5 at **6:00-8:00 p.m.** The goal is to have all ages attend and share in some family multi-generation activities and projects. Storytelling and fun. Ages nursery through retired are invited to participate. Come and join in the fun! And, if you have relatives you would like to invite: DO IT! Whether grandchildren or grandparents, this is a unique opportunity to share in an evening of fun for all. No one is too young or too old for this kind of VBS.



The Splash A Smile 5K Color Run/Walk presented by Coldwell Banker Hedges Realty will be held on **Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** The event will begin and end in Clark Park in Hiawatha. Come run or walk and get colorful at this family-friendly event that raises funds for the Community Health Free Clinic. 100% of the net proceeds fund the free dental and medical services provided to the community by the clinic. Registration fees include official Splash A Smile t-shirt and giveaway. For more information and to register, see www.splashasmile.eventbrite.com or call 319.221.1626.



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Hello from the Youth Group!

THANK YOU for your prayers and support of our youth. We are an enthusiastic and active group learning to serve God, and serve others in His name.

In May, youth participated in the life of the church, by participating in a puppet play, chancel choir, hand bell choir, sharing special music, and ushering for services. We prepare baggies of pretzels for children's sermon time, and update the children's clipboards to welcome future youth group members!

- Beginning in June Second Sunday Supper will be relocated to Angie's house. Youth will be helping to prepare the meals, and are welcome to come by in the late afternoon to help with food preparation.
- We will also be preparing food and serving the community at Our Table to Yours in Ely, June 19.
- Sunday, June 21 is Father's Day, and all Dads are encouraged to join us for a special Quartermania Bowling night.
- Sunday, June 24 is an all day fundraiser at Orange Leaf by Westdale; 20% of all sales who mention our Youth Group will support our program.
- Sunday June 28, Youth will be leading Sunday Service. Please join us for music and a message from the Youth.

Youth will continue to fundraise for our summer trip to Montreat. We are planning an A night at Pizza Ranch, and a car wash this summer, dates TBA.

Thank you to all who have participated in our fundraiser by sharing the potty; many church and community members have enjoyed the lawn decoration for a night or two. If you'd like to share the potty with a friend, applications are available from any youth at church, or by calling Angie. To make a financial contribution to the Montreat trip on-line, it can be done at <http://www.gofundme.com/lstpres2montreat>.



As always, if there are any questions or comments about the Youth programs, please feel free to contact me. ~ Angie Ehle

Youth Group Summer Schedule

Sunday, June 7: 2-5 pm Family Party at Jodie and Dan Chadima's house; 6:30-8:30 Youth Group Jr/Sr High

Sunday, June 14: 9:30 am Outdoor church service; 6 pm Second Sunday Supper at Angie's House; 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, June 17: 6 pm VBS

Friday, June 19: 10 am-12:30 pm Our Table to Yours

Sunday, June 21: Father's Day; 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group; 9 pm Quartermania at Westdale Bowling Center

Wednesday, June 24: Orange Leaf near Westdale all day fundraiser

Sunday, June 28: Youth Sunday; 8:30 am meet for practice; 9:30 am Youth Sunday Service; 6:30-8:30 Youth Group

Saturday, July 4: 4:30 pm meet at the park to decorate float for Ely Parade

Sunday, July 5: NO YOUTH GROUP, have a safe Holiday

Wednesday, July 15^t 6pm VBS

Fri, July 17-Sat, July 25: Montreat Youth Conference, in Montreat, NC

Sunday, July 26: NO YG

Sunday, August 2: 6:30-8:30 Youth Group

Sunday, July 12: 6 pm Second Sunday Supper at Angie's House; 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group



This 'n That

Silva Bressler is 2015 Linn County Heart Walk Child

Life is Why! Everyone has a reason to live a healthier, longer life. The Heart Walk is the American Heart Association's premier event in the community. It promotes physical activity and heart-healthy living in a fun, family environment. It is a time of celebration for those who have made lifestyle changes and encourages many more to take the pledge to live healthier lifestyles while raising the monies needed to fund life-saving research and education, advocate for health and **SAVE** lives! What are you waiting for? Participate and share your why or possibly discover your why! - See more at: <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1126538>

 Please join us in celebrating **Silva Bressler's** 5th birthday by participating in the Linn County Heart Walk at Kirkwood Community College Main Campus on **Saturday, August 1, 2015**. Silva is the youngest daughter of Troy and Christal Bressler and is this year's Linn County Heart Walk Child. View her story on the Linn County Heart Walk website: <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/linncounty>

We hope to see you there! - *Christal & Troy Bressler*

Notes of Thanks

To the Members of First Presbyterian Church near Ely, Thank you all so much for the cards, prayers, memorials, for coming to the visitation and funeral, and for your kind words. Thank you to those who contributed the delicious food and their time to help with the meal after the funeral. Mom loved to attend church when she was able and her church family was very important to her. She looked forward to the carolers at Christmas time, the youth group Thanksgiving dinner and of course, the Chicken Noodle Soup Supper. Mom loved and appreciated the surprise gift of the delicious homemade kolaches from time to time. Thank you all so much! ~ Kelly and Randy Zbanek & Family & the Family of Dorothy Harger

Thank you to everyone that came out to celebrate my graduation here at the church! I really appreciate everyone's support as well as the gifts. I am grateful to be a part of such a loving church community and family. ~ XOXO Mackenzie

Community Volunteerism

 Continue to track your volunteer hours and report them to Christal Bressler. Summer is a great time to volunteer and help others. Together we can achieve our goal of 2,640 hours. Send Christal an email or leave a note in her church mailbox.



Sympathies



We extend our condolences and prayers to the Vern and Kay Erenberger as they mourn the death of their son Bradley Erenberger who died unexpectedly on April 11.

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Rae Zahradnik and the Zahradnik family for the death of Jerry Zahradnik. Jerry died at home with his family on May 19.

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 All men of the church are invited to join us for dinner at Odie's Bar & Grill in Ely on Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. for fun and fellowship!

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2 Office Hours 9 am-1 pm	3 9:30-10:30 am Adult Bible Study at The Retreat in Ely	4	5 Office Hours 9 am-12 pm	6
7 End of year kids & youth gathering at Dan Chadima's home	8	9 Office Hours 9 am-1pm	10 9:30-10:30 am Adult Bible Study at The Retreat in Ely	11	12 Office Hours 9 am-12 pm	13
14 Outdoor worship & breakfast breads	15	16 Office Hours 9 am-1 pm	17 9:30-10:30 Adult Bible Study/ MultiGen VBS #1 6-8 pm	18 Session at 6:30 pm	19 Office Hours 9am-12 pm/Young Family Gathering 6-8 pm	20
21 Happy Father's Day	22	23 Office Hours 9 am-1 pm	24 9:30-10:30 Adult Bible Study at The Retreat / Orange Leaf YG fundraiser all day	25 Kids Day at Linn County Fair	26 Office Hours 9 am-12 pm	27
28 Youth Sunday	29 Ladies Night Out 6:30 pm	30 Mens Night 6:30 pm				

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30-10:30 am Adult Bible Study at The Retreat in Ely	2	3	4 Ely Parade YG meet 4:30 pm in Ely Independence Day
5 Tom Vavra leads worship Food Pantry	6	7 Office Hours 9 am-1pm	8 9:30-10:30 am Adult Bible Study at The Retreat in Ely	9	10 Office Hours 9 am-12 pm	11
12	13	14 Office Hours 9 am-1pm	15 9:30-10:30 am Adult Bible Study/ Multi-Gen VBS #2 8 pm	16 6- Session at 6:30	17 Office Hours/ YG departs for Montreat, NC	18
19 YG Our Table to Yours 10-12:30	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Office Hours 9 am-1pm	22 9:30-10:30 am Adult Bible Study at The Retreat in Ely	23	24 Office Hours 9am-12 pm/Young Family Gathering TBA	25 Youth return home from Montreat
26	27 Ladies Night Out 6:30 pm	28 Office Hours 9 am-1pm	29 9:30-10:30 am Adult Bible Study at The Retreat in Ely	30	31 Office Hours 9am-12 pm	