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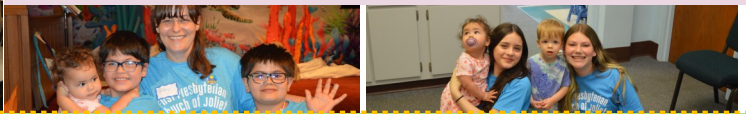
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## Church Family

Prayers for Lindsay Gordon as her migraine persists.

Prayers of health and healing for:  
Sheila Lundeen, Al Brooks, Pat Haldorson, and George Redman

Pray for baby Anna Jean to gain 2 lbs to qualify for her heart surgery,  
and prayers of thanks that she was able to go home.



**A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE THIS YEARS VBS SO AMAZING ALREADY! THIS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT IS SO IMPORTANT AND WE COULDN'T DO IT WITH OUT YOU!**



## SUNDAY SERVANTS 6/30/24

### VBS/KIDS/YOUTH Sunday

**PREACHING:** Lindsay Gordon

**USHERS:** Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema, Mark Fumagalli, Barb Rodgers

**COFFEE:** Jasmine Keir, Nola Boyd

**LITURGISTS:** Evan and Maddox Lundeen, Suzanne, Camryn,  
and Jillian Penhale

**ACOLYTE:** Jacob Pritz

**SOUND:** Cliff Stepina **VIDEO:** Todd Hayden

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### Stewardship Report

2024-2025 Budget	\$747,600
Year to Date Income	\$125,678
Year to Date Expenses	\$121,016
Per Capita	\$43.00

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## Children's Church Corner

**Faith Word:** PEACE-Living together in harmony without fighting. To be calm and know God's presence.

**Lesson for Sun. 6/30:** 'Peacemakers' *Matthew 5:1-12*

**Bible Verse:** "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children." *Matthew 5:9*

## The PNC Process

Planning	Mission Study	Data Evaluation	Resume Evaluations	Interviews	Pastor Visits	Pastor Selection	Pastor Acceptance
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We have received and reviewed the first 30 applicants and requested additional information from the top candidates. We are also requesting additional matches through the CLC system. Your PNC is working diligently to access and review perspective applicants in order to find the person best suited for First Pres.

*A letter from Acting Head Pastor Bo Mircea*

God is a friend you can Trust!!!

That was the message through today's VBS. What a great message to hear, especially on those days that make you wonder and question everything that is going on in your life. God is a friend you can trust! Church is about finding God, growing in God, and serving God. This week I have seen so many familiar faces at VBS, people that come year after year. Some kids are now teenagers and they are serving here. Some families make this week their family serving week, and that is great to see. But you know what else is even better than that? It is seeing the vision of this church at work: for years we plant seeds, we pray, we walk with people and serve along side them, and some days we have to rejoice because we see them as the answers to our prayers. I love the saying: I see an answered prayer walking in the sanctuary. I want to encourage you today to trust God, to trust God's heart for this church, and the way God uses it to reach into the community around us. God is at work.

I am looking forward to worship with you on Sunday, especially since the kids and the youth are taking over the service. Lindsay Gordon will be bringing the message this Sunday and we all have a chance to sing some oldies and learn some new songs that the kids have learned this week. May I ask that if you have a VBS T-shirt, would you wear it on Sunday? It will be a special time of worship.

Also don't forget that on Thursday at 6 pm we will have our VBS Showcase and mission time. And there will be an ice cream social after.

This week would not happen without the hard work and planning from Lindsay and the Children's Ministry team, and the many people who volunteer. So to all of you, Thank you for making this week a special service week here at First Pres.

Have an awesome week,

Blessings  
Pastor Bo

*A letter from Director of Children and Youth Ministries Lindsay Gordon*

Hello everyone!

VBS is underway and has been making quite a splash! Our kids have been learning about diving into friendship with God - that God is a friend who is real, that God is a friend who loves, and that God is a friend we can trust! (Thanks, God!) Tomorrow is Gospel Day, where some of our kids may be learning about what Jesus did for them on the cross for the very first time. Please join us in prayer that they would be receptive to that message! Make sure you're following us on Facebook so that you can see photos from each day. It's been amazing, and we are so grateful for the time we have with these kids to be able to share the Gospel while having a ton of fun.

Please come out and join us tomorrow night at 6pm for our VBS Celebration and Ice Cream Social! You'll have the opportunity to hear some of our VBS songs and all about our missions project for the week, while also getting a sneak peak of what's to come this fall. Plus, ice cream! Need I say more?

Also, this Sunday, we'll keep the celebrations going while having some of our youth take over our 10am service! It's going to be a special morning as we share all the amazing things that God has done during the week of Scuba VBS. You're not going to want to miss it!

Last but certainly not least, our youth group Missions Week is just around the corner, and applications are due THIS FRIDAY! You can turn them in to me in person this week, or feel free to scan and email them to me.

We'll see you Thursday!

In Christ,  
Lindsay Gordon



**FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Mon-Fri 11:30am-1pm**

This ministry provides healthy and free lunches for kids who might otherwise rely on school lunches. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please reach out to Barb Rodgers.

**SLAMMERS BASEBALL GAME**

**July 19th at 6:35**

Parish Council is selling tickets to this Slammers home game (with fireworks!) at a discounted price of \$5 each. Buy your tickets this Sunday!

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Summer is a hiatus for the Chancel Choir. This creates a need for volunteers to provide special music during services in June and July (and likely August). If you have the necessary skills to perform **either vocally or instrumentally** and wish to volunteer your talents, **please contact the office**. More info available on our website.

**FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**First Sat. of the month—July 6th**  
**8:30-10am**

Come help our Night Deacons serve our community or just enjoy a fresh and tasty breakfast!