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MINISTER'S Message

A couple of weeks ago, someone shared a “word of the day.” It was **coddiwomple**—English slang meaning “to travel purposefully toward an as-yet-unknown destination.” Immediately I knew this would be my favorite word for the next year! Maybe it should be a new church season: the season of **Coddiwomple**.

Churches like ours, if they are healthy, are always growing, evolving, and transforming. But the next 15 months promise a few more opportunities for transition than we are used to. Our Church Cabinet proposes that we engage in a search for a new minister using a “succession” model rather than seeking an interim. That means we search for a new minister while I am still here, allowing for a seamless transition in January 2021. There will be four committees that will be empowered to:

1. Write a profile of our church;
2. Select a candidate;
3. Plan a suitable “good-bye” to me;
4. Plan a suitable “welcome” for the new person.

In addition, our Trustees are making plans for how we address some major capital improvements to our building. And don’t forget our preparations to celebrate our 150th Anniversary starting a year from now. Before any of those things happen, it will be necessary for us to articulate a clear vision for our ministry. Key questions that will be asked of us as we commence the search are:

- Who is God calling us to become?
- Who are we now?
- Who is our neighbor?

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Bartels Family Farm Outing

Saturday, October 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per family

Meet at Bartels Farm at 1:00 p.m.
 3424 E. Douglas Rd., Fort Collins

OR RSVP to Robbie if you would like to ride in the church van
 (meet at the church at 12:30)



Meet the new gaga ball pit, located on the patio area just outside the youth room and the gathering place. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for approving this game area for our kids!

Fun with face painting and balloon animals at our annual Brat Fest on September 15

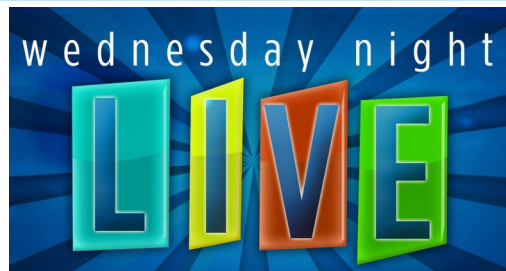


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When I write it all down, it does seem a bit overwhelming. But we’ll have plenty of help along the way, and we have a deep bench of faithful people who have a rich history of stepping up when needed.

I look forward to sharing this adventurous season of **coddiwomple** as we travel purposefully toward an as-yet-unknown destination—trusting that God’s Spirit will accompany us with every step on the journey.

With Great Hope,
 Rev. Nathan Miller



Dinner @ 5:45 in Chadwick Hall
Programs @ 6:30

Here's the October schedule:

6:30 p.m.

For Kids:

- **Rainbow & Jubilation** choir rehearsal—lower level
- **Middle School Youth Group**—led by Robbie Carlson, Youth Room

For Adults:

- **Praying the News**—led by Rev. Nathan Miller, Slighter Hall
- **The Praxis Project**—led by Rev. Ben Konecny, Hope Room

Note—The following events will take the place of the usual adult offerings on these dates (see more information elsewhere on this page):

- October 9: **Taizé worship**
- October 16: **Nicavangelists**

7:30 p.m.

- **High School Youth Group**—led by Robbie Carlson, Youth Room

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27, 11:15 a.m.



On October 27 after the 10:00 worship we will hold our annual Trunk or Treat in the church's west parking lot. If you wish to participate, please consider decorating the trunk of your car and handing candy out to our kids. Want to help with candy donations? You can drop them off in the church office by Friday, October 25.

Taizé Worship Service

October 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Farr Chapel



Join us for a time of contemplative singing and silence.

This will take the place of the usual adult offerings during Wednesday Night Live.

The Nicavangelists are coming!



We will host the Nicavangelists October 14-17. The mission of the Nicavangelists is to help at-risk youth in Managua with food, housing, clothing, education, and the chance to develop skills in performance arts. The Nicavangelists seek to create a bright future for youth by giving them opportunities to share their hope, talents, and culture with the world. On October 16, 6:30-7:30, they will share their stories through performance art at Wednesday Night Live.

Remembering the Saints

November 1, 7:00 p.m.



As we observe All Saints Day on Friday evening, November 1, we will offer a Service of Remembering at 7:00 in Farr Chapel. Through the word and music, the service is meant to create a space for us to appreciate loved ones who have gone before us and to offer comfort to those who have experienced loss. Names of our loved ones will be lifted up during the service as part of our litany of thanks.

"Count Me In!" Chili Lunch

Sunday, October 20

To celebrate the kick-off of our 2020 Generosity program, our Trustees will serve up a delicious chili lunch on Sunday, October 20, after the 10:00 worship. No charge—no free will offering. It's part of their "Thank you!" for your faithful financial support



throughout the year and encouragement to join our "Count Me In" campaign.

Your generous gifts make so many programs and ministry possible! As we grow, our programs grow along with our expenses. We're hoping to grow our giving as well.

During the meal, there will be a bunch of prizes given away (no purchase necessary, but you must be present to win). You'll have a chance to fill out your Commitment Card for 2020 and turn it in. It promises to be fun for all ages. A yummy vegetarian version of chili will be available. Please plan to join us.

(The Broncos don't play that day!)

Rainbow Storytime

We are excited to host Rainbow Storytime, put on by the High Plains Library. The focus of this storytime is to provide a welcoming and safe space to read stories and create community that supports and celebrates inclusivity and diversity. Rainbow Storytime is geared for families with children kindergarten through 2nd grade. Gatherings will be held 10:00-11:00 a.m. on October 5 and 19 and November 2 and 16.



Thank You

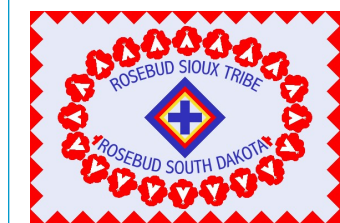


Thank you so much to all my church friends and family for all of your recent help, love, prayers, and compassion.

—Sue Thomas

Weld Food Bank Backpack Program

The Backpack Program provides food for children who are at risk for hunger over the weekend. The Food Bank works with school counselors and teachers to identify students who are in great need of food and provide them with shelf-stable milk, juice, a high protein meal, and three or four snacks to take home on Fridays. A \$100 donation supports one student for the school year. **We have now funded 65 backpacks on our way to our goal of 100!** Donations of any amount can be dropped off in the church office.



Twelve of our members will participate in the Rosebud Indian Reservation service trip October 10-14.

Please keep them in your prayers as they take part in this important mission of our church.

Visit Slighter Hall

A few months ago, our Church Cabinet voted to change the name of Grace Hall to Slighter Hall in memory of Al and Kay Slighter, who served our church so faithfully more than 27 years ago. Stop by and see the beautiful plaque with their pictures. Memorial gifts will be used to provide new chairs as well.



Want to read or greet on Sunday?

If you'd like to greet people as they arrive for the 8:00 or 10:00 worship on Sunday mornings, please call the church office. We also need readers for 8:00 and 10:00 worship.

