



# e-News

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*A Letter from Lead Pastor Bo Mircea*

*The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still. - Exodus 14:14*

This coming Sunday, we will look at Moses's legacy, kind of like a send off sermon. If you like: Moses, teach us one more thing before you go.

The word that comes to mind, of course is LEGACY. If I were to ask you, is your legacy anywhere on your radar today? Perhaps like you, I do not wake up every morning saying to myself: Today, I will work on building my legacy that will stand the test of time. But, once in a while I let my heart wonder about that word, and more specifically what will people remember me by once I am with the Lord. Will my good works continue to speak and encourage someone in their life? Will my legacy speak to the greatness of God, even after I am gone?

I do believe that each one of us goes to that place once in a while. So, I want to ask you this week to pray in a way that speaks to that word 'Legacy', maybe along these lines: Lord, you are the life that lives in me, help me to live out that life to the fullest, so that you will live on even after I return to your arms.

Looking forward to Sunday, to sharing this message on Moses with you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bo

## Happening at 805 Western

- **VBS trainings** : Tonight at 5:30 pm and Saturday morning at 9 am.
- **VBS Week is here!** Monday - Friday 8:30 am gathering call for all volunteers. 9am-12pm kids learning, playing and praising God. Thursday 6 pm - VBS celebration.
- **Harvest Arts** - Saturday 7 pm and then again in Sunday worship at 10 am.
- **Session** meets this week. Pray for the councils working so hard in this church, that wisdom, joy and accomplishment will be their share in the weeks ahead.

## Church Family

### Prayers of health and healing for:

Jean Smietanski, Mary Jane Johnson, John Savage, Brenda Savage, Carrie (daughter of Lyle Weber), Mark Fumagalli, Pam LeVasseur, Al Brooks, Jana Rudisill, Carolyn Schaeffer, and Laura House.

Prayers of peace and comfort for Fred Krueger (Michael Krueger's father) as he is in hospice.

## VBS VOLUNTEER SNACKS

If you would like to donate some treats for the VBS volunteers kindly drop them off in the kitchen starting on Sunday through Thursday. Please mark VBS on the packaging.

## VBS NOTES

**6/18 5:30pm** Volunteer meeting and decorating

**6/21 9am** Volunteer meeting

**6/26 6pm** VBS Showcase Ice Cream Social

## VBS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

A few more hands would be a big help! Let the church office know if you're able to help out at all next week.

## CONCERTS AND COOKIES

**6/28 @7pm**

A **Harvest Arts** concert of beloved hymns fused with classical music. Admission is free and afterwards there will be plenty of cookies to enjoy among friends and family. Harvest Arts will also be helping lead worship the next morning at the 10am worship service.

**8/9 @6pm**

The band **REVDOG** will be performing at First Pres, outside if the weather permits.

Admission is free so grab your family and friends and enjoy an evening of live music and tasty cookies!

*Nursery care will be available for kids 2yrs and under.*

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

**ANGEL HOUSE—HOPE 27**

***Collected for Angel House & Hope 27 to date: \$765.00***

First Pres is proudly showcasing our support of Angel House orphanage in Tanzania and Hope 27 which is another system of orphan care in Kenya. More information is in the case hanging by our great map. This is where each monthly mission will be showcased.

## **Children's Church Corner**

**Faith Focus:** Empowered: The Holy Spirit empowers us

**Lesson for Sun. 6/22:** The Holy Spirit Changes—Acts 9:1-20

**Bible Verse:** "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other." John 13:34

**June 18th, 2025**

### **Stewardship Report**

<b>2025-2026 Budget</b>	<b>\$707,600</b>
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	<b>\$113,622</b>
<b>Year to Date Expenses</b>	<b>\$116,669</b>
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Free Summer Lunch Program— M-F 11:30am –1pm
- Vacation Bible School—6/23-6/27
- Free Pancake Breakfast—first Sat of the month

### FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

***June 5th through August 15th M-F 11:30am-1pm***

Youths age 18 and younger are invited to stop in and be served a FREE nutritious lunch. Fridays are fun Bingo days! Reach out to Barb Rodgers if you would like to volunteer or to know how you can best support this ministry.

### VBS 2025 TRUE NORTH

**June 23rd-27th**

Online registration is closed but there will be in-person registration in the morning of Monday and Tuesday. If you would like to volunteer and have not signed up, please contact the church office.

### FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday July 5th**

Our Night Deacons host a free pancake breakfast each 1st Saturday of the month. All are invited to enjoy this breakfast and to help serve our community.

## SAVE THE DATE— COMING UP

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**6/21** VBS volunteer meeting  
**6/23-6/27** Vacation Bible School  
**6/26** VBS Showcase Ice Cream Social  
**6/28** Concert and Cookies—Harvest Arts  
**8/9** Concert and Cookies—REVDOG

## SUNDAY SERVANTS 6/22/25

**USHERS:** Ed Schultz, Mark Dykema

**COFFEE:** Barb Rodgers

**LITURGIST:** Sue Mott

**ACOLYTE:** Jacob Pritz

**SOUND:** Cliff Stepina

**VIDEO:**

**GREETERS:** Helen and Dave Steinberg, Georgene Venske