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For the Sake of the Family

How do you stay connected with your family: Facebook, Facetime, texting, email or phone calls? No matter how well you use these means of staying in touch, nothing comes close to the connection experienced when you visit face-to-face. Dee and I are hosting the Peterson family reunion this summer and we make it a big deal because it is a time to eat a few meals together, go for a walk with a sibling, play a game of softball or ping pong together. It fosters emotional connections that are difficult to create over the long distances that separate us.

It's no different with your church family. We need to stay connected, but it seems that summer vacations and activities make that a near monumental feat for some. As you read this, you're probably doing a mental rundown of your summer calendar, wondering how you'll ever stay connected with your church family over these next couple of months. I would encourage you to make an effort to be at Sunday Worship as much as possible. And when you are out of town, try to connect with another part of the family at a local church. Also, be sure to use the many options available to stay informed, like logging on to www.sunprairiebaptist.com. The weekly bulletin and worship video are posted there each week. You can also read the newsletter and check the calendar there. Make an effort to call, text or email others from church on a regular basis so that you know how to pray for and encourage one another. We have been blessed with so many different ways to stay connected....use them.

Other connecting options include, sharing a picnic meal with others after worship out by the playground or in the fellowship hall (my grill is usually available). And be sure to join in on Women's events and Wednesday, F-7 Family nights created specifically for the purpose of staying connected and introducing other friends to your church family. Let's make summer a time to be together!

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:25)

Pastor Mark

Someone You Should Know....

John and Lynda DeMent met online and are currently living in Spencer, South Dakota where they are raising their two boys, **Ash** (6 years) and **Beau** (11 months). Although John started out in Montrose, he moved to Spencer in high school. Lynda was born into a military family in Lewiston, New York and moved around a lot. She graduated high school in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

While John spends his days working for local farmer, Gary Schallenkamp, Linda works as a press brake operator at South Dakota Industries in Alexandria. In his spare time, John enjoys antique tractors, farm sales, tractor pulls, playing board and card games and spending time with family. Lynda also loves playing games, fishing, gardening, canning, doing crafts, riding horses, reading and crocheting.

The family is active in 4-H, from raising stock to helping teach. Lynda has also been active in animal rescue, focusing on Weimaraner rescue, rehabilitation and education for almost 20 years. Spending time with family and friends is always a joy!

When asked what drew them to Sun Prairie, they replied, "Rita Gough suggested that we should visit some time and we immediately loved how friendly everyone was and all the activities for the youth." Ash loves VBS and Lynda enjoys helping wherever she is needed. They also enjoy attending Sunday School together as a family. I think everyone would agree that John and Lynda DeMent are definitely **People You Should Know!**



Women's Ministry Summer Events



June 21st at 7 pm ~ Garden Party at the home of Rachel Matthaei (43857 249th St, Rural Salem)

Come for a relaxing evening of fellowship and refreshments!



Thursday, July 19 from 7-9 pm



Pontoon ride on "The Big Kahuna Pontoon" on Lake Madison
More details coming soon!



Saturday, August 25th at 9:00 am
Ladies Day out to the Sioux Falls Farmers Market

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Mary Olson
- 2 Mark Palmquist
- 2 Theda Wilsey
- 3 Maria Holland
- 3 Vayah Palmquist
- 3 Wyatt Schwader
- 3 **Jon & Shelby Waba**
- 8 Aaron Kinzley
- 8 Cara Rabenhorst
- 8 Ryan Waldner
- 9 **Ron & Aldena Ecklein**
- 9 **Tim & Maribeth Wollman**
- 10 Jim Osterberg
- 11 Hannah Osterberg
- 12 Dani Kinzley
- 12 Caleb Wobig
- 14 Rich VanDenberg
- 15 Benjamin DeWeerd
- 17 **Rick & Ruth Hidalgo**
- 18 **Ron & Julie Kolbeck**
- 20 Kamryn Bork
- 21 Cassie Viet
- 21 Vicky Waldner
- 22 **Mark & Kathy Hofer**
- 23 Noah Kinzley
- 23 **Mike & Carie Stiefvater**
- 24 **Dustin & Paige Palmquist**
- 24 Mary Rae Skoglund
- 25 Luis Hidalgo
- 25 Lucas Lunders
- 26 Jenni Heumiller
- 26 **Jeremy & Shawnya McGregor**
- 27 Marshall Hansen
- 28 Kevin Blagg
- 28 Beau Dement
- 28 **David & Rita Gough**
- 28 Willard Schweitzer
- 29 Eden Pulse
- 30 Jack Mohn

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Vacation Bible School Mon-Fri 5:30 ~ 8:00 pm					2 7 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
3 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 Worship	4	5	6 7 pm Deacon Board Meeting	7	8	9 7 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10 am Bridal Shower for Morgan Matthaei
10 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 Worship	11	12 F-7 family night	13 Thunder Road	14	15	16 7 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	Third Grade Camp at Swan Lake		Fourth Grade Camp at Swan Lake			
17 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 Worship Happy Father's Day!	18 7 pm CE Board Meeting	19	20	21 Ladies Garden Party at the home of Rachel Matthaei at 7 pm.	22	23 7 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10 am Bridal Shower for Kelsey (Bride-to-be of Steve Larsen)
	High School Camp at Camp Judson					
	Fifth Grade Camp at Swan Lake					
24 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30 7 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Service of Remembrance for Yvonne Foss

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