



# The Builder



## 2025

**The newsletter serving the families & friends of:**

**First Presbyterian Church - 1005 1<sup>st</sup> Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410**

**Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am**

**Sunday School is in recess for the summer and will resume in September**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Coffee Fellowship - 1st Sunday of each month**

**Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:  
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**Keep in touch.....**

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Some years ago, South Africa's game managers had to figure out what to do about the elephant herd at Kruger National Park. The herd was growing well beyond the ability of the park to sustain it. And so they decided to transport some of the herd to a nearby game park.

A dozen years later, however, several of the young male elephants who were now teenagers that had been transported to the game park began attacking the park's herd of white rhinos, an endangered species. They used their trunks to throw sticks at the rhinos, chased them over long hours and great distances, and stomped to death a tenth of the herd all for no discernible reason.

Park managers decided that something must be done. They had no choice but to kill some of the worst juvenile offenders. They had killed five of them when someone came up with another bright idea. They brought in some of the mature male elephants still residing in the Kruger Park and hoped that the bigger, stronger males could bring the adolescents under control. To the delight of the park officials, it worked. The big bulls quickly established the natural hierarchy and reduced the violent behavior of the younger bulls.

"The new discipline, it turned out, was not just a matter of size intimidation," said the park managers. "The young bulls actually started following the Big Daddies around, yielding to their authority, and learning from them proper elephant conduct. The assaults on the white rhinos ended abruptly.

Fathers, like mothers, are important. A conscientious father can have an amazing impact on his children. But no matter how much our Dad loves us, or our Mom, there's someone who loves us more. Our heavenly Father gave His only Son in our behalf. Let's honor our fathers this day. Let's praise our Heavenly Father who is the source of all life and love.

**A sturdy, steady hand to hold to  
In times of strife and stress  
A true friend we can turn to  
When times are good or bad  
one of our greatest gifts and  
blessings,**

**The man that we call Dad.**



Pastor Tom was under the weather, so Julie Hopp cast out the net to fish for ‘men’ during the Little Life’s Lessons. Landry and Baylor gave that concept some thought. Laura Osborne conducted the rest of the service and presented the sermon on Easter’s Fishing Lesson. Thank you for serving our congregation, Laura & Julie!



<p><b>Happy Birthday in June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Pam Roker</li> <li>3 Edith Simmerman</li> <li>10 Jacob Martens</li> <li>10 Landry James</li> <li>15 Helen Lundak</li> <li>18 Cassidy James</li> <li>19 Nicholas Zaroban</li> <li>21 Mary Donna Patton</li> <li>22 Jan Marion</li> <li>22 Marilyn Brammier</li> <li>23 Rose DeKock</li> <li>26 Josh Osborne</li> </ul>	<p>Many happy returns to the day of thy birth, may sunshine and gladness be given, and may our dear Father prepare us on earth for the beautiful birthday in heaven!</p> <p>If you have additions or corrections to the Birthday and Anniversariy calendar, please don’t hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office or email your information to: <a href="mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org">secretary@firstpresnc.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Happy Anniversary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 Nels &amp; Udine Wilton</li> <li>21 Randy &amp; JoAnn Martens</li> <li>22 Keith &amp; Kris Dierking</li> <li>24 Ken &amp; Carla Zaroban</li> <li>27 Jim &amp; Mary Callen</li> </ul>	<p>Serving this month:  Organist: Abby                      Acolytes: Youth  Greeter: Eunice Fass              Scripture: Trent Mangum  Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields  Sound/Power Point: Jayne James and Alexis Dierking  Prepare Communion: Trent Mangum  Coffee Fellowship: Abby Reese</p> <p>Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Pastor Tom &amp; Janet Osborne, Jan Bolejack, Tom and Janet Hemphill, Teresa Frields, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the office if you have someone to add to this list.</p>



# June Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	2 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	3	4 Lunch Bunch Subway 11:30 Quilters 1pm	5	6	7
8 Worship 10:30am Day of Pentecost Jigsaw Puzzle Competition 1-3pm	9	10	11 Communion served at the Ambassador 11am Lunch Bunch Arby's 11:30 Quilters 1pm	12	13	14
15 Worship 10:30 Trinity Sunday Father's Day	16 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	13	14 Lunch Bunch Taco John's 11:30 Quilters 1pm	15	18	19
22 Worship 10:30 Apple Corp Barbershop 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	19	20	21 Lunch Bunch Hong Kong 11:30 Quilters 1pm	22	23	24
29 Worship 10:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	30					

**THANK YOU!** to **Teresa Frields** for most of the pictures in our newsletter! Just imagine what the Builder would be without them!



# PUZZLE DAY

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and friendly competition! It's time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Puzzle Competition Day! The date: Sunday June 8. Time: 1-3pm. The Deacons will host the event. Grab a partner and get ready to assemble! 😊

Please let Jane know if you would like to participate. We have a limit of just 8 teams for the competition, but we welcome others for fun and food!



Sunday School classes are dismissed for the summer. Thank you to all the teachers for another great year. Have a great summer and be ready to return to classes in September!

Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



Abby wants YOU! If God has gifted you a talent for music, either voice or with a musical instrument, please consider sharing it with your church family! Give Abby a call and select just the right Sunday to perform!

Please consider a solo or duet or perhaps perform with a small group!