

CONNECTION!

MAKING A CONNECTION WITH ONE ANOTHER

June 2013

Hutterthal Mennonite Church, Freeman, South Dakota



THE BIRTHDAY of the CHURCH

*Les Rensink, Pastor Todd
and Jill Hofer read a
dramatic reading based
on Acts 2:1-21 as the Call
to Worship on Pentecost
Sunday. Bright red fabric
with strips of gold
depicted the coming of the
Holy Spirit.*



Straight Up

All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full: unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.” ~ Ecclesiastes 1: 7, KJV

I was 14 years old when the mini-series aired on HBO. An avid reader and a boy with a passion for river life, it immediately resonated in my spirit – the murky, powerful, beautiful river, the paddle steamers moving cargo along its muddy shores, the wonder of youth and the yearning to see the places around the next bend. I was instantly transported to the distant, yet somehow familiar shores of the Murray River in Australia as I literally began to take the story into my soul and spirit. Even today, 28 years later, I can still vividly remember where I sat each night in my parents living room while I watched the drama unfold, and I can still remember, weeks later, holding the book in my hands from which the mini-series was taken, tears in my eyes as I read the first words on the first page: “All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full: unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again” (Ecclesiastes 1: 7, KJV). Within days I had read all 656 pages – the first of many times I have sat with Nancy Cato’s mesmerizing historical novel All the Rivers Run and lived the life of Philadelphia Gordon, Brenton Edwards, Uncle Charles ... in my mind’s eye.

Last week, as I finished the novel again, I was struck by the fact that my journey with this book always begins in the same place. It always takes me back to my youth, no matter how many years have passed – back to that boy who played on the shores of the Ohio River and waited for the barges to float by and disappear around the bend. So much mystery and beauty – so much was learned on the river’s edge. The constant flow of the water – the sound of it; the way it changed in color and tone as the sun moved across the sky – deeply planted in me the unflinching truth that life is transient. It changes, sometimes in a moment, and sometimes so slowly that one is no longer mindful of it ... but either way, it changes and change is neutral – neither good nor bad, but simply a part of the river, a part of creation ... a part of life. It flows by, almost imperceptibly, but as it does it changes the landscape. The river ebbs and flows moving from somewhere far upstream unseen and eventually crashes into the sea, and along the way it interacts with the people and places that are blessed to gather near to it. It carries with it the mud and muck, things cherished, things lost, and things thrown away, and transports them to the vast horizon where it must finally let them go. And, even as it does, somewhere far upriver, the drama begins again. Life flows on, beautiful and powerful, inviting us, not to control it, but to allow it to carry us on....

“All the rivers run into the sea....” All of life moves from birth to death. We are created by God and to God we shall return ... and, in between, the flow of this life, mysterious and beautiful – an invitation to allow God to wash over us, to change our landscape. We’re invited to let go of the mud and muck – things cherished, things lost, and things thrown away – and cling only and always to what’s good: the refreshing, flowing, water of life. And, along the way, we’re blessed to interact with people and even places, inviting them into the stream, blessing them with the water that refreshes, cleanses, and makes new. And each Sunday I am reminded that even now, the drama is beginning again as I sit with the children during Children’s Time – my own children and the children of others who call Hutterthal their spiritual home – and share in stories and laughter and prayer ... life flowing on. And, I am finding in this journey, contentment – a willingness to let go; not to try to control the ebb and the flow, but the joy of being carried by it: a river of life flowing always and ever to the sea.

In Christ,
Pastor Todd



I want to thank you for remembering me with a prayer shawl. It is appreciated so much.

~ Ilene Schartner

Thank you so much for helping us celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary, on May 25th. It was such a joy to celebrate this with our family and our church family. It has given us joy in our hearts for all the well wishes and blessings.

~ LeRoy and Kathy Pullman



FINANCE UPDATE

Central Plains experienced a very positive month in April to end the year in the black. Income for April was \$34,684.36, the 6th largest income month in the last twelve. Expenses came in at \$18,682.55. This very high surplus of \$16,001.81 for the month helped to create an overall surplus of \$2,986.24 for the Conference fiscal year. We are appreciative of all the continued support. Thank you! —Stewardship Task Group

DVBS

by Brandy Friesen

Get ready for God's Backyard Bible Camp - where kids have a blast serving Jesus! This is an adventure that starts in our own church backyard and gets bigger as kids take the love of Jesus into their neighborhoods! At camp this year, kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Backyard Bash, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible Club, learn ways to serve others at Community Corner, plus explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks, and games. Just step outside, take a look over the fence, and help kids discover how much fun they can have serving at Backyard Bible Camp! Your kids, grandkids, or neighbors won't want to miss this adventure. Or, there are many ways for older kids and adults to volunteer to help with camp! Sign up today with the registration forms found in the church library. Or, contact Brandy Friesen at 605-940-1493.



The Pastor's Bookshelf

("The Pastor's Bookshelf" is designed for edification and inspiration. Each month, "The Pastor's Bookshelf" will highlight a book that I am currently [or have very recently] read. The members and friends of Hutterthal are encouraged to read along with me, engaging the book together, asking questions, sharing dialogue, and being challenged together in our mutual [and, I hope] maturing faith.... May we all be blessed through the power and enjoyment of the written word! – Pastor Todd)

Thy Kingdom Connected by Dwight J. Friesen

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We live in a hyper-connected world dominated by the internet and social media – a connectivity that has much to teach us as the Body of Christ. However, in a church environment more familiar with Sunday School storyboards than Facebook and Twitter, we have been largely unwilling or unable to learn the lessons that will guide us into the now and future of our culture. Yet, if we can find the courage to explore the implications of this new era of connectivity, we may just find new and profound ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As we at Hutterthal prepare to launch our first church website, linked with a pastoral blog, an HMC Facebook page, and the Pastor's Twitter feed (@MennPastor), the time seemed right to explore some of the deeper issues associated with such connectivity – an exploration that finds thoughtful expression in Dwight J. Friesen's work titled Thy Kingdom Connected. Exploring our need for greater, more meaningful connections with both God and neighbor, Friesen begins by simply trying to help us see more connectively. Then, upon that foundation, he builds toward a relational vision of the Kingdom of God that is in keeping with the Scriptures and is in dialogue with our culture -- a vision that can both animate and transform the church.

Well-written, thoughtful, and poignant, with a Foreword by Leonard Sweet that is worth the price of the book itself, Thy Kingdom Connected is a wonderful and current exploration of church life in our new internet era dominated by social media. If you have an interest in church polity, faith and ethics, the internet and social media, or community formation, you will find Friesen's work to be a rich and valuable text – one that, in fact, may raise as many questions as it attempts to answer. Enjoy!

An excerpt from Thy Kingdom Connected:

"Google.com is helping me understand connective leaders. Rarely does anyone visit Google.com for the sake of Google itself; rather we connect with Google when we are searching for something or someone, maybe an answer to a question that is plaguing us, or even a better question.... Basically, we go to Google because we've come to trust that Google will consistently link us to what we seek. Google is a hub, not of information but to *links to* information; its entire goal is to provide the very best links to the seeking person. Google is a matchmaker that connects the seeker with the best options being sought. This networked vision of leadership is vital to understanding who a connective leader is and what relational authority is in a networked vision of the world. What I am calling, 'The Parable of Google' can equip us in thinking more biblically about the nature and function of Christian leadership in churches, organizations, businesses, and families." (p. 81)

Next Month's Selection: The Education of Little Tree, by Forrest Carter
Copyright 1976, University of New Mexico Press (ISBN: 0-8263-0879-1)

The Pastor's Bookshelf (Bonus Book)

River Grace by Makoto Fujimura

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In early April, as we continued to explore the Book of Revelation, I used Makoto Fujimura's modern expressionist art piece titled "Charis-Kairos (The Tears of Christ)" as a visual and spoke of Fujimura's journey to faith as a contemporary artist utilizing the ancient Japanese technique of Ni-honga. Now, I openly confess that the use of Fujimura's art and sharing briefly in regard to his faith journey was not simply an easy way to engage the text on a Sunday morning. It was, for me, an opportunity to share the work of an extraordinary artist who has encouraged me to look more deeply at my own life and faith and whose example has challenged me to express myself with more clarity and insight.

I discovered Fujimura's work many years ago, long before I realized he was a Christian and while my faith was but a bleep on the radar. At the time, I was drawn to his use of color alongside "natural elements" like gold and silver leaf ... but I did not have the language to express the feelings his work conjured. Many years later, I came across his works again and immediately found myself drawn to them – even hungering to explore them in more detail, and I began to research Fujimura, discovering in his life and work something akin to what I found when I first began to listen to the music of U2 – a language for expressing the recesses of my soul and spirit.

Over the years, I have attempted to stay in "contact" with Fujimura's work – reading essays and blogs online, and visiting the Dillon Gallery Website in an attempt to view pictures of his newest works on line. Then, I came upon a copy of River Grace – a brief, biographical essay that Fujimura released as a companion piece to his masterful painting titled *Twin Rivers of Tamagawa*. Rich, thoughtful, revealing, and introspective, I found myself reading and reading the text (it can be read cover to cover in as little as 20 minutes), often coming back to it several times in a week to meditate not only on the painting that rests on the cover, but on the words that reverberate within.

Much more an expression of faith – a personal testimony – than an "art" book, River Grace is easily accessible while being, at the same time, compelling. Revealing a depth of spiritual understanding and vision that is profound, mixed with the expressive power of a novel and the introspective heart of an artist, River Grace is a book worthy of our time and attention. You will not be disappointed for having taken the time to consider Fujimura's depth of wisdom. Find your copy today and enjoy!

An excerpt from River Grace:

"Postmodernity further fragments such acts of decentralization, without even the memory of a center. We are, today, border-less, in more ways than one. As we have become multi-cultural, we have become 'multi-phrenic.' There is no true, lasting expression of the sublime in a center-less world. If there is no center, there is no periphery border in which art can thrive. Today we need a centralizing vision for being. For this I look to one woman's act of devotion in the Scriptures."

"All four gospels record a woman (perhaps Mary sister of Lazarus), who pours the jar of nard worth a year's wages upon Jesus. Mary had seen her brother Lazarus raised from the grave by Christ. She responded with a direct, intuitive act of worship. Hauntingly, this act of extravagance provoked an equally opposite, and ugly, emotional reaction by another disciple, Judas. Mary's act exposed the lie within; the false devotion of Judas. The gospel makes both the action and the reaction equally significant, revealing the duality of our own hearts...." (p. 5)

BOOK

By Brandon & Kylea Waltner

REVIEW

“Courage” is a Bible Study for high school age students led by Francis Chan. The study is split into four sessions. The first one is called “Stand Alone”. It’s about not going with the crowd, but to do what Christ would want you to do. It shows you examples of how your life should look like if you are following Christ. “Stand Firm” is about how you look if you are following God and not following the world that we live in. Thirdly “Stand Out” pertains to how to open up to people that are unbelievers. The last session is called “Stand Tall” which is trying to get the students to use their skills and interests to share about God. If you are interested in doing a little Bible study by yourself, feel free to find this study in the library.

WORSHIP AT SALEM MENNONITE HOME

by Pastor Todd

On April 25, 2013, Pastor Todd and Shirley Hofer gathered with the residents at the Salem Mennonite Home in Freeman for a time of worship. For this evening celebration, Pastor Todd sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" accompanied by Shirley who also lead the congregation in a wonderful prelude and two hymns. For the message Pastor Todd explored Psalm 62 -- a psalm of David -- and exhorted those gathered, when anxiety, fear, and stress threaten, to remember that God is strong and loving toward His people. Therefore, we are freed to give Him praise. For, He is trustworthy and true, providing His people with the assurance of His presence and the certainty of His care.



FROM THE MOUTHS OF CHILDREN

During the Lenten Season, Jesus was depicted on the cross in the center of the sanctuary stage. Each Sunday new “sins” for which we were forgiven were added to the cross. Then came Easter Sunday. Jesus was no longer on the cross. At the beginning of the children’s story, Pastor Todd asked “What happened here, where is Jesus?” The response came immediately (later to be learned this came from Felicity Jones). “He’s in your office, I saw Him in there”. Needless to say, this was not the direction Pastor Todd was heading but he made it a teaching moment.

Photo by Pastor Todd

YOUTH BREAKFAST

By Rebecca Hofer



Cole Hofer & Clara Koerner serving butter braids & fruit. Below: Sponsors Chad & Rebecca Hofer & Brandon Waltner behind the scenes.



Kylea Waltner, and Brandon Waltner will be attending the MC USA Conference in Phoenix this July. The funds raised as a result of the breakfast will go toward their expenses. Thank you for your continued support.



DEDICATION SERVICE



Vernon J. Hofer putting the drawstrings into the 136 kit bags in the comfort of his home.

On Mother's Day, the Mennonite Women work night projects were brought forward for a dedication prayer led by Barbie Hofer & Monica Clem. Those who attended work night, and those who worked at home either before or after work night on the projects, were invited to participate. Thank you to everyone for the joy these gifts will bring into the homes of many people around the world.

Photos by Darlene Hofer, Lyndon Hofer & Norma Hofer



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PENNY POWER 2013

For the 2013 Minn-Kota Festival Penny Power project, the Minn-Kota Board has chosen “education” through Global Family as its focus.



What is Global Family?

Global Family is Mennonite Central Committee's education support program. More than simply providing children with access to school, Global Family supports communities in providing their children with quality educational programming. We currently support a variety of programs to bolster the development of communities through:

- PROMOTING** girls education
- INCREASING** access to education in rural areas
- INVESTING** in teacher training and resourcing
- SUPPORTING** vocational training for young adults
- PROVIDING** safe, healthy and caring environments.



What is community-based education?

Community-based education happens when local communities determine educational needs within their context and create programs to address them. It is cost effective and allows schools the freedom to decide what is best for students and families in their area.

In some communities this may mean lunch programs that help children focus on school instead of hunger. In others it may mean providing school supplies to equip

children for success. For others still, it may mean walking alongside teachers, providing them with adequate training for effective classroom teaching. Community-based education fosters effective learning!

Global Family currently partners with approximately 100 community-based organizations in more than 40 countries.

Hutterthal kick-off for Penny Power will be June 2. Children will be receiving **juice with labels for their juice containers. Adults**, please be saving your coins for the **coin collection on July 28. Also, it would be great if someone would be willing to match the coin offering!**

Stuff needed! The month of April was pretty hard on the Et Cetera Shoppe. Donations were significantly low. We would love to receive your donations of clean, working household items and small appliances, home decor, furniture, and clothing (in excellent condition and preferably not more than 10-15 years old). Let us help you with your spring cleaning and turn your donations into help for people in need around the world!



SWAN LAKE STAFF

Please remember the Swan Lake Christian Camp campers and (SLCC) Staff in your prayers as they begin their summer session.

Serving as SLCC staff from Hutterthal are Jaime and Aaron Tschetter.

Third grade camp.....June 2-4
Fourth Grade CampJune 4-7
11th Annual Marathon.....June 8-9
Camp Achieve Day Camp.....June 11,12,13,14
Fifth Grade Camp.....June 16-21
Sixth Grade Camp.....June 23-28

NOTE: HUTTERTHAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Day camps thru 4th grade - Hutterthal pays the entire cost

5th grade thru high school - Hutterthal pays half the cost

**PLEASE INDICATE THIS ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WHEN
YOU SEND IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO SLCC.**

**Further scholarship information through the Morgan Vetch Memorial Fund is available
on the bulletin board or by contacting Shane or Amy.**



LEARNING TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you to a Learning Tour to Haiti November 2-12, 2013. This 10 day tour will give you a first-hand look at the problems Haiti is still facing in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, Hurricane Sandy, and other social- economical issues. If you are interested in being an active participant, dedicated to learning and being transformed through interactions with Haitians, then this is the learning tour for you. Space is very limited. Please respond to Anna Yoder by **Monday June 3, 2013** at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

KIDS CORNER

By
Phyllis
Hofer

Can you match these Bible couples?
If not, look up the Bible verses for
help Draw a line from the names in
the first column to the correct names
in the second column

Isaac	Bath-sheba (2 Samuel 12:24)
Jacob	Eve (Genesis 4:1)
Abraham	Ruth (Ruth 4:13)
Moses	Rebekah (Genesis 24:67)
Adam	Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30, 31)
Amram	Hannah (1 Samuel 1:1, 2)
Elkanah	Rachel (Genesis 29:28)
Ahab	Zipporah (Exodus 2:21)
David	Sarah (Genesis 17:15)
Boaz	Jochebed (Exodus 6:20)

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE TRAVELS TO NEBRASKA

Thank you to everyone who prayed and gave words of encouragement and affirmation for my recent speaking engagement in Henderson, Nebraska. I had the opportunity to speak at Bethesda Mennonite Church for their 4th annual Women's Ministries Banquet on Monday evening, May 6th. It was requested that I share about the icon art that I make, especially the pieces designed for worship. God granted me the idea to focus my talk around the topic of beauty – "The Beauty of Our Youth: Rediscovering the Visual Heritage of the Church." I was able to share about the work I've done, the things I've learned about the Church's rich and beautiful history of artistry, and the ongoing desire of God's people to create beauty in the worship setting. I wove in some stories about watching an appreciation for beauty develop in my two daughters and reflected on Psalm 27:4-5a



which speaks of beholding God's beauty

in the company of His people. The entire evening also had a theme centered on beauty from the place settings featuring mini canvas paintings of flowers (which everyone took home as a memento), to the centerpieces of sumptuous fabrics and flowers (I received the fabric pieces as a gift and contribution to my next project), to soloist, Lynn Hall's performance of three familiar songs including Nat King Cole's "Mona Lisa." It was a real treat to have the men of Bethesda decked out in tuxedo attire serving the meal! I received a wonderful gift of hospitality from Donna and Elmer Thieszen where I stayed, had a discussion with the Bethesda pastors and church staff on Tuesday morning around the art pieces, and made new friends (some of whom have ties to Freeman and Hutterthal). I am so blessed to work in this ministry for God's kingdom. To Him be all praise and glory!

Photos by Margaret Hiebner

– Michelle L Hofer, Hutterthal artist-in-residence

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2) Marcella Glanzer
- 2) Rosella Glanzer
- 3) LeRoy Hofer
- 6) David Rensink
- 7) Phyllis Hofer
- 10) Merlin Hofer
- 10) Aaron Tschetter
- 11) John Clem
- 13) Gordon Hofer
- 13) LaVonne Hofer
- 14) Andrew Koerner
- 15) Mary Rensink
- 17) Deloris Stahl
- 19) Darnell Tschetter
- 21) Misty Bishota
- 22) Wayne Hofer
- 26) David Friesen
- 27) Lillie Koerner

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4) LeRoy & Sarah Hofer
- 9) Sarah & Ryan Waltner
- 9) Gordon & Sharon Waltner
- 11) Ashton & Lee Dockendorf
- 12) Chad & Rebecca Hofer
- 14) William & Joann Stahl
- 16) Marlyn & Maureen Friesen
- 17) Vernon J. & Norma Hofer
- 18) Harold & Phyllis Hofer
- 19) Todd and Kim Jones
- 22) Jonathan & Angeline Mendel
- 22) Les & Mary Rensink
- 22) Darnell & Lori Tschetter
- 24) Brandon & Kylea Waltner
- 25) Preston & Paige Zachariasen
- 27) Merlin & Sylvia Hofer
- 27) Kim and Jennifer Hofer
- 29) Larry & Edie Tschetter
- 29) Mike Miller & Michelle Friesen
- 29) Jessica & Chad Mills

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Spring Quarter: MCC Nicaragua project - books for Mobile Library

MENNONITE WOMEN

May Project: \$870 as of May 19 - MEDA project

June Project: Infant Care Kits (cash or kits) New items only, size 3-9 months

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| 2 gowns/sleepers | 1 large bar mild soap |
| 2 undershirts/onesies | 1 pair socks |
| 4 cloth diapers | 1 cap |
| 1 receiving blanket (min. 36 in. square) | |
| 4 safety pins | |



Attendance and Offering Report

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
April 28	98	\$2,195.00
May 5	125	\$3,978.00
May 12	120	\$1,910.00
May 19	119	\$2,896.00



By Twyla Hofer

Congratulations to Aaron & Marcella Glanzer who celebrated 59 years of marriage on May 2.

LeRoy Hofer, MDS

contact person for HMC, reported that they worked in

Sioux Falls cleaning up ice storm damage on Apr. 26. On April 30 they cleaned up more damage for Reed Schrag on his farm in East Freeman.

Amos Decker's mother Anna has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. All was surgically removed.

LaVonne Tschetter returned home after several days of hospitalization in Sioux Falls due to pneumonia.

Pastor Todd had all the farmers stand and then offered a special prayer for safety for those who reverently handle God's earth.

This took place on May 5.

From SLCC: A multi-stall garage, one car in the garage, and a multipurpose room adjoining the garage, were all destroyed by an electrical fire.

Delmore Jones, **Pastor Todd's** father, is recovering from pneumonia in mid May.

Joline Thomas requested prayer for her father who is experiencing depression and

anxiety following the death of his wife last last year. He will have his pacemaker replaced on May 20.

Madeline Hofer will be playing the part of "Violet" when the Children's Choir takes "State Fair" to the stage on May 30 at 7 pm.

On Sunday morning, May 12, **Sherryl Friesen** sustained a fractured left ankle in a fall in their home. She will be in a pressurized boot and on crutches for a month. Wishing her an uneventful and full recovery.

Mildred Hofer flew to OH and then, together with her son, John, and daughter-in-law, Susan, on to Pennsylvania to attend the graduation of Mildred's granddaughter, Kelsey, who graduated with a B.A. degree from Eastern University (Templeton's Honor College) in St. Davids, PA. She graduated Magnum Cum Laude. Mildred's trip lasted eight days.

The children of **LeRoy & Kathy Pullman** hosted an open house at Hutterthal on Sat., May 25, for their 40th wedding anniversary.

SIGNING THE GUESTBOOK:

May 5: Jackie, Natalie & Sasha Skibine, Salt Lake City, UT

May 19: Don & Sandy Fischer, Olivet

DID YOU KNOW?

By Phyllis Hofer

Be careful how you live -

*You may be the only Bible some
people ever read.*

SERVICE FEATURE

By Norman Hofer

Darlene and I had been country school teachers for two years, and were looking to fulfill my military obligation under the I-W program. I had been accepted as a pharmacy aide at the Lancaster General Hospital at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

LGH was a 450 bed hospital facility located in the center of beautiful Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. About 15 IW fellows were assigned to work there. For the two of us assigned to pharmacy, the forenoons were spent helping the three pharmacists fill hundreds of prescriptions each day. The production of a pharmacist could be doubled if IW fellows worked with them filling prescriptions.

Because of typing skills, much of my time was spent typing prescription labels while the pharmacists filled the prescriptions.

Shortly after starting work there, I was told I would be in charge of typing and keeping narcotic and tax free alcohol inventory and records. Every pill or injectable had to be accounted for, who prescribed the medication, and to what patient it was administered.

Once each day the two pharmacy aides made the rounds to the different nurse's stations in the hospital delivering medications and supplies. This was enjoyable because we got to see the entire hospital and get acquainted with the nurses and personnel working there.

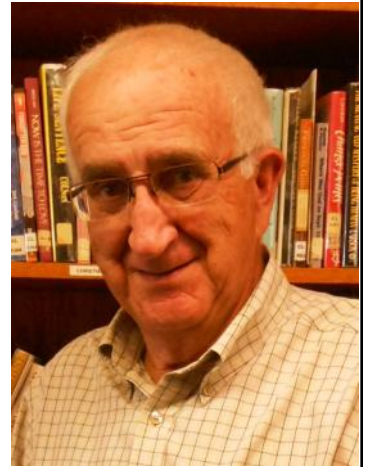
Checking medicine inventory and looking for expired date medicines that needed to be pulled from inventory and sent back to suppliers were daily tasks.

While filling prescriptions, the pharmacists would often explain medicines and how they worked or were administered. To this day I find myself, when in a pharmacy, looking for medicines that I recognize on the shelves from back in the days of working at LGH.

I can honestly say there never was a day I didn't look forward to going to work and so enjoyed the assignment. I cannot imagine a more interesting assignment. The chief pharmacist was a veteran of World War II, and the two assistant pharmacists were veterans of the Korean War. I was always treated with dignity and respect. We became lifelong friends, and even this last summer when we went back to Pennsylvania for a IW fellows reunion, Darlene and I stopped to visit with one of the retired pharmacists at Lancaster. Years ago one even stopped for a visit at our home in South Dakota while on vacation.

Near the close of my term, the hospital pharmacists strongly suggested I go Pennsylvania College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia. They were all graduates of PCP. They said "Kid, why don't go to school and become a pharmacist, you've got a good head start with your experience here at LGH".

I said, "No, there is a farm in South Dakota that attracts me more." We have never been sorry we came back home and became a part of the Freeman, SD community again. But I cannot imagine life without the Lancaster Hospital experience; it changed our lives in countless ways.



Calendar for JUNE

By Pastor Todd

June 2:	Worship, 9:45am @ HMC Sunday School (All Ages), 11:00am @ HMC “Movie Event” – <i>Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee</i> , 2:00pm @ HMC
June 4:	Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Clem Residence
June 5:	The Initiative, 7:00pm @ HMC
June 6:	Freeman Ministerial, 10:00am @ Bethany Mennonite Church
June 7:	Men’s Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage
June 9:	Worship, 9:45am @ HMC Sunday School (All Ages), 11:00am @ HMC Worship, 2:30pm @ Oakview Terrace
June 10:	“God’s Backyard” VBS, 9:00am-12:00pm @ HMC Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm @ HMC
June 11:	“God’s Backyard” VBS, 9:00am-12:00pm @ HMC
June 12:	“God’s Backyard” VBS, 9:00am-12:00pm @ HMC The Initiative, 7:00pm @ HMC
June 13:	“God’s Backyard” VBS, 9:00am-12:00pm @ HMC
June 14:	“God’s Backyard” VBS, 9:00am-12:00pm @ HMC
June 16:	FATHER’S DAY Worship feat. “God’s Backyard” VBS Program, 10:00am @ HMC
June 18:	Church Board, 8:00pm @ HMC
June 19:	Church Cleaning, 6:30pm @ HMC
June 20:	Church Cleaning, 9:00am @ HMC
June 21:	CPMC Annual Meeting @ Ashland, Montana
June 22:	CPMC Annual Meeting @ Ashland, Montana
June 23:	CPMC Annual Meeting @ Ashland, Montana Worship feat. Amanda Mettler, 9:45am @ HMC Sunday School (All Ages), 11:00am @ HMC
June 26:	July <i>Connection!</i> Deadline, 12:00pm The Initiative, 7:00pm @ HMC
June 28:	Men’s Group, 8:45pm @ Parsonage

