

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

January 2019



## Pastor Mission Update

\*\*Pulpit has been filled through January

\*\*Ministry Information Form was sent to COM for approval

\*\*Jennifer Olson from United Presbyterian Church in Denison is our Moderator

\*\* Pastor Lorinda is on call for emergencies

## Bible Banter

### What Would Jesus Drive?

Q: Did you know that they had automobiles in Jesus' time?

A: Yes, the Bible says that the disciples were all of one Accord.

### Who Makes the Coffee??

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

### Little Angel!

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm.

Johnny asked his mom, "Where'd he come from?"

"He came from heaven, Johnny."

Johnny responded: "Wow! I can see why they threw him out!"

## Where are they now?

Loyd and Bertha Riedesel grew up in the Glidden area. Bertha was a sister of Louis Conner and Carney Conner to name a few of her siblings. Our focus today is on Lynn Riedesel, son of Loyd and Bertha, and a cousin of Judy and Harry Reeve, Duane and Joyce Conner and Lillian and Russell Draves, who attend First Presbyterian Church in Glidden.

Lynn was born at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll. He followed an older sister, Sydna, and was followed by a younger sister, Reyna. The family lived on a farm five miles south of Glidden and one and one half mile west. Charles Fisher owned the farm. Lynn spent his pre-school years on the farm. His mother, music major of Morningside College, played the organ at First Presbyterian Church. One of Lynn's earliest memories was playing in front of the church as his mother practiced the organ. Unfortunately, Bertha passed away when he was only five years old. This was a traumatic time for the children and for a time they were raised by aunts and uncles. Lynn went to live for a while with his aunt, Floy Hofstad. Many times he would spend weekends with his grandfather, Ralph Riedesel who lived north of Glidden.

Lynn began school in Glidden and attended there through half of his freshman year. Some of his friends were Dean Blinn, Wayne Sabus, Duane Bundt, among others. Lynn mentioned

his aunt Dolsy Lawrence and Adeline Riedesel who taught third and fifth grades as two of his most memorable teachers.

Loyd Riedesel, Lynn's father, always had an interest in flying. Lynn was 10 years old when his dad took him to Des Moines for a ride over the city. From that point on, he knew he wanted to be a pilot.



As a young boy, Lynn worked on the farm with his dad and learned to drive a tractor at the age of 6. In fact, Lynn drove a Super M on the farm and occasionally drove it north of town to his grandpa's house.

That Super M has to be 65 or more years old and Lynn still has it, restored and in mint condition. He hauled it from Brookings, S.D. to Glidden last summer (2018) and drove it in the FFA parade.

Lynn enjoyed school at every level. While in middle school, the bus picked up Lynn and Melvin Kruger and hauled them west to the Middle Raccoon River, which was frozen. The boys got out of the bus with their ice skates and skated north on the river a mile or so while the bus went on with its route. Once the boys reached the next crossroad, the bus arrived and picked them up and they went off to school.

Lynn enjoyed playing football in junior high and during his freshman year in high school. He mentioned he played with Duane Conner who he claims was a tough guy. Sometime during Lynn's junior high and freshman year, Lynn's dad began to court a young lady named

Beverly, who was a talented singer and sang in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Brookings, SD. Beverly and Loyd were married. A farm came up for sale near Brookings and Loyd purchased it. The five of them moved to Brookings in 1956. Lynn continued his schooling and played football for 3 years. He also continued to help his dad on the farm. Loyd and Beverly added two more children to the family as Alan and Caryl were born.

Lynn graduated from Brookings High School in 1959. He then attended South Dakota State University with flying still on his mind. In 1960 he went to work for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in Norfolk, Nebraska. In 1961 he married his high school girlfriend from Brookings. They were married in the Catholic Church but later became members of the First Presbyterian Church in Brookings. Lynn and Bonnie had four children: 2 girls, Zon and Nomi, and 2 boys, Shaun and Thor.

Following 2 years of employment with the railroad, Lynn returned to college and was part of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). Upon graduation, Lynn was transferred to Webb Air Force Base in Big Springs, TX for pilot training. He graduated fourth in his class and was assigned to fly a C-124 transport plane. He was transferred to Tachikawa, Japan for the next 3 ½ years. He then spent one year at Hickam AFB in Hawaii. Most of his missions were over the Far East and Viet Nam. He left the Air Force after serving four years and four months.

Lynn's retirement from the Air Force started a new career with the airlines that spanned 32 years. He turned down a job with Delta Air Lines and joined Northwest Air Lines. Later he joined North Central Air Lines, which became Republic Air Lines, which became Northwest Air Lines, which merged with Delta Air Lines.

Along with his airline duties, Lynn joined his father farming. Today, Lynn has lived on his farmstead for 45 years. At its peak, Riedesel Farms, Inc. farmed 5000 acres of owned or rented land.

In 1984, Bonnie and Lynn decided to go their separated ways after 23 years of marriage. Lynn continued his flying career and five years later he met a flight attendant. On April 15, 1989, Lynn married Diane DeMotts at the First Presbyterian Church in Brookings. Lynn's son Thor was the best man. Diane retired from flying and began serving as accountant for Riedesel Farms. In 1997 the Riedesels retired from farming and now lease their land.

Lynn's hobbies include a great interest in farming as well as flying his Bonanza A-36 airplane, which he has owned for 33 years. He also owns a 1946 J-3 Cub. For a period of time he owned an acrobatic plane. He has now surpassed 36,000 hours of flying time. He has received the Master Pilot Award presented by the FAA. Today he still flies as well as mentors students in the aviation program at SDSU.

Lynn and Diane love to travel and have visited many countries all over the world. They also enjoy cruising and photography.

Lynn is on an advisory board for South Dakota State University as well as the Brookings Airport Board.

This past summer, 72 Riedesel family members joined in a reunion in Brookings.

Lynn and Diane retain a home in Bloomington, MN where Diane's family resides. She is still a member of Christ Presbyterian Church there.

Lynn lives by a rule that he formulated and it goes like this: "Do I want to be doing this when I am 70 years old or can I make it easier?"

It was a joy visiting with a member of over 70 years ago and learning about the Riedesel family and Lynn's passion for flying and living a full life.

### Quotes of the Month

- I say to the Lord, You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing. - Psalm 16:2

- May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

- Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off. - Proverbs 24:14

## *"Kudos Korner"*

*To Marlys Conner, Judy Reever, Rhonda Schroeder and Mark Conner for organizing and leading the Christmas Eve Service.*

*At year-end we give a large Kudo to every person at First Presbyterian who participated, helped out or were a part of this church during 2018.*

*To Session members who stepped up to lead the church while the pastorate was vacant.*

*To the good Samaritans who volunteer to represent this church by delivering meals on a weekly basis.*

*Kudos to all*

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st-Kevin Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup>-Kirk Thelin

6<sup>th</sup>-Braylee Cose

7<sup>th</sup>-Brandon and Cole Burdine

11<sup>th</sup>-Anna Fleecs

12<sup>th</sup>-Daniel Lamp

17<sup>th</sup>-Jayden Douglas

18<sup>th</sup>-Stuart Conner

22<sup>nd</sup>-Larry Littlefield

24<sup>th</sup>-Duane Conner

26<sup>th</sup>-Erin Danner



### Announcements

\*Sunday School meets at 9:30am

Children and adults at the United Methodist Church

Students at the Presbyterian Church

\*PW meets on January 9<sup>th</sup> at Family Table in Carroll at 11:30am

\*Session meets on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

\*The Annual Congregational Meeting is on January 20<sup>th</sup>, after church

The Mission Emphasis for the months of January and February is **Glidden Project Share**.

The Project Share program was created in 1989 by the City of Glidden electric utility to assist needy Glidden households in paying their winter energy bills. Just this past year, it was expanded to also include meal delivery to elderly residents as well.

Donations to Project Share will be split evenly between these two worthy causes.

We are proud to be a church that helps to meet the needs of our neighbors.