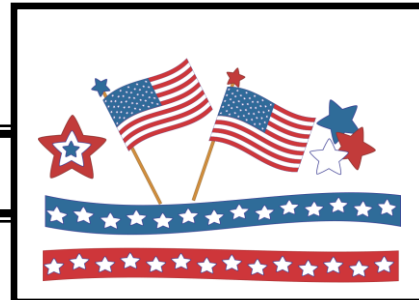


First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

July 2021



Small Talk from Pastor Anna

Friends in Christ:

As we celebrate the country's birthday this month I got to thinking about what it means to be Presbyterian and to be American. There are similarities and differences. Both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the country are governed by those who are elected by the people. In our denomination, moderators are elected to serve a two year term to preside over our denomination while as citizens we elect a president to serve as the executive leader of our nation every four years. In our denomination the moderators are not the head of the church for Jesus Christ alone is head of the church.

In both our denomination and our government there are supposed to be checks and balances. In the Book of Order that contains the first part of the constitution we find the rules on how we are to govern at all levels of our denomination, guided by the triune God through scripture, the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order. In the foundations of polity at the beginning of the Book of Order, we are reminded of many things including that God alone is Lord of the Conscience. People may be elected as elders to serve on session or as commissioners to presbytery, synod or General Assembly to represent the people, they may feel called by God to vote differently than what the people might want. At the same time in our church and in our nation we are called into community to work for the betterment of all peoples, not to become one people who all think alike, but to learn how to meet each other where we are, learn from each other, and grow into the best we can be.

Let us give thanks for our church where God calls into community. May we celebrate our differences and learn more fully what it means to be people of faith, guided by our better angels in all that we do, all that we say, and all that we are. May we celebrate as citizens giving thanks for 245 years as a nation. As a nation we have made mistakes and have a lot of growing left to do, but we can and should give thanks for this nation that gives us so much.

Remember if you need to get a hold of me, you can reach me at 503/843-1938 or email me at annadeesmall@gmail.com.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Anna Small

Where are they now?

Parents Angel and Cora Luis were living in the Philippines with their five children when in 1990 they decided to migrate to the United States. One of their children, Angelo, was only seven years of age when they decided to relocate to Chicago, Illinois, USA. Mother made the decision to move to the United States so her children might have a better life.

Angelo Luis is in the spotlight for this month's story. Once settled in Chicago, Angelo attended school at Glenbard North. While in school the teachers encouraged Angelo's parents to speak only English at home to help the children learn the language. Once Angelo graduated from high school he attended Elmhurst University located in Chicago graduating in 2009. Angelo majored in Music Education with a minor in Intercultural Studies. While in college, Angelo formed some strong and lasting friendships but did not put a lot of recognition on the course work provided. From Elmhurst, he moved on to attain a Master's Degree in the School of Divinity. He attended Candler School of Theology in Atlanta Georgia, graduating in 2016. While attending this school, Angelo spent six months in South Korea as part of his education. While there he studied some Korean customs, one of which was the loyalty workers have for their occupation and jobs. People of South Korea also hold up professional professions such as doctors, lawyers, business leaders and other in high regard. The seminary school at Candler is associated with the United Methodist Church.

Angelo spent from 2016-2017 at Iowa Methodist Hospital as a chaplain in the residency program. Once he finished his residency, he accepted a position at St. Anthony in Carroll as a chaplain. He joined Peg Scheidt in this endeavor. A chaplain at St. Anthony is involved in all phases of hospital work as Angelo might be called upon to be with the family of a surgery patient, a victim of an accident, dealing with a mental health patient or welcoming a new baby into the birthing unit. All of these major contacts while still maintaining the ministries adhered to by the Roman Catholic Church. All occupations have its troubles and being a chaplain is no different.



Angelo recalls a time when he had to deal with a brother who had lost his brother. This was very stressful to the young man and Angelo was helpful to those left behind. Angelo loves his work and living in Carroll, Iowa. He loves the friendly people of Iowa, the subdued pace of life, the spring, summer and fall but not in the winter. In the Philippines, the temperature is between 80-90 degrees year around. Another downside for Iowa for Angelo is no mountains.

Angelo likes the outdoors except for Iowa winters. He is an avid runner and participates in marathons but also runs for pure joy. He is a musician as he plays the french horn and piano. Some of his outdoor activities include bicycling, hiking and kayaking. Other activities include traveling in the United States and one day a trip back to the Philippines.

Self-discovery is important to Angelo as he spends time on reflection of talents provided him by God.

Maximize the talents God has provided and don't spend time on dreaming about talents we wish we had been given. "To Thine own self be true" are words that Angelo lives by as he progresses through life.

In addition to his busy schedule, Angelo is a member of All Strings Attached, Carroll Young Professionals, Carroll Planning and Zoning, the Wellness Committee at St. Anthony, volunteering to fill pulpits at surrounding churches, conducting funeral services and other clergy duties. First Presbyterian Church in Glidden was his first pulpit supply when this church was without a pastor. Angelo was very frightened as he wanted to do a good job but was fearful he may fall short of his goal. He did very well and was asked to fill the pulpit on many other occasions. Angelo loves people and he found loving people at First Presbyterian. He gives small churches much recognition as people in small churches are committed and devoted to attending on a regular basis. People are committed to supporting the church with financial support and with great wisdom.

Angelo can see the church as very important in the lives of people and himself. Church and its teachings must be utilized every day of the week. The church loves people

each day, not just on Sunday. God has a purpose for every life and we need to meditate, reflect and learn of that purpose.

Spare time for Angelo, if there is any, involves reading and writing. He writes in his journal each day and presents his daily thoughts. He spends some quite time reflecting and being mindful of our world.

The future for Angelo is unknown and exciting. He is a social person so people will always be a part of his future. He is very content with his life and sees life in a very positive future. He looks forward to his day of ordination into the clergy as he continues to serve in broad and various ways.

The First Presbyterian Church of Glidden is joyful that this church had a small part in Reverend Angelo's journey of life serving our Lord and its people.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 4th-Alexia Nelson
- 4th-Sara Douglas
- 8th-Jennifer Flemmig
- 8th-Rhonder Schroeder
- 9th-Grant Fleecs
- 12th-Elizabeth Burdine
- 14th-Carson Mueggenberg
- 16th-Cal Riedesel
- 19th-Mary Fairchild
- 19th-Bill Crawford
- 21st-Lindsey Cose



Kudos Korner:

To Brian and Abby Camara on the birth of their son, Silas Edward, arriving one month early and weighing 4 lbs. 13 oz. Happy parenting!

To the Parrish Life Committee for choosing the best ever Sunday morning for worship in the park. Also, to Chef Keith for grilling the meat for us. Great time!

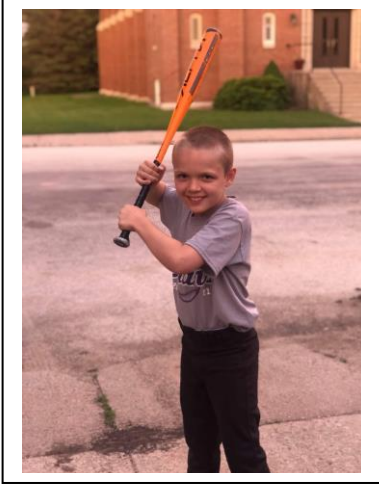
To Jamison Stevens on receiving his Bible Sunday during worship. Each child entering 3rd grade receives a youth Bible from our church. Happy reading!

To Cal Riedesel on a milestone birthday, number 70th, celebrating on Friday July 17th in Sac City. In case you would like to send him a card, his address is: Cal Riedesel, Howard Center, Site #1, 507 N. 1th Street, Sac City 50583.

Kuddos to All

Kiddo Catch-up!!

Summer is almost half way over! I can't believe how fast it has gone. The kids get so busy in the summer with camp, vacation, sports, school activities, 4-H, horse shows, and so many more things that I thought a



Jamison is excited to be playing 3/4th grade baseball.

Zoey got her braces off and now has a retainer. She showed everyone her beautiful smile lately at church. Zoey has also been participating in summer dance camp at Fusion in

catch up on what the kiddos of the church were up to would be fun.

First up the Steven's house: Sara has been busy this summer with all of the kid's activities.



Carroll.

Grayson is finally old enough for T-ball. I am sure he is entertaining the whole crowd during his games like he does for all of us during church.

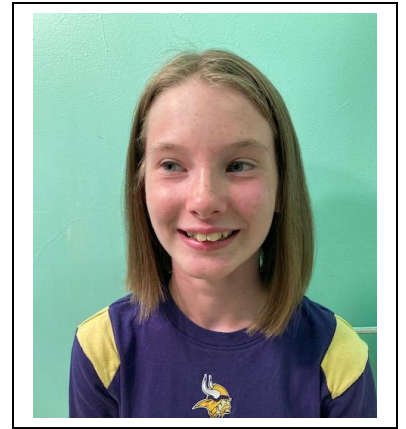
Ella has been a trooper by traveling to all the activities and enjoys staying up past bedtime!



Secondly, we have Natasha:

Natasha has been busy. Besides getting her hair cut and then two days later having a bike accident she also went to summer school and basketball camp. Luckily

her face is healing up nicely. She goes swimming most every day and will be taking lessons in July which she is pretty excited about. She is looking forward to some family time later this summer in South Dakota.



Third we bring you to the Cose house:

Treynor participated in Trap Shooting for the first year and has been having a blast. He went to pretty much every tournament and practice shooting over 1100 rounds. He is also staying busy with riding, showing horses, and hitting weight room in the mornings at school whenever mom can get him there. He also just got back from the school DC trip.



Braylee attended basketball camp and is still continuing piano practice part time this summer. (Eventually she will play you all something during church I am sure.)

She has been riding and showing her horses (Salty and Glitzzy) this summer with some awesome achievements. She even won all three belt buckles for her division at the Polk County 4-H horse show.

Fourth we bring you to the Douglas house:

Both Jayden and Madison are swimming with the Glidden Gators this summer. This is Madison's first year of swim team and Jayden's second. *Continued.....*

Kiddo Catch-up continued:

They have quite a few red and blue ribbons in the stack currently along with some white, yellow, and green. They began the summer break with a little extra curricular school for 2 weeks as an added challenge. After summer school, they celebrated the actual start of their summer break with a weekend trip to Omaha/Council Bluffs ahead of their scout trip to the zoo where they took on a ropes course. They both climbed, scaled and ziplined for a few hours and had a blast. They then met up



with the rest of cub scout pack for a day at the zoo followed by staying the night in the aquarium at the Henry Doorly zoo which was very cool.

Kneeling with Giants

By: Gary Neal Hansen

Rev. Gary Neal Hansen, a Presbyterian minister, is a seminary professor who teaches prayer. He wrote this book, subtitled “Learning to Pray with History’s Best Teachers” partly for his classes and partly to help others learn how to pray in a manner that they are comfortable.

In the liner notes, it says: “Do you sometimes find yourself searching for a way to approach God or wondering how to get out of a devotional slump. Do you long for spiritual mentors you can trust? This guide to prayer is rooted in centuries of Christian tradition. In each chapter you will meet a figure from church history such as Benedict, Luther, Calvin, Ignatius, Teresa of Avila, and Andrew Murray. You will learn how each of these spiritual giants uniquely connected to God through prayer.”

Prayer is being in the presence of God. He suggests trying each of them for at least two weeks to learn which one(s) work best for the individual. Obviously, there can be combinations of them to fit the individual. The shortest prayer time is five minutes on up to fifteen minutes or more per day.

Rather than coming up with some “new and improved” method of prayer, he looks back at ten (10) ways of prayer from our faith’s past leaders.

Chapter 1 – Praying with St. Benedict: The Divine Office – based on the Benedictine practice of hours of prayer each day. The Divine Office can be found on-line or the Book of Common Prayer. Typically, it is done either first thing in the morning or in the evening.

Chapter 2 – Praying with Martin Luther – using the Lord’s Prayer

Chapter 3 – Praying with the Pilgrims – which gave us the Jesus Prayer (Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me.)

Chapter 4 – Praying with John Calvin – Studious meditation on the Psalms

Chapter 5 – Praying with Ignatius of Loyola – praying by using the five senses of human nature: hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, and tasting.

Chapter 6 – Praying with St. Teresa of Avila – recollection of the Presence of God. This is close to the Centering Prayer.

Chapter 7 – Praying with the Puritans – Meditation in Writing which is journaling.

Chapter 8 – Praying with the Cloud of the Unknowing – contemplation in the dark while focusing your attention on God.

Chapter 9 – Praying with Agnes Sanford – The Healing Light which is praying for healing – not just for inner peace in the face of illness, but for miraculous cures.

Chapter 10 – Praying with Andrew Murray – The Ministry of Intercession. He taught that prayerlessness was the great problem in the church. The kind of prayer that Murray cared about was intercession: asking God to do things for others and especially asking God to further the work of evangelism.

(Note: Gary Neal Hansen is one of the presenters at this year’s Synod School.)