

# Sun Prairie

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## Reflections

As I write this newsletter article, I am in the middle of writing my grandson a 6<sup>th</sup> grade time capsule letter; something that is to be opened at his high school graduation. This, shortly after writing a 16<sup>th</sup> birthday letter to my eldest granddaughter. It's a reminder of how few letters I write anymore. Dee and I have a box of letters up in our attic that we wrote back and forth during our long-distance relationship while we were in college, 600 miles apart. Nearly a letter a day. There was no such thing as email or texting and long-distance phone calls were really expensive, while stamps were cheap. We expressed so much in those letters--extremes of joy and sadness, hope and frustration, but always love. And in those expressions our love grew ever deeper.

It reminds me of the emotions expressed by the Psalmist in so many of those ancient letters of joy and sadness, hope and frustration, but always love. There is an old Christian discipline of journalling that is making a comeback. In fact, the study Bibles we give our graduates this year are journalling study Bibles. Every page has an empty 2-inch side column intended for journalling. I often use mine for study notes, but occasionally I will write down a prayer or a praise to God related to one of the verses on that page. The discipline of journalling forces us to reflect on His goodness toward us and it can spur on a deepening love for Him. Take some time and find a little space to jot down your thoughts to the God who longs to hear your hopes and dreams, your joys and sadness and your love for Him.

*Pastor Mark*

## Congratulations Graduates



**McCook Central High School**  
**Callie Kaufmann**  
**Lexi Pulse**



**Lexie Lunders, Southeast Technical College**  
**Ella Stiefvater, South Dakota State University**



## Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday

May 25-29

5:30-8:00 pm

Program and Picnic

Friday May 29 at 6:30 pm

Ages 4-Grade 6

Register at [sunprairiebaptist.com/children](http://sunprairiebaptist.com/children)



## On the Calendar

### Sundays

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am

Worship at 10:30 am

### Saturdays

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at 7:00 am

Saturday, May 2nd at 10 am

Bridal Shower honoring Ella Stiefvater

Sunday May 3rd

High School Graduates are honored during Worship

Wednesday May 6th

VBS Meeting at 6:00 pm

Deacon Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 10 th Happy Mother's Day

May 20-29

Togo Prayer Trip

May 25-29

5:30-8:00 pm

Vacation Bible School

- 1 Ron Ecklein
- 1 Nariah Siemonsma
- 2 Isaac Aus
- 2 Tiffany Cadwallader
- 3 Ben Holland
- 3 Crew Garcia
- 3 Kyle Schaefer
- 4 Desiree Schock
- 5 Paul Haskell
- 6 Grace Lewis
- 6 Nash Waba
- 6 Jerry Brech
- 10 Halsten Rabenhorst
- 11 Courtney Heumiller
- 11 Liam Viet
- 12 Marcus Weis
- 12 Stella Palmquist
- 13 Roger Johnson
- 13 Jared Koch
- 15 Garry Holland
- 17 Ayvah Schaefer
- 19 Archer Iwan
- 20 Don Rasmussen
- 21 Jolene Pulse
- 22 Caleb Kinzley
- 24 Mike Palmquist
- 25 Colton Stiefvater
- 25 Heston Brunsvig
- 25 Wyatt Uberty
- 26 Ciana Schwader
- 28 Bob Hansen
- 28 Colter Osterberg
- 30 Dan Adler
- 30 Shari Lunders

# VBS



## We still need

# HELP!

- Teachers,
- Set up and clean up help.
- Prayer warriors!
- Craft supplies

Prayerfully consider how you might serve.  
Contact Cheryl Lewis at 605-480-2230

## HAPPY Anniversary

- 27 Zach & Jean Bies
- 27 Kyle & Samantha Schaefer

