

# Pastor Hans

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Sunday Morning

9:00 Children's Sunday  
School

9:30 Adult Sunday  
School

10:30 Worship Service

11:30 Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

11:30 Choir Practice

## Music for the Month

5/ 4 Joyful Noise

5/11 Adult Choir

5/18 Hand Bell Choir

5/25 Guest

## Events this month

5/4 High School  
Graduation Day

5/8 Spring Exterior  
Cleanup at  
5:00 PM~~Sign Up  
to help

5/11 Mother's Day  
~~Mother's Day  
Luncheon menu is  
Mexican Delight

May 2025

# The Post

Presbyterian Church of Vinton

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS

### Emily Johnson

Daughter of Jeff Johnson & Angela  
Johnson

Granddaughter of Dick and Terrie Johnson

### Andrew Pigenot

Son of Mark Pigenot & Carrie Yedlik

Grandson of Thomas & Eunice Pigenot

Marilyn Yedlik & Charles Yedlik

### Sadie Burke

Daughter of Thomas & Mindy Burke

Granddaughter of Larry & Linda Druschel

**Hand Bell Choir:** left to right: Allison  
Hicks, Director, Gwen Eells, Carla Hillman,  
Cory Cronbaugh, Jodie Beirschenk. Gail  
Gerber, Becky Fisher, Brice Cronbaugh  
Bonnie Beyer, Paul Smalley, and Marilyn  
Yedlik



## SUNRISE SERVICE TO CELEBRATE “He is Risen”



Caroline Mefford reading scriptures  
Daughter of Chris and Emily Mefford  
Granddaughter of Ron and Cindy Tippett



WOW!  
Great Attendance for the Sunrise Service

**Sunrise Breakfast** (French toast, pancakes, Fresh fruit, Cinnamon buns  
(homemade by Marilyn Yedlik) being Served by the Youth Group



Serving; Loren Henkle, Carson Page,  
Bennett Burke, Myla Mefford, Libbie  
Burke, Isla Newbrough, Caroline Mefford,  
Ivy Newbrough, and Lorelei Mefford



Dianna Weise (Youth Leader)  
resetting the table for more members  
to enjoy the delicious breakfast.



Everyone enjoying the  
Sunrise breakfast and  
fellowship in Fellowship Hall.

### Vacation Bible School

Planning has already begun for the 2025 Vacation Bible School happening July 20 - July 24. The theme this year is “True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.” This year we are the hosting Bible School here at our church and we will be looking for volunteers to help.

## PASTOR'S CORNER



**Johannes Poetschner**

Dear Friends,

My wife is this week doing some continuing education, and in the new world after COVID this means that she locks herself in her office with a big cup of coffee, only to come out of her bolt hole to top off the coffee. What she does is a writer's conference for she is an English major and thus aspires to writing a book. Truth is, one of the few things we have in common is that we are both very literate. She is, however, haunted by a need for perfection and as she is no John Milton, or whoever wrote their manuscripts in ink without any corrections, she edits her stories to death. Furthermore, the poor soul tries to be - remember, English major? - profound while I write purely for the fun of it (as you might be able to tell). Oh, well, it says in Ecclesiastes 12:12, "But beyond these, my son, be warned: there is no end to the making of many books", and that was 2500 years ago, before printing press, publishing houses, and reader's digest.

I was cured from the editing bug many years ago when I went to Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The students ran a newspaper, a couple of pages written in word perfect and then Xeroxed. I thought it might be fun to share one of my little stories. As I was fairly new to the states and not at all sure about my English, I asked my fellow students to correct the story. And they loved doing it. Now, there was nothing profound about the tale: it was sci-fi about somebody opening a can of beans and finding a note in it. And from that note he learns that there is an alien species of intelligent beans which is held prisoner in a cannery of beans. You figure. Anyhow, after 5 of my friends had edited the story even, I could not tell anymore what it was about. So, my little stories are entirely grown on my very personal pile of fertilizer. If I feel like I may need an editor I forget about it. Another thing I have figured out after being an avid reader for 50 years: the only thing worth writing is humor. If I ever should write a book do not expect it to be profound, or deep, or touching. All I want to write is easy, obvious, and belly wiggling funny stuff. If you go to bookstores - that is if there still exists one in your neck of the woods - and you go to the humor section, you will find satire - which is usually more acerbic than funny - and modern humor which is only bizarre and embarrassing. Remember Erma Bombeck? It appears she was the last of a dying breed. The funniest author I read in the last 30 years is Patrick McManus whose books you can find in the library's fact section. I find; life is too serious to take it seriously. Laughter is a sign of God's action. Just read Psalm 126. "Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with joyful shouting; Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them.""(v.2) Yeah, it's the thing to do, particularly for Presbyterians who are supposed "to glorify God and enjoy God forever." Forget about that frozen chosen rot, we are supposed to be happy. And while Chesterton said, "The great secret of Christianity is joy" we are supposed to make a public display of it. The more the merrier, as they say.

Remember, I am pulling - your leg? - for you.

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**You are invited to celebrate the retirement of Rev. Dennis & Margaret Morey's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination.** Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Open house celebration from 2-4 PM at the Faith Presbyterian Church, 715 38<sup>th</sup> St, SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403. Please call the church (319-0377-43600 by May 15 if you plan to attend. Cards may be sent to the church address.



## May Birthdays

5/2 Donna Wiese  
 5/2 Emily Johnson  
 5/3 Sara Johnson  
 5/8 Tom Stueck  
 5/10 Angela Johnson  
 5/12 Jennifer Rake  
 5/15 Don Eells  
 5/17 Terrie Johnson  
 5/17 Gwen Eells  
 5/18 Ashlie Meyer  
 5/22 Nancy Baldwin  
 5/22 Mindy McClintock  
 2/23 Sadie Burke  
 5/24 Roxanne Higgins  
 5/27 Autumn McGowan  
 5/29 Jeff Holmes  
 5/31 Haley Clark

## The doorbell

A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell. Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Run!"

# BEAR CREEK



## Anniversary Weekend

We invite you to a celebration of the Camp's 65th Anniversary over Labor Day Weekend (Friday, August 29th to Monday, September 1st). This will be a memorable event with traditional camp activities and some new additions such as our climbing wall and zip line. We hope you plan to attend this celebration weekend to re-connect with your camp friends, rekindle your relationship with the camp, and enjoy the spirit and community that is Camp Bear Creek.

Camp is offering a special rate. The rates below include meals (Friday supper through Monday breakfast), lodging for 3 nights, and activities. Registration for this exciting event opens up on May 1st. Lodging is on a first come – first serve basis. [Bearcreek.camp/retreats-event](http://Bearcreek.camp/retreats-event)  
 Alumni past and present

Friday, August 29th – Monday, September 1st, 2025

~~Owl's Nest: \$400/room (each room accommodates 2 people)

~~Cabins Option #1: \$800 for 1/2 of a cabin (1/2 of a cabin accommodates 8 people)

~~Cabins Option #2: \$100/person (individuals will be assigned to gender specific cabins)

~~Campground: \$100/person (Sites for tents, campers, and RVs. Hookups are not available. Adjacent bathhouses have only toilets. No showers.)

~~Day Fee: \$50 for 12 and older, \$25 for 6-11 years old

~~Children 5 and younger are free

## Life Line Screening will be here at the Church on May 20, 2025.

Email: [deborah.walsh@llsa.com](mailto:deborah.walsh@llsa.com)

If you wish to register for the screening online go to <https://llsa.social/HSC>  
 Testing Carotid Artery Disease Screening, Atrial Fibrillation Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Artery Disease Screening, Plus a FREE Hypertension Screening.

Who should attend: any over the age of 40. Special Member Pricing: \$159

