

MAY 2026

NEWS TO PERUSE

The Official Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Hayfield

What's coming up!



May 3 **Worship with Communion**

May 11 **Book Club** details 

May 17 **Last week of Sunday School**

Kids sing during worship

May 20 **Baccalaureate**

May 22 **Graduation**

7:00 pm at High School

May 25 **Memorial Day**

Women's Book Club

6:30 pm

May 11: "What Was Taken" by Carol Haack
with special guest at Nancy Dahlen's home
Questions?

Contact Molly Heydt (507-438-9795) or
Kristi Jacobsen (507-259-5726)

VBS 2026

Save the Date!

June 3, 4, 5

SAIL (Stay active and Independent for Life)

Classes for 55 and older are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-9:30 am (except for the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month - 8:00 - 9:00) at Trinity Lutheran Church basement.

Classes are FREE! We start with stretching, then 20 minutes of Aerobics, Balance, Strengthening, and stretching upper and lower body. Most of the class can be done sitting or standing. For more information contact Nancy Dahlen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

I have had the opportunity to watch some high school track & field in the past couple weeks. As many of you know, I am somewhat of a sports fan and enjoy watching our local students compete, even in track, a sport I never participated in myself. Sometimes I actually get a little too invested in my fandom for my favorite teams when it comes to winning and losing. Maybe that's why I find watching track & field kind of unique. Of course there are winners in each event and a team is listed as the winner when they have the most points at the end of the meet, but in this sport it feels like it is more about the athletes' participation.

What I mean by that is I feel like track & field can be a meaningful activity for the person who is often winning the races and throwing the farthest, but it can also be just as meaningful for the less athletic individual who knows they aren't the fastest and won't win the jumping contests. And I think this is because in this sport it is easier to make tangible goals for yourself that you work to accomplish, that really don't need to have anything to do with how you place in the standings.

Maybe you are a long jumper who always comes up a foot or two behind the leaders, but at any given meet you might go home feeling accomplished because you had your personal best jump! (PB as they say in the biz)

Another quality that I often see in high school track & field is the comradery and support that is often displayed among teammates and sometimes even competitors. I know track isn't the only sport with good sportsmanship, but it is noticeable when other athletes support teammates in their final few hundred meters in a 800 run where they are 200 meters behind the leader.

So as you can see track & field can really be a good way to practice some qualities of life that will both benefit the person and also the people they will interact with in the future. As you can see in the opening verses above, the author of Hebrews believed running a race was a good metaphor for living out a life of following Christ.

Thinking of our life as a race can help remind us to let go of things that hold us back from the life God intends for us and it also reminds us that life is often about sticking with it over the long term, day after day, year after year, lap after lap.

And of course it is a good reminder to have our eyes, our goal, set on Jesus, otherwise we might quickly end up running the wrong race that does not lead to an abundant life.

So blessings to you all in your "races" and don't forget to rely on your teammates when the going gets hard. We might not all break records like Hadley Doman, but we all can emulate her metaphorically at least in setting goals for ourselves that keep our eyes on the One who is Lord.

May the wind be at your back,

Brad

Reminders:

- Kristi is still collecting used tennis shoes
 - The Lions are still collecting plastic
 - The Food Pantry needs plastic shopping bags
- All can be dropped off at church*

Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS

May 3

Lay Leader	Josh Jacobson
Usher/Greeter	Dan & Melissa
Coffee Hour	Tyler & Krystine
Counters	John & Tyler

May 10

Lay Leader	Bryon Meyer
Usher/Greeter	Kasey Krekling
Coffee Hour	Lynn Wanzek
Counters	Tyler & Jim

May 17

Lay Leader	Astyn Kramer
Usher/Greeter	Tom & Karen
Coffee Hour	SS Picnic Potluck
Counters	Jim & Nancy

May 24

Lay Leader	Dave Santjer
Usher/Greeter	Paul & Diane
Coffee Hour	Summer Break
Counters	Nancy & Kayla

May 31

Lay Leader	Lesley Vander Waal
Usher/Greeter	Bryon & Angie
Counters	Kayla & Tara

*Happy
Birthday!*

May 2 - Hadley Doman

May 3 - Nancy Dahlen

May 5 - Mariah Gunderson

May 20 - Greg Dahlen

May 21 - Scott Jacobsen

May 28 - Kelly Kramer

May 29 - Betty Jacobson

- Rachel Gagliasso

May 30 - Brad Vander Waal



*Happy
Anniversary!*

May 8

David & Ruth Santjer

*TIME TO
Celebrate*

Financial Information

General Fund

Last 4 Weeks

\$8,560

Budget for 4 weeks

\$8,968