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Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

A. 9 a.m.
 B. Noon
 C. 3:30 p.m.
 D. 9 p.m.



Answer: A (See Acts 2:15)

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PUZZLE

Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV [] [] []
 2. [] [] ABLE [] []
 3. [] [] AY OF PENTECOS [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 4. [] [] ONGUE [] [] [] []
 5. [] [] PIRI [] [] [] []
 6. [] [] OGETHE [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 7. [] [] ES [] [] [] []
 8. [] [] ONGUE [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 9. [] [] A [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 10. [] [] IND [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []



“When the _____ came, they were all _____ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from _____ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____ what seemed to be _____ of fire that separated and came to _____ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ and began to speak in other _____ as the Spirit _____ them.”

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

Concerns, joys or prayer request
 to be listed in the bulletin or monthly newsletter can be sent to the church email hlpumc@gmail.com or call the office at (712) 832-3361.

REMINDER:
 Please help us keep our records up to date!
 Let us know if you have a new address or any other information we may need.
 Your feedback is important to us!
 Thank you!

You can now give to LPUMC online, by text or directly out of your account.

ONLINE GIVING: Go to the church website at www.harrislakeparkumc.org and click the “Give Now” tab and follow the instructions.

TO GIVE BY TEXT: enter 73256 to receive a response with your next steps

GIVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT:
 automated clearing house (ACH); stop by the Savings Bank in Lake Park and they will be happy to help.



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 Churches**



We welcome you to grow together with us in Christ through prayer and the Word.

May 2023

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 Sunday School 10:15AM

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CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY

Harris and Lake Park Confirmation Ceremony will both take place on Sunday May 7th. Please join us in celebrating this years confirmands

Harris

Mariah Dake - mentor Leah Tigges
Lillian Bosma - mentor Laura Fiebig
Grace Gomes - mentor Amy Bosma

Lake Park

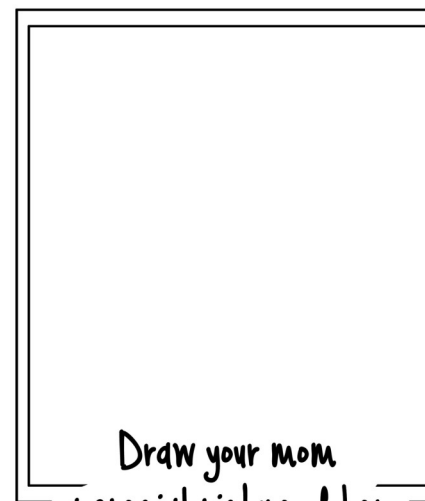
Hanna Christenson - mentor Matt Barnhart
Madalyn Mandelkow - mentor Meagen Barnhart
Cora Niemeier - mentor Val Riesberg
Sydney Rage - mentor Mindy Gunderson
Bella Barnhart - mentor Becca Matthiesen

Have joy in His holy name.
Let the heart of those who look to the Lord be glad.
Look to the Lord and ask for His strength.
Look to Him always.

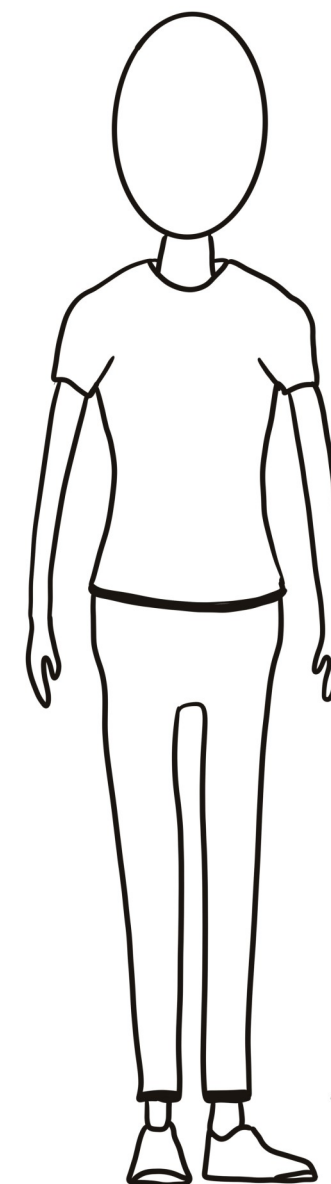
1 Chronicles 16:10-11

My mom is amazing because:

HAPPY Mother's DAY!



Draw your mom
a special picture of her
favorite thing!



This is
my mom



My mom's name is _____ but I call her _____!

You are the _____
mom in the whole _____!

I love you more than _____
and _____ and I think
you're funny when _____.

Thank you for always _____.

[My favorite thing to do with my mom is:]

Love you always, _____!

FIND YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE LORD

Lake Park May Serving List

Worship Leaders for May:

May 7-No Leader on Communion Sunday
 May 14- Youth Group
 May 21- Worship Leader Needed
 May 28- Worship Leader Needed

Upcoming opportunities to lead worship:
 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/9, 7/16

Serving as ushers/greeters in Lake Park

May 7-Usher/Greeters Needed
 May 14- Usher/Greeters Needed
 May 21- Usher/Greeters Needed
 May 28- Usher/Greeters Needed
 Thank you for choosing to serve.

Upcoming opportunities to usher/greet:
 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2

Please take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the sheet located on the table by the fellowship hall.
 Thank you!

Harris May Serving List

Worship Leaders for April:

May 7-No Leader on Communion Sunday
 May 14- Youth Group
 May 21- Shantry Dake
 May 28- LaDonna Bosma

Upcoming opportunities to lead worship:
 7/23; 7/30; 8/13; 8/20

Please take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the provided sign up sheet. Thank you!

May Ushers/greeters for Harris:

Dustin Dake
 Michael Raveling
 Nick Fiebig

Coffee Schedule for May:

May 7—Scott Robertson
 May 14—Karl Davis
 May 21—Dustin Dake
 May 28—No Coffee

Lake Park Food Bank

The Lake Park food Bank is held the first Thursday of every month in the parking lot of the 1st Presbyterian Church.

Food boxes come from the Feeding America program from Des Moines. The Lake Park Food bank also take donations to supplement and monetary donations to purchase bread and other staples locally to add to the boxes we receive. Approximately 70 families &/or households are receiving food every month. We are in need of a few volunteers that could help with unloading the truck at about 1:00 PM and distribution at about 4:30 PM. Please talk to Jerilyn Marra (712-348-0475) or Jim Kessler (712-330-1738) for more information.

| Lake Park UMC | Attendance | Offering | Harris UMC | Attendance | Offering |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| April 2 | 85 | \$4501.27 | April 2 | 26 | \$674.00 |
| April 9 | 130 | \$1631.56 | April 9 | 35 | \$639.00 |
| April 16 | 49 | \$1505.50 | April 16 | 28 | \$1635.00 |
| April 24 | 91 | \$2870.00 | April 24 | 40 | \$3301.00 |
| April 30 | | | April 30 | | |

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)

CELEBRATE



Harris-Lake Park Commencement will be held May 14, 2022 at 2:00pm at the High School Gymnasium. Our graduates will be recognized during the LP UMC worship service that morning.

Emma Bondhus
 Tyce Gunderson

Nick Sage
 Allison Wallace

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rhonda Miller, Rosie Christ, Ellen Wolf,
 "Click" Hellinga (father of Jerilyn Marra),
 Claire Yaw (Niece of Marie Matthiesen),
 Rick Wilson & Family, Allen & Loretta Rowe,
 Cole Barden (Nephew of Daryl Meyer),
 Pastor Sedar & family, Our Church Family,
 District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula
 and Bishop Kennetha.



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Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1- Josh Huff | 14- Mariah Dake | 23- Katherine Diane Pool |
| 1- Dawn Kinkade | 15- Donna Gemblar | 24- Lucas Gunderson |
| 2- Randi Ransom Prichard | 15- Sarah Vande Hoef | 25- Liam Delgado |
| 2- Linda Treharne | 16- Ellen Gallagher | 27- LeAnn Ransom |
| 2- Grace Elser | 16- Peyton Fisher | 27- Halle Bosma |
| 2- Brandon Rowe | 17- Jason Gemblar | 27- Jase Bosma |
| 3- Dylan Meyer | 17- Leon Goodell | 27- Spencer Herbert |
| 4- John Weltzin | 18- Magnolia Ahrenstorff | 27- Jaxson Heikens |
| 6- Gary Taber | 19- Claire Lenders | 27- Emily Lindgren |
| 7- Janice Nissen | 20- Morgan Bradley | 28- Sydney Rowe |
| 7- Shane Arndt | 20- Mado Shako | 29- Curt Ingwersen |
| 8- Ila Von Holdt | 22- Nissa Andresen | 30- Ruger Kelly |
| 9- Shannon Serck | 23- Angie Lenderts | 31- Nick Joens |
| 6- Dennis Suitsman | 23- Drake Ransom | |
| 9- Cheryl Ewoldt | 23- DeLyte Ebbers | |
| 13- Trevor Riesberg | 23- Ginny Gunderson | |
| 13- Darrell Frerichs | 23- Myles Krummen | |
| 13- Jane Heikens | 23- Easton Brevik | |



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Anniversaries

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| 28- Joel & Virginia Wiese |
| 30- Grant & Tonia Gunderson |
| 31- Trent & Brittney Kelley |
| 31- Tom & LeAnn Ransom |



Pastor's Page

After I spent two weeks on vacation through refreshments and medication with colleagues. Each of us had something to share from our church. When it came to my turn, I shared with them Two things. 1) Reading the bible during the church service and 2) how the confirmands are involved in the church, all of them liked.

As you know this month is the last for the confirmation class. On May 7th they will be confirmed. I want to thank all of you for the time we spent together learning the Christian life; also, thanks to the mentors for leading the mentee through the process; and the parents for sending the child to learn the Bible and the history of the church. Sometimes the lesson and homework were challenging but you did an excellent job. Then all of us would thank Rebecca Luitjens the conference delegate, for being with us throughout the process.

To you the confirmands: this was not the simple process you went through because of ages, but it is the beginning of your new life into Christ Jesus. Practice what you have learned, read the bible, and meditate. Joshua 1: 8; Pray without ceasing 1thessalonians 5: 17. Bring new life into your house and to your colleague, if possible, take your bible to school when you have time read it. Take time to share with your friends the word of God. Next year some of you will serve on Sunday school staff if it is possible.

To you, the parent and church members: the confirmands have now started their journey with God. As a pastor I planted the seed of God's word, and the mentors are putting the water through it for the growing of the seed. Now it is for you the parent and the congregation to help them to practice what they have been learned.

1 Corinthians 3: 6-8.

May is the month that the farmers are planting the seed in the ground. My prayer to God is that: God keeps you safe and all types of equipment that you will use in the different duties. Let the dew of heavens cover your land, and the fatness of the earth be on your ground Genesis 27: 28. This is the resurrection season, as Jesus rose from the dead, and we also are hoping that all things are resurrected with Christ. Amen.

Blessings.

Rev. Sedar Shako

Last Day of Sunday School will be May 14th.
Thank you for all parents for bringing your children each Sunday
to join our lessons.
We look forward to next year!!



**It's a Bird!
It's a Plane!
No...
It's Vacation
Bible School!!!**

- * VBS will take place on July 10th, 11th, and 12th at the Lake Park United Methodist Church!
- * The program will run from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- * Pre-registration is available with this note. Otherwise registration will start at 5pm on the 10th.
- * Please come even if you can not make it to all the days!
- * There will be a short program at 7:15pm on the 12th with a fun activity to follow...Think Water!!
- * Please have each attendee bring an oversized t-shirt to use for a craft. This can be colored.

The Lake Park Worship committee is looking for ushers and worship leaders for the rest of the year. This is an opportunity to serve in our church. Your willingness to serve shows your commitment to our church and to Christ. We appreciate YOU being a part of our church family and YOUR help. Thank you in advance for your help and participation. As a **Worship Leader** everything is provided for you. It is an easy to follow layout. If you have questions and/or want to volunteer, please talk to Scott Christenson.

As in previous years, we would like to go back to having 2 families/couples for each month for being **Ushers/Greeters**. This is a ministry of hospitality and welcoming people to our church. Your responsibilities for this include greeting people as they come into the church, looking specifically for visitors, handing out bulletins, taking offering and picking up papers, etc after church left in the pews. We are aware that schedules change and things come up, in the event that you cannot make it, it will be your responsibility to find your own replacement.

DISAFFILIATION PROCESS UPDATE





The official congregational vote to determine if the Lake Park Church will disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church has been scheduled at the church for June 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., as according to the rules established by the United Methodist Church General Conference. The votes can only be made by members of the church **present** at the time of the vote, and a 2/3 affirmative vote to disaffiliate is required in order to pass.

Prior to this date, a few of us on the administrative council will be hosting small discussion groups to provide information about the why's and how's of the disaffiliation process and to try to answer any questions any of us might have about it. We will be placing sign-up sheets out for anyone who's interested in joining a group discussion on the table outside the sanctuary by Sunday, May 7, and they will also be available at the church office. Thanks!

Jon Martin
Administrative Council Chair



May

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Pastor Sedar will hold office hours in Harris every Wednesday from 10am-12pm</p> <p>* times and dates are subject to change</p> | 1 | 2 | <p>3 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP 1pm UWF Meeting in Lake Park</p> <p>6pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group 7pm Jr. High Youth Group</p> | <p>4 Community Food Bank at Presbyterian Church</p> <p>★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER</p> | 5 | 6 |
| <p>7 9am Worship Service Harris followed by Sunday School/Coffee 9am Sunday School in LP 10:30am Worship Service in Lake Park</p> | 8 | 9 | <p>10 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP</p> <p>6pm HLP Baccalaureate Service at Concordia Lutheran Church 6pm LP Worship Comm. Meeting 7pm Lake Park Ad Council</p> | <p>11 6pm Harris AD Council</p> | 12 | <p>13 7am Men's Breakfast at Blurry Bigfoot in Lake Park</p> |
| <p>14 9am Worship Service Harris followed by Sunday School/Coffee 9am Sunday School in LP 10:30am Worship Service in Lake Park</p>  | 15 | 16 | <p>17 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bell Practice</p> | <p>18  ASCENSION DAY</p> | 19 | 20 |
| <p>21 9am Worship Service Harris 10:30am Worship Service in Lake Park</p> | 22 | 23 | <p>24 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bell Practice</p> | <p>25  Please have any newsletter items submitted by 10am</p> | 26 | <p>27 7am Men's Breakfast at Blurry Bigfoot in Lake Park</p> |
| <p>28 9am Worship Service Harris 10:30am Worship Service in Lake Park</p> | <p>29  MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR</p> | 30 | <p>31 6:30am Men's Bible Study in LP</p> <p>6:30pm Adult Bell Practice 7pm Lake Park Trustee Meeting</p> | | | |