

Newsletter June 2026



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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

With summer's activities, weekend trips, and vacations it is easy to lose the discipline of keeping Sabbath. Rabbi Abraham Heschel in his book, The Sabbath, writes, "That the Sabbath and eternity are one – or of the same essence – is an ancient idea. A legend relates that 'at the time when God was giving the Torah to Israel, He said to them: My children! If you accept the Torah and observe my mitzvot, I will give you for all eternity a thing most precious that I have in my possession.

- And what, asked Israel, is that precious thing which Thou wilt give us if we obey? Thy Torah?
- The world to come.
- Show us in this world an example of the world to come.
- The Sabbath is an example of the world to come."

There is a sacredness to life and a connection with God's eternity that is a part of our keeping Sabbath. Thus, it is important to continue Sabbath keeping throughout the seasons of the year. So, whether home or away, keep connected with God through weekly worship.

Grace and peace to you,

Larry

FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

There are currently 13 households participating in our Kroger Community Rewards. For the quarter of February through April, we received \$31.62. The session has designated the income to the **Breakfast to Go** program.

Contribution Reports (Giving Statements) for January - June 2026 will be provided in July. Contribution Reports for July-December 2026 will be provided in January 2027. If you would like to have a statement at any time other than July 2026 and January 2027, please feel free to ask Kathy Mowry, Treasurer.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Judy Turner

Yoga continues through June on Mondays at 5:30 pm. There will not be yoga on June 15 due to Vacation Bible School.

FROM THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR: Susan Henwood

Our blessing bag project (formerly known as breakfast to go bags) ran from September 2025 through May 2026. We are so thankful to everyone who helped us with this project this school year.

The total number of bags packed for this school year was 10,166. The cost was \$9,735.82, and the total hours of volunteers helping was 9,066 hours. We also had donations of \$1,600.00. Our volunteer crew was Scott Bergreen, Marilyn Boyd, Sue Burnworth, Ron and Cindy Cullumber, Rose Ann Elliott, and Cinda Keller, Without their continued help with this project, we would not be able to pack these bags each week. Rose Ann Elliott deserves a special thank you for picking up these bags and for delivering them to Bremen Elementary each week then returning them to us for the next week. The last week she left us a note. It said "I am so happy to be a part of this. My grandchildren have pitched in and helped me load and unload, and I enjoy Grandma time and the opportunity to teach them to help others. I am so thankful to everyone that helps to accomplish this for the students at Bremen Elementary."

Blessing to everyone – Sue Henwood

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jun 1st – Dean & Judy Ackerman

Jun 14th – Sally Spangler

Jun 15th - Jon Schmidt

Jun 17th – Caden Fisher

Jun 25th – AJ Ray

Jun 27th – Don Spangler

Jun 29th – Andrew & Jenna McCandlish

Anyone wanting to add a birthday or anniversary to the list, please send an email or call the church office.

Calendar of Events

Beginning Sunday, June 7, worship will begin at 10:00 am. This will be our summer worship time for June, July, and August.

Jun 7th – Graduation Sunday. A meal will follow then the Confirmation Class.

Jun 14th – Jun 18th - Vacation Bible School: Meal at 6 pm; program is 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information.

Jun 21st - Session will meet after worship and will receive new members.

Jun 21st – Happy Father's Day!

Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers

Jun 7th – Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher
 Cindy Cullumber: Communion Server & Usher

Jun 14th - Judy Turner: Lay Reader
 George & Linda Shreyer: Ushers

Jun 21st - Cinda Keller: Lay Reader
 Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

Jun 28th – Scott Bergreen: Lay Reader & Usher
 Karen Bergreen: Usher

Kids' Section

The image contains several activities for Father's Day:

- Coloring Page:** A central illustration of a father hugging a child, surrounded by various items like mugs with 'DAD' on them, ties, glasses, and a crown.
- Maze:** A square maze on the right side of the page with a crown labeled 'DAD' at the exit.
- Word Search:** A 10x10 grid of letters containing words related to Father's Day.
- Large Text:** The words 'LOVE YOU, DAD' written in large, bubbly, outlined letters.
- Decorative Elements:** Scattered around the page are various icons like ties, glasses, mugs, and clouds.

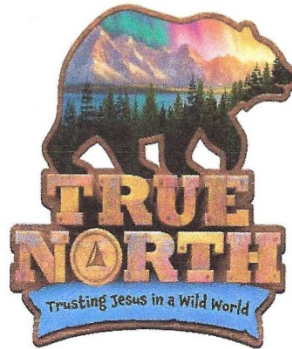
Word Search:

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Word List:

- Honor
- Strong
- Memory
- Thanks
- Together
- Kind
- Provider
- Grill
- Hugs
- Support

LOOKING FOR MOUNTAINS OF FUN >



YOU OTTER BE HERE!

Bremen Community Vacation Bible School

New friends > Amazing experiments > Creative games

Super-fun snacks > Surprising adventures > Incredible music

Dates: Sunday, June 14 – Thursday, June 18

Drop off and pick up at Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church

Meal at 6:00 p.m. Program 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Classes for: Preschool (age 3 and potty trained)

Based on completed grade – Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd and 3rd and
4th, 5th, 6th

**We will be collecting shelf stable food items for the food pantry
each day of VBS for a service project.**

Online Registration Here:



Deadline for registration is June 7, 2026