

# The Believer's Corner

## by Chad Poppen

Today, let us think about how our hearts are encouraged and what causes us to rejoice. Where do you go when you need renewed hope and shelter from the storms of life? The answer to these questions tells us a lot about who we serve. Say you are discouraged because you had a bad day, and you come home and turn on the TV or pull out the phone to scroll through social media posts endlessly. You walk in with your head down and your mind full of agitation, so you are looking for something to occupy that space until your heart relaxes and your mind settles. We can be very protective of that space because taking that from us would rob us of the little bit we have left holding us together. If someone comes in, we often shut down to interact and focus on our self-soothing medicine of choice. That is saying we have chosen something socially acceptable and do not require a black covering to keep us from being seen by the outside world.

The way God created us makes us need community, and the hard part about the technology age we live in is that it meets that need in part. Living in this world is hard, and there is no way to get around it. The Book of Job calls our days few and full of trouble. Eph. 5:16 states we must make the best of the time because the days are evil. The days of evil began when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden.

At this time, sin entered the heart of man. God placed the creation under a curse of pain, trial, and sorrow, eventually ending in death. To learn more about these days, you can read the words of the wisdom of Solomon as he speaks of these things in the book of Ecclesiastes. Scripture also states that before the foundation of the world, Christ was already set in motion to provide salvation through the cross. Let us take joy in hearing the call to go up to the house of the Lord (Ps.122:1). Jesus has opened the door and sent forth the invitation to come and inquire in the temple of the Lord (Ps. 127:4). Many righteous men like David desired to see the days we live in and were not able but lived lives of faith knowing that the Messiah would come and redeem many from their sinful condition so that the Holy Spirit could take up a permanent residence within the heart of man. Let us now turn to God with all our hearts and believe in Jesus, whom the Father sent so that we can have eternal life. What could be so foolish as not to consider such great a deliverance as the eternal plan of salvation within the Scripture? Consider Jesus's words to come unto him if you are weary and heavy laden, for he can provide rest for your souls (Matt. 11:28).

## Sambathu OBITUARY

### Inez Hample

October 12, 1930 - March 31, 2025

Inez Lucille Hample passed away at 94 years of age on March 31, 2025 at the Oakes Good Samaritan Society.

She was born October 12, 1930 in Glover, ND. She was the 6<sup>th</sup> child out of 14 siblings born to Carl and Mary (Hajek) Iverson. During high school, she served meals to patients at the Oakes Hospital, having to carry the food trays from the basement to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Inez was united in marriage to Dick Hample June 13, 1950, and they lived in Oakes their entire lives. They welcomed 3 children to their family. Inez worked as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell for many years. She then worked at the Oakes Clinic under Dr. Craychee for 25 years. Inez was a member of Grace Lutheran Church where she served on numerous church committees over the years, with the majority of them serving meals to the bereaved families.

Welcoming her to heaven were her loving husband of 60 years, Dick Hample, parents Carl and Mary Iverson, in laws Gid and Mary Hample, siblings Charlie, Bob, Lawrence, Romie, Carroll, Buzz, Arvid, Shirley, Evie, Don, and Al. Her surviving siblings are her brother Ernest "Gene" Iverson and sister Sue Ellen Wagoner.

Family mourning her pass-



ing are children, Dirk (Patty) Hample, Mary (Tom) Bjornstad and Nancy Grewatz; grandchildren, Blair (Chris) Bond, Drew (Travis) Rohl, Laura (Ron) Koble, Dylan (Cassie) Knipple, Joel (Kori) Knipple, Eric Bjornstad, and Chris (Rolanda) Bjornstad, Abby Grewatz and Almir Methadzovic, Carley (Greg) McCrea; great grandchildren, Ayden and Bella Highet, Ethan and Connor Bond, Jude and Josie Knipple, Jonas and Reyna Knipple, Isaac and Madi Bjornstad, McKenna, Wyatt, and Molly Rohl, and Pierce McCrea. God Bless the memory of Inez. The funeral was held Friday, April 4, 2025 at 1:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Oakes with visitation one hour prior. Burial will be at Oakes View Cemetery.

## Sympathu OBITUARY

### Dr. Rebecca West

May 25, 1960 - February 9, 2025

Dr. Rebecca West, Fargo, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at Sanford Broadway Hospital from complications of a recent illness.

Dr. Rebecca West was born to Don and Eileen Geske on May 25, 1960 at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo, joining her siblings at home. At age two her family moved from their farm home in Cass County to a farm in Barnes County near Wimbledon, North Dakota. There she attended school until the family again moved their farming operation to LaMoure County, where she graduated from high school in Verona, North Dakota in 1978. Always interested in "book learning," Rebecca continued her education over a span of many years, juggling marriage, raising her son, and working outside of the home as she achieved her final goals in education with a Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture from NDSU in August of 2017.

Besides her work in the NDSU English department, Rebecca worked part-time for NDSU Extension for many years with Julie Garden-Robinson and others in the nutrition, food safety, and health area. Rebecca was a highly valued and engaged member of the team, where she helped write materials and completed literature reviews and research in the areas of food safety, beans and other pulse foods, garlic, and many other topics. She created agendas and notes for a 12-state food safety team and the members were deeply saddened to hear of her passing. She was justly described as "incredible." Rebecca's attention to detail and thoroughness resulted in journal articles and Extension outreach materials that have been used by thousands of people.

Rebecca loved books, reading, maps, birds, squirrels, flowers, parks, libraries, cats, music, and Middle Eastern Dance. She trained in Taekwondo mar-



tial arts with Grand Master Jim Grimestad at Grand Master Yun's school in downtown Fargo in the Eighties and received her first degree black belt certification.

She was a perfectionist in cooking and took pride in regularly cooking recipes from all cultures of the world. Being outside with nature was another favorite of hers to name a few. Rebecca studied piano throughout her younger years, having enjoyed playing and performing pieces by JS Bach and one of her all-time favorites, Edvard Grieg's Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen. Later, she also enjoyed the Romantics, playing many pieces by Beethoven and Chopin. Her piano has been donated to the Spirit Room in Downtown Fargo for many others to enjoy.

Rebecca loved her only son with a "Mother Lion" like love. Max was the love of her life. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends as well as her colleagues at NDSU.

Dr. Rebecca West is survived by her son, Max Goodwin; parents, Don and Eileen Geske; her siblings, Tim, Ann, and Miriam; and her nieces and nephews, Amanda, Norah, Moriah, Amos, Erica, and Andrew.

No services are planned at this time.

Arrangements entrusted to Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - Fargo, ND

## Public Notices www.ndpublicnotices.com

City Council Meeting March 11, 2025	
The City Council met at 6:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Stizler and Council: Day, Harris, Hollingsworth, Kelly and Mayer. Employees present: Chad Raatz, Lee Bredeson, Matthew O'Brien and Zasha Johnson.	
<b>Engineer Report:</b> Josh Roehrich updated the council on the DWR Funding application for the water plant project. He provided a quick recap of meetings and discussions with a developer interested in developing residential lots on South 15th Street. No action was taken.	
<b>Minutes, Auditor and Police Reports:</b> Mayer moved, Harris second to approve minutes, carried. Mayer moved, Hollingsworth second to approve police report, carried. Harris moved, Day second to approve auditor reports, carried.	
<b>Game of Chance Permit:</b> Hollingsworth moved, Harris second to approve game of chance permits as listed, pending approval from the state, carried.	
1.Oakes Hospital Foundation - Raffle Board	
Bills: Hollingsworth moved, Day second to approve bills as presented, carried.	
American Welding & Gas	78.90
Aflac	118.10
Aqua Pure	2,160.90
Airport Association	100.00
Avid Hawk	200.00
Agtegra	1434.66
Balco Uniform	29.83
Bobcat	454.78
City of Fargo	28.00
Central Business Systems	152.33
Code Services	764.40
Dakota Supply Group	57.02
Dakota Valley Electric	940.00
DRN	971.84
Fabian Pest Control	1 0 5 . 0 0
Information Tech	156.60
James River Repair	156.50
Maguire Iron	2250.00
MFOA	40.00
Motorola	940.88
Napa	141.34
NDPERS-Ins.	20,127.72
NDPERS-Retirement	9,844.66
ND Dept. of Enviro Quality	1051.00
Oakes Area Chamber	20.00
OEI	14,494.61
Oakes Truck & Trailer	334.11
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Ottertail	10,551.51
Pitney Bowes	164.97
Praskas	317.60
Rod's Cleaning	80.00
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Tornado Stop	3,063.16
Verizon	487.90
Visa-Library	572.86
Visa-City	1205.00
Vistos	34.99
Waste Management	11,172.08
Westside Body Shop	7432.95
Salaries	14,185.39
PayrollTaxes	
	62,401.46
Visitors: One visitor asked about an electronic option for attending meetings.	
<b>Committee Reports:</b> Mayor Stizler informed the council that drywall repair in the meeting room will be carried out	

soon. Rental schedule of the room will be checked to determine exact timing. A multi-entire county meeting will be held March 27th at 1pm in Ellendale. Mayor Stizler will be attending as well as representatives from the police department. Kelly discussed options for the CAT road grader and the lack of use. Kelly moved, Hollingsworth second to put the CAT140 grader for sale on bids, with a minimum bid of \$120,000, carried. A quote was received from Parsons Electric to provide the labor to repair/update equipment on the spotlight on Hwy 1. Kelly moved, Day second to accept the quote and move forward with repairs from Parsons and Mobotrex, carried. Day updated the council on multiple trainings the police officers have received. Day and Chief O'Brien presented quotes for body cameras, push bumpers for PD vehicles and additional remote cameras for the landfill. Harris moved, Mayer second to purchase all items presented, carried. Landfill opening was debated, with potential for winter weather still possible, a decision will be tabled until the April meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** The payout of unused vacation hours due to short staffing in 2024 was reviewed. Employees have until March 31st to use any carry-over hours. Harris moved, Kelly second to payout 2024 carryover hours balance as of 3/31/25 for public works and police department, carried.

**New Business:** Johnson informed the council that Nichole Nitschke would reach her 5-year anniversary later in March. She requested Nitschke receive a pay increase as part of her recognition. Harris moved, Mayer second to approve

pay increase to \$20.00 per hour, carried. The Legion Sportsbar submitted a gaming site authorization form to allow the Oakes American Legion Club to conduct charitable gaming at their location. Kelly moved, Harris second to approve authorization as presented, carried. The Legion Sportsbar also submitted a beer and alcohol license transfer, to transfer the Oakes American Legion's existing annual license until its expiration in June. They have applied for their state alcohol license but have not received it as of the meeting date. Hollingsworth moved, Mayer second to approve the transfer contingent upon the City receiving a copy of the state license, carried. The First Reading of the Flood Zone Ordinance Update was reviewed. This update is required by FEMA as part of the flood insurance program.

**Announcements & Correspondence:** Reminder of the County meeting on March 27th at 1pm.

NDLC Spring Conference and Elected Officials Training March 19 & 20, 2024, Johnson will be attending and as it overlaps with Boys state basketball, the office will be closed Thursday the 20th. Harris moved, Day second to close the office that day, carried.

The City personnel policy handbook needs to be updated, Stizler suggested a special meeting for discussion as it could be lengthy. Special meeting was scheduled for March 25th at 6pm.

Mayer moved, Harris second to adjourn the meeting at 7:03PM.

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANTED**  
Rolette County Housing Authority is seeking applicants for the full time Position of Executive Director in Rolla, ND. Minimum Qualifications: Equivalent to graduation from an accredited four-year college/university with major coursework in business-public administration, finance, planning, social work, or related field, and 5 documented years of progressively responsible executive/management experience in program planning. Housing Authority /Public Housing experience preferred. Starting Salary: \$61,111-\$67,222, depending on experience/qualifications. Applications w/full position description can be obtained by contacting: Rolette County Housing Authority, P.O. Box 455, 211 2nd Ave NE, Rolla, ND, 701-477-7772, or contact: Terry Hanson, Executive Director, [thanson@thegfha.org](mailto:thanson@thegfha.org) 701-740-6738

# Church Directory

<p><b>Nazareth Lutheran Church Cogswell, ND</b> Worship Service 8:30am; Sunday School following Worship Service</p> <p><b>Grace Lutheran Church</b> 821 Hickory Ave, Oakes ND Pastor Dave Peterson Sunday Worship 9:00am Sunday School: During Worship Service (Preschool-grade 6) OWLS Bible Study: Wednesday 9:00 am, Confirmation Wednesday: Grades 7 and 8 at 4:00 pm Grade 9 at 6:00 pm Quilting Guild: Thursday 9:00 am</p> <p><b>Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA, 8630 104th Ave. SE, Oakes 742-2696</b> Sunday Worship-8:30 am;</p>	<p>Sunday School - 9:30am</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church, 6th and Ivy, Oakes</b> Sunday - Worship 9:30am</p> <p><b>Zion Lutheran Church</b> 420 1st St SE, Gwinner 701-678-2401 Rev. Mike Grieve Tuesday: Circuit Winkle @ Trinity/Great Bend 9 a.m.; Youth Catechesis 3:30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study 9 am.; Youth Catechesis 3:45 pm.; Dinner 5:30pm.; Private Confession/Absolution 6pm.; Vespers 6:30 pm, Thursday.; Elders 7 p.m. Sunday:Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45 a.m.; Divine Service 10 a.m.; Council 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>St. John's Lutheran Church (LC-MS)</b> 120 South 9th St Pastor Chris Brademeyer <a href="http://www.stjohnsoakes.org">www.stjohnsoakes.org</a> (701) 742-2595 Sunday Service: 9am Sunday School: 10:15 am Sunday Study: 10:15 am Wed Confirmation: 3:30 pm Thurs Bible Study: 9 am Men Study: 4th Wed at 7 pm LWML: 2nd Thurs at 2 pm &amp; 3rd Wed at 7 pm</p> <p><b>Oakes Methodist Church</b> Pastor Clarence Mittleider 210 S 6th St, Oakes Office Phone 742-2925 Sunday - Fellowship -10 am Worship - 11 am</p>	<p><b>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (CLC)</b> Tim Daub, Pastor 605-994-2145 <a href="mailto:pastordaub@hotmail.com">pastordaub@hotmail.com</a> Hwy 37 and Pine St Hecla SD 57446 9am: Sunday Service 10 am: Bible Class/Sunday School</p> <p><b>Savo Apostolic Lutheran Church (Stateline Road)</b> Pastor Reino Maunu Sundays Worship Service-10:30 am. Communion-2nd Sunday of every month.</p> <p><b>Southeast Baptist Church</b> 103 S. 8th, Oakes, 742-3699 Sunday Morning Service: 9:30 am - 10:30 am</p>	<p>Sunday School (All ages): 10:30 am - 11:30 am Wednesday Devotion Prayer Service: 7pm</p> <p><b>OCN-Church of the Nazarene</b> 1019 Ivy Ave, Oakes Pastor Kelley Lovelace, 742-3193 Sundays: 10am - - Worship Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm - Kids' program (ages 4- grade 6), Youth Group (grade 7-12) Junior High- 6:00 pm Senior High- 7:15 pm Check us out at <a href="http://www.oakesnazarene.com">www.oakesnazarene.com</a> or "Like" us on Facebook! Oakes church of the nazarene</p> <p><b>St. John's Lutheran Church, Verona, Pastor Bruce Baxter ~ 432-5688</b> April 13 11:00 am, Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Worship &amp; 10 am Sunday School, April 17, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship.</p> <p><b>St. Charles Borromeo Church, Oakes 742-2418, Fr. Tim Schroeder</b> April 12 : Sat. Vigil Mass- 5:30 pm; Reconciliation: 4:30 pm April 13: Sunday Mass- 8:30 am; Reconciliation: 8:00 am April 15 : Mass- 5:30 pm @ St. Charles April 16 : Mass 8:30 am @ Hopsital April 17th 5:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass @ St. Charles April 18: 5:00 pm Good Friday Service @ St. Charles ALSO: Check out our website at <a href="https://stcharlesoakes.org">https://stcharlesoakes.org</a> for homilies by Fr. Tim.</p>
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