

Leading Worship Today— Megan Long
Nursery— Eva Estep/Aubrey Lantz Jr. Church— Jamie Estep

A Community VBS will be held THIS WEEK!, July 7-11 at Sunnyside Park from 9-11:30am each day. The program is being sponsored by New Paris Church of the Brethren, but they are looking for volunteers from all area churches. If you are interested in helping out, visit npcob.com, or scan the QR code on the fliers on church bulletin boards. This VBS is free to all kids!

At this year's General Conference in Roanoke, Virginia, we will be voting to affirm a new Executive Director for the denomination. Miles Larson has been selected as the candidate for this important position. Miles currently serves the Brethren Church as the Director of Pastoral and Congregational Vitality. He also serves on the denomination's Church Planting Team. Prior to these roles, he pastored a Brethren Church in California. Please be in prayer for our movement, and for Miles as he looks to take on this important role. Please also reach out to Pastor Jeff should you have any thoughts or guidance for him as he represents our church at the Conference.

We will also be voting on a new Conference Moderator. No one has as of yet been put forward as a candidate for this position.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month in 2025: \$8,749

Given in June (as of 6/22): \$9,765

2025 Budget giving needed (Jan-June-): \$52,494

2025 Actual Budget giving (Jan-June): \$49,995

(\$2,499 under budget for the year)



July 6th, 2025
Today's Message:
"Sinful Simon Was a Sly Man"
Pastor Jeff Estep

9am— Sunday School
10:15am— Morning Worship

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Tues., July 8th— Ladies Cancer Support Group, 1:30pm

Sat., July 12th— Men's Breakfast, 8am Backyard Fellowship, 6pm

Sun., July 13th— Official Board Meeting after church

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Mon., July 7th— Keirsten Miller Thurs., July 17th— Willie Hostetler

Sun., July 20th— Brenda Adams & Linda Geiser

Upcoming Anniversaries!!

Sun., July 27th— Tim & Edna VanDiepenbos

Prayer Concerns:

- Pray for Osceola Grace football after death of one of their players
- Brenda W.— having health problems, pray for healing
- Tom V.— friend Dean in hospital with fluid in lungs
- Kim— mom and stepdad adjusting to living in new place
- Jan— Cindy recovering from chemo, pray for Dave Detwiler who is not doing well

Prayer Focus *Camp Shipshewana is still in session. Pray for safety for all participants and that God's work continues to be done in the lives of the campers.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

Lost Creek Slideshow

Opening Hymn- #572– America, the Beautiful

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading– Matthew 7:15-20

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Hymn- #571– My Country, Tis of Thee

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Closing Hymn- #569– Battle Hymn of the Republic

Dismissal

If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Sermon Notes:

Simon the sorcerer used the power of _____ to control people.

Simon was wowed, but the message never penetrated his _____.

Four things we must always do:

1. Keep preaching _____ -
2. Sharpen your _____ -
3. Choose leaders _____ -
4. Keep _____ -



Learn from the Parable of the Weeds. Jesus will sort people out. Our job is to focus on the ministry God has called us to.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Acts 8:9-24 **Monday–** 2 Peter 2:1-12

Tuesday– Matthew 13:24-30 **Wednesday–** Matthew 13:36-43

Thursday– 1 John 2:18-27 **Friday–** 1 John 4:1-6

Saturday– 2 John 1:4-12

Upcoming Sermons:

7/13– Outward Signs– Acts 8:14-25– Why didn’t the Samaritans who believed receive the Holy Spirit until Peter and John came to pray for them? Should we conclude from this that “receiving the Spirit’ is separate from saving faith?

7/20– Desert Road– Acts 8:26-40– After his ministry in Samaria, Philip’s next mission takes him into the desert to evangelize a royal official who is looking for the truth Philip possesses.