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A Weekly Publication of Homestead Presbytery

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Dear Kris,

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

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Town of Humboldt Celebrates Lent

The churches of Humboldt Nebraska are cooperating in hosting Lenten services.

A series of men's breakfasts began March 10, 7:00 am, at the Presbyterian Church with the male members preparing a meal of juice and fresh fruit, breakfast egg casserole, muffins, cinnamon rolls and coffee. Pastor Mary Ellen Gaither gave a Lenten message to the group which included men from the Christian, Methodist, and Lutheran congregations. Subsequent hosts will be those 3 churches.

The ladies from the area are meeting at 9:30 am at the Methodist Church with speakers from outside the Humboldt area, hosted by the Methodist ladies.

**Homestead Presbytery
on behalf of
Mission Presbytery
invites you to
the ordination of
Sarah Elizabeth James**



The ordination service will be at 2 pm on Saturday, April 14th at the Falls City United Presbyterian Church, 20th and Harlan Streets on Highway 73 in Falls City. Reception to follow.

Sarah has been under care of Homestead Presbytery since she graduation from Hastings College. She attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX before doing a year's clinical pastoral education in

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Decision Making:

Seeking to Know and

Do God's Will"

Workshop for pastors

Friday, April 13

Workshop 12:30 to 3:00 PM

Lunch @ 11:30 AM

The Center for Parish

Development out of Chicago.

Leader: Ray Schulte

This opportunity is funded through the church revitalization

process, Journey of the People of God.

No cost

RSVP your registration to Kris Peterson

krisp@homesteadpres.org
(sharing and support 3:15 to 4:15)

New Form of Government

Diana Barber, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, provided an overview of NFOG and how it affects congregations at the February Stated Meeting. She has made her reference material

three SetonHealthcare Family Hospitals there plus covering the rest of the organization's hospitals on-call.

Sarah now works full-time as the chaplain for Grace Hospice in Austin. She has been examined by Homestead's Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry before appearing before Mission Presbytery in San Antonio, TX on March 3rd.

She is the daughter of Dick and Jennifer James, elders in the Falls City congregation, and granddaughter of Jeanne Giles, Lincoln, and the late Rev. Robert L. Giles. Giles was pastor of the Falls City church for almost 25 years and longtime Stated Clerk for Homestead. Jeanne served as Moderator of Homestead Presbytery in 2002 and was the seminary resource person for the Theological Education Fund from 2001-2011.

*There's a
Place for you!* **PRESBYTERY LOOKS FOR INDIVIDUALS
TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES and M&Ms
(Ministry & Mission Groups)**

The Nominating Committee and Moderators of Ministry and Mission task groups are looking for a few willing Presbyterians! If you are a calm, fair-minded, problem solver, the Committee on Ministry could be in your future. If you are an encourager, there's a future for you on the Preparation for Ministry Committee.

Looking for a mission outside of the local church? The Mission M&M is looking for you. Know of a lot of people across your congregation or across the presbytery? The Nominating Committee could be for you. Is social justice your thing? We have an M&M for you! Like to learn about church, faith, or ? Join the group planning the education events at Presbytery Assembly. Want to help support our pastors and their families in their ministry? The Clergy Family M&M needs your ideas and energy.

These are just a few of the openings available. Some require an elder (ruling or teaching); others do not. We are looking for in-put from churches large and small and from all quadrants of Homestead.

If you want more information contact our Executive, Richard Wyatt: richardw@homesteadpres.org or 402-613-7565.

Closing Headline

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation -
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Confirmation Retreat

April 20-22, 2012

Calvin Crest

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