

3	Amos Diede	8	Madison Motschenbacher	12	Carol Lawrence	23	Thaddeus Owen
5	Serena Kennedy	9	Lori Love	14	Naomi Aziz	25	Phyllis Johnson
5	Deb Kercher	9	Kendra Rachel	14	Marlene Langbehn	26	Rick Pfeiffer
5	Wyatt Steckler	10	Marian Nitschke	17	Nancy Dabill	27	Lisa Anderson
6	Micah Hoke	10	Jenna Reed	20	Dwight Herr	29	Ashley Wolfe
7	Dan Dahl	12	Travis Beach	21	Nate Wolf	30	Marcie Maier
7	Siri Tweten	12	Dave Christopherson	23	Tory Anderson	31	Ellery Coombs
8	Pat Doerr	12	Emily Lausch	23	Tyler Hoy	31	Gunnar Pfaff

Mo	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat				
2	6:30 pm Ladies' BSF 6:30 pm Elders' Mtg.	3	6:30 pm Youth 7 pm Prayer	4	<b>Deadline:</b> Prepare Workshop 7 pm-Day of Prayer, United Presbyterian	5		6	6:30 am DAWG Pound 2:30 pm UJ Commencement Civic Center
9		10	6:30 pm Youth 7 pm Prayer	11		12		13	6:30 am DAWG Pound
16		17	6:30 pm Youth 7 pm Prayer	18		19		20	6:30 am DAWG Pound 10 am Community Prayer Concordia Lutheran
23		24	6:30 pm Youth 7 pm Prayer	25		26		27	6:30 am DAWG Pound
30		31	6:30 pm Youth 7 pm Prayer						

Our nation has a law in place which requires our President to proclaim a **National Day of Prayer** each year. You are invited to join the community of Jamestown at **United Presbyterian Church, Thursday, May 4, 7:00 pm**, to pray for our nation and our leaders.



- 4 Casey & Brooke Fetch
- 21 Larry & Carole Woiwode
- 24 Alan & Kelly Spanier
- 24 David & Janean Schmidt

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Farmers and gardeners are preparing and planting their *growing plans* for the time for growth in our world of God's world.

We recently offered **Passion Play** for the first time. (The first time was in 2001 in our previous church.) This year **1,120 people** attended the three performances over the weekend. That does not include the 80 cast members or the 40 others who

As I write this I am sitting at the University of Alabama-Birmingham hospital watching my daughter Penelope's oxygen levels do their best to stabilize. Her birth mother went through a difficult labor and emergency C-section that left Penelope with pulmonary hypertension – the biggest problem being too much pressure in her little lungs. Sarah is sleeping on the couch next to me.

Between the early arrival of Penny, the long days of travel with little to no sleep, and the reality that our daughter may not leave the NICU for a long time was pretty overwhelming to this brand spankin' new dad. For me, the most difficult aspect of waiting for this tough situation to resolve itself is the loss of control I have over my environment. Six states separate me from my family and from my Christian community. The sole fact that the word "ya'll" isn't in my vocabulary makes it feel as though I am living on foreign soil. Southerners are very kind and hospitable, but sometimes I cannot understand what they're saying!

But, I digress. The fact of the matter is that Sarah and I are both joyous that our daughter has been born, but at the same time we grieve for Penny's birth parents who desperately wanted to keep her. But due to many challenges in their lives they knew that the best thing for their little one was to release her into our custody. Another area of tension I'm experiencing as I write this letter is a sense of guilt for not being in Jamestown to fulfill my job responsibilities at TBC, the most pressing being the portrayal of Jesus in the Passion Play. Everything in life seems turned upside down and out of whack.

Now, let me tell you about how Jesus came to our rescue and pulled us up out of the muck and mire of our despair through a random

the father of Laura Beth, a young woman with whom we attended Denver Seminary. Nothing more than a neat coincidence, right? NOPE! Shortly after telling Laura Beth that we "randomly" stumbled upon her father's church, I received a phone call from the pastor himself inviting Sarah and me to join him and his wife for dinner later that week.

Our dinner with Pastor Richard and Mary Eleanor morphed into something that Sarah and I never envisioned we would have – a Christian community away from our community. Richard, Mary Eleanor and all of Third Presbyterian church blessed us through prayer, baby gifts, financial gifts and even a home to stay during a portion of our time in Alabama.

Being an outsider and recipient of this congregation's generosity made me realize the importance of caring for and blessing people that "randomly" show up at TBC. How are we, the community of Christ at TBC, caring for and blessing the newcomer or individual that walks through our doors even if they look and talk differently from ourselves?

*Pastor Kalen*

## Congratulations, Graduates!



**Nathan Dahl** - NDSCS, May 12  
A.A.S. - Architectural  
Drafting/Estimating Technology  
CSB Camp (summer)  
Career in Fargo (fall)

## University of J

May 6,



**Chr**  
B.S.  
Pec

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**Jana Lynch**  
Fine Arts in  
Theatre/Music  
Get married  
Masters in  
Directing, UMT



**Tha**  
ND  
B.S.  
Tea  
Plan  
Eas

**Brett Sinner** - ND  
Doctor/Pharmacy  
Working at CVS, S

**Kelly Spanier** - VC  
B.S./Business Adm  
Future plans unkn  
Possibility of telec