



The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

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Please share this with other members of your congregation - You are welcome to use it as a Sunday bulletin insert, forward as an email, print copies OR include all or part of it in your own church newsletter.

Don't forget!
October is Pastor
Appreciation month!



Take some time to show your pastor how much you appreciate them.
Need some ideas?

- You could have members of the congregation write thank you notes to your pastor, collect them and present them to your pastor during worship.
- You could send flowers, bake a pie, or give them other homemade goodies.
- You could give them a gift certificate to their favorite store or restaurant.

If you are not able to pull something together in October, don't worry.

Everyday is a good day to tell your pastor that you appreciate them!

HOMESTEAD ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

The annual Homestead Presbytery Advent devotional will be available for download again this year. An email will be sent out to everyone when it goes online (by mid November). There will be a Sunday devotional that congregations can use with a responsive Reading,

Advent Devotional

Don't forget advent is just around the corner!

[Channing-Bete](#) has some great Advent calendars for kids and families.

All Youth Invited to Summer Missions Camp

four work days (5-6 hours ea) and a Sabbath/Free Day at the end of the week. Work sites/projects are lined up with help from the Y's Volunteer Coordinator.

Where: Estes Park, CO.
YMCA Camp of The Rockies

When: June 2-8, 2014

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Scripture, a brief thought and suggested hymn. Questions? Contact Kris 402.580.0947 or kris@homesteadpres.org

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Clearwater Forest names Ray Larson as interim director

(Ray was pastor at Lincoln First Pres. from 1998-2003)

Clearwater Forest, the Presbyterian camp and conference center located on Clearwater Lake near Deerwood, Minn., has named the Rev. Ray Larson as its interim executive director. Larson started serving in that capacity Oct. 14. A retired Presbyterian minister, Larson has served in numerous interim positions, including those as a congregation's minister and in presbytery executive positions. Clearwater Forest's former executive director, David (DJ) Jeremiason, and former associate director, Elise Bates Russell, resigned this fall. The complete news release from Clearwater Forest can be found at ["Interim."](#)



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Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!
Please submit articles to Jessica at hpooffice@homesteadpres.org
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