

# The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

## **Homesteader Print Version**

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## **PENTECOST - Celebrating The Birth of the Church** **An Opportunity for Discipling a New Congregation**



**Pentecost** celebrates the start of the Christian church. As Peter and the disciples told of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit descended upon the people and the disciples were identified by fire above their heads. The gospel was heard by each person present, in their own language, and thousands believed! We are told the church increased in numbers as the disciples carried the message to other towns and cities throughout the Roman Empire.

As we celebrate the 'birthday' of the Church, we celebrate the beginnings of our own congregation. Whether the congregation is fairly new, or over a century old, people came at it's start to help establish each congregation.

Perhaps a minister from the old country was sent. Trained by others and sent by others to serve a new fellowship in America. Perhaps a congregation formed because of the growth in the community.

In the 1950s and 1960s the General Assembly employed a network of ministers through its Board of Home Missions to preach and establish congregations. Before that, the General Assembly made grants to build churches. Now, the General Assembly has a grant program for new worshipping communities and for new church developments.

In all of this, presbyteries have been a working partner. Homestead Presbytery wants to continue this tradition of encouraging new churches to grow disciples and witness. To help in this effort, we have established the Homestead Presbytery Pentecost Offering. Funds given in this special offering will be dedicated to assisting establishment of a new church or new worshipping community on **Pentecost Sunday - June 8, 2014.**

## **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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It seems appropriate that at a time of celebration of the Birthday of the Church, we give a gift for the birth of a new congregation. **Bulletin inserts are available on the presbytery website, and Offering envelopes will be given out to congregations over the next 2 months** at the Pastor Covenant Groups and at the Stated Meeting - or someone can pick them up from the presbytery office in Lincoln (please call ahead, 402-474-0612).

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How is your church making itself more visible in the community? Send us stories and/or pictures of ways that your church is being seen. We would love to share your ideas with others.

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation or ministry - Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!

Please submit articles to Jessica at [hpooffice@homesteadpres.org](mailto:hpooffice@homesteadpres.org) or mail to 8300 East Pointe Rd. Lincoln, NE 68506

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