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## Homesteader - June 17, 2014

### Ministry Highlight: First Presbyterian Church-Wahoo receives the Faithful Steward Award



Jared Ketner, Doug Peterson, Cathy Duling, and Pastor John Duling were invited Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary to receive the Faithful Steward Award. Such is an annual presentation from the seminary to a group, church, or individual who embodies the commitment of being a faithful steward.

The presentation came as a result of former Pastor Patrick Marshall writing a letter to Louisville Seminary accompanying a check for \$1500.00 to be used for their campaign to provide support for students. The Seminary's vision is that all students by the fall of 2015 would be able to attend seminary with all expenses paid! This congregation was the first in the nation to make a contribution to that campaign. Pastor Patrick's letter was so encouraging that the President of the Seminary framed the letter! As a consequence, the four travelers who received this award on behalf of the church were treated to amazing and gracious hospitality.

So, thanks to the church for its risk to step out and make this gift. Thanks to the vision and encouragement of Pastor Patrick Marshall in

### Guest Day: Alexandria Presbyterian Church

Charlotte Endorf of Norfolk, an author and speaker for the Nebraska Humanities Council, returned to her hometown of Alexandria on May 6th to give a presentation about the North Platte Canteen. Her appearance, sponsored by the Alexandria Presbyterian Women, was followed by a dessert reception as part of a Guest Day for members of churches from the surrounding area as well as their own group. There were 45 men and women in attendance.

Nancy Mau, chairman of the event, arranged tables in the church basement with foods and utensils that would have been used at the Canteen during the years of World War II.

There were also numerous pictures of the ladies working at the Canteen, soldiers enjoying the food, and the troop trains waiting outside. Mrs. Endorf, who was dressed in the same type of clothing that was worn by "platform girl" volunteers, described what took place during the 51 months that hundreds of Nebraska citizens served food to 6 million military personnel who rode through North Platte on the Union Pacific railroad.



Although few people who utilized or volunteered at the Canteen are still living, Charlotte has interviewed several and incorporated their interesting stories into her program. There were other canteens around America during the same period, but none were as large or well-known as the one at North Platte. It was an effort that should always be a proud part of Nebraska's history.

conveying this opportunity. And most of all, thanks be to God who calls out all who would be His servants in ministry for the church of Jesus Christ! Nancy Mau, Moderator

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