

Card Shower for Elmer Gerdes

Elmer's 85th birthday was April 15th. If you have not already done so, please take time to send him a card and shower him with love and encouragement. Please mail cards to:

Elmer Gerdes
c/o Palisades Manor
920 4th Street
Garretson, SD 57030

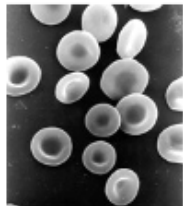


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Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Blood – Another Masterpiece of Design



Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. – 1 Peter 1:2

Have you ever wondered why blood cells look like red discs that are indented toward the middle? Furthermore, is this distinctive shape an element of design or is it the product of millions of years of mutations and natural selection?

Creationist and biologist Alan Gillen makes a strong case for design in his aptly named book *Body by Design*. According to Dr. Gillen, scientists used IBM mainframe computers to determine the ideal shape for a cell whose job is transporting oxygen to cells and taking away waste products. They discovered that the red blood cell's bioconcave shape allows for maximum surface contact of oxygen-carrying hemoglobin with the cells. This facilitates the two-way exchange of blood gases.

He also points out that this shape gives red blood cells flexibility and elasticity, so they can be folded when flowing through narrow blood capillaries. Plus, they have smooth, rounded edges that reduce the amount of friction as they scurry through veins, arteries and capillaries.

Now, what if evolution's first attempt produced red blood cells that were shaped like cubes and had thin, sharp edges? What if the cells didn't have their distinctive bioconcave shape? Obviously, blood cells had to be designed just right the first time or else the living organism would have died.

Ref: Alan L. Gillen, *Body by Design*, p. 76 (Master Books, Seventh Printing, 2011). Photo: Scanning electron micrograph of red blood cells. (PD)

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Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Pam Osmanson

Greeters: Glen & Doris Conradson Usher: Paul Osmanson

Scripture Reader: Justin Tiffany Nursery: Shawna James

Children's Church: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox

7:30 a.m.

SONrise Service

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, & Christian Greetings

Cross Unveiling – “Were You There?”.....Paul Stubbe

Trumpet Introit – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”.....Justin Tiffany

Hymn #225.....“Worship Christ the Risen King”

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory – “Christ Arose”.....Jan Questad and Jackie Kramer

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Children's Moments with Pastor Merv Kramer

Ministry of Music.....Ava and Grace Tiffany

Scripture Reading.....Luke 24:13-35

Ministry of Music – “See What a Morning”.....Questad Family

Children may be excused for Children's Church (3 yrs-2nd grade)

Sermon... JESUS' LAST JOURNEY AND ENCOUNTERS:

“Cleopas and Another”.....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Closing Hymn #220.....“He Lives”

Easter Response (repeat three times):

Pastor: CHRIST IS RISEN! *People:* HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Postlude

***Nursery care is available for children infant thru 3 years old
(Please contact an usher for information and/or direction)

***Hearing Amplifier Available – Please contact an usher

No Sunday School Today

For Your Information and Prayer

- Tuesday: -2:30 p.m. Bingo Social at Helping Hand
- Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (location TBD)
- Friday: -Church office closed
- Saturday: -7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday: April 23, 2017

A representative from the Gideons will give a ministry update and we will collect an offering for them.

- Greeters: Erica & Aaron Skogen
- Usher: Terry Kramer
- Nursery: Theresa Friesen and Cade Fox
- Scripture Reader: Pat Lacey
- Children's Church: Barbara Young and Kyle Skogen

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**Upcoming Events:**

**May 7** – A representative from **Crystal Springs Camp** will give a mission moment, and a Love Offering for the camp will be collected

**June** – We will again be **servicing at the St. Francis House**. We need four people to sign up to serve at 6pm. We also need people to sign up to make: barbecue sandwiches, chips, seven layer salad, beans, and vanilla ice cream and pop (two treats they usually do not get).

We need you to sign your name with the amount of food you're providing or indicate if you wish to be a server. Also mark your first and second choices for serving dates from the list of eight options in June. The signup is on the kitchen counter.

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| <b>OUR GIVING:</b>                                           | Sunday, April 9, 2016 |
| General Giving                                               | \$ 1,305.00           |
| Building Fund                                                | \$ 25.00              |
| Total                                                        | \$ 1,330.00           |
| (Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses) |                       |

**Our Prayer Partnership**

- Beaver Valley Lutheran Church
- Association Vice Moderator

**\*\*\* Praise & Prayer\*\*\***

**Kevin Van Malsen**, resting in hospice care at The Cottage in Luverne

**Maxine Savage**, for healing and strengthening

**Elmer Gerdes**, healing from hip fracture surgery, now at Garretson nursing home

**Ruth Hansum**, recovering at home from back surgery

**Lajeane Wright**, wife of Jim Wright, thankful for her increasing physical strength, continue to pray for increasing mental clarity; also encouragement and endurance for Jim

**Lorrayne Montecuolo**, for healing from broken hip, now home recovering

**Ron Benson**, brother of Mike Benson, for heart health issues

**Amanda Benson**, as her sending church, Amanda has asked that we lift her up in prayer as she is in the mission field.

**Serving Our Country:** Josh Onnen, Air Guard; Chad Carlson, Air Guard (Son-in-law of Carl & Lindy Johnson); Devon Lee, Army, and Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchildren of Ray & Dee Olson)

**Our Missionary/Church Planter of the Week: April 16**



**Jeff Van Putten, Westside Community Church, North Ridgeville, Ohio.** In 2014, Jeff and Mollie Van Putten, along with one other family, launched Westside Community Church. The first Missional Community began meeting weekly, and the two families began living out the Kingdom in a specific neighborhood. They have seen God do amazing things both in and through this Missional Community, and because of its growth, a second one just launched. Please continue to pray for them as they seek to live out the Gospel in everyday life, and pray that the new Missional Community would have opportunities to love and serve the people around them. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Jeff at [jeff@westsidecommunities.com](mailto:jeff@westsidecommunities.com), or check out their website at [westsidecommunities.com](http://westsidecommunities.com).