

# THE BLADE

April 2019

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

*John 3:16 NIV*



## Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday • April 14 • 10:30 am**

Join us in the waving of the palms celebrating  
Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem!

**Maundy Thursday • April 18 • 6:30 pm**

Participate in the Lord's Supper and  
service marking the night Jesus was arrested.

**Easter Sunday • April 21**

9:00 am Son-Rise Service • 9:30 am Brunch

10:30 am Worship

We will celebrate the renewal of God's promise  
with a beautiful service of rejoicing and fellowship.

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### Regular Sunday Schedule

**September - May**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship Hour

Lord's Supper—First Sunday  
of each month

### Summer Sunday Schedule

**June - August**

9:30 am Nursery Care is available  
on first floor during  
Sunday Worship

### Church Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**

9:00 – 11:30 am

12:00 – 2:30 pm



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### Newsletter Assembly

Volunteers led by Marlys Kelsey

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*Our vision is to see lives changed through joyful worship, supportive relationships, faith formation, and heartfelt service empowered by the mercy, grace, and love of Jesus Christ.*

## Prayer Families

Prayer is an important part of our life as a community of faith. We encourage you to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer.

April 7: Anna DeGraff; Joel & Bonnie Foster & family Lynn, Paige, & Gayle; Neal & Julie Foster

April 14: Elizabeth Fox; Betty Gehring; Henrietta Gohring

April 21: Troy & Rose Glaus and family Carol Ann, Jolena, Tia, & Malia; Eugene & JoAnn Goodale

April 28: Jon & Linda Greseth; Daryl & Danna Groenewold; Dawn Gustafson & Joshua Gustafson



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to be praying for you or a loved one, please contact Jan Jones at 692-5325, Lee Peterson at 692-7757, or the church office at 692-2416 who will contact the prayer chain volunteers: Linda Barnett, Dolores Canaday, Ann Douglas, Robby & Donna Flint, Bonnie Foster, Bob Jones, Andrew L'Amour, Ella Lane, Lee Peterson, Harold & Marge Poppen, Judy Smith, Susan Smith, Nancy Thompson, and Richard Wilson. *(Your concern will not go beyond the prayer team unless you request it be shared with others)*

## EASTER LILIES



Easter will be celebrated on April 24th this year. Easter lilies given in memory and honor of family and friends are a very special part of our Easter celebration. If you would like to provide a lily, there is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the church office. Please list your name and the name of the person(s) in whose honor or memory the lily is provided by April 20th. These names will be included on the Easter morning bulletin insert.

*(Stamens will be removed to lessen allergy issues.)*

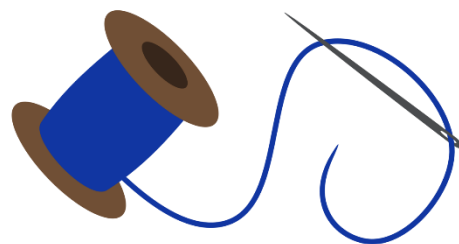
# UPCOMING EVENTS



## YOUTH EVENT

Join Teri Bierstedt on Wednesday April 3rd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. to begin the new Youth ministry activity- card making! Nothing can cheer up someone's day like a homemade card, sent with love! We will meet in the basement, have some pizza and make some fun cards!

**PRAYER QUILT SEWING DAY** will be held on Saturday, April 13, 9:30-11:30 AM, in the quilt room on the main floor of the church. Anyone interested in sewing or preparing quilts for tying is invited to come and help. How do I get a prayer quilt for someone? The answer is "Just Ask". Prayer quilts can't be bought; they are freely given along with the prayers. Please contact Dolores Canaday, Nancy Thompson, Bonnie Foster or Lee Peterson if any questions.



**THE BIG EVENT** On April 13th, students of SDSU will go into the Brookings community for 2 hours and help community members with projects around their home, business, or organization. First Presbyterian Church will be participating by hosting students for The Big Event as we did last year. If you know of church members who could use a helping hand for a couple of hours for yard work or tasks about the house, please let Terry Spitzengerger (695-4298) or the church office know as soon as possible.



OUT OF THE BELIEVER'S HEART



**THE SPRING GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** in the Presbytery will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, Brookings, SD. Worship Leader Ann Spitzengerger, will lead the Service of Worship with Communion and her message will be from John 7:38. Jeanne Jones Manzer, a member of the grassroots group of citizens in Brookings welcoming Latinos moving into the country, will present the Message of Mission. Linda Barnett, a PDA-PW Disaster Preparedness Trainer, will present information on Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for individuals, families, and congregations. Registration: 8-9:30 a.m., beginning at 10 a.m. Cost: \$15 for the day, including morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch.

**Time to start thinking about Summer Camp!** Brochures for Camp Rimrock can be found in the church office and at this website: <http://www.pioneerrimrock.camp/> The Embry Fund will help pay for one camp per student (each student pays \$25/camp).





**Synod School 2019**

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**Looking for an enriching experience for the summer?** Consider attending Synod School on the campus of Buena Vista University in beautiful Storm Lake, IA. Spend a week with other Presbyterians and choose from a wide variety of classes and worship experiences. The Embry Fund is available to assist with the cost—contact Donna Flint if you are interest.

**Are you interested in becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder?** The Presbytery of South Dakota will begin a new cohort that will meet at United Presbyterian Church in Willow Lake the second Saturday of each month from September 2019 through May 2020. Contact Carolyn Visser ([cjvisser@hotmail.com](mailto:cjvisser@hotmail.com)) or Janice Palmer ([jpalmer516@gmail.com](mailto:jpalmer516@gmail.com)) for more information about the program.



## *St. Patrick's Day Youth Party*



Faith and b'gora! The Youth Group had a jolly good green time during the St. Patrick's Day party at the Norton's, where they donned funny headgear and enjoyed a Sloppy Joe supper and festive decorated cupcakes. After "enduring" Kay's corny St. Patrick's Day riddles, a wild pingpong tourney ensued. Lots of fun and plenty of blarney!



## TEACHING MOMENT

from Bob Jones

The number 40 appears often in the Bible. Because 40 appears often in contexts dealing with judgment or testing, many people understand it to be the number of “probation” or “trial”. This does not mean that 40 is entirely symbolic; it still has a literal meaning in Scripture. “Forty days” means “40 days”, but it does mean that God has chosen this number to help emphasize times of trouble and hardship.

Here are examples of the Bible’s use of the number 40 that stress the theme of testing or judgement:

- In Old Testament, God destroyed the earth with water. He caused it to rain for 40 days and nights (Genesis 7:12)
- After Moses killed the Egyptian, he fled to Midian spending 40 years in the desert tending flocks (Acts 7:30)
- Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and nights (Exodus 24:18)
- Moses interceded on Israel’s behalf in freeing them from Pharaoh for 40 days and nights (Deuteronomy 9:18,25)
- The Law specified a maximum number of lashes received for a crime, setting the limit at 40 (Deuteronomy 25:3)
- The Israelite spies took 40 days and nights to spy out Canaan (Numbers 13:25)
- The Israelites wandered for 40 years (Deuteronomy 8:2-5)
- Before Sampson’s deliverance, the Israelites served the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13:1)
- Goliath taunted Israel’s army for 40 days before David arrived to slay him (1 Samuel 17:16)
- When Elijah fled from Jezebel, he traveled 40 days and nights to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)
- The number 40 also appears in the prophecies of Ezekiel (4:6, 29:11-13) and Jonah (3:4)
- In the New Testament, Jesus was tempted for 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:2)
- There were 40 days between Jesus’ resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:3)



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### *Dakota, A Spiritual Geography* by Kathleen Norris



If you have read a book by Kathleen Norris, you know that Norris’ books are thoughtful, insightful, and just plain interesting! Our library has three books-- “Dakota, A Spiritual Geography,” “The Cloister Walk,” and “Amazing Grace.” In Dakota, Norris relays her experience of moving into her grandmother’s home in Lemmon, South Dakota. As in “Amazing Grace”, her book is a series of essays, all linked together with the common theme of living on the plains and growing personally and spiritually. Good quote: “In choosing a bare bones existence, we are enriched, and can redefine success as an internal process rather than an outward display of wealth and power.” And a funny one: “In spite of the cost of living, it’s still popular.”

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

April 2019

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.



**Quote:** The worship of the Golden Calf of old has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose - Pope Francis

**Men's Brotherhood Notes: March...** On March 21 we had our regular monthly meeting. Susan Huggins from the Wycliffe Bible Translators gave the program on her work in Oaxaca Mexico. She had a slide presentation which showed the people of the area helping and working together to translate the Bible into the local Mixtec language. **April...** The monthly meeting will be on April 25. Encourage anyone to come; bring a friend! There is always a great meal and warm fellowship.

**Prayer Concerns:** Pray for the local folks suffering from flooding and other weather-related concerns. A particularly tough time for the farmers in our area among others.

**Action:** If you are able to, look for ways to help folks with their flood-related issues or donate money to helping agencies such as the Red Cross or other local relief efforts.

Where is your Spiritual Center? In the Beatitudes, Jesus admonishes us to be sure to put God and the wishes of God ahead of all else. Money and wealth, more or less, represent the pulls of this world that can interfere with our doing the will of God - Matt 6:24.

In Timothy, we are admonished to be aware that the love of money may cause us the drift away from having God at the center of our lives. (1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.) Notice Timothy does not say the money itself is the root, it is the *love of money*, pursuing wealth whether it be in actual monetary form, the power of wealth, or the prestige it brings, it draws us away from serving God with our whole hearts, instead placing Him and His wishes in a secondary role.

In Hebrews 13: 5 we are told that God will never leave us nor forsake us. If we are pursuing wealth for the security it brings, are we misplacing our trust? See the parable of the Rich Fool in Luke 12: 16-21. Here a man had so much money he did not know what to do with it. He gave it over to himself to pursue selfish interests. He may likely have thought the wealth will never end and he can just relax and enjoy himself with little or no regard to others perhaps neglecting the desires and wishes of God in his life. And then he died suddenly. There is no assurance that being generous in this life will ensure that we live one more minute. However, when we are asked to give an accounting of what we did in this life, self-centered pursuits at the top of our list may be a bit humiliating.

During this season of Lent, we need to be reflective of our lives and what we are accomplishing according to God's will. Jesus died that we may live. But how to live? God does not want us to live like ascetics but to have a balance as He told us in Matthew 22 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Nothing wrong with taking care of your own needs but don't forget those less fortunate, who are suffering. Whether it be wealth or time, we must be engaged in helping others. In looking away from only our own self, we will find our Spiritual Center.



The Boy Scouts Troop 14 will be meeting on Thursdays in April but not on April 18, as that is Maundy Thursday.

### **HY VEE**

Remember to bring in  
your Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.

Goal \$150,000.00

Received to Date: \$93,414.97

Needed to Date: \$56,585.03

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**



**THANKS...THANKS...THANKS...THANKS...THANKS...THANKS!**

Marge and Harold Poppen, Nelda Holden, Ella Lane, Ann Douglas, Jeanne Longieliere, and Nancy Thompson. We thank these volunteers for making the time and effort to deliver lunches for 60 Plus Dining. You are appreciated!

As your new Deacon with the responsibility for the Food Pantry collections I want to remind you that FPC collects items for the Food Pantry the first Sunday of every month. For the month of April this will be Sunday, April 7, 2019. The Food Pantry accepts all type of non-perishable food. I hope this note helps you (and me) to remember to bring some items for the Brookings Food Pantry on Sunday, April 7. Thanks – Deacon Dan Kemp



*Susan's Saga*

A remarkable bill has been unanimously passed by the South Dakota State Senate: an initiative to recognize the official indigenous language of the state. The proposal is that the language of the Seven Council Fires, also known by treaty as the Great Sioux Nation, comprised of three dialects, Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota, be designated as the official indigenous language of the state.

If signed into law, South Dakota would be the first state in the lower 48 to identify a native language.

The bill would not change anything in terms of what language is used or made available on state forms or elsewhere.

Nonetheless, it reaffirms the traditional territory and roots of the state that bears the name of Dakota.

This initiative is very much in tune with the momentum of 2019, which has been declared as the International Year of Indigenous Languages. This observance "aims to raise awareness of the consequences of the endangerment of indigenous languages across the world, with an aim to establish a link between language, development, peace, and reconciliation."

"Despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate. With this in mind, the United Nations" made this declaration to highlight "the important contribution" languages "make to our world's rich cultural diversity."

In keeping with this movement, we are also endeavoring to document and promote the use of an endangered language in Oaxaca, Mexico. God's message found in the Bible is for each language. Given that, people should be able to read God's message in the language they understand best.

*Susan Huggins*

Quotes taken from the following: SB126, <https://www.ksfy.com/content/news/Native-language-bill-passes-Senate-by-unanimousvote505748931.html?fbclid=IwAR2H5NGGahZuMLCicypM822JhFxmJ5JzGAPFncrYBf73EUwOhkBZe96Hlg8>, <https://binged.it/2TfPdVX>, and <https://en.iyil2019.org/>

*Susan Huggins is serving in full-time ministry as a Bible translator among the Mixtec people of Oaxaca, Mexico. Susan's sending agency, Wycliffe Bible Translators, is a non-denominational organization; she raises her own funds to support this ministry.*



*"For though we walk in the flesh we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."*

*II Corinthians 10:3-4*

## **PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER**      **March 2019**

Life is full of spiritual battles. Hopefully through the battles we are growing stronger in our faith walk. The evil one wants us to get angry with God for allowing hardships in our lives. I believe it is through the struggles and trials of life that we draw closer to God. It is in the valleys we hear God, because we are seeking God for answers. In difficult times God wants us to learn that His strength is sufficient when we depend on Him. II Cor. 12:9 says, ""My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

On February 9 & 10, we held a two-day seminar with the inmates. The sessions were a Louie Giglio video called, "Goliath Must Fall." We watched a twenty minute video and then discussed it. The sessions were very relevant and beneficial to the men! Some of the subjects were: fear, rejection, anger, and addiction. It was very helpful for the inmates because most of them struggle with these issues. These are some of the comments by the men: Bob - "Thank you for hosting the seminar, "Goliath Must Fall". This seminar came at a critical time in my life because I am turning back to my faith and reading the Bible more and more. My giants are slowly beginning to fall. In time I know they will be down with no chance of getting up. Even though I am struggling with PTSD from my mother's tragic death, I now know how to cope and not give the devil a seat at my table." Tom - "I was dealing with a lot of fear and addictions which brought me to prison. The seminar answered many of my questions. I am spiritually hungry to know more about the Lord and this weekend really encouraged me in my walk with Christ!" I believe God used this time to show the men that they can walk in victory!

One young man who I visited with grew up in a religion that believes in many gods. This second time he was incarcerated he decided to start reading the Bible seriously. He attended Bible studies and church. I had an opportunity to go over the gospel with him, drawing it out on paper using Romans 6:23 as the main verse. He was ready to have Christ change his life and prayed for the Lord to forgive him and cleanse him. He continued to fill out the Bible studies I gave him. We talked many times to answer his questions. I could tell he was thirsty for the Lord. He told me about the appearances of ghosts in his life that would paralyze him in fear. Now he knows that through Christ he has victory over fear!

You are a part of God's work at the prison through your prayer & financial support! Your support is a blessing!

Harlan Moss

**When you write your checks, please designate my name in the memo section of your check.** Send them to: South Dakota Prison Chaplain's Association (SDPCA), 601 W 57th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Your gifts are appreciated and tax deductible. My phone: 605-940-4220 Email: [harlan@convergeheartland.org](mailto:harlan@convergeheartland.org). My website with testimonies is: [convergeheartland.org/harlan](http://convergeheartland.org/harlan)



# April VOLUNTEERS

**Sound System:**  
Bruce Westergaard

**Ushers:**

Alan & Adam Young  
Richard & Dolores Canaday  
Robby Flint  
Linda Barnett

**Leaders of Children's Time**

April 7: Jan Jones  
April 14: Donna Flint  
April 21: Bonnie Foster  
April 28: Joel Foster

# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  7:00 Building & Grounds	2 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)  Birthday: Gayle Foster	3  7:00 Choir	4 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Deacons Meeting 6:30 CE Committee Mtg 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting Birthday: Roger Jenner	5	6
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Brunch by Men's Brotherhood 11:30 Worship/Communion Service  <b>NOTE:</b> Worship Time Change for today  Birthday: Nona Marshall	8  Birthday: Jennifer Hinricher	9 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)  6:30 Mission & Finance Birthday: Ramsie Hinricher	10  7:00 Choir	11 9:30 Bible Study  7:00 Session 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting Birthday: Lee Peterson	12	13 9:30 Prayer Quilt Sew Day  10:30 The Big Event Birthday: Ann Spitzengerger
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Coffee 11:30 Worship Committee  Birthday: Dee Watson	15  Anniversary: Lynn & Diane Riedesel	16 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	17  <b>Blade Articles Due</b>  7:00 Choir Birthday: Pat Fishback	18 9:30 Bible Study  <b>6:30 Maundy Thursday Communion Service</b>	19 <b>Good Friday</b>  OFFICE CLOSED Anniversary: John & Robin Eich	20
<b>21 Easter</b> 9:00 Son-Rise Service 9:30 Easter Brunch 10:30 Easter Worship Service	22	23 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	24  7:00 Choir	25 9:30 Bible Study  5:30 Men's Brotherhood 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	26  <b>11:30 Lunch Bunch</b>  Birthday: Richard Smith	27 Presbytery Women Gathering at FPC Anniversary: Larry & Diane Anderson Birthday: Calvin Vaudrey
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