

THE BLADE

August 2017

"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

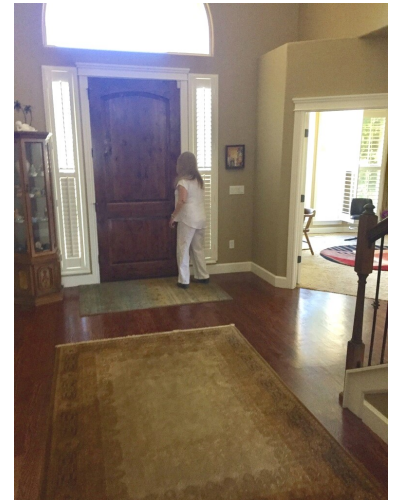
Hebrews 4:12



A Note from PNC & Rev. Nina Westfall

The Pastor Nominating Committee has almost completed its work (we are disbanded once the new pastor is installed). Pastor Nina will begin her work at First Presbyterian Church on September 1st. She sends greetings below:

Dear Congregation,
Greetings from your pastor. I am in the process of wrapping things up here in Boise, including now my home. These are a couple of photos on the day packing was to start. I am answering and opening the door....let the work begin. It does require some time. Thank you for being patient. I should be in Brookings by August 17th.



I will be leaving many fond memories and friends behind but I look forward to making new ones with you. The pull towards you is just as strong. I hope you are all well and holding the church together. This I know you will do, as you have done already. You are a great congregation and are now dear to my heart.

See you soon.

Love and prayers,
Rev. Nina L. Westfall

Remember to Bring in Your Hy-Vee Receipts

Grocery, gasoline, and prescription receipts count. Our church receives a \$1000 check from Hy-Vee for \$150,000 in receipts. Please make sure the receipts are from the Brookings Hy-Vee Store only.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Goal: \$150,000

Received: \$97,305.62

Need: \$52,694.38

Summer Sunday Schedule

June - August

9:30am Worship Service
Nursery care is available
on first floor during
Sunday School and
Sunday Worship

Regular Sunday Schedule

September - May

9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Fellowship Hour
Lord's Supper—First Sunday of
each month

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm



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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 a Christian's life in the community of faith. As members of that community you are encouraged to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer. The families and individuals are selected at random.

August 6: Judy Sebring; Ramona Sebring

August 13: Richard & Judy Smith; Don Hildebrandt

August 20: Susan Smith; Terry & Ann Spitzenberger

August 27: Janet TeBeest; Arlyce Thorne



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to be praying for you or a loved one, contact Jan Jones at 692-5325, bobjon@brookings.net, or any of the other prayer chain volunteers: Dolores Canaday, Lee Peterson, Karie Rottluff, Harold & Marge Poppen, Linda Barnett, Ann Spitzenberger, Susan Smith, Judy Smith, Bonnie Foster, and Melanie Shepherd.



Come join us in the air conditioning of the sanctuary, for our next Second Sunday Movie Night on Sunday, **August 13 @ 6:00 PM**. We will be viewing *Sing!* Bring your refreshments and snacks and come join the fun, all are welcome!!

Camp Update

We sent 6 campers (7 if you count Bonnie as well) to Camp Rimrock this year and have included some highlights from their experiences! You will find pictures on the next page. A big thank you to CE & Embry for their support in continuing to help children attend camp!!



My favorite part about camp is seeing old friends and making new ones. I also like playing underground church and having campfires.

--Allison Moerke

For a person who has never been to a camp before, I've really enjoyed going to "You and Me" Camp at Camp Rimrock. To sit in the quiet of the morning or of the evening, with the babble of the creek, and the crickets and birds is a subtle reminder of God's love for us. The staff is very friendly and well-versed in the theme for the week, and the verses to focus on each day. If you have never been to camp, I would encourage you to entertain doing so. Even as an adult, I've found you're never too old to go to camp and have an amazing experience.

--Bonnie Foster

I've never had a favorite place at camp, because it is all so cool. This year they did something different that I thought was cool in a special way. The first night, the counselors were doing vespers, the evening service, and they gave everyone a candle. Then everyone went outside to think.

And every morning after morning watch, the morning service before breakfast, we would find a place to sit and think. It was a cool way to connect with God ... no matter how simple it was.

--Paige Foster

This was my first time to camp & I was very nervous about what to expect. I quickly learned I had nothing to worry about. Everyone was so nice, caring, encouraging, and there to build you up if you were having a tough time. I really liked the morning energizers! The games that we played were fun as well and if you had a tough time with one, they would all cheer you on and help you through it. I cannot wait to go again and share the love of Jesus with others!!

--Abigail Shepherd

I really liked being at camp and being in the creek! I also liked playing hungry, hungry hippos. I loved the meals, especially the pizza.

--Gayle Foster

To me, camp experiences have been great. I've met so many new people and got to have stronger friendships. My favorite place in camp is Potters Field or the Lodge. Potters Field because of all the space where we run and play group games; and the Lodge because we met there every day and we did activities. I love going to camp!

--Lynn Foster

My favorite part of camp is seeing my friends again and growing relationships with new friends. I also like energizers and all the activities we play.

--Emma Moerke

Camp continued.....





Note from the Deacons

One of the services Deacons help with is the delivery of 60-Plus Dining meals. We are on a rotation to do this twice a year. We are up again to serve from August 14-25 and are looking for volunteers to help deliver meals. It usually takes about an hour from start to finish. We recommend that two go together, but that is not a hard and fast rule. (There are some who prefer to go by themselves.)

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Be the first to sign up and get the route you prefer. There are 3 different routes to cover, so if you are available and willing, please consider signing up on the bulletin board. You can sign up for certain days, or the whole week whichever works out best for you.

Submitted by,
Melanie Shepherd

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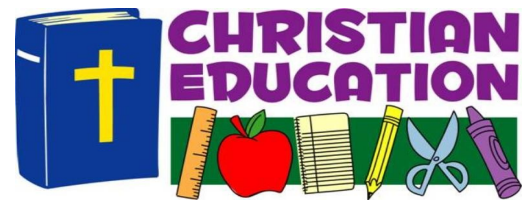
For 2017, the amount for per capita is \$28.80 per person. We ask your help in paying this for yourself and/or your family if you are able.



2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Income	14,314.28	17,884.12	11,913.21	19,714.56	9,647.26	10,747.03
Expense	13,816.46	9,206.75	10,281.58	9,839.62	8,764.45	10,584.73
Difference	497.82	8,677.37	1,631.63	9,874.94	882.81	162.30
			To Date			
			84,220.46			
			62,493.59			
			21,726.87			

Christian Education

Sunday School will start for the Fall on **September 10th**. Plans for the kickoff are pending. Our regular schedule will be meeting at 9:00am for music, followed by Sunday School at 9:20am. We are recruiting for high school teacher and workshop leaders for Cross Training. Remember that for Cross Training, you would be responsible for leading a workshop for one week for kids Kindergarten-5th grade and the curriculum is provided. We will also be looking for helpers for each Cross Training workshop. Please contact Donna Flint or any member of the CE committee if you are willing to help with Sunday School this year.



Donna Flint

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

August 2017 – Andrew L'Amour is on vacation from this column this month and has asked his cat-friend Marvin to guest write this month's column. Marvin is a well-known Puss-byterian in the feline circles.



Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Quote: In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. -*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Men's Brotherhood Notes: In **June** the Men's Brotherhood met. Mike gave the program on the book of John. It was very enlightening. Next meeting will be **September 21**. Watch for other upcoming Men's Brotherhood activities.

Prayer Concerns and actions: Pray for the awareness to be always grateful and appreciative of every good thing, from the greatest to the smallest thing. Express thanks always.

Change – Greetings friends - Marvin here. A little cat humor to get you going today:

What happened when the lion ate the comedian? He felt funny!

What looks like half a cat? The other half!

It is has been very hot lately. It was so hot I saw a dog chasing a cat, and they were both walking.

What does a cat like to eat on a hot day? A mice cream cone.

Okay enough with the hilarity. It has been very hot this summer it seems. I have been very busy laying in the shade in the grass trying to beat the heat. The little neighborhood bunnies have been scurrying about tempting me to chase them but it is just too hot.

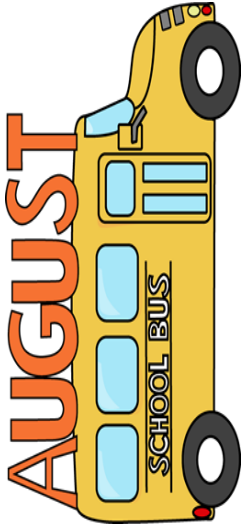
Having all this time on my paws, gives me pause, to reflect on what life has been like these past several years since I have been a member of the L'Amour household and family. It's been good.

Before Vickie found me wandering around out in the country, near death, starving (hence the name, Starvin' Marvin), I really don't remember that much about it. Life must have been okay. It just seems like there were people in my life then because I love people. Somehow, I got that imprinted in my brain early that people can be good especially if you are friendly towards them. Everyone usually likes to smile and be happy so if I can approach with my tail flying high and curved, looking for a little scratch behind my ears I think I am doing them some good too.

They say that pets can help lower one's blood pressure, stress levels, lower your cholesterol, reduce cardiac disease, help with depression, get you up and moving to help keep you more fit, fewer strokes among pet owners, and more benefits too. That is what the old guy tells me anyway.

So, what does he do to show his appreciation for my helping him stay healthy? He feeds me many kinds of cat food since who wants to eat the same thing every day? Do you? He walks me, cleans out my litter box, scratches my ears, that spot right between my shoulder blades – aaah, I can feel it now. He makes sure I have water upstairs and downstairs. When I am on the tie out he makes sure I can safely get to a tree if I need to in case there are stray dogs wandering about. I know he regularly checks to be sure I am okay. We head bump, or head bunt as it is also called, as that is a sign of affection between cats and it extends to their owners as well. We are pals!

We appreciate one another and others too, that is what the old guy tries to do and for some reason I do too. Cats can get a bad rap about being aloof, too regal to mingle among mere mortals, which is rightfully earned I should add. However, I try to show my appreciation every day and I think it is a good lesson to learn. Say and give thanks often. Sometimes it is the little things that mean the most and they can be too easily overlooked. Practice looking for those little things, and you will be amazed what you see. Keep smiling and happy head bunting!



August Volunteers: Susan Smith; Larry Shepherd
Neal Foster; Dean & Sharon
Hofland

Ushers: Dave Peterson
Dee Watson
Henrietta Gohring

Sound: Ginny Conger

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Worship Greeters: Lindy & Alvera Wickstrom	6 7:00 Scouts	1 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 1:00 Outreach	2 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Trustees	3 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Committees BIRTHDAY: Dorothy Williamson	4 BIRTHDAY: Melanie Shepherd	5 ANNIVERSARY: Chad & Diane Broksieck
9:30 Worship Greeter: Carrie VanBuren 4:00 Movie Night — <i>Sing!</i> BIRTHDAY: Dennis Hopfinger	7 7:00 Scouts ANNIVERSARIES: Robby & Donna Flint Daniel & Carolyn Moerke	8 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	9 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Trustees	10 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Session BIRTHDAY: John MaComb	11 9:30 Women's Bible Study	12 9:30 Women's Bible Study
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