

THE BLADE

February 2019

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16 NRSV

Dear Congregation,

For over 125 years, this congregation, with God's grace, has stood together through all things; joys and trials. As we move forward into another period of transition, we will stand together again, knowing that our work is grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ. The session is beginning work to plan for our time without a pastor, knowing this could be for a year or so. As plans progress, we will keep you updated. Look for opportunities for YOU to contribute during this time!

Session is also starting to think about how our long-term future might look. We encourage you to dream with us--ponder what role this church could hold in our own lives and in our community. How could we best realize those dreams?

Please join us on February 10th after the worship service where we will share a meal and begin the conversation about where we go from here.



With love,
The Session

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 Worship Service
Nursery care is available
on first floor during
Sunday Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am – 11:30 am
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

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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. The families and individuals are selected at random.

February 3: Larry Anderson; Dave & Lucy Barkus
February 10: Linda Barnett; Bob Bartling, Travis Beller
February 17: Teri Bierstedt; Don & Jan Boe, Carey & Lisa Bretsch
February 24: Chad & Diane Broksieck & family; Jan Broksieck, LaVonne Broksieck



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact any of the prayer chain volunteers: Linda Barnett, Dolores Canaday, Ann Foster-Douglas, Robby & Donna Flint, Bonnie Foster, Bob & Jan Jones, Ella Lane, Lee Peterson, Harold & Marge Poppen, Judy Smith, Susan Smith, Nancy Thompson, and Richard Wilson.



Deacon Ministry

If you missed the opportunity to bring Soup for the Super Bowl on February 3rd, don't worry! The Food Panty always needs soup. Celebrate or Mourn the win for the Patriots (or just celebrate your favorite commercial) by bringing some soup to share for those who are hungry right here in Brookings.



*may bring other food items
*may donate any Sunday

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

February 2019

Andrew L'Amour



Scripture Reading: Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. And James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Quote: Good deeds and treating people right will never go in vain. God honors that. Don't ever get discouraged. – Unknown.

Men's Brotherhood Notes: At our December 2018 meeting Mike McCann gave a talk about his trip to Branson MO. At our January 2019 regular meeting, we enjoyed a sumptuous repast followed by a presentation of Linda Barnett's trip on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Men's Brotherhood will be having a brunch after church on February 17. Stay tuned for more details. Next month's meeting will be held on February 21.

Prayer Concerns: That we live our lives to glorify God in all things.

Action: Be humble and trust in the Lord.

We are coming to the end of the 2018-19 football season. For fans of every NFL team except two, their hearts have been dashed. There will be one winner in the end. At the collegiate level, there was a kind of shocker especially as one team dominated the other in the championship game, but it was not the team most would have expected to do so.

There are always some good stories every season among both winners and losers. I like the stories of inspiration that some athletes seem to bring out each year. There were two that have stuck with me - Nick Foles of the Philadelphia Eagles and Trevor Lawrence of the Clemson Tigers.

Nick Foles seems like he was made for the role he has played on his team the last two years. Both last year and this he filled in when the starting quarterback got injured. He stepped in and last year took his team to the Super Bowl championship game and won! This year the starting quarterback got injured again and he stepped in and helped guide his team into the playoffs. Though they did not win, he did inspire his team to accomplish a lot more success than people were giving the team at the time. When asked what his reason for this success was, he simply said, "Trust. We trust each other." And that means his teammates know that they have his trust which leads them to want to give that trust back. It helped them work really close together. It formed the character of the team. A real leader with real leadership.

The other story was Trevor Lawrence, the quarterback of the NCAA Division 1 football championship team, the Clemson Tigers. As a freshman quarterback, he was spectacular. The team was highly rated all year and he excelled in his position. He is mentioned by me though not for any reason on the field. It was for something he did after he had won the national championship. He was going to the locker room to join his team-mates in their celebration. Obviously, he was overjoyed and can you imagine the excitement he must have felt. On his way, a lady asked him if she could take a picture with him. He said sure. She called her elderly mother over to join them and he patiently waited for her as she came on her walker. The woman wanted a selfie with the three of them but she could not get them all in the picture so he took the camera and he took the picture with them. Imagine the excitement these two women must have felt. He was not done. He was stopped several more times on his way to his mates and he eagerly complied with each request. What an example of a humble attitude.

Two players. Two prime examples of leadership. Trust and humility. Thanks be to God!



A good book found in the church library

“The River of Hope”

by Sun-Tae Kim (autobiography)

This is part of his personal testimony from the website for the Siloam Eye Hospital (which he founded)

"**June 25**, 1950 was the day the Korean War broke out. That day I lost both my parents and was orphaned at the age of ten. Soon after I found myself with a group of seven other children who had just met with the same fate. Together we foraged for food, traveling across Seoul. One day while we were in a field eating fruit, a bombshell exploded killing all of my companions and leaving me blind.

For two years I lived the life of a beggar, struggling to survive. Hunger, cruelty, filth, hopelessness, illness and pain filled my days and I often wondered if it would not have been better to have died in the field that day. Always in my darkest hour, when my suffering was too much to bear, the Lord sent somebody to comfort me and give me strength. I will never forget the old Christian woman who took me in and treated my sores, or the U.S. Army chaplain who helped me get treated in a military hospital, or the minister who headed the school for the blind. They reminded me that God had a special purpose for my life.

The Lord saved me from death and in return I have dedicated my life to serving Him. There is no doubt in my mind that the reason God prolonged my life back then, was so that I could help my fellow blind today. I want to reach out to the 200,000 blind and 5 million visually impaired living in Korea."

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Sun-Tae Kim.

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Needed to Date: \$83,718.32





FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

SOUND
Ginny Conger

USHERS

Janet TeBeest, Henrietta Gohring,
David Peterson, John Peterson,
Allison & Emma Moerke

LEADERS OF CHILDREN'S TIME

Feb. 3: Bonnie Foster
Feb. 10: Donna Flint
Feb. 17: Joel Foster
Feb. 24: Carrie Van Buren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 BIRTHDAY: Judy Smith Robin Eich ANNIVERSARY: Mike & Judy McCann
3 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Communion 11:30 Fellowship Hour 6:00 Bell Choir practice	4 7:00 Building & Grounds Mtg	5 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Mission & Finance Mtg	6 7:00 Choir Practice	7 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Deacons 6:30 Committees	8 BIRTHDAYS: Betty Gehring Pam Larson	9 9:30 Prayer Quilt Sew Day
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Congregational Gathering 6:00 Bell Choir practice	11 <u>BIRTHDAYS on 2/10:</u> Larry Anderson Carey Bretsch Louise Crain	12 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	13 7:00 Choir Practice	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 9:30 Bible Study	15 BLADE ARTICLES DUE	16
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Men's Brotherhood Brunch 6:00 Bell Choir practice	18 PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED BIRTHDAY: Elizabeth Fox	19 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	20 7:00 Choir Practice	21 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	22 11:30 Lunch Bunch (The Children's Museum) BIRTHDAY: Robert Fishback	23
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour 11:30 Confirmation begins 6:00 Bell Choir practice BIRTHDAY: Bob Jones	25	26 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	27 7:00 Choir Practice	28 9:30 Bible Study		

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