

THE BLADE

July and August 2024

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

John 3:16 NRSV



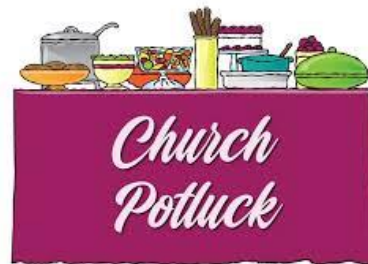
Sunday, July 14 at 8:30 AM
Pastors Robby & Donna will lead the worship service during the Arts in the Park at Pioneer Park. No service will be held at the sanctuary that day but it will be livestreamed.

Save the Dates



Monday, August 5

First Presbyterian along with the LDS Church will provide a meal at the Harvest Table. Volunteers are requested and sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.



Sunday, August 18

Following worship service

Counting Our Blessings

We're halfway through the year, so this month, we are counting our blessings in pictures. Check them out throughout the Blade!
See you Sunday! With love, Robby and Donna



CPR and AED Training

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



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Please check the website

<http://www.brookingspresbyterian.org/newsletter.html> for the

“Prison Lighthouse Ministry Newsletter”

The Church Office

will be closed

Thursday, July 4



Many thanks to our members and friends for your continued financial support. Offerings can still be made by sending a check to the church or to David Peterson.

*For your information, the per capita per person for 2024 is \$40.00. If you have not done so, we would appreciate your donation.



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact **Jan J at 692-5325**, **Lee P at 692-7757**, or the church office at 692-2416 who will contact the prayer volunteers. *(Your concern will not go beyond the prayer team unless you request it be shared with others)*

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.

July 7: Rozanne M, Daniel & Carolyn M & family Hannah, Allison, & Emma; Marlys M

July 14: Nancy & Bob O, Dave & Lee P, Rose P

July 21: Joyce R, Lynn & Diane R, Liz R, Rick & Bonnie S

August 4: Stanley & Julie S and family Stanley & Dylan; Aaron & Tanya S and family Nara, Harry, Otto, & Lorcan

August 11: Dick & Judy S, Terry & Ann S, Janet T,

August 18: Nancy T, Arlyce T, Steve & Carrie VB,

August 25: Dee W, Skip W, Dorothy W, Alan & Sue Y

Session Update—

	Elder of the Month	Deacon of the Month
July	Dan K	Carrie VB
August	Bruce W	Carrie VB

The Session will not meet in July. Currently everything seems to be going well and we are financially sound. Future plans include another Sunday afternoon concert in the fall and hosting a Harvest Table meal together with the LDS church on Monday, August 5. We will need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up. Please participate if you can. There will be a signup sheet posted outside the church office or you could contact Mike McCann who is coordinating the event.

The year 2025 will be the 125th anniversary of our church building and Session is planning for a public celebration. We are looking for a coordinator of this event so please speak up if you are able and interested. Contact the pastors or any session member: Bruce, Dan, Dave, Joel, Mike, or Nancy.



Respectfully submitted,

Dan Kemp, Clerk of Session
First Presbyterian Church of Brookings, SD

Committee News for July and August

Fellowship will sponsor a **Potluck dinner** after church on **Sunday, August 18th**. Please bring a dish to share, but plan to come in any case as there is always plenty of food. We are looking for alternatives to potlucks for fellowship meals. One idea would be to order pizza and have a free will offering to cover costs. If you like this idea or have other ideas for fellowship activities, please share with any member of the committee: Dan, Roger, Sue, Chad, Bonnie, Tanya, or Andrew.

Christian Ed and Fellowship



Lenten Soup Suppers



Counting
Our Blessings

MISSION AND OUTREACH



Cookie Patrol

To be good neighbors to the jail, our church treats the jail staff to cookies/bars once a month. We are asking for volunteers to bake and deliver them with Robby, who will make the arrangements. An officer will meet you at the door of the jail and chat; you do not go inside. Consider signing up on the bulletin board.

Harvest Table

Missions & Outreach approved our church serving the Harvest Table on August 5. We will be partnering with the LDS church. More information and sign-up sheets will be forthcoming.

Carry-In Donations

During July we are asking for school supplies to be brought in. Look for those back-to-school sales! In August we collect again for Jack's Cupboard.

Recitals

We are exploring the possibility of hosting fall recitals for SDSU students. This is currently on hold until students and the music department are back in session.



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Serving our neighbors- goodies for the staff at the jail next door (Picture missing: Nancy T. also delivered)

Serving at Community Lent Lunch



Worship Committee



Upcoming guest speakers:

July 28 Fr. Larry Ort
August 25 Pastor Mark Werner



Many thanks to Skip W for the donation of the beautiful silk wreath and flowers!



A new Communion banner has been purchased with funds from the Memorial Funds and the Dedicated Banner Fund. Look for it being displayed during Communion Sundays.



Pentecost Sunday was a joyful day of worship and fellowship and celebrating graduates



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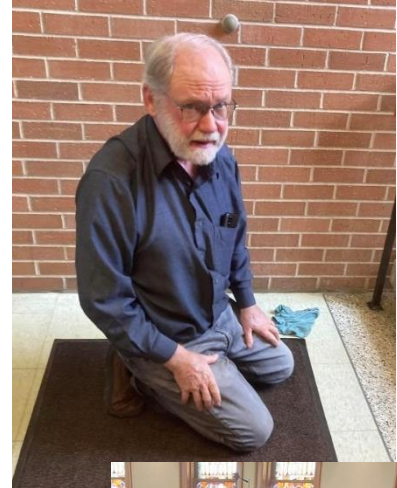


Church DEACONS

A special thank you to Ella L, Carrie V, Nancy T, & Bonnie & Rick S for delivering 60+ Dining meals in June.

Food prices continue to rise, and more people are needing help to feed their family. Monetary donations for the Food Pantry can be placed in the offering plate with a notation on the check.

Our beautiful building cared for by the Buildings and Grounds Committee on a daily basis and an occasional cleanup day



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Note: not pictured- Bonnie S., Dan, Sue, others?

News You Can Use

UPCOMING JULY MEETINGS

Sunday, July 7: **Mission/Outreach Meeting** following worship
Tuesday, July 9: **Finance** via **Zoom** at 6:30 PM

UPCOMING AUGUST MEETINGS

Sunday, August 4: **Mission/Outreach Meeting** following worship service
Tuesday, August 6: **Finance** via **Zoom** at 6:30 PM
Thursday, August 8: **Session Meeting** at 7:00 PM
Sunday, August 11: **Christian Ed/Fellowship Meeting** following worship service
*Wednesday, August 14 **Deacon Meeting** at 1:00 PM at the church
*Sunday, August 18: **Worship Meeting** *before* worship service at 9:15AM

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP** 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- *-**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is taking off July and meeting again in August.
- PIECES AND PRAYERS** will be taking the summer months of June through August off
- SISTERHOOD** meet on Thursday, July 18 & August 15 at 11:30 AM at the First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on Thursday, July 18 & August 15 at 5:30 PM at the church lounge
**change from normal meeting time*

SERVING IN JULY AND AUGUST

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

July: Chad B & Andrew L August: Tanya S

Liturgists in July

July 7: Nancy O
July 14: Carrie VB
July 21: Tanya S
July 28: Dolores C

Liturgists in August

August 4: Lee P
August 11: Dan K
August 18: Nancy O
August 25: Linda B



Camp Counselor at Rimrock

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Remind

Our church uses the Remind App for periodic communication with members. If you sign up for Remind, you receive periodic texts from us with pertinent church information (weather cancellations, special events, etc.).

If you would like to join, send a text to 81010 and text this message: @gkc8gk

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Andrew L



Men's Brotherhood Notes: Men's Brotherhood was held on June 20 recently. A wonderful meal of tater tot casserole with salad and ice cream for dessert.

Always a great meal! No program that night but the men seemed to not mind as the conversations were cheerfully intense as nearly every topic was covered. The men left with an attitude of having a delightful evening together.

Do we delight in each other? And I don't just mean those folks, friends or family that we talk to regularly in our circle, but just the stranger passing by on the street, or in the store. Do we see someone walking in the aisles at a store and notice they may have the appearance of someone who is looking for something and they don't see it? Do we approach them and ask them if they need help finding something? I almost always do. The bible says we are to welcome the stranger in our midst. We don't often encounter strangers in our usual circles, or homes, but here we are in a setting where we likely do not know the person so they are indeed a stranger to us. What better way to do the Christian thing than to help them in whatever minor way it may seem.

Greeting people outside the store, offering to put their cart back for them or to take it inside. The person may be elderly or a young mother with a child. Those folks are often the most appreciative. They have some possible limitations, or restrictions that may bring a deeper appreciation than usual.

If we are paying attention, these are the most obvious and appreciative strangers we may often meet. We can offer a hand or a smile and bring some humanity into their lives. No one can tell as we pass each other what thoughts, fears, needs, or worries are going through other's lives and minds. We might be the only person who is reaching out and touching them in their emotional center and easing their lives even a small bit. Sometimes it can be the most mundane thing that brings people together.

But we forge the bonds of humanity and offer Christianity in ways that may seem inconsequential as we reach out and offer hope.

Girl Scout Troop #57024

Thank you to the Girls Scouts for planting flowers at First Presbyterian Church. Have a wonderful summer off and we'll see you in the fall!



Congratulations!

We have reached our \$200,000 goal and Ella is turning in receipts for our \$1,000 check from Hy-Vee.

**Thank you, Ella, for posting receipts!
Thanks to everyone for bringing them!**

HYVEE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

**Required for \$1,000 donation:
\$200,000.00**

Remember to bring in your Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.

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Counting team at work





Lent Soup Supper



Easter Breakfast




Counting our Blessings
*Advent Capelle Concert-
if you missed this terrific concert,
watch for it again next spring!*



July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Canada Day</i> 	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
	BIRTHDAY Richard C ANNIVERSARY Rick & Bonnie S		BIRTHDAY Otto S			
7 10:00 Worship and Communion in our Sanctuary/Zoom M/O Mtg following worship 11:15	8	9 Finance Mtg 6:30 PM via Zoom	10	11 BIRTHDAY Skip Webster	12 BIRTHDAY Dan K	13
14 8:30 Worship at Pioneer Park for Summer Arts Festival worship service— Robby & Donna leading service	15	16 9:30 Coffee Group	17	18 11:30 AM Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood BIRTHDAY Marvis J	19	20
21 10:00 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	22	23 9:30 Coffee Group	24 BIRTHDAY Sue Y	25 ANNIVERSARY Terry & Ann S	26	27
28 <i>Fr. Larry Ort</i> 10:00 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	29	30 9:30 Coffee Group	31			



August 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 Bible Study	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 BIRTHDAY Dorothy W
4 10:00 Worship/Communion in our Sanctuary/Zoom M/O Mtg following worship 11:15	5 ANNIVERSARY Chad & Diane B	6 9:30 Coffee Group 6:30 Finance Mtg via Zoom	7	8 9:30 Bible Study 7 PM Session Meeting at North Mtg Room	9	10
11 10:00 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom CE/F Mtg following worship 11:15	12	13 9:30 Coffee Group BLADE Articles Due BIRTHDAY Dennis H	14 Deacon Meeting at FPC, 1:00 PM ANNIVERSARIES Robby & Donna F Dan & Carolyn M	15 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	16	17 ANNIVERSARIES Bob & Jan J Joel & Bonnie F
18 9:15 Worship Comm. Mtg 10:00 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom POTLUCK after service	19	20 9:30 Coffee Group ANNIVERSARIES Andrew & Beth L Martin & Sally M	21	22 9:30 Bible Study	23	24
25 <i>Pastor Mark Werner</i> 10:00 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	26	27 9:30 Coffee Group	28	29 9:30 Bible Study	30 BIRTHDAYS Paige F Dennis L	31

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Return Service Requested

Regular Sunday Schedule
10:00 am Worship Service

Church Office Hours
Monday -Thursday
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Our newsletter is also available electronically by email.
Please contact the church office at presby@brookings.net or 605-692-2416, to notify us.