

THE BLADE

June/July 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

Be A Morning Glory

"I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing." John 15:5.

Be a morning glory! Don't be a lonely little petunia in an onion patch.

Join the Women's Thursday morning Bible Study at 9:30 AM. You can join at any time and you won't have to "catch up." Each morning's study is finished that day. During that hour and a half we share a cup of coffee, offer prayer for others and praise and thanks to God, study the word, grow in the Spirit, and share a lot of love for our sisters in Christ.

Dress is casual, and the only thing to bring along is your Bible, a pen, and if you want a notebook to keep a list of prayer concerns to use during the week.

So, be a beautiful morning glory branch on the vine and join us Thursday mornings!



Submitted by
Dolores Canaday

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: \$77,731.12

Need: \$72,268.88

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

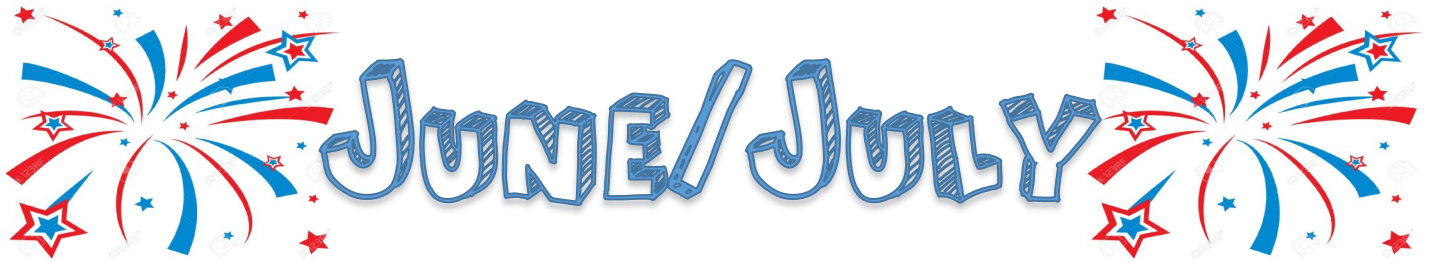
Church Office Hours

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.

June 4: Bob & Helen Peterson; Dan & Michele Kemp; Andrew & Beth L'Amour

June 11: Gary & Pam Larson; Jean Longieliere; Martin & Sally Maca

June 18: John McComb; Tom & Jeanne Manzer; Maria Mason

June 25: Betty Berg; Michael & Judy McCann; Heidi Miller

July 2: Dan, Carolyn Moerke & family; Marlys Moore; Rollo Nussbaum

July 9: Jessica Peterson; Harold & Marge Poppen

July 16: Jim Jones; Delores Koepsell; Rose Potthast

July 23: Lynn & Diane Riedesel; Karie Rottluff & family

July 30: Aaron & Christine Scheer & family; Arend & Susan Schuurman & family; Stan & Julie Scubelek & family

Prayer Chain



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.



Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation given to First Presbyterian



Work that was done the summer of 2015, to preserve and restore the bell tower has been

recognized by the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission and the mayor with the Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation. The award is being given in the category of "Ongoing Excellence in Restoration" for work done early July 2015 by Olson Masonry to caulk and repair crumbling mortar in our 117-year old structure. The roof was also worked on in early September 2015 by J & P Roofing.

Everyone is invited to attend the Mayor's Award Reception on Wednesday, July 19 from 5-7 pm at the McCory Gardens Education and Visitor Center.

"Each of us takes pride in our city, and it gives us great pleasure to recognize your extraordinary efforts made to preserve the historic character of Brookings," wrote Mayor Keith Corbett and Historic Preservation Commission Chair Angela Boersma.

Submitted by,
Jeanne Jones Manzer





Presbyterian Circle

Those who know me best, know that I do not like to finish things. If given a choice I would rather start something than finish it. A trip to my sewing room will show you that I have too many unfinished projects just waiting for "someday." So, admitting that little quirk of mine, I find it hard to write this last article for circle. At our May meeting, the motion was made, seconded, and carried that we no longer will be meeting as a circle. The reasons were many and varied and we had been praying and discussing the future of PW and Circle for 3 years. This was not something we did on the spur of the moment.

For more than 100 years, the women of First Presbyterian have been hard at work serving the members in numerous ways. As the years went on, and we no longer had chicken suppers to raise money for the manse, the kitchen, the repairs needed on the building and etc. we became more of a study group. We served in many capacities within that study group, and in the days, weeks and months ahead we will have to call on members of the congregation to help fill the gaps.

We will need volunteers to help with some of the committee responsibilities. A couple of these will be a kitchen committee and a funeral committee. For almost 50 years we have been collecting the Least Coin for world missions. If your group would like to continue this devotion, we can help you get started. The Domestic Abuse shelter has been our local mission project, but if an interest is shown, we can continue the contributions from the congregation. If you have an interest in helping please let me or the church office know. My hope is that the transition will be smooth and any wrinkles will be minor.

Our last meeting will be June 20 at 10:00 AM. This will be our traditional June luncheon. We will view the last Beth Moore video and then dine on the delicious salads provided.

Dolores Canaday, Moderator



Summer Special Music

Are you interested in providing special music
one or two Sunday services this summer?

You can sing, dance, or play an instrument.

All ages welcome!

If interested, contact Melanie in the church
office!

presby@brookings.net

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Save the Date



- Summer Worship hours begin June 4 at 9:30 AM.
- Pentecost Picnic after worship June 4 at Hillcrest Park Shelter C.

Notes from Outreach

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



This verse from Acts extols the people of God to bear witness of his good works to all the earth - commissioning the saints to multiply.

In the last year, the Outreach Committee has worked to draw attention to First Presbyterian Church through advertising worship services, providing a booth during Move-In weekend at SDSU, hosting various events, and creating a more dynamic Welcome Center for visitors - now including tote bags and brochures about FPC.

Beginning this month the committee will host the second year of Second Sunday Movie Nights. The first movie scheduled is *Moana*, a fun film for all ages about the power of family, faith in yourself and love. We hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more information about the July movie event.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Susan Smith



Monthly Financial Report

	2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	To Date
Income	14,314.28	17,884.12	11,913.21	19,714.56	63,826.17	
Expense	13,816.46	9,206.75	10,281.58	9,839.62	43,144.41	
Difference	497.82	8,677.37	1,631.63	9,874.94	20,681.76	



Outreach Committee invites your family and friends to our Second Sunday Movie Nights!

Beginning Sunday, June 11 @ 4:00 PM

Our first movie is: ***Moana***

Please feel free to invite your friends to attend. If you would like snacks you are welcome to bring them as well, we hope to see you there!!

Movie for July: ***Miracles from Heaven***

August: ***Sing!***

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour



Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Quote: "Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet." — N.T. Wright,

Men's Brotherhood Notes: Men's Brotherhood met May 18 for a meal and program. We had a really nice turn out this month. Great meal by Mike and others who helped. Robby Flint made a nice cobbler for the second month. A shout out to him!! Mike gave the program on the book of Jonah. We are planning on serving a brunch after church some Sunday in June. Date to be announced. Our next regular meeting is June 15. Let's try to get some more folks to it. Likely grilling out.

Prayer Concerns: Pastor nominating committee and prospective candidates. May God grant us the wisdom to select the correct person for our congregation and that we give support to the new person.

Action: Be active in supporting the causes in our community that fulfill our commitment to Christ such as caring for the hungry, the sick, those in prison, etc. Love one another.

I began last month's column with a story about a sermon I heard with an example of a candle and the light that it brought to a darkened room. The transformation was a powerful message about how just a little light can make such a tremendous difference. The Holy Ghost is such a light.

Now think about the light of that candle being a fire. We all know, or should know, the good and bad sides of fire. The destructive force that the fire can have when set to combustible materials either to destroy, or the good force to provide heat or other energy.

The rushing wind and tongues of fire - the disciples became instantly aware of the presence of God and tongues of flames appeared atop each of them huddled in that room. Inspiration must have filled each of them to do or say something. Peter gave a sermon and 3000 were baptized that day. The 120 disciples must have been busy counseling and helping out with that. What else might they have been doing?

So once the Spirit descended upon them they were stirred to action. They got with the program. I recall once hearing a person who had just come out from a group that was very legalistic in their practices, to a church that preached grace and mercy. She was excited that now she could follow Christ's teaching not because she had to but because she wanted to. It was a real moment in her life that changed her. So with them then.

Receiving the Holy Ghost transformed the disciples and made them creatures of purposeful action. For a fire to burn it needs combustible material. The cord of wood next to the garage is useless until it is put into the fire for heat or other energy needs. Similarly the energy of the Holy Ghost in our lives is of little value until we use the combustible material of our hands, arms, legs, hearts and minds for good use. Visiting the sick, making a hot-dish for a shut in, or doing some other chore, helping those in any needy situation, giving time or energy in service to others. This is what the Holy Ghost hopes for us when we receive the spirit and energy of God. How will we use the spirit? What will we do with all the energy at our disposal? While the early disciples first began preaching I think we have other opportunities to witness today. We can get creative and ask for inspiration too. The ideas are endless; there is much to be done. Praise God!

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." John 11:25

PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

June, 2017

Easter is a great day for the followers of Christ! Death has been defeated! Death and negativity is all around us these days, and the only place where we can find hope is in the Word of God. The other day after listening to too much negative world news, the Lord reminded me of the song, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Proverbs 21:1 says, "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will." The Lord has everything in control. As followers of Christ we have the peace of God in our hearts!

Easter morning was especially joyful, because I had the privilege of baptizing an inmate. He has been coming to church for about four months. Two months ago I gave him a basic Bible study, "Knowing God." A week later, I asked him the question, "How long have you known the Lord?" He said, "Last week when I was doing the Bible study you gave me, it became clear to me. I surrendered my life to the Lord at that time." I was surprised because I thought he already knew the Lord! The next week he told me he was under conviction to give up his non-Christian paraphernalia and he was struggling with it. I told him to obey the Lord and he would not be sorry. With a big smile on his face he said, "I got rid of it all." Other inmates ask him why he is joyful all the time and he tells them it is because of Jesus. He informed me that his mother rededicated her life to Christ because she could tell that Christ had totally changed his life! At the baptism he gave his testimony. After hearing his story of how he grew up, I was not surprised that he came to prison. He is truly a light to other inmates around him who knew him before he knew Christ, and see his life now! Every area of his life has been made new, and he is a new person because of our resurrected Lord!

This morning I visited with three men from the same cell. One of them had been in Bible study and the weekly evening church service yesterday. He went back to his cell after the evening church service and said, "I am giving up my old life to follow Christ!" Because of his excitement about the Lord the other men were interested in wanting to know more about Jesus. I was able to have a good visit with all three of them. We talked about what it means to follow Jesus and repent of old ways. Each one was interested in filling out the Bible study, "Knowing God", which is a basic foundational study of the Christian faith.

It is exciting to see God at work in the prison! We truly do serve a risen Savior! Please continue to pray. The battle for souls is spiritual and your prayers make a difference! Thank you all for your encouragement through your financial gifts, notes and prayers!

In Christ,
Harlan Moss

Your gifts are appreciated and tax deductible. The checks can be made out to and sent to: South Dakota Prison Chaplain's Association (SDPCA), P.O. Box 90509, Sioux Falls, SD 57109-0509. **Please designate my name in the memo section of your check.** My phone: 605-940-4220 email address: hpmoss1@yahoo.com



June Volunteers: Ushers: Jeanne Manzer, Andrew L'Amour; Counters: John MaComb
 Sound: Richard & Donna Wilson 2017 Nelda Holden
 Dave Peterson Marvis Jenner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Committees	2	3
4 SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN 9:30 Worship Greeter: Donna Wilson 11:00 Pentecost Picnic - Hillcrest Park Shelter C	5 7:00 Scouts BIRTHDAY: Robert Peterson	6 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) 1:00 Outreach 6:30 Mission Finance BIRTHDAY: Alan Young	7 BIRTHDAY: Dolores Canaday ANNIVERSARY: Dan & Michele Kemp	8 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Session	9 7:00 Reception for Reverend Nina Lashari-Westfall	10
11 9:30 Worship 10:30 Congregational Meeting Greeter: Donna Wilson 4:00 Second Sunday Movie Night (Moana) BIRTHDAY: Tate Broksieck	12 7:00 Scouts	13 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Trustees	14	15 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Men's Brotherhood	16 ANNIVERSARY: Harold & Marjorie Poppen; Arend & Susan Schuurman	17
18 9:30 Worship Greeter: Donna Wilson BIRTHDAY: Bonnie Salonen	19 7:00 Scouts BIRTHDAYS: Lynn Foster; Nelda Holden	20 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) 10:00 Presbyterian Circle Luncheon BIRTHDAY: Dave Barkus	21 BIRTHDAY: Dennis Johnson	22 9:30 Women's Bible Study BIRTHDAY: Lindy Wickstrom ANNIVERSARY: Alan & Susan Young	23 ANNIVERSARY: Dennis & Vivian Langland	24
25 9:30 Worship Greeters: John & Robin Eich BIRTHDAY: Lucy Barkus	26 7:00 Scouts BIRTHDAY: Dylan Scubelek ANNIVERSARY: Richard & Dolores Canaday	27 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) BIRTHDAY: Betty Berg	28	29 9:30 Women's Bible Study BIRTHDAY: Judy McCann	30 11:30 Lunch Bunch (The Pheasant) ANNIVERSARY: Dennis Hopfinger & Carolyn Clague	



July Volunteers: **Ushers:** Elizabeth Fox; Martin & **Counters:** Mike McCann
 Sally Maca; Terry Dolores Canaday
 Spitzemberger; David Crain
 2017
Sound: Bruce Westergaard Rick Salonen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BIRTHDAY: Richard Canaday ANNIVERSARY: Richard & Bonnie Salonen
2 Regular Worship Greeters: David & Louise Crain BIRTHDAY: Noah Schuurman	3 Office Closed 7:00 Scouts	4 Fourth of July Office Closed	5	6 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Committees	7 BRITHDAYS: Jessica Peterson Kelly Watson	8 BIRTHDAY: Abigail Shepherd
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30 Regular Worship Greeters: Roger & Marvis Jenner	31 7:00 Scouts BIRTHDAY: Sharon Webster					

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