

THE BLADE

June and July 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

Confirmands Proclaim, "What We Believe!"



Six young people were confirmed on May 5 by Pastor Ann Spitzengerger.

Jolena Glaus, Tia Glaus, Malia Glaus, Paige Foster, Saige Hinricher and Dylan Scubelek affirmed the promise of their baptism during the morning worship service. The class spent five weeks learning about church government, aspects of living in the Christian faith and the ways in which Jesus wants us to live. The students conducted different portions of the worship service including the sermon message which was made up of elements of their personal statements of faith.

They chose the songs for the service, performing "We Believe" and "God's Not Dead." They were joined by other members of the Sunday School for "God's Not Dead." The service was a meaningful representation of their faith journey and the way they see God and Jesus working in their lives.

Please pray for these young disciples, that they may continue to grow closer to the Lord and learn to live in his grace and walk in his love on a daily basis.

THE SENIOR PRESBYTERIAN AWARD will be presented during worship service on **June 9th**. Please join us as we celebrate and thank two members for their devotion to our church and its mission for a combined 122 years.

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

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Fellowship Hour

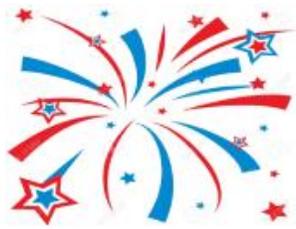
Nursery Care is available
on first floor during
Sunday Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 – 11:30 am

12:00 – 2:30 pm



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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.

June 2: Andrew & Beth L'Amour, Ella Lane

June 9: Dennis & Vivian Langland, Darwin & Jeanne Longieliere

June 16: Martin & Sally Maca, Tom & Jeanne Jones Manzer

June 23: Nona Marshall, Maria Mason, Michael & Judy McCann, Rozanne McGrath

June 30: Marlys Moore, Daniel & Carolyn Moerke & family Allison, Emma, and Hannah

July 7: Heidi & Aaron Miller, Don & Kay Norton

July 14: Rollo Nussbaum, David & Lee Peterson

July 21: Brock Peterson, John Peterson, Helen Peterson, Anna Pickford

July 28: Harold & Marjorie Poppen, Rozella Potthast



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 & Jan 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)*

** We extend our sympathy to Cliff Rindels on the loss of his beloved wife Bethel (Beth). Our thoughts and prayers are with Cliff and his family.*

Schedule Changes

Worship service during the summer hours will be at 10:00 a.m. and will begin June 2, 2019.

Upcoming Events

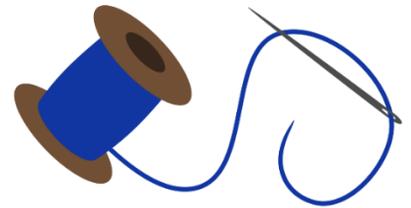


CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE: The Outreach and Fellowship Committee will be organizing a church rummage sale on **June 8** from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The proceeds will benefit the Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter and Brookings Humane Society. You may bring items you want to donate to the sale to the church by June 6. Everything will be a dollar on this sale except for larger furniture pieces and some electronics. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help with the rummage sale is very welcome. We will set up Friday night and early Saturday morning. We will take the items that don't sell to Goodwill IMMEDIATELY after the sale so if you want your items back, be at

the church at noon to pick them up or make arrangements prior to the end of the sale. We are sponsoring this rummage sale to engage with the community of Brookings and raise money for two great causes. Thank you for your support! For questions contact Susan Smith, 690-4028 or susan.smith@sdstate.edu.



PRAYER QUILT SEWING DAY will be held **Saturday, June 8** and **Saturday, July 13** from 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. Please contact Dolores Canaday, Nancy Thompson, Bonnie Foster or Lee Peterson if any questions.



Prayer quilts were given to Allison Moerke and Carol Ann Glaus who graduated from Brookings High School on May 26.

Pillowcases for Children

On Sunday May 19, five members gathered to decorate pillowcases for emergency foster care children. If you would like to decorate a pillowcase with love and hope for a child, use a cotton white or light-colored pillowcase. There are fabric markers at the church for you to borrow. Please drop them off at the church office by **June 16**. Linda Barnett will take them to the PW Synod Gathering in Ames, IA at the end of the month.



Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

On Sunday **June 9**, the Choir will be singing at the Neighborhoods at 1:45 p.m. and at the United Living Community at 2:30 p.m. All are welcomed to come sing with the choir—we'll be meeting at the facilities.



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COMING THIS FALL!

First Presbyterian Church will be starting a youth and beginners handbell choir this fall. The choir is open to anyone from 4th grade through adult and will focus on the fundamentals of handbell ringing. The group will perform simple music but will focus on having fun and learning to play a fun and beautiful instrument. Meeting times have yet to be set. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Fox at 605-691-5211 or Elizabeth.fox@sdstate.edu. Please feel free to invite any youth or adult who might be interested in playing and learning with us.



The PresbyRingers will continue to meet and perform as well. If you have experience ringing handbells and are interested in playing in this group, please let Elizabeth Fox know. Membership in this group requires a basic knowledge of reading music (rhythm is more important than fluency with notes in this group), and at least one year of experience ringing. You must be in high school or above. This group will perform in church services several times a year.

Are You Prepared?

Linda Barnett, PDA/PW Disaster Preparedness Trainer

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Presbyterian Women (PW) would like to see more people prepared for disasters that they may face. Since this is the season for tornados, I would like you to consider how prepared you are to face a tornado.



You are in church on a Sunday morning when the tornado sirens sound. Do you know the safest place in the church in a tornado? Do you know who will help visitors, children, or those needing assistance? Do you know where there are flashlights and batteries to be used for light if the power goes out? Are there copies of all church documents somewhere besides the church office? And if the tornado takes your home while you are in the church basement, do you have copies of your important documents stashed somewhere other than the house? Do you know where to access a land line if the cell towers are down making your cell phone useless?

Hopefully I can write small articles periodically to keep you thinking ... and planning so that if such a disaster were to occur, its effect on you would not be as bad because you made preparations before the disaster struck. Thanks for reading!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WORSHIP ON THE FARM will be on **August 11th** at the Joel and Bonnie Foster farm.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

June 2019



Scripture Reading: Mark 4:30-32 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

Quote: I never lose an opportunity of urging a practical beginning, however small, for it is wonderful how often in such matters the mustard-seed germinates and roots itself. – Florence Nightingale

Men's Brotherhood Notes: Men's Brotherhood met May 16 for a meal and program. We had a great meal by Mike and others who helped. The program was presented by Bob Jones who spoke on the chronological bible. Our next regular meeting is June 20. Let's try to get some more folks to it! We will likely be grilling out.

Prayer Concerns: Pray for the continual growth and spreading of the kingdom of God.

Action: Live our lives in one of love and service, setting an example of the love of God.

Last month I wrote about how faith is like a mustard seed. This month I want to write about how the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. The mustard seed being described as one of the smallest of seeds yet grows to be a very large plant. The seed has been compared to our faith, the faith of Christ in us. Our faith grows as we grow in knowledge and wisdom and applying our love to our every life situation.

Where should one begin with the kingdom of God? The very origins of our universe? A case can be made for that. The creation of man? Let's start with Jesus and his birth. Jesus is our king so it seems reasonable to think of his birth as the beginning of his kingdom.

In our present time his birth is a great holiday now but not so much when he was born. The angels sang and some shepherds appeared and the Magi came but not many townsfolk noticed. It was a pretty quiet and normal event.

Jesus grew up getting his religious education from the scholars at the time, learning his craft as a carpenter and about the times, culture, economy and politics he lived in. This knowledge all came in handy when he began his ministry, preaching about the kingdom of God.

He began his ministry reaching out to a few who later became his apostles and disciples. His preaching reached many thousands but in a small part of the world, some accepted his teachings and others didn't. So the beginnings were quiet and small and grew a bit as he began to be noticed by those in power and influence. But his preaching was of a kingdom not of this world. Many did not understand this as shown later when they were upset that he did not lead a revolt against the Romans and cried for his crucifixion.

So what is this kingdom that starts small but grows large? This kingdom not of this world? To understand the kingdom it is important to understand the message of Jesus, what he preached and how he conducted himself. Followers of Jesus are first of all reconciled to him and to the Father. His reconciling message is one of love, unconditional love. A love that knows no boundaries. Where he is, love is. He loves all, even those who hated and persecuted him and he tells us to love all even as he did. If we love and follow him we are already a part of this kingdom.

His love and message started out with just a few disciples but grew, and it still grows. Not only spreading to more and more people worldwide. And those already following him are growing in knowledge and practicing love to all as he did then and he still does today.



The Boy Scouts Troop 14 will resume in the fall after school starts.

HY VEE

Remember to bring in your Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.

Goal \$150,000.00

Received to Date: \$120,111.97

Needed to Date: \$29,888.03

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!



We will have the Pentecost Special Offering, which helps our youth build a strong foundation of faith from childhood through young adulthood, on **Sunday, June 9th**. Of the collection, 40% is kept by our congregation and 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for youth, young adults, and children at risk. Envelopes will be provided in the church bulletin.

The local Volunteer Service Bank, who enlists volunteers to provide medical transportation, has two new programs to assist those who need help: the errand helper program and the snow removal program. Volunteers who are willing to help out, even if just once a month, can contact the Brookings County Service Bank at 605-692-6102.

60+ Dining: Our church is responsible for delivering meals 4 times a year to 3 routes. It's easy to do and SO rewarding!

- A sign-up sheet is posted 2-3 weeks before service
- One signs up for a route of 6-10 stops on designated days or 1-2 weeks
- Arrive at 11:00 a.m. to 60+ Dining (alley north of the library) and pick up your hot tote, cold tote & clipboard which has the list of stops with a map on the back and any special delivery instructions
- Deliver and return the empty totes and clipboard

So take your vehicle, a spouse or friend or just yourself and allow yourself some time to make a difference. Our next assignment is July 15-26. Check your calendars.

FOOD PANTRY: FPC collects items for the Food Pantry the first Sunday of every month. The dates for the next 2 months will be **Sunday, June 2nd** and **Sunday, July 7th**. 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. Thanks – Deacon Dan Kemp

*Susan Huggins sent a thank you
for the gift from First Presbyterian Church.
Her letter is on the bulletin board.*



The Festival of Pentecost comes 50 days after the Passover, which we celebrate as Easter. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church, when the believers sprang into action, proclaiming the Gospel.

That first Pentecost following the Resurrection came after about 7 weeks, which was a time for those who had witnessed Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to do some profound contemplation and re-calibration. Jesus' ministry had not turned out in the way which they had expected. They were still trying to wrap their heads around the events of that last Passover. It had certainly not been in their remotest expectations that their beloved Messiah would suffer and die, even though Jesus had repeatedly warned them. They just couldn't get it. And then He came back to life! That was even more incomprehensible. It was a development so amazing that it was hard to grasp. They had some serious thinking and retooling to do in light of that roller coaster series of events.

It would seem that God in gracious mercy realized that these first believers needed a cushion of time for reflection. When life is turned upside down and expectations are crushed, a time for readjustment to the new reality is needed.

They met together to process this new reality, and Jesus periodically appeared to them, though He wasn't constantly with them as before. They were embarking on a new and different phase.

And then, Pentecost! They were filled with the Holy Spirit in a new and vibrant way, extolling the "wonderful things God has done."

It is highly significant that when they started to speak out, it was in a wide variety of languages, not just Latin, Greek, Aramaic, or Hebrew - which would have been what was expected. They proclaimed the marvels of God in the languages of the people gathered from among the nations there in Jerusalem.

This flamboyant bouquet of languages represented at the first Pentecost is a forerunner of the spread of the Gospel to people groups around the world. God intends for people to hear the Good News in their respective languages. Bible translation is an ongoing part of that process.

Susan Huggins

Scripture quote taken from the Holy Bible, New Living Translation, Acts 2:11.

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



"What is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places." Ephesians 1:19-20

PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER *May, 2019*

Good Friday is a time to remember the great sacrifice God made for us, and without Easter the fear of death would still have a hold on us. We can praise God daily for His great plan of salvation which was very costly for God, Who gave His Son. Jesus humbled Himself by leaving heaven and coming to this earth to live among the people who He created! Jesus had to live in humility by submitting to earthly authority, and Jesus humbly accepted His Father's will for His life. Instead of getting angry, Jesus said, "Father forgive them."

The past five weeks at the Monday evening Bible study we watched, "The Easter Experience," by Kyle Idleman. It was a thought provoking series with good discussion. One of the studies was about godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. Peter's sorrow lead him back to Christ, and Judas' remorse did not lead him to Christ, but to suicide. II Corinthians 7:10 makes the distinction between the two regrets, "For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death."

Easter morning church service at the prison was great! Five inmates were baptized. Each one gave a short testimony of how Jesus changed his life. It was great to hear how God has worked in each of their lives to bring them to Him. One of the young men came to Christ during the seminar weekend, "Goliath Must Fall," which was held in February. Since then he has been a regular attendee at Bible studies and church. We heard a testimony from a young man who shared with us how the Lord saved him from suicide. He said, "I have been attending other religious groups, but I still struggled with suicidal thoughts. Finally in January I was ready to give up on everything. I cried out to the Lord Jesus with a repentant heart, and I felt the peace of God come into my life! Now my desire is to live for Him." He has low self-confidence so he did not look up the entire time he gave his testimony, but I told him I was proud of him for the courage he had to share what the Lord is doing in his life. After the service one of the church members told me, "His testimony really encouraged me!"

I thank God for each one of you who support this ministry in prayer and financially! God is changing men's lives at the prison! The resurrection power of Jesus is at work in men's lives!

I am willing to share in your Sunday School or church or both. My phone number and email are listed below.

In Christ,

Harlan Moss

When you write your checks, please designate my name in the memo section of your check. Send them to: Prison Lighthouse Fellowship (PLF) or 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. Inmate testimonies are on youtube, "Converge Heartland Prison Ministries."



USHERS

Richard & Donna Wilson,
Jeanne Jones Manzer, Andrew
L'Amour

SOUND: Dave Peterson

JUNE 2019 VOLUNTEERS

SCRIPTURE READERS

June 2 Nancy Thompson
June 9 Skip Webster
June 16 Dolores Canaday
June 23 Dan Kemp
June 30 Paige Foster

LEADERS OF CHILDREN'S TIME

June 2 Pastor Paul Penn
June 9 Bonnie Foster
June 16 Gary Larson
June 23 Carrie Van Buren
June 30 Jan Jones

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2 Pastor Paul Penn 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Fellowship Coffee	3 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	4 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	5	6 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Deacons Meeting BIRTHDAY: Alan Young	7 BIRTHDAYS: Dolores Canaday ANNIVERSARY: Dan & Michele Kemp	8 8:00 am -Noon Church Rummage Sale 9:30 Prayer Quilt Sew Day
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JULY 2019 VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

Robby Flint, Elizabeth Fox,
Richard & Judy Smith,
Terry Spitzenberger

SOUND: Bruce Westergaard

SCRIPTURE READERS

July 7	Dave Peterson
July 14	Lee Peterson
July 21	Jan Jones
July 28	Linda Barnett

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