

# THE BLADE

November 2017

*"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."*

*Romans 13:10*



## Installation of Pastor Nina Westfall

On Sunday, October 22nd Pastor Nina was installed by the South Dakota Presbytery, to be our pastor of First Presbyterian Church during the morning worship service. After the installation, a Potluck was held in the Fellowship Hall and cake was provided by the Fellowship Committee.

A huge thanks to all that were involved with this special day and we hope you enjoy some of the pictures from that Sunday!



*Pictured: Roger Jenner, Pastor Nina, Sue Young, and Chad Broksieck*



*Pictured: Trent & LaVonne Broksieck; Mike McCann*



*Pictured: Diane Janssen Hemmen; Pastor Nina Westfall; Kevin Veldhuisen; Joe Muth; Jeanne Jones Manzer*



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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.

November 5: Carey & Lisa Bretsch; Chad & Diane Broksieck and family; LaVonne Broksieck

November 12: Ginny Conger; David & Louise Crain; Maxine Dornbush

November 19: Susan Dobesh; Bill & Ann Douglas

November 26: John & Robin Eich; Sam Eich; Evelyn Fee



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



Please join us for our Second Sunday Movie Night on Sunday, November 12 @ 6:00 PM. The movie will be *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. Popcorn will be provided so bring your family & friends and join us for a great evening!!



This year's Fall party for all ages will combine with game night on **Sunday, November 5th** beginning at 5:00. We'll have special fall activities, food and treats, along with our usual opportunities for game playing. Hope to see you there!

## Project Joy

The holiday season is quickly approaching and the Deacons will again be participating in Project Joy. The mission for Project Joy is to provide children and families living in Brookings County, who are in need, an opportunity to receive holiday gifts. Volunteers organize a store that is stocked with toys, gift cards, and clothing for parents to shop for their children. The Deacons will collect donations of unwrapped toys and clothing. Money may be donated and the Deacons will do the shopping for you. Jesus says to love one another. Let's open our hearts this holiday season and bring **Joy** to area children and families in need by generously donating to Project Joy. More information on deadlines will follow when these dates are available.



**Bonnie Salonen, Deacon**

### **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: \$140,618.11

Need: \$9,381.89





## Our Friends

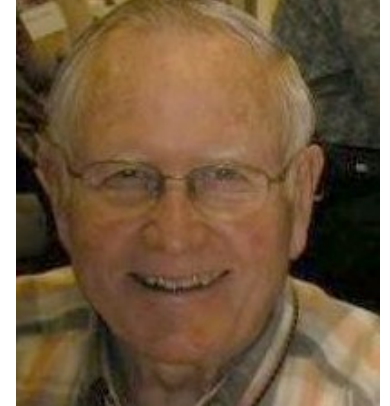
“Our Friends” ... is a *Blade* article about some of our friends here at FPC-B. Some of the profiles are on people that everyone knows and others are on people that you will want to know better. This article is a work inspired by our Lord and hosted by the deacons. ~Robby Flint.

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When the men of the church want to have a grill out, many hands seem to be needed, but there's only one *grill master*, **LINDY WICKSTROM**. I'm always impressed that so many of the men enjoy congregating right by the grill.

Is it the smell, the fire, the camaraderie, the stories? Yes. There are many traits that Lindy brings to the table that draw people to want to spend time with him and starting a fire and telling the tale are only a few of Lindy's many admirable characteristics.

Lindy Wickstrom was born in Craig, Nebraska in 1928. He is the youngest of 1 sister and 4 brothers. After school he would sometimes drive a semi to Omaha. And at 17 joined the Marines during the latter stages of WW2. Upon leaving the military Lindy took up welding, a career that took him all over the United States, from ND to Texas, and California to Florida, and overseas to Italy, eventually ending up in dear ole Brookings during a 37 plus years career.



During coffee and cookie time after church services about a month ago, Lindy asked ... *what I was up to*. You know, the general conversational stuff everybody does. I told him that I was thinking about putting up a new fence. (Which was true, I was at the “thinking about it” stage, that might easily have lasted well into next year.) Lindy, you know how good natured he is, wanted to know what kind of fence and all the details, (and I didn't have a clear idea about what I wanted or what all was involved either).

Well, Lindy proceeded to show up at my house pretty regularly over the next few weeks. He always had tools and parts of every sort needed for the job, and sometimes food too. And always, that is without exception, he possessed patience, and expertise for the task at hand, along with pleasant conversation. He walked me through what I didn't know, did his share of the work (and more), and then stood back and let me do and learn when the time was right. Now I'm not going to lie, digging holes and putting up that fence was a real chore. But never, not ever did it *seem* like a chore, Lindy kept the conversation going and the stories rolling.

It's amazing how some people can make life so enjoyable. I love to spend time with Lindy and I hope you have someone that helps you feel like a better you. Lindy is that kind of person.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, Lindy and his fantastic wife Alvera enjoyed their 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lindy and Alvera have a large family that is scattered across our great country. They love to travel and have travelled to England, Germany, Italy, Canada and all across the USA. Unfortunately for us, they will be leaving to go to their winter home in Arizona all too soon.

Lindy, thanks for the new fence, but it seems to be letting the wind through. And Lindy, if you still want to go into the fence building business when you get back to Brookings in the spring, just say the word.

P.S. Thank you LaVonne Broksieck, for the use of the post-hole digger.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

November 2017

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 4:9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"



**Quote:** "Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another." — Thomas Merton

**Men's Brotherhood Notes:** The regular monthly meeting was held on October 26. A delicious meal was served. Program was a discussion of the 500th anniversary of Reformation Day. The November meeting time and date will be announced later so watch for that.

**Prayer Concerns:** Pray that we can be hospitable and kind to everyone.

**Action:** Be actively seeking opportunities to reach out to others.

Genesis 4:9 Am I my brother's keeper? Who is our brother? What does it mean "to keep" our brother? A definition of "keep" is to take care of, to be responsible for, to watch over, to know what is happening with them. This not intended to mean controlling the other person's life, merely to be aware of what is happening to them. Who is my brother? Anyone who does God's will (Mark 3:35) plus any human being created by God.

A question I always have with this passage is: Which was the greater sin, the murder of Abel, or lying to God? God already knew what had happened to Abel but when he asked Cain He may have wanted to know how Cain would answer. Many if not all of us have been in a similar situation, probably when we were children and had done something we shouldn't have. Our parents asked us about it and we had a choice, lie or tell the truth. Often, they knew the situation and what we had done or not done, but they wanted to give us the chance to come clean. Lying usually got us into deeper hot water than if we had just told the truth and asked for mercy. Lying is a sin and sin separates us from the love of God and being connected to one another. Cain's sin shamed him and separated him from his family and from God.

So, when we are asked about our brothers, sisters, mothers, or fathers, about how they are, how will we answer? Do we know? Whether it is the family in the church or the general population, do we know how they are? Who are doing well and need our encouragement? Who are hurting and how can we help or offer support?

It is so easy to get absorbed in our own lives that we lose track of those around us, either near or far away. Work, household chores and other personal responsibilities have a way of dominating our daily activities. I wonder if it weren't for the scriptural passages that encourage us to watch over, to "keep" our fellow humans, would we seek the time to do it? Seek time to stay connected? But we must. It is good for both the body and the soul.

James Lynch is quoted in Jean Maalouf's book on kindness "The mandate to 'Love your neighbor as yourself' is not just a moral mandate. It's a physiological mandate. Caring is biological. One thing you get from caring for others is you are not lonely. And the more connected you are to life, the healthier you are."

There is a benefit to the community plus to one's self when we practice hospitality, kindness, reaching out – connecting to others is love. And a benefit to us as well.

But we don't need to sit back and wait for others to come into our life. Be proactive and seek out or create new opportunities to connect. We are our brother's keeper.

## Gift of the Heart Kits Project

The Middle School Sunday School class is collecting items to put in Gift of the Heart Kits the Church World Service sends to disaster victims and refugees throughout the world. The health kits include:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb
- 1 nail clipper
- 1 bar of bath-size soap
- 1 toothbrush
- 6 adhesive bandages

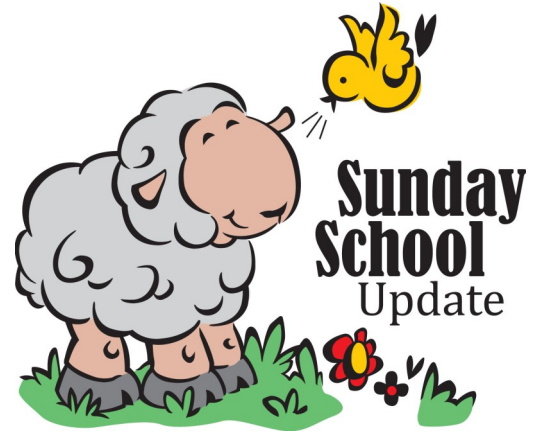
The class would like to send 10 kits the week of Thanksgiving. Please leave donations in the church office or give to Susan Smith. Monetary donations are also welcome.

The Middle School is using the Presbyterian Church Sunday School curriculum which currently studies Exodus. The lesson the heart kits were included in dealt with the Ten Commandments and treating people in the way we would want to be treated.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Susan Smith

Middle School Sunday School Teacher



## Missions Moment

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*"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever." Ephesians 3:20-21*

### Prison Ministry Newsletter - November 2017

I am glad that we cannot put God in a box, so to speak. We do not know how God is going to act in a certain situation. Job 9:10 says, "He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number." It is interesting how God works things out in people's lives. Some people do not believe in miracles, but God has ways of changing their minds....



**November Volunteers:**

**Sound:**

Ginny Conger

**Ushers:** Chad & Trent Broksieck

Roger Jenner

Nancy Thompson

**Counters:** Mike McCann

Dolores Canaday

Rick Salonen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Choir Practice	2 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Committees BIRTHDAYS: Donna Flint; Janet TeBeest	3 2:00 World Community Day (United Church of Christ)	4
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Greeters: Stan & Julie Scubelek & family 5:00 Fall Party BIRTHDAY: Rosa Glaus	6 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Mission Finance	7 7:00 Choir Practice BIRTHDAY: William McCann	8 7:00 Choir Practice BIRTHDAY: William McCann	9 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Session BIRTHDAY: Martin Maca	10 BIRTHDAY: Doha Rottluff	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Greeter: John MacComb 6:00 Second Sunday Movie Night: <i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i>	13 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Trustees	14 7:00 Choir Practice BIRTHDAY: Diane Broksieck	15 7:00 Choir Practice BIRTHDAY: Diane Broksieck	16 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Men's Brotherhood	17 BIRTHDAY: Judy Sebring	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Greeters: Dan & Carolyn Moerke & family 6:00 Evening Bible Study	20 BIRTHDAY: Robby Flint	21 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House)	22 7:00 Choir Practice	23 THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED 11:30 Lunch Bunch (The Pheasant)	25
26 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 Worship Greeters: Harold & Marjorie Poppen 6:00 Evening Bible Study	27	28 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) BIRTHDAY: Rachel Maca	29 7:00 Choir Practice	30 9:30 Women's Bible Study		

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