

# THE BLADE

October 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*

First Presbyterian Church served the about 100 people at the Harvest Table on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The menu consisted of pork loin sandwiches, beans, peaches, chips, and bars. Thank you to all who cooked, served, and supplied bars. It was a great success!



### Sunday Schedule

September – May

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee  
Lord's Supper—  
First Sunday of each month

### Summer Sunday Schedule

June - August

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee  
Nursery Care is available  
on first floor during  
Sunday Worship

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.



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### Newsletter Assembly

Volunteers led by Marlys Kelsey

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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.

Oct 6: Dee & Lois Watson, Kelly & Tami Watson

Oct 13: Skip & Sharon Webster, Bruce & Lori Westergaard

Oct 20: Alvera Wickstrom, Dorothy Williamson

Oct 29: Dick & Donna Wilson, Alan & Susan Young and family Adam & Katy



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)*



*on November 3  
at 2 a.m.*

## Upcoming Events

**PRAYER QUILT GROUP** will meet **Saturday, October 12** 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. In addition, the group will be meeting every Tuesday from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to get ahead on projects. They have received wonderful donations of fabric and are in need of stitchers and tyers. They are also in need of an official group name and would love suggestions from the congregation. Please place your suggestion in the wicker basket on the table in the narthex. If any questions, please contact Dolores Canaday (695-3723), Nancy Thompson (697-3073) or Lee Peterson (691-4729).



Our church is gearing up to host the South Dakota Presbytery meeting on Friday, October 25th. If you are willing to help make our guests from around the state feel welcome, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Donna Flint. Many hands make light work for everyone, so please sign up, even if it's for a small task. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting- come learn a little bit about how our denomination is organized and meet other Presbyterians from around the state. A schedule of events will be posted once that becomes available.

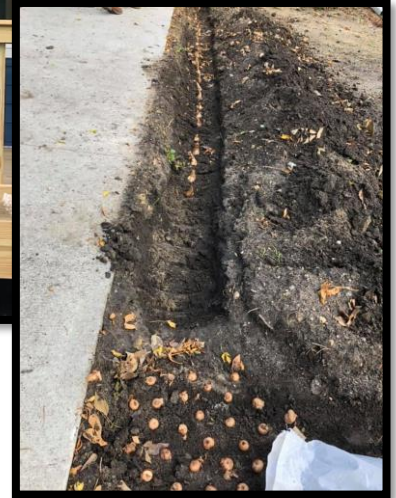
### **FROM CE COMMITTEE: Table Grace**

Table Grace begins in October -- Participants will be notified each month that they are a "Table Grace Group," and then it is up to you to decide when and where you will meet. The group should plan to meet within the month, after which names will again be drawn for new groups. (By changing the groups monthly, we will get to better know more members of our congregation.) There's only one rule, and that is there are **NO RULES!** Each group is free to decide date and location for the meal, and who brings what. Suggestions might be brunch after church, a midweek "easy-peasy" supper, a meal at a quiet restaurant, a cookout, or even a brown bag lunch. This activity is **NOT** intended to create too much work for anyone, nor add any stress to our already busy lives. So long as the group is together breaking bread, that's all that matters. It is recommended that one person in the group bring a short devotional to share, but it need not be a prepared Bible Study lesson. For ideas, check out the library display.

**THE GOAL IS TO HAVE FUN OVER A SHARED MEAL  
AND THANK GOD FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**



## *Habitat for Humanity Project*



The Cross Training Sunday School class was finally able to plant bulbs at the Habitat for

Humanity house on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The planting was delayed several weeks due to wet conditions, but organizers Gary Larson and Kay Norton decided September 22<sup>nd</sup> would be the day! Singing along with “Eye of the Storm” by Christian artist Ryan Stevenson, the group walked to the house and were welcomed by the Executive Director Dan McColley who explained the goals of Habitat to the students and showed them the new house. Thanks to Gayle, Ramsie, and Dylan for planting bulbs which will be a beautiful welcome to spring for the new homeowners.



*picture from card making party*

The First Presbyterian Church Youth Group kicked off the year in late August with a card-sending party. The students addressed cards they made in the spring for friends and family members of the church and community who needed a day-brightener. The next outing was to the movie *The Overcomer* on September 8. The movie focused on a troubled teen whose father had abandoned her to her grandmother’s care. The girl joined the school cross-country team, reluctantly led by the former football coach. This relationship resulted in the girl being reunited with her father and giving her life to Christ. The group will follow up the movie viewing experience with a Bible Study based on the film.



Put on your calendars that **October 20** will be All Saints Fun!

Other activities planned for the year are a trip to the corn maze and an end of the year lock-in. The group will mix fun outings with service projects and faith-based discussions. Anyone is welcome to join the group for any outing or activity. The group will meet on Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 3, 17 and 24, and Dec. 8 and 22. The group will take a break until starting back up again on Jan. 12, 2020. Contact Susan Smith (690-4028) if you’d like to help with the group or have a program you’d like to present or skills you’d like to share.



I hope everyone is warm and dry in their homes. I've been rethinking my rain gear.

\* **SHARE THE WARMTH:** Time again to gather snow duds for Share the Warmth sponsored by the Salvation Army but all donations stay local! Please drop off winter coats, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, snow boots and snow pants. There is a box at church but also look for the Best Choice trucks at the University Mall and the Faith Reformed Church. Donations are accepted between 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. September 1 – October 13. Distribution will be on October 17 from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. at Faith Reformed Church.

\*The Deacons have been delivering meals. Thank you all who have brought food and signed up to be on the call list. We will call as the need arises.

\* **FOOD PANTRY:** FPC collects items for the Food Pantry the first Sunday of every month and this month will be **Sunday, October 6**. The Food Pantry accepts all types 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

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### **FROM SESSION:**

The nominating committee, chaired by Rick Salonen, is beginning the work of forming a Pastor Nominating Committee. In this case, the PNC's first task will be to work with the session and congregation to examine the question of who God is calling us to be and how we can respond to that call. So in a sense, EVERYONE is part of the PNC! Once that question has been answered to everyone's satisfaction (a process which could take many months), then the PNC will begin the normal work of searching for a pastor to help us follow God's call. If you are ready to be part of this important committee, please contact Rick Salonen or any other member of the nominating committee (Donna Flint, Elizabeth Fox, Marvis Jenner, and Dan Kemp).

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### ***Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!***

The adult choir welcomes Don Norton as leader. Don, who has quite a bit of experience as a choir director, has agreed to serve as choir leader, but has made one request- he wants to sing! To accommodate that request, the choir will sing most Sundays as a small ensemble -- you may have noticed we are standing now in a semi-circle, instead of in rows. This allows the members of the choir to hear each other as they sing, resulting in a nice, blended sound. Don will stand on the end and direct as needed, but will still be able to sing with the group. If you've ever considered joining the choir, this is a great time! Don will lead Wednesday practices each week at 7:00 p.m. and it promises to be fun and inspirational!



Dr. Rick Holm will be the pulpit supply for the October 13th service. The Hopeful Spirit Chorale that he directs will join singing with the choir that day.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour  
October 2019 –



**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12: 21 Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

**Quote:** The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil, is that good men do nothing.  
– Edmund Burke

**Men's Brotherhood Notes:** On Sunday September 8 we served breakfast to the church in celebration of the beginning of the Sunday School year. On September 16 our church, with the lead of the MB, served about 100 people at the Harvest Table. On September 19 MB had our regular monthly meeting with Randy Grimsley from the Habitat for Humanity presenting the program. We have had a busy month! We would like to thank all the men who were able to help plus all of the church members who worked at the Harvest Table. The Harvest Table is a very worthwhile opportunity for our church to let its light shine! Thank you all! Next month's meeting will be October 17. Please let Mike or me know if there is a program you would like. All men are welcome to come join us. Come and bring a friend.

**Prayer Concerns:** Pray that we may be encouraged to do good.

**Action:** Find good things to do for one another. Let our light shine.

What is evil? What does it mean to do evil? A definition of evil is to be immoral; morally wrong or bad. Doing things that are not moral. To contrast, being good or moral is practicing right conduct. So we could say that to overcome evil is to be moral, to follow rules of right conduct. Crowding out evil by practicing moral or good behavior.

God asks that we love Him above all and love others as we love ourselves. Let us focus on the second part here. God wants us to learn to love by doing good for others. We have many opportunities to do so. Do we take them?

In 1 John 4:7 John writes, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." We are told here as Christians, what our rules of conduct should be. How to behave morally. Practicing love in all situations. To love is to give of ourselves. Whether it is to God or our neighbor.

Where do we find these rules of right conduct? For Christians it is in the words and teachings of Jesus. His statement in Luke regarding loving our neighbor as our self outlines the ways we need to accomplish this. It is told in the story of the Good Samaritan. In many other places throughout the teachings of Jesus and the writings of Paul, we are told to love our neighbors.

Jesus told us to love one another as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39). We are continually admonished by Paul and John to love one another (Gal. 5:13, Heb. 10:24, 1 John 4:11). There are a host of ways to fight the lack of good (evil) in this world. Big evil like injustice is rampant it seems: wars, refugees, poverty, racism. We might never get rid of all the evil everywhere but we can certainly fight it where ever it rears its ugly head. Start local and work up. Let's start by working on our love and compassion for one another everywhere so we can fight evil by replacing it with good! Amen.



**The Boy Scouts Troop 14** will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church starting September 5. Outings will be decided at a later date.

## **HY VEE**

Remember to bring in  
your Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.

**Goal \$150,000.00**

**Received to Date: \$1,410.59**

**Needed to Date: \$149,589.41**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**





## FOR SALE

2-wheel trailer received by the Men's Brotherhood. The trailer is sturdy and constructed from a 1952 Studebaker pickup truck box and measures 4 ft. x 6 ½ ft. \$100 OBO

Contact Mike McCann at 605-690-4253

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*Residents at the Neighborhoods will be handing out candy to kids on Saturday October 26 for Halloween. Donations of bagged candy or money to purchase candy by October 24<sup>th</sup> would be appreciated. Information is on the bulletin board.*



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**Wycliffe**  *Susan's Saga*

The last Sunday of the month of August is celebrated as Bible Sunday in Mexico. It is a chance to re-focus on the centrality of God's Word in our lives.

However, if the Bible were only available in the original source languages (mostly Hebrew for the Old Testament and Koiné Greek for the New), then it would be as if this precious book were in chains. One wouldn't be able to open the covers to see what is inside, much less leaf through the pages, reading the content.

Bible translation can be likened to the key that unlocks the padlock holding the chains in place. Without translation, the original text would still be chained.

The majority of the Bible was first translated into English by John Wycliffe, who died in 1384. Later translators, such as William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale, continued the quest of having God's Word accessible to people in English. These early translators suffered for their desire to produce the Bible for English speakers, and many were persecuted and even burned at the stake.

There are now a variety of translations in English. They have the common purpose of making God's Word clear, so that we can grasp the essential life-giving message the Bible contains.

However, there are still at least 1600 living languages in the world which do not yet have a translation. It is as if God's Word were still in chains for those people groups. Bible translation today continues to provide the key to unlocking God's Word.

Thank you for your part in being part of the process of providing the key for a group of Mixtec-speaking people in southern Mexico.

### **Susan Huggins**

*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*



"Assuredly I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

## PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER September, 2019

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God makes it clear that the wages for our sin is death. That is what we deserve, but praise God, He sent Jesus Christ to take the punishment we should have received! There is no greater love than this!

One of the men who returned to prison for a short time, was the man who I talked with many times in Segregation. He could be very sarcastic to me as I made my rounds. He told me "I have been out six weeks and now I am back on a parole detainer (which means only for a short time). I have done 6 years in prison and thought I had things figured out. Obviously, I don't know how to make it out there." He had tears in his eyes and God had broken his pride. He said, "You know I was prideful and sarcastic to you, but I know now I can't do this on my own! I need to change and evidently I need God in my life." I explained the gospel by diagramming Romans 6:23. He told me, "I definitely need Jesus in my life!" He prayed to invite Jesus Christ to take over his life and trusted Christ as his Savior! Praise the Lord for so great a salvation!

Bob (not his real name), returned to Jameson Annex from another facility. When a man comes back to Jameson Annex, it is usually because they got in trouble at the other prison. I knew him when he first came into prison, because I visited several times. The Lord was working on him at that time. Bob told me how he got in trouble again and had to come back to Jameson. He said, "I am just so full of hate, I don't know what to do. I need to change; I cannot go on living like this." I went over the gospel with him by drawing it out. I told him, "You have to ask the Lord to forgive you for your sins, cleanse you from your hate, and fill you with the love of Christ." He did pray and when he was finished, he smiled and said, "Man that was something!" He was excited about getting into the Bible.

It was a blessing to have a Life Light event on the prison recreation yard this past Saturday! There was great music, and professional bike riders who rode BMX bikes doing flips in the air. The speaker told his story about his difficult childhood, and how the Lord had taken him out of his mess through a pastor who took him into his home. He had family members who had been in prison, but God saved him from coming to prison. Many of the inmates were very thankful for this program. God is at work touching lives through these events.

Please pray that the new believers will become strong and mature in the Lord. Thank you for blessing us with your prayers and financial support!

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](mailto:harlan@convergeheartland.org). To listen to inmate testimonies: <https://converge.org/heartland/giving-campaign/sd-prison-chaplains-harlan-moss>





# OCTOBER 2019 VOLUNTEERS

## USHERS

Gary & Pam Larson,  
 Ginny Conger, Richard &  
 Dolores Canaday, Dennis  
 Hopfinger & Carolyn Clague

**SOUND:** Bruce Westergaard

## SCRIPTURE READERS

Oct. 6 Nancy Thompson  
 Oct. 13 Andrew L'Amour  
 Oct. 20 Linda Barnett  
 Oct. 27 Skip Webster

## LEADERS OF CHILDREN'S TIME

Oct. 6 Joel Foster  
 Oct. 13 Bonnie Foster  
 Oct. 20 Gary Larson  
 Oct. 27 Lee Peterson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)  1:00 Prayer Quilt Group	<b>2</b>  Choir practice cancelled  ANNIVERSARY: David & Lee Peterson	<b>3</b> 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Deacons Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts BIRTHDAY: Chad Broksieck	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Bob Jones</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Coffee 11:30 Worship Committee Mtg 7:00 Adult Bell Choir Practice BIRTHDAY: Jan Jones ANNIVERSARY: Roger & Marvis Jenner	<b>7</b>  7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)  1:00 Prayer Quilt Group 6:30 Mission & Finance Meeting  BIRTHDAY: Aaron Miller	<b>9</b>  7:00 Choir practice	<b>10</b> 9:30 Bible Study  7:00 Session Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  9:30 Prayer Quilt Group  BIRTHDAY: Rozella Potthast
<b>13</b> <i>Dr. Rick Holm</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Coffee 7:00 Adult Bell Choir Practice	<b>14</b> <i>Native American Day</i>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Blade Articles Due</i> 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 1:00 Prayer Quilt Group  ANNIVERSARY: Kelly & Tami Watson	<b>16</b>  7:00 Choir practice	<b>17</b> 9:30 Bible Study  5:30 Men's Brotherhood 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  BIRTHDAY: Donna Wilson
<b>20</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Coffee TBA Youth Group 7:00 Adult Bell Choir Practice	<b>21</b>  BIRTHDAYS: Michele Kemp Maria Mason	<b>22</b> 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)  1:00 Prayer Quilt Group	<b>23</b>  7:00 Choir practice	<b>24</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>25</b>  <b>Presbytery Meeting</b>  11:30 Lunch Bunch	<b>26</b>  BIRTHDAYS: Mike McCann Tami Watson
<b>7</b> <i>Donna &amp; Robby Flint</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Coffee 7:00 Adult Bell Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)  1:00 Prayer Quilt Group	<b>30</b> 7:00 Choir practice  BIRTHDAYS: Maxine Dornbush Rick Salonen	<b>31</b>	<p><i>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</i> <b>November 3 at 2 a.m.</b></p>	

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