

THE BLADE

October 2018

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

Worship on the Farm & Sunday School Kick-Off

On Sunday, September 9, we gathered for worship and a celebration of the beginning of our Christian education year at the Foster's farm. It was a beautiful day spent together worshipping, singing, praising and listening to God's word. Pastor Nina's message on "Beauty Within" was very inspirational and thought provoking. We then enjoyed a wonderful potluck meal together. Many thanks to the Foster's and all who helped make this a wonderful day!



Regular Sunday Schedule

September – May

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
Lord's Supper first Sunday
each month

Summer Sunday Schedule

June - August

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Nursery care is available on
first floor during Sunday
School and Sunday Worship

Pastor's Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



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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.

October 7: Lindy & Alvera Wickstrom; Dorothy Williamson

October 14: Alan, Susan Young & family; Cliff & Beth Rindels; Larry Anderson

October 21: Dave & Lucy Barkus; Linda Barnett

October 28: Travis Beller; Teri Bierstedt & son Anthony; Don & Jan Boe



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact Jan Jones or any of the prayer chain volunteers:

Linda Barnett, Dolores Canaday, Ann Douglas, Bonnie Foster, Bob & Jan Jones, Ella Lane, Lee Peterson, Harold & Marge Poppen, Judy Smith, Susan Smith, Nancy Thompson, Pastor Nina Westfall and Richard Wilson.

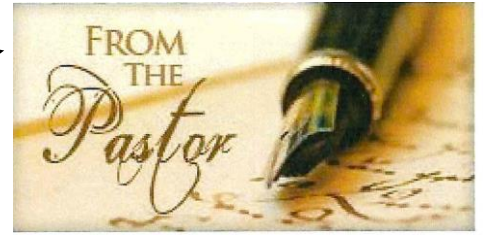


Don't let the full box for "Share the Warmth" fool you into thinking your help is not needed! There is always need and we can always make room in that box for your donations! Please bring your donations of new or gently used coats, boots, hats, gloves and mittens for all ages by October 11 and we'll make sure they get to the right place for distribution. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Robby Flint



celebration of Life



Years ago, this was the day---26th of September, when I arrived in this world. My mother tells that I gave her a real hard time. “Just didn’t want to come out,” she complained. It was after hours and hours of labor and some “tools” from the doctor...I arrived...kicking and screaming. Well Mom, maybe I didn’t want to leave the comforts that I had known for the past nine months. I was bestowed with “wisdom”, right from the start, it seems! So, here I was, “a bundle of joy,” as Mom puts it...well, a bundle of “something” to be sure!

God tells us in Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;”

Isaiah 49:1 “...the Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.”

And no, I never expected myself to be in the ministry either, “kicking and screaming,” which I had learned very early to do, I arrived here too. God got me where I was supposed to be... held me, molded and transformed me. God knows us well, more than we know ourselves. *As Matthew says in 10:30-31, “And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So, do not be afraid...”* The words related to fear, “do not be afraid,” “fear not” occur over three hundred times in the Bible. It is said that it is almost 365 times...one for every day of the year. What assurance! Then walk with confidence in Him who knows all and will never leave you or forsake you. Thank God for that, otherwise I would be still kicking and screaming somewhere.

With this great assurance then, let us celebrate life...**Oh, Happy Day...**

Your Pastor,
Nina



Bob Bartling who presents the yellow roses is honored himself on his birthday.



Marlys Kelsey’s birthday celebration at the church with her family and friends.

WELCOME to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW MEMBERS



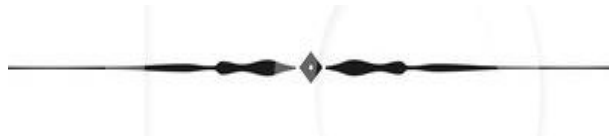
Jeanne Longeliere

My husband Darwin and I raised our two sons, Scott and Mike, in Pierre, SD. During those years we both worked in state government, and enjoyed the many sports the boys were involved in. In 1984, Darwin accepted the position of Finance Officer in the College of Agriculture SDSU in Brookings. After our boys graduated from high school, I joined Darwin here as a secretary in the College of Home Economics and Nursing. Darwin worked in Ag for 26 years and as the SDSU Internal Auditor for 2 years, and in addition to Home Economics, I worked in the Wildlife and Fisheries and Biology Departments.

Scott and Mike, and wives Kristi and Becky, live in Minnesota. We have 2 grown grandchildren, Nate and Karly, who are students at NDSU and Minnesota State, Moorhead. Scott, Nate, and Nate's fiancé, Elise, are in a band, "Rustic"; we enjoy watching them at different locations around North Dakota and South Dakota. My twin sister, Anne, moved to Brookings from California about 20 years ago, to be closer to family; she and I enjoy doing many things together.

At the present time Darwin and I are both retired. We are big fans of SDSU basketball, and Darwin has been the scorekeeper for the men for 25 years. Last Easter I joined our church; I feel very fortunate to be attending Bible Study and getting to know everyone.

We're really glad to have made the move to Brookings all those years ago, because we love it here!



Andrew L'Amour

New York City born, SD reared. I have lived in Staten Island NY, Conde, Aberdeen, Pierre, Rapid City, Boulder Colorado, Bethlehem Cave, Ipswich, Volga and Brookings. I have been a Roman Catholic, a Worldwide Church of God member and now Presbyterian. I worked in various jobs in my life but my career of 38 years was with the Department of Social Services – Economic Assistance primarily the Food Assistance programs, Medicaid, and TANF plus several others. Hobbies: I garden, but not well (I like playing in the dirt). I read a variety of books – fiction and non-fiction. I love to sing, and work (not too hard) at becoming better. I like to ride my bike. I believe being a Christian is primarily about building loving relationships. Creeds can change but our love for God and each other should never falter.



MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

October 2018



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

Quote: "But the Dark cannot claim what Light does not surrender." — C.L. Wilson

Men's Brotherhood Notes: Men's Brotherhood met on September 20. Linda Barnett provided the program which on her two trips to Mongolia. She had a great PowerPoint with many interesting stories to share. A great meal was provided as usual. Next month's meeting will be held on October 18. Be sure to put it on your calendars and bring a friend. We always have a great time!

Prayer Concerns: That we examine ourselves deeply for the love we have for one another.

Action: Set an example by doing good when you see a need (or evil).

Good vs. Evil – I heard a fellow talking about killing the weeds in his yard the other day. He was talking about getting the right weed killer and which product to get. Someone said to him why don't you try taking care of the grass instead of just killing weeds?

I thought about this and it made me think about what Christ told us to do. He told us to love God and love one another. If we want to fight evil and sin we can't just take the Holy Spirit that is in us and go off and hide it (our light) under a bowl (Matthew 5:14-16), or bury our gold (talents) (Matthew 25:24-27). Our own General Assembly in the 1958 Statement – PC(USA), p. 537, admonishes us to take responsibility to speak on social and moral issues and to not be indifferent to the evils in this world and to reveal God's grace in places of suffering and need. What does this have to do with feeding grass and not killing weeds? Is evil like a weed?

It is proven that the best way to replace a bad habit is to put in its place a good habit. So what is this 'evil' that we need to fight? Some sin lurking around the corner about to grab us? One definition of 'evil' is, it is the opposite of 'good'. Like the absence of a bed for a child can be described as an evil – no bed. Building a bed, 'good', replaces that evil.

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 4:7, 11). So if we see a child with no bed, think about how would we feel if we had no bed. If we would want a bed, so likely does that child. There are a host of ways to fight the lack of good (evil) in this world. 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. Let's start by working on our love and compassion for one another everywhere so we can fight evil by doing good! Amen.

HY VEE

The goal of \$150,000.00 has been met and a check for \$1,000.00 will be given to First Presbyterian Church from HyVee.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Remember to Bring in your Hy-Vee Receipts

Goal \$150,000.00

Received to Date: \$1,297.13

Needed \$148,702.87



Afternoon at the Movies

The Youth, along with Pastor Nina, Bonnie, and Donna enjoyed an afternoon playing trampoline volleyball in Hendricks Minnesota, courtesy of the Red Barn Theater. Following volleyball, the youth had a rousing game of Wii Tennis on the big movie screen, followed by the heartwarming movie “Dog Days.” Fun was had by all!

Youth Group Fall Progressive Dinner

The Youth will be celebrating the Fall season with a progressive dinner. They will gather on Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 at the church parking lot and progress from there. If you would like to host 3-8 youth along with drivers for a portion of the meal and some good conversation, please contact a member of the CE committee.



Some friendly refrigerator reminders from the Fellowship & Outreach Committee:



- Wipe up any spills and messes
- Make sure the fridge and freezer doors close properly
- Take home your leftovers
- Take home your containers
- Avoid all refrigerator science experiments
- Let us know if anything is amiss

Thank you for your help!



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Sound Bruce Westergaard	Ushers *Gary & Pam Larson_ Richard & Dolores Canaday	Children's Time Leaders Oct. 7 Bonnie Foster Oct. 14 Gary Larson Oct. 21 Joel Foster Oct. 28 Carrie Van Buren
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 Building/Grounds Mtg	2 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) ANNIVERSARY: David & Lee Peterson	3 7:00 Choir practice BIRTHDAY: Chad Broksieck	4 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Deacons Mtg 6:30 Committees Mtg	5	6 BIRTHDAY: Jan Jones ANNIVERSARY: Roger & Marvis Jenner
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Regular Worship 11:30 Worship Committee Mtg 11:30 Fellowship Hour 6:00 Game Night 7:00 Bell Choir practice	8 Office Closed BIRTHDAY: Aaron Miller	9 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Mission Finance Mtg	10 7:00 Choir practice	11 9:30 Bible Study No Session Meeting	12 BIRTHDAY: Rozella Potthast	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Regular Worship 11:30 Fellowship Hour 7:00 Bell Choir practice	15 ANNIVERSARY: Kelly & Tami Watson	16 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	17 7:00 Choir practice ANNIVERSARY: Lindy & Alvera Wickstrom	18 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	19 BIRTHDAY: Donna Wilson	20
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Regular Worship 11:30 Fellowship Hour 7:00 Bell Choir practice BIRTHDAYS: Michele Kemp, Maria Mason	22	23 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	24 7:00 Choir practice	25 9:30 Bible Study	26 11:30 Lunch Bunch (The Pheasant) BIRTHDAYS: Mike McCann Tami Watson	27
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Regular Worship 11:30 Fellowship Hour 7:00 Bell Choir practice SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT	29	30 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) BIRTHDAYS; Maxine Dornbush Rick Salonen	31 7:00 Choir practice			

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