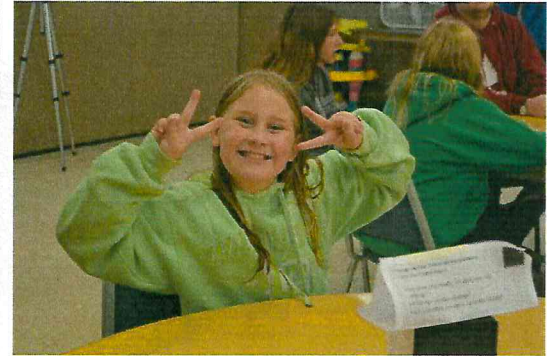


# THE BLADE

September 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*

## Elementary, Middle School, and High School Camps



This year's Camp Theme was "what if ... " hope was real, we belong to God, there is more than enough, God is bigger, speak up, we could change the world." Following is quotes from each of them about their experience.

*I liked making new friends and seeing old friends. I also like the activities that we did.*  
-Emma

*The impact camp had on me was greatest this year. I connected the most and was the hardest to leave. The people are the best - from Jason, the counselors and the cook!*  
- Paige

*Being with a smaller group helped me learn about myself more - bonded more than ever with other youth, bonded more with my family unit.*  
- Lynn

*I had a lot of fun with the many games and learning more about God.*  
- Gayle

*I really liked having our night worship on top of the mountain during the sunset. I also enjoyed making new friends and seeing old ones.*  
-Allison

*As a parent, I'm so thankful our youth have this opportunity to attend camp. Thank you to the church for this awesome youth opportunity.*  
- Bonnie

### 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

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

### Pastor's Hours

Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.  
Friday  
9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.  
**Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 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 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.

September 2: Jan Broksieck; Carrie Van Buren; Art & Marjorie VanderWaal

September 9: Adele Sudlow; Nona Marshall

September 16: Dee & Lois Watson; Kelly & Tammy Watson

September 23: Skip & Sharon Webster; Bruce & Lori Westergaard

September 30: Jeanne Longielier, Andrew L'Amour, Don & Kay Norton, Anna Pickford



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 Forget!**  
**Worship Returns**  
**to 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday, Sept. 2**

# GATHERING



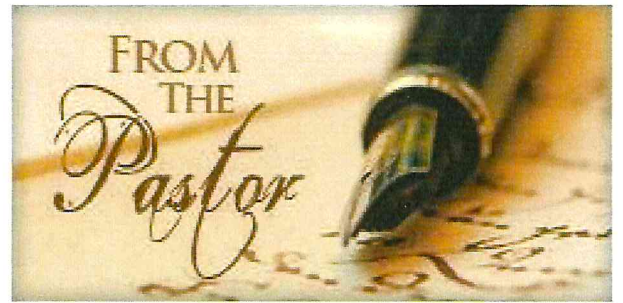
**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**Celebrating 30 Years of Faithful Service  
1988-2018**

## **PW Purpose**

**Forgiven and freed by God  
In Jesus Christ, and empowered  
By the Holy Spirit,  
We commit ourselves:**

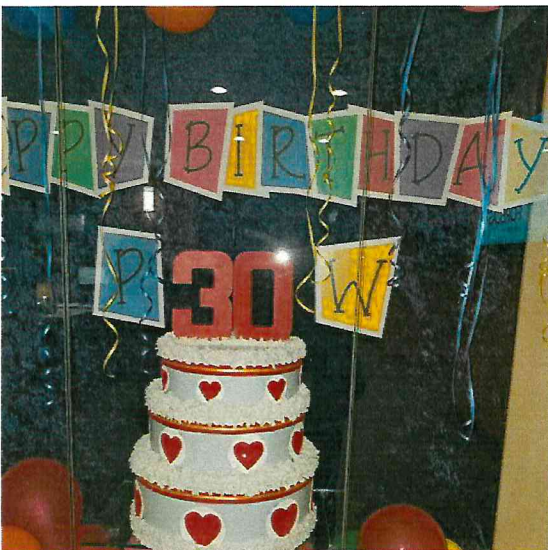
- to nurture our faith through pray and Bible Study
- to support the mission of the church worldwide
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.





### PW's March for Justice and Peace

Louisville's mayor, Greg Fischer, thanked Presbyterian Women for coming to Louisville and highlighting such an important issue. PC (USA) Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson II offered a prayer as marchers lined up.



The Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky honored the 30 years of Presbyterian Women

### The Gathering

There were about 1,600 church-wide gathering of the Presbyterian Women at the Galt Center. Louisville, Kentucky. The gathering was well planned, showing once more the administrative skill of the Presbyterian Women. There were various workshops held, providing education, insight, knowledge, encouragement and the great history. The worship was held twice, in the morning and the evening. We were not only nourished and fed physically but spiritually. The (PW) Presbyterian Women are well, alive and determined.

Your Pastor  
(A Presbyterian Woman)



## OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR ANNA DEGRAFF

Anna DeGraff is excited to begin working with the First Presbyterian choir. She was born and raised in Lincoln, NE, the youngest of four musical siblings. Her earliest musical memory is of holding down the harmony for "He Never Falls Asleep Counting Sheep" in a church performance with her siblings at approximately age 3. Anna continued exploring her love of music by playing the piano and singing her way all the way to vocal performance degrees at the University of Nebraska (BM) and the University of Minnesota (MM, DMA). She also holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a minor in musical theatre. She loves to travel, particularly to German-speaking countries, but hopes to soon add Asia and Latin America to her list of places she's been. Anna works as an adjunct professor of voice and music appreciation at both South Dakota State University and Southwest Minnesota State University. She also conducts the Buffalo Ridge Chorale (Hendricks, MN) and Take Note Women's Chorus (Marshall, MN).



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### *Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

The Church Choir will be meeting on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
The Bell Choir will be meeting Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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## Deacon Ministry

### FREE RIDE TO CHURCH

If for any reason you need a ride to church, the BATA bus is at your service...door to door service. It takes just a little preplanning:

- 1) pick up your prepaid token in the church office before your ride, or ask Ella Lane
- 2) call BATA (692-2222) by noon Saturday to reserve

Do you need clarification or reassurance, call Ella Lane (695-0342)

### SHARE THE WARMTH

Believe it or not...cold weather is on its way! And we need to share our warmth. Donate your used/new coats, boots, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, snowpants...all of any size...to the Salvation Army's "Share the Warmth." This county-wide give away is very organized and very well attended. Take your donation to the church until October 11 and drop them off in our BIG COAT BOX. You will make someone happy and warm.

### CONSIDER

At the end of this year, there will be 2 vacancies on the Board of Deacons. Could this be a way for you to serve our church? Take a little time right now to just consider it.

# MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

**September 2018 –**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

**Quote:** The presence of brothers and sisters from different cultures should be celebrated as a gift to the Church. Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops

**Men's Brotherhood Notes:** We had Men's Brotherhood in August. Our speaker was Dave Miller from Sleep In Heavenly Peace. It is a project whose mission is to provide a bed to families with children who do not have beds for the little ones to sleep in. Our next meeting will be September 20. We hope to see you then. Spread the word and invite others to join us. Watch for other upcoming Men's Brotherhood activities as we start the fall season.

**Prayer Concerns:** Pray for those who are strangers in our town. Pray that we show compassion, care and hospitality towards them whenever we have the opportunity.

**Action:** Be kind and get to know folks from other backgrounds if you don't already.

**The Stranger –** Have you ever been in a foreign place where you are the stranger and everyone else knows what is happening but you have no clue? I experienced that one summer when i was in Mexico for about 8 weeks. I was with a mission group and we had some seriously unusual problems but the people were very friendly and helpful and open to us. Their aid put our group at ease and helped us survive the trip. We went to help and we were helped more by them.

Very few in our group understood Spanish so that did not make matters any easier. However there is a language in a smile that cuts across all cultures. There is a language behind hospitality and generosity that cuts across all cultures. Openness and friendliness are universal languages all their own. We made some very

good friends in a short time.

In our diverse community of Brookings we see folks from all over the world. We see them in the store, school, all over. We may see them in church. It matters not who they are or where they are, they may feel uncomfortable but our mission as Christians is to welcome the stranger in our midst. Invite them into our community and show them the love of Christ and the Holy Spirit.



## **Worship on the Farm September 9 at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for worship at the Foster's farm (3911-18<sup>th</sup> Street, Brookings) for our worship service and a potluck as we celebrate the beginning of our Sunday school year! Join us and invite your friends.

## **HY VEE**

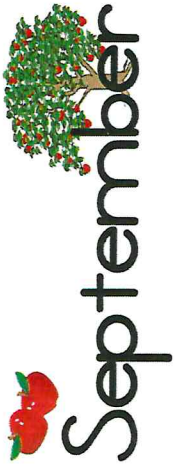
**Remember to Bring in  
your Hy-Vee Receipts**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**

**Goal \$150,000.00**

**Received to Date: \$134,532.04**

**Needed \$15,467.96**



**September Volunteers:**

Sound: Dave Peterson

**Ushers: \*Lisa Bretsch**

Skip & Sharon Webster  
Dee Watson, Joel Foster

**Leaders of Children's Time**

Sept. 2 Joel Foster  
Sept. 9 Carrie Van Buren  
Sept. 16 Donna Flint  
Sept. 23 Gary Larson  
Sept. 30 Lee Peterson

| Sunday  | Monday                                     | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                    | Saturday   |
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|   |  |   |   |  |   | 1  |
| 2<br>10:30 Regular Worship<br>11:30 Worship Committee<br>6:00 Game Night                                    | 3<br>LABOR DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED            | 4<br>9:30 Coffee Group<br>(Mission Coffee House)                          | 5<br>ANNIVERSARY:<br>Richard & Judy Smith                     | 6<br>9:30 Bible Study<br>5:15 Deacons<br>6:30 Committees                             | 7   | 8<br>BIRTHDAY:<br>Allison Moerke                   |
| 9<br>Worship on the Farm & Sunday School<br>Kick-off @10:30<br>7:00 – Bell Choir practice                   | 10<br>7:00 Scouts<br>7:00 Building/Grounds | 11<br>9:30 Coffee Group<br>(Mission Coffee House)<br>6:30 Mission Finance | 12<br>ANNIVERSARY:<br>David & Louise Crain                    | 13<br>9:30 Bible Study<br>7:00 Session   | 14  | 15<br>BIRTHDAY:<br>Marlys Kelsey                   |
| 16<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:30 Regular Worship<br>6:00 Small Group Bible Study<br>BIRTHDAY: Susan Smith  | 17<br>7:00 Scouts                          | 18<br>9:30 Coffee Group<br>(Mission Coffee House)                         | 19  | 20<br>9:30 Bible Study<br>5:30 Men's Brotherhood<br>BIRTHDAY:<br>Jeanne Jones Manzer | 21  | 22<br>ANNIVERSARY:<br>Art & Marjorie<br>VanderWaal |
| 23<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:30 Regular Worship<br>6:00 Small Group Bible Study<br>BIRTHDAY: Barb Borstad | 24<br>7:00 Scouts                          | 25<br>9:30 Coffee Group<br>(Mission Coffee House)                         | 26<br>BIRTHDAY:<br>Arend Schuurman<br>Pastor Nina L. Westfall | 27<br>9:30 Bible Study<br>BIRTHDAY: Ella Lane  | 28<br>11:30 Lunch Bunch<br>(The Pheasant) | 29<br>BIRTHDAY: Lynn<br>Riedesel                   |
| 30<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:30 Regular Worship<br>6:00 Small Group Bible Study<br>BIRTHDAY: Emma Moerke  |  |   |   |  |   |  |

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