

THE BLADE

September 2017

"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12



Don't Forget!
Worship Returns to
10:30 AM
Sunday, September 3



Worship on the Farm
September 10 at 10:30am

The Fosters have invited us out to their farm (3911 18th Street, Brookings) for our worship service and a potluck as we celebrate the beginning of our Sunday school year!

Join us, invite your friends, and bring some food to share!

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: \$97,305.62

Need: \$52,694.38

Summer Sunday Schedule

June - August

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

Regular Sunday Schedule

September - May

9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Fellowship Hour
Lord's Supper—First Sunday of
each month

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm



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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 3: Jan Broksieck Trenary; Carrie Van Buren; Art & Marjorie VanderWaal

September 10: Adele Sudlow; Nona Marshall

September 17: Dee & Lois Watson; Kelly & Tammy Watson

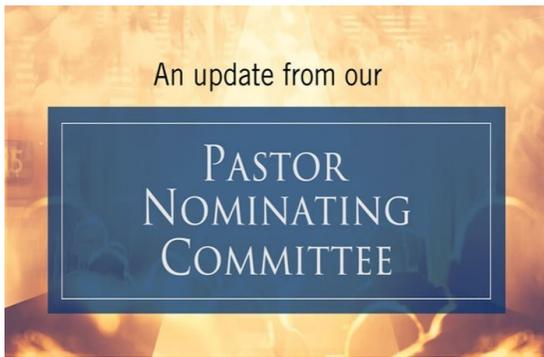
September 24: Skip & Sharon Webster; Bruce & Lori Westergaard



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



Outreach Committee will be continuing Second Sunday Movie Night through the end of the year. The next movie will be **Sunday, September 10 @6pm**. We will be viewing *Miracles from Heaven*. Bring your friends & snacks and enjoy a great time together!



Pastor Nina has arrived in Brookings! She will begin her ministry with us on September 1st. I've often wondered exactly what a pastor is responsible for in a Presbyterian church, so I looked it up. Here is a summary of what I've learned.

The Pastor is responsible for studying, preaching and teaching the Word and administering sacraments. The Pastor is head of staff, responsible for supervision of paid church personnel. The Pastor is responsible for engaging in pastoral care ministries and working with the Deacons and church committees to meet the needs of people in the church and in the community. The Pastor serves as moderator of Session, the body which is responsible for making decisions on behalf of the church. The Pastor works with session, boards and committees to establish the church's vision and mission and to help align the activities of the church with the goals of the church.

We've done our best to cover the immediate physical needs of our congregation- we have continued the work of the church so that we did not grow stagnant during this transition- but I think we all will be excited to begin a new journey with Pastor Nina as she helps our church move forward in God's service! Since so many people have stepped forward and selflessly contributed to our ministry as a church during the transition, we may be tempted to make one of two possible mistakes.

One would be to say, "Thank goodness you are here-here's the key" and then step back and stop contributing. The other mistake would be to say "Well, we've been doing this for 7 months, so we know what you should be doing" and then hover, question, correct, and constantly provide advice.

I would encourage everyone to step forward and welcome Nina with a message like this: "We know some, though not all, of what goes into being a pastor, we appreciate what you do, and we want to work together with you as together we seek to serve God and His people. How can I help?"

It will be exciting to see what new things our congregation will encounter, how we will incorporate our old traditions with new ones and continue as a loving, thriving community. This should be a fun ride- so climb in and buckle up so you can be a vital part of it!

Donna Flint
Moderator, Pastor Nominating Committee

Another successful two weeks of delivering 60-Plus Dining. Thank you to all who heard the call and saw the need and gave an hour or so every day to see that the meals were delivered to the right homes so 50-60 people were fed every day. A great huge thank you! We will be looking for volunteers again in the spring and so I ask you to pray and consider helping again.



It is almost time for the nominating committee to begin looking for three new Deacons to serve a three-year term. Again, I would ask you to prayerfully consider being a Deacon. It is a very rewarding time and the friendships you make and strengthen, the love, help and support you give and receive, and the opportunities to experience "Agape" love are a life-long investment. I will say that not every meeting or time spent "Deaconing" will be the best time of your life, but there are those special moments that you will feel God's love.

So, think about it, pray about it, ask questions and if it feels like something you would like to do, please let the nominating committee know. I wasn't too sure I was right for the job when I first was asked and it took a while to find my comfort zone (or to learn to be comfortable outside my own comfort zone). But, I will be a Deacon- officially or unofficially- the rest of my life. It has been life changing for me, and you too can have this experience – just let us know.

Keep in mind as you are cleaning closets and getting out winter clothes that SHARE THE WARMTH will be collecting cold weather items for children and adults who may need a little help to stay warm this winter. All new and gently used and clean coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, windbreakers, caps, scarves, mittens, etc. can be left at the church or any of the advertised drop off places. This project is headed up by Salvation Army and they will also accept monetary gifts as well. You have the opportunity to volunteer to help sort, size, and aide in the shipping on the "sharing days." This is truly an eye-opening and heartwarming few hours of your time. Stay tuned for more information to come in the months ahead!

As you read this article, know that your Deacon in the "Circle of Life" has been praying for you and keeping you in his/her heart and thoughts, and we ask for your prayers.

Dolores Canaday
Moderator, Deacons



Quilting Opportunity

As a congregation, we have an opportunity to express 'agape' love by making and giving prayer quilts. A prayer quilt is a small simple quilt tied with prayer and given at no cost to a person needing prayer. Needed are planners, cutters, stitchers, pressers and tie-ers - both experienced folks and learners are encouraged to participate. Watch the bulletin and Blade for updates on where and when we will be meeting. Contact information at this point is as follows: Nancy Thompson, Dolores Canaday and Lee Peterson 691-4729.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

September 2017 –

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”



Quote: A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be. – Rosalynn Carter

Men's Brotherhood Notes: We did not have Men's Brotherhood in August. 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 in any leadership position that they have the strength and courage to do good.

Action: Set an example by doing good when you see a need to fulfill.

Something Sacred – At a recent study group I attend regularly, the topic of the study was entitled: “Say Goodbye To Nice”. Nice was defined as keeping to the status quo, no change, everything is satisfactory, don't make waves, no conflict, etc. Good was seen as the change actions we should be interested in doing. Good is seen as speaking out when you see something is not right even though your voice is quivering and your knees shaking. Standing up against wrong actions or words. Showing support, not being afraid to take some action. Stepping up to the plate.

One of the stories we read about was the story of David and Goliath. We are likely all familiar with this story of the small boy defeating the mighty giant who tormented the Israelite army. Why did no other soldier step up? Where was King Saul the mighty ruler of the united Israelite nation? If you recall Saul and God had kind of a falling out when Saul did not obey God when he defeated the Amalekites. He did not seem to have the same type of relationship with God that David had. David made mistakes too but was more humble yet bold in his relationship with God. Saul seemed more self-serving as the years of his rule progressed.

A thought I had was that maybe the army was more influenced by 27 years of Saul's leadership so they were afraid to step up, to challenge, to act boldly. One can wonder what their individual relationships were with God. Maybe similar to their king?

I am thinking that the story might also be known as David vs. Saul when it comes to comparing their leadership styles. David was speaking out against the heathen Philistine's insults; Saul was cowering in his tent. David was admonished by some to go back to tending sheep yet he refused to do so. Saul told David to go ahead and fight Goliath; he told this young boy to go out there and fill the role that he, the king, was afraid to fill. David willingly stepped up to the plate.

Jesus was anything but 'nice' when it comes to looking at that definition in these terms. No status quo for Him. He was 'good' for sure. He did speak up, He made a few waves, He did take direct action to heal the sick, visiting the downtrodden. Speaking out against the authorities who were self-serving and a burden on the people. Yet He was humble in that He was not doing this for His own edification but for the glory of God.

To be a leader is to be humble yet not afraid to take direct action where and when needed, To be a Christian leader one needs to have a close relationship with God, To take care of those in need, To love one another, To serve the needs of the people, To be good. The NIV bible has over 600 references to 'good'. None to 'nice'. There is a lesson there. All praise to our good God!

PER CAPITA

For 2017, the amount for per capita is \$28.80 per person. We ask your help in paying this for yourself and/or your family if you are able.



| 2017 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July |
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| Income | 14,314.28 | 17,884.12 | 11,913.21 | 19,714.56 | 9,647.26 | 10,747.03 | 19,148.58 |
| Expense | 13,816.46 | 9,206.75 | 10,281.58 | 9,839.62 | 8,764.45 | 10,584.73 | 7,452.96 |
| Difference | 497.82 | 8,677.37 | 1,631.63 | 9,874.94 | 882.81 | 162.30 | 11,695.62 |

| 2017 | To Date |
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| Income | 103,369.04 |
| Expense | 69,946.55 |
| Difference | 33,422.49 |

If you would like to read the full article of either of these, please visit our website at: www.brookingspresbyterian.org



**Missions
Moment**

"In love, he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved." Eph. 1: 5-6

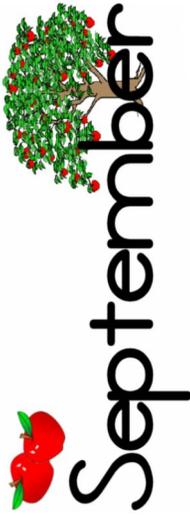
Prison Ministry Newsletter – August 2017

The family is one of God's ways of passing on the good news of salvation. Children were meant to be raised in the context of a family. In Acts 2:39, Peter says, "For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." When we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, those who respond to it in faith are added to the family of God! Many men in prison do not know what a godly family is like, but when they are born again from above, they become a member of God's family!

Susan's Saga

King David is well-known for his many psalms of praise. He was enthusiastic and exuberant in the songs he has left for us in the Psalter. He also wrote psalms in more somber moods, when he was deeply troubled.

It is striking that even in his worst moments, he poured out his heart to God about his problems - but also included praise.



August Volunteers:

Sound:

Dave Peterson

Ushers: Joel Foster; Lisa Bretsch
Skip & Sharon Webster
Dee Watson

Counters: Bob Bartling
Nelda Holden
Elizabeth Fox

2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | BIRTHDAY: Allison Moerke | 2 |
| 10:30 Regular Worship Greeters: Art & Marjorie VanderWaal | LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 Scouts | 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 1:00 Outreach 6:30 Mission Finance | 6 | 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Committees BIRTHDAY: Chelsea Barkus | BIRTHDAY: Marlys Kelsey | 9 |
| Worship on the Farm & Sunday School Kick-off @10:30 Greeters: Rick & Bonnie Salonen 6:00 Movie Night— <i>Miracles from Heaven</i> | 7:00 Scouts | 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Trustees ANNIVERSARY: David & Louise Crain | 13 | 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Session BIRTHDAY: Ramona Sebring; Arlyce Thorne | BIRTHDAY: Abigail Schuurman | 16 |
| 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Regular Worship Greeters: Dan & Michele Kemp | 7:00 Scouts | 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) | BIRTHDAY: Jeanne Jones Manzer | 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Men's Brotherhood BIRTHDAY: Rebekah Schuurman | ANNIVERSARY: Art & Marjorie VanderWaal | 23 |
| 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Regular Worship Greeters: Dick & Donna Wilson | 7:00 Scouts | 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) BIRTHDAY: Arend Schuurman | BIRTHDAY: Ella Lane | 9:30 Women's Bible Study BIRTHDAY: Lynn Riedesel | 11:30 Lunch Bunch (The Pheasant) | 30 |

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