

August 2021

Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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The summer sun continues to bear down on all of us, and the crops may not be what we'd hoped for. Each year the farmer takes a gamble on what the future will hold and each year, he must leave it in the hands of the Lord. Although we may not

understand this global warming, we can only assume that it is part of God's plan for us and begin to preserve the blessings that we do have.

During this harvest season, we must continue to pray that God will provide, and make every effort to strengthen our faith. Strength to all of you as you continue to grow in service to God.

--Jane





PULPIT SUPPLY FOR AUGUST:

Sunday, August 1st-Lance Griese
Sunday, August 8th-Rosemary Heitmann
Sunday, August 15th-Lance Griese
Sunday, August 22nd-Lance Griese
Sunday, August 29th-Michael Severen



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, July 20th,
at 7:00 p.m. with the following
summary of the meeting:

1. Approved Hospice to use the church for a meeting July 29, 2021.
2. Approved baptism for Henry Hoss Hagen held on July 18, 2021.
3. Work continues on guidelines and responsibilities for session committees.
4. Our church will not be participating in the community church service August 8, 2021.
5. Our church will not have an annual church picnic in August.
6. An updated 2021 church contact list and directory is available.
7. Next meeting is August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart



When I was a boy, our church used to have an end-of-the-year Sunday school picnic. This took place in late May or early June. When I was older, this picnic was often called the “All Church Picnic.” We’d meet at the city park, usually following a Sunday morning worship service.

These were wonderful affairs, especially if you were a kid. Games were organized for the youngsters, but best of all was the food! Several tables were designated for different types of food: salads, casseroles, main dishes and desserts. Invariably, these tables were laden with fried chicken, baked beans, hot dogs, potato salad, any number of casseroles, homemade rolls, sliced tomatoes, pickles and olives. Then there were chocolate cakes, angel food cakes with a strawberry topping, and cherry, apple or lemon meringue pies, and homemade ice cream sometimes hand-cranked by the deacons.

Some people who came to the picnic potluck didn’t come with much. This was because they didn’t have much. One time, my friend’s family didn’t provide anything but a plate-load of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

But the beautiful thing about these picnics was that when you put all this food together, sharing it like that, everyone felt as rich as could be.

And the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches disappeared, along with most of the rest of the food.

There’s a lesson here. It’s probably fair to say that most of us want to give to the Lord what we can, and we’d like to bring our finest. After all, look what God brings to the table! God has the food table overflowing with everything rich and blessed and desirable. There are plates overflowing with grace, mercy, faith and wisdom and much more.

And what do I have? Sandwiches!

But when it’s put together, it’s amazing. This reminds us that when we get together with God to do something, the result will often be surprising.

—Timothy Merrill, Home Touch

Prayer: Loving God, I bring today for your use these simple gifts of patience, a smile and a few acts of kindness. Be glorified in all that I do. Amen.



**SHARING
BRINGS JOY**
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

We are once again passing the offering plates during worship service.



Do Not Forget!!!!!!
The church rummage sale
is coming up on
Friday and Saturday,
August 27th & 28th!!!

We will set up on Thursday night,
the 26th at 5:00 P.M. and would
appreciate all the help we can get.
Please bring your items the week
of the sale – to the basement if you
are able.

The sale will run from 11-6:00 on
Friday, the 27th, and 9:00 – 1:00 on
Saturday, the 28th. Of course, help
will be appreciated for take-down,
also.



MY CHURCH

“What my church means to me.”

(A statement of faith

by members of our church.)

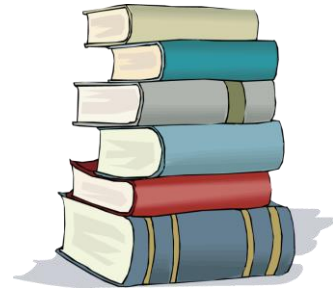
(It is hoped that we can have members of our church submit statements for future Newsletters. Contact Jane if you are willing.)



Now that the kids will be heading back to school, be mindful of their presence and take extra caution while driving near the church and the school. They are not always aware of what is going on around them, and they are our future!



Check Out Our Library !



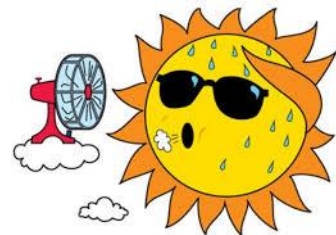
An excellent selection of Christian books is available in the two bookcases in the overflow room of the sanctuary. I am adding new books every month. **Added Beth Moore and Joyce Meyer recently.** Also, the area of couches in the overflow room makes a nice, quiet place for reading and coffee... during the week. This is your church – enjoy it!



Henry Hoss Hagen, infant son of Kyle and Tomi Lynn Hagen, was baptized in our church, by Lance Griesse, on Sunday, July 18th. A large number of family members were in attendance.



Keith Cease, with cancer; Mary Lou Brandt, in Hospice (2222 3rd Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401); Jan Pearson, Judy Pfitzer, Rhonda Buer, Dan Yelkin, Jeani Amacher, Carol Anderson, Alan Grupe, Jeannine Jarrett; others with health concerns; and the families of those who have recently lost loved ones.



Update on Pastor & Mindi Buck: They are getting settled in Seattle and have both just now found jobs, however, they are in some short-term tight financial circumstances since neither has received a paycheck and they had to put down a large security deposit on their apartment. If you would like to help in any way, you can contact them at:

Pastor Donald and Mindi Buck
18606 52nd Ave W, #235
Lynnwood, WA 98307

SUMMER FUN!

Lance and Aimee Griese entertained five of the youth from our church at their Roy Lake Home on Wednesday, July 14th at 6:00 P.M. As you can see by these photos, hot dogs, chips and ice cream sandwiches were on the menu. The kids grilled out and swimming and tubing were enjoyed. Collin Beaner, Owen and Erica Symens, Jaris Stark and McKenna Heer attended. A big 'thank you' to Lance and Aimee for this outing!



Addiction and Faith

The Rev. Dr. Ed Treat from the Center for Addiction and Faith is giving two presentations on August 29. The first is at 10:30am at Highland Lutheran Church, north of Langford. The second is at 1pm at First Lutheran Church in Britton. We look forward to hearing from Pastor Ed on this important issue, especially as one of the effects of the pandemic is an increase in substance abuse.



A lovely memorial service and celebration of life was held for long-time member of our church – Barbara Franzen. The service on July 24th, included a beautiful solo of “Morning Has Broken” by Bob Carlson, and an outstanding rendition of “Amazing Grace” performed by Peggy Davidson. Lance Griese officiated. All of Barbara’s children were in attendance, as well as her sister, Pauline Nelson and family. Lunch was served following the service.



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