

November 2021

Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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Hey, folks!

Can you believe it's already November? Thanksgiving is just around the corner and then it will be Christmas. Too much, too soon. And then another year has gone by.

Cooler weather has finally found us and the days keep getting shorter. Don't forget to set those clocks back on the 7th.

We were blessed with such a lovely fall with wonderful coloring of the trees (before the wind) and cooler mornings to enjoy them, but now the bitter cold and snow will soon be here. Get those winter clothes out of the closets, cover up with warm coats and blankets, and settle in for a cozy winter season. Don't forget to stock up on hot chocolate and marshmallows!

It's a time for renewing old friendships and sending some thoughtful greetings to those we don't think of often enough. Don't forget those elders in the Assisted Living and Nursing Home.

(Always check with the facility regarding visitation rules first.) With more time on our hands, it is good to share with others.

Let us prepare our hearts for giving thanks for all the wonderful blessings we receive throughout the year. Now is the time to gather with family and say those special prayers.

Jane



Dear Friends in Christ,

November is the month we pause to give thanks. When thinking of Thanksgiving Day, we turn to the early days of the European presence on our shores. The Mayflower landed at Plymouth in November, 1620. A number of the passengers had died during the voyage across the Atlantic. Now on land, the pilgrims continued to die from scurvy or other diseases. It was a tough winter. About half of the 100-some pilgrims perished like soldiers on a battlefield — just like so many are dying today during this pandemic.

But the following fall there was a harvest! And 400 years ago, in November 1621, the pilgrims gave thanks on foreign soil for the first time. Today, as we are in the grip of a Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus, we, too, pause to give thanks to God for love, support and friendship! (HomeTouch)



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 7th – Lance Griese
Sunday, Nov. 14th – Rosemary Heitmann
Sunday, November 21st -- Lance Griese
(Stewardship Sunday – 21st)
Sunday, November 28th -- Lance Griese



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Approved a manse rental policy.
2. Approved membership transfer for Kendall and Ashley Hagen to Fron Lutheran Church.
3. Pledge cards will not be sent this year but will be available at the back of the church.
4. A Stewardship letter will not be sent this year.
5. A quarterly financial report will be in the worship folder and newsletter.
6. Communion will be December 5, 2021.
7. A congregational meeting will be held December 5, 2021 to present the 2022 budget and nominate officers.

**Next meeting is November 16th, 2021,
at 7:00 p.m.**

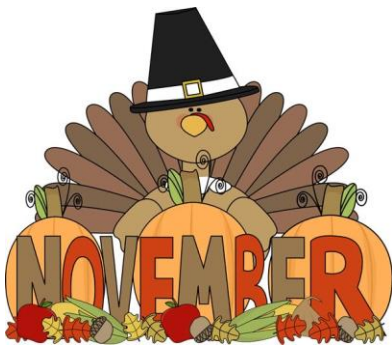
--Lynn Eberhart



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

**Sunday, November 21st, is
Stewardship Sunday.**

**Pledge cards are available at the
back of the sanctuary.**



Friends are the sunshine of life.
—John Hay

One of the down sides of growing old is that you start to lose your friends.

The really cool thing about having a friend is that you know he or she is willing to take risks on your behalf. It is hard to lose them; it's like losing a piece of yourself.

A friend who takes risks is the person who stands beside you in a time of crisis, who makes sure you don't get in harm's way, or, if you do, tries to get you out of it as soon and safely as possible.

In the Bible, the themes of loyalty, faithfulness, kindness and mercy are expressed by one word: *chesed*. What is

intriguing about this word is that there often is a risk factor in dispensing this kindness.

Ruth, for example, expressed her faithfulness to her mother-in-law by refusing to leave her. "Whither thou goest, I will go ..." (1:16, KJV). As a Moabite, and a Moabite woman, this was a foolhardy decision, even if Naomi was her patroness. In taking on the responsibility of protecting her daughter-in-law, Naomi likewise made a risky choice. In advocating for Ruth's future security, she was even more daring. She proposed a scheme to hook up Ruth with Boaz that would have spelled disaster had it been discovered.

Think, too, of Jonathan's friendship with David at the very time when his father was trying to destroy David. Jonathan was a friend to David when David desperately needed a friend. But expressing kindness and mercy is not without risk and perhaps cost.

Humanitarian gestures, random acts of kindness and doing good things that do not involve courage, daring and risk are certainly important, and no one would say otherwise. But showing *chesed* — loving-kindness and faithfulness — sometimes calls for risk-taking.

This is one reason we value our friends and mourn them when they pass away.

But we ourselves can continue to express the biblical idea of *chesed* by being a faithful friend to those around us.

—Timothy Merrill

Home Touch

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for the friends with whom I have been blessed throughout my life. Help me to be a faithful and supporting friend as you have been to me. Amen.



The women's PWC group is now meeting on the first Sunday of the month following worship service, at one of the tables in the fellowship hall. The next scheduled meeting will be Sunday, November 7th.



MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study groups are meeting at the church every Monday evening at 7:00 PM.

Women are meeting in the overflow room, and men are meeting in the disciple's room in the basement.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
is back in session, meeting every Sunday following the worship service, in the upper rooms of the church.



YOUTH GROUP

The youth of our church—7th-12th grades are invited to join Lance & Aimee every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM.

Bring your friends and make this a fun time for everyone!!!!



Please pray for Jeanine Jarrett beginning treatments for breast cancer; and continue prayers for Leah Luitjens, Tracy Jones, Deb Mack, Dan Yelkin, Jeani Amacher, Carol Anderson, Alan Grupe, and others in our church & community who continue to undergo cancer treatments; Rhonda Buer; Jim Luitjens; those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; those who have lost loved ones.

Greeting Cards on Sale in the Office



The PWC ladies have Sympathy Cards and a full line of Greeting Cards for you to choose. Cards are sold by-the-box and proceeds support the PWC ladies' missions.

Check Out Our Library !



An excellent selection of Christian books is available in the two bookcases in the overflow room of the sanctuary. 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!



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