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Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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No long, wordy blog this month, just a hope that you are all cozy at home when you can be. The Omicron and Covid have us still being very cautious and avoiding crowded areas. Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming days of February.

Jane

February 14th

is Valentine's Day, a day for sweethearts, couples or good friends. Children, especially, will pass around small heart-shaped sugar candies to their classmates. These tiny sweets all have a short message stamped on them: "Be Mine," "Kiss Me," "Call Me," "Let's Get Busy" or "Miss You."

Every year, about 8 billion candy hearts are made for consumption, or about 100,000 pounds per day!

Although these colored candies have been around for more than 100 years, the messages had not changed much — until about 30 years ago.

Since the 1990s, new sayings have been introduced that are more appealing to contemporary kids. There was “Fax Me,” “Call Me” and “Email Me.” Today, there’s even one that simply says “LOL.” That means, “Laugh Out Loud.” The company who makes Sweethearts gets hundreds of suggestions each year.

If you were asked for a text idea, how would you respond?

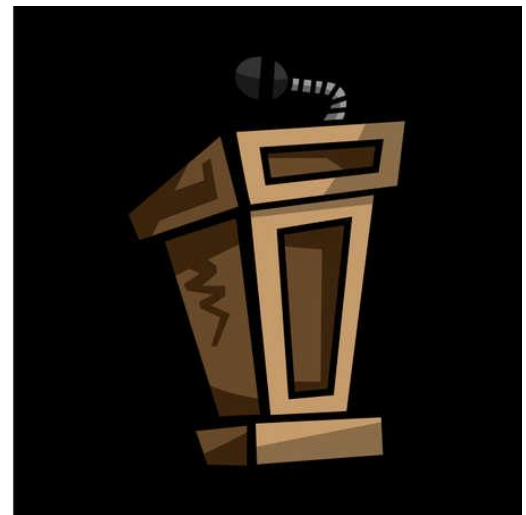
How about a Bible verse that mentions love?

- John 3:16 (“For God so loved the world ...”)
- 1 John 4:8 (“God is love.”)
- 1 Corinthians 13:13 (“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”)
- John 15:12 (“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”)

Sharing candy treats with a message on them is fun, and it is a wholesome tradition. But even better than using preprinted words impressed by a die-maker on soft candy are the *actions* we take that make an impression on soft hearts, eager for your comforting gestures of love and support! —Timothy

Merrill

Prayer: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for people to love, for people who appreciate gestures of support, people who depend on me for love and positive thoughts. Help me not to let them down. In your name. Amen.



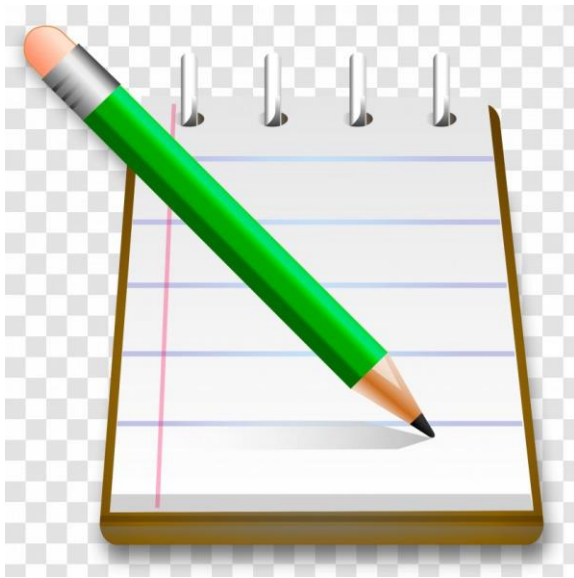
PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JANUARY

Sunday, February 6th – Rosemary
Heitmann

Sunday, February 13th – Lance Griese

Sunday, February 20th – Lance Griese

Sunday, February 27th – Lance Griese
(Communion)



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Discussed getting a new microphone headset for the preacher.
2. The potluck dinner after the January 23 annual congregational meeting was not held because of the high number of covid cases.
3. Communion dates for the coming year are February 27, April 14, September 18, and December 24.
4. The clerk's statistical report is due February 20, 2022,
5. Elder committee assignments will be done at the February meeting.

**Next meeting is February 15th, 2022,
at 7:00 p.m.**

--Lynn Eberhart



Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

*A wise physician said, "The best medicine for humans is love."
Someone asked, "What if it doesn't work?" The doctor said, "Increase the dose!" —Anon.*

The Bible reading for today is from the apostle Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. Chapter 13 is arguably the most well-known 13 verses in the New Testament. This chapter is often called the "Love Chapter" because the theme is love.

However, the "love" of this chapter is not the love popularized by American popular culture. This love is known as *agape* love, using the Greek word itself as the name for this love. As you may already know, this love is the highest, noblest and most sacrificial love of all.

13 things you may not know about agape love

1. It's more important to have love than to have faith, v. 1.
2. It's more important to give love than to give away all your possessions, v. 3.

3. Love is patient, that is, it is not ill-mannered toward others, vv. 4-5.
4. Love is kind, v. 4.
5. Love is not stubborn and resentful, and certainly is not happy when others experience bad luck, vv. 4-6.
6. Love is happy when truth is out, v. 6.
7. Love can put up with a ton of stuff, v. 7.
8. Love is so trusting as to be considered naïve, v. 7.
9. Against all odds, love never loses hope, v. 7.
10. Love perseveres no matter what life throws at it, v. 7.
11. This most rare kind of love never ends, v. 8.
12. Try to think of everything most sacred, most holy, most admired $\frac{3}{4}$ love is greater, vv. 8-13.
13. Of the list of virtues — faith, hope and love, for example — love comes in first, v. 13.

—Timothy Merrill/HomeTouch

Prayer: Lord Jesus, fill me, just an imperfect vessel, with your love. Fill me to overflowing, so that your love may wash over all those I meet today, this week and every day thereafter. In your name. Amen.



YOUTH GROUP

The youth of our church—7th-12th grades meet every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. Bring a friend and come join Lance & Aimee for a fun evening. This year they have been studying the life and promises of Jesus through the book of Luke.



During one of the evening meetings of the youth group, the kids played a 'Corn-Hole' tournament.



The funeral for Lester Jahnig, son of Deanna Jahnig, was held on Monday, January 24th. Lance served 3 years in the Army in Germany, 32 years in the National Guards, during which time he served three tours – one in Afghanistan and two in Iraq.



'Hats Off' to Bev Seibel for another great bulletin board!

Kate Wismer Ordained



Kate Wismer was the only new officer requiring ordination at the recent annual meeting on January 23rd.

Other new officers not requiring ordination due to prior service to the church, were:

Elders:	Russell Buisker
	Peggy Davidson
Trustees:	Max Davidson
	Mark Ellingson
	Kyle Hagen

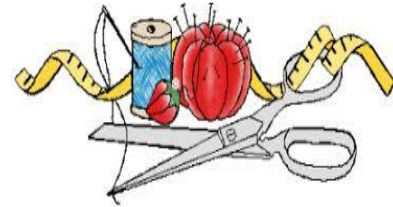


PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Women's PWC will meet in the kitchen following worship service on Sunday, February 6th.



A total of 20 more mittens were sewn and delivered to the Britton-Hecla School during the month of January.



The Sewing Ladies' Schedule for January:

Thursday, February 3rd – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 10th – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 17th – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 24th – 9:00 a.m.



If you would like to be a member of the choir, please contact Peggy Davidson,
605.237.0624



For all you sports-minded readers, the Super Bowl will be held February 13th.
Gather Safely & Responsibly.



*Kids, come join us every
Sunday morning following
the worship service.*



Please pray for Cindy Underberg, Jeanine Jarrett, Leah Luitjens, Deb Mack, Carol Anderson, Alan Grupe, and others in our church and community who continue to undergo cancer treatments; Rhonda Buer; Jim Luitjens; those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; the family of Lester Jahnig and others who have lost loved ones.

Our visiting elder, Jerry Lutkemeier, 61, of Wilmot, SD, died suddenly on January 24th – the day after his visit here at the congregational meeting. Obituary is posted at Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home's website at:

Mundwilerfuneralhome.net

Please keep his wife, Denise, and family in your prayers.



Don't forget the greeting cards available in the office for \$6.00 a box, and be sure to check out the library in the overflow room at the back of the church.



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