

April 2023

# Our JOYFUL Noise

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The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD  
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## **PULPIT SUPPLY FOR APRIL:**

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rosemary H  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – **To be determined**



*Once again we continue to find graphics for April with sunshine, flowers and rain. When will it come? Not only are they forecasting snow for the last day of March, they continue to forecast temps in the 20s, and more snow into April. Praise God for the moisture, but something tells me that when the temps finally warm up, we will have more than enough water to contend with. Hate to complain when so many are suffering in the southeast.*

*Rejoice, He is Risen!!!*

*--Jane*



### **Session Notes:**

The Session met on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Approved sending a paperback copy of a large print bible to the Bibles for Prison program in Sioux Falls.
2. Approved residing the manse.
3. Approved the Hospice organization to meet in the church Wednesday, March 29, 2023.
4. Approve letting the Pauline Nelson family use the church Friday, June 9, 2023 when they have the commital service for Pauline.
5. Approved paying the admission fee for the youth to go to the movie, Jesus Revolution, Wednesday, April 5.
6. Approved the 2023 Local Mission Giving recommendations as follows: Food Pantry-\$2000; Bishop Dudley in Sioux Falls (a place for the homeless)-\$1300; Safe Harbor in Aberdeen-\$1300;

Children's Home Society in Sioux Falls-\$1300; Local Ministerium-\$1850; Home Base (food for kids at Britton Hecla school)-\$1250 for a total of \$9000.

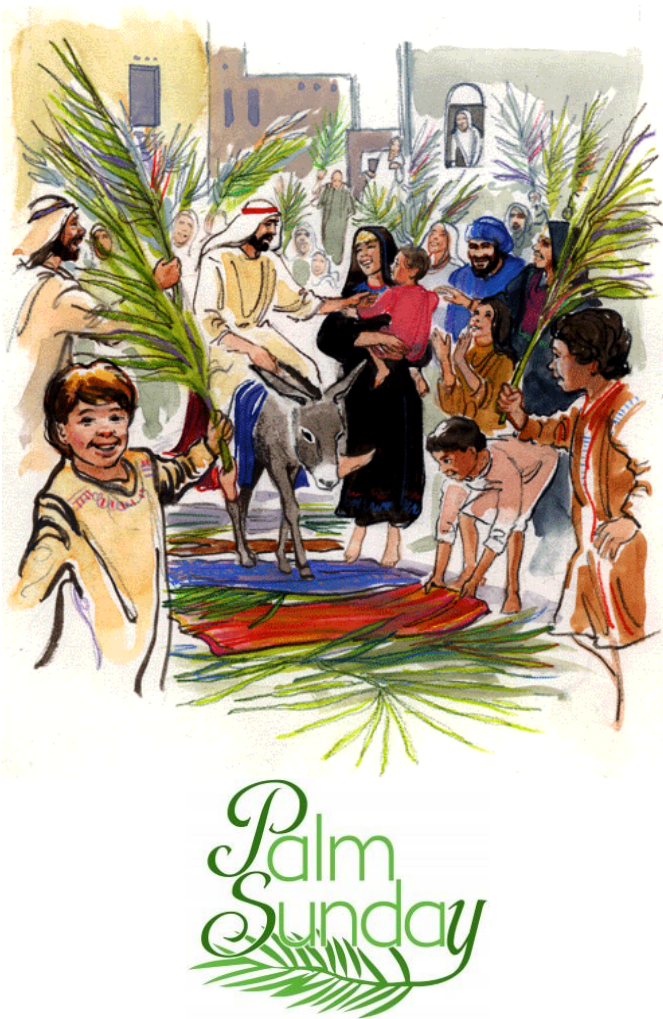
7. Approved the church sponsoring a Relay for Life team that is open to the public if there is interest.
8. Next communion is Maundy-Thursdays, April 6.
9. 38 quilts were taken to Sioux Falls to the Union Gospel Mission organization.
10. Next session meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart

### **NOT MY IDEA OF APRIL!!!!**



--Jane



### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11**

Ride on, ride on in majesty! / In lowly pomp ride on to die; / O Christ, thy triumphs now begin / O'er captive death and conquered sin. —Henry Hart Milman, in his hymn, "Ride on, ride on in majesty!"

A long time ago in the far distant past, when paper was an expensive commodity and letter writing was the only way to keep in touch, writers found an interesting way to economize. One piece of paper could be made to hold twice as much information by practicing the art of palimpsest. After filling the

page, the paper was simply rotated 45 degrees and then another entire page of writing was placed on top of the existing lines! Can you imagine trying to read such a letter? A single page of correspondence could compress the maximum amount of news onto a minimum amount of paper. There was only one drawback. It made for difficult reading. Like singing a round, it took intense concentration to keep focused on just one layer of the message at a time. Perhaps you could send a letter to a friend using this palimpsest technique! The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is like one of those many-layered palimpsests. While Luke is busy telling this story, we can see layers of tradition running under and through it. Every scene in the story draws its power from an earlier age, a previous incarnation. We have Jesus' life and actions as the first layer of writing. But, set at a 45-degree angle, as it were, are the prophetic flashbacks to Zechariah, Isaiah, Micah and the Psalms and other Old Testament texts — another layer of writing. Both are necessary to give meaning to Jesus' life, and his death and resurrection. On Palm Sunday, we see this technique at work: First, we see Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Soon, however, at cross angles, we see him brutally crucified and buried. Soon, we begin Holy Week. It will be a week of suffering, betrayal and heartache. But, the cross is not the end of the story. Yet another layer of writing is yet to come!

—Adapted from HomileticsOnline by Timothy Merrill.

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, you came into Jerusalem a popular hero, and left it scorned, beaten and in a tomb. But, we know that the power of the resurrection will defeat sin, Satan and death. Hallelujah! Amen.*



The PW Women will hold their spring rummage sale on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> this year. Set up will be any time workers are available on Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring your items for the sale the week of the rummage sale and set them under the tables out of the aisles for walking. Thank you.

Hours:

Friday, Apr 28 - 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, Apr 29 - 9:00 AM – Noon

*Jill Beaner & Kay Friebe – Co-chairs*

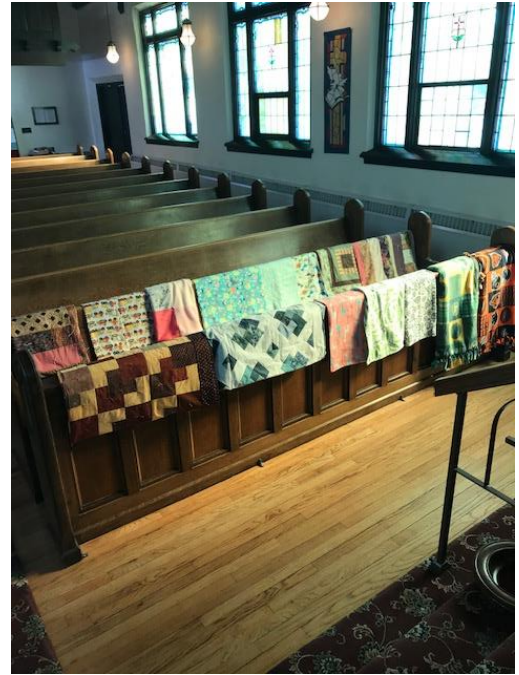


If you would like to be a member of the choir, please contact Peggy Davidson, 605.237.0624



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**Women's PWC will meet Sunday, April 2nd, following the worship service, on the stage in the basement.**



*The ladies of the church have been very busy this past winter with much to show for their labors. 38 quilts were taken to Sioux Falls to the Union Gospel Mission organization.*



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

As we are no longer using the boxed envelopes for our members, please feel free to use the pew envelopes provided. Please let Jane know if we run short of them in the pews.



*Brrrrrrr . . . .  
Happy Easter!!!*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*The Sunday School meets every Sunday morning. The children are excused from the worship service around 10:15-10:30 and finished by 11:15 so they can join the fellowship in the basement.*





### *YOUTH GROUP*

**The youth of our church—7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades meet the first three Wednesdays of the month, at 6:30 P.M. On the third Wednesday, they have projects throughout the community to help spread the word of Love and Peace. Bring a friend and come join Lance & Aimee for a fun evening.**

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, the Strand Theater is showing "Jesus Revolution" for all area youth groups. The church is covering the cost of the tickets.**



**Maundy Thursday services with Communion will be Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

**An early breakfast will be held on **Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:45 AM. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Kay Friebe! at: **605.880.5077****



In our thoughts & prayers Please pray for Vicki Beck, Lisa Hart, and others in our church and community who continue dealing with cancer; for the family of Sandra Ellingson and others who have lost loved ones; those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; and pray for the people of war-torn Ukraine and victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey; and those devastated by tornadoes and floods.



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