

September 2024

Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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PULPIT SUPPLY FOR SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, Sept 1st – Rosemary H
Sunday, Sept 8th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, Sept 15th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, Sept 22nd – Lance Griesse
Sunday, Sept 29th – Rosemary H



Dear friends

Wow!! God has gifted us with the most beautiful summer and now we go forth into a beautiful fall season. Farmers will soon be in the field gathering a bounteous harvest. With children back in schools, some are experiencing the empty nest sadness. We may need prayer to make it through these times. Lots of activities back on our calendar. Enjoy your September!

Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Letters have been sent to the members of the congregation asking for pledges for the roof project.
2. Our church is participating in the Food Pantry drive to collect goods for the pantry.
3. Youth group will begin September 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and will meet the first and third Wednesday of the month.
4. Adult Bible study will begin September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
5. Sunday school kickoff is September 15, 2024 with a "Sports" theme.
6. The Community Youth Group will have their first meeting September 18, 2024.
7. Continuing to look for teachers to help with the older Sunday school kids classes.

8. Mike Fairbanks has been working on the wood floors of the church.

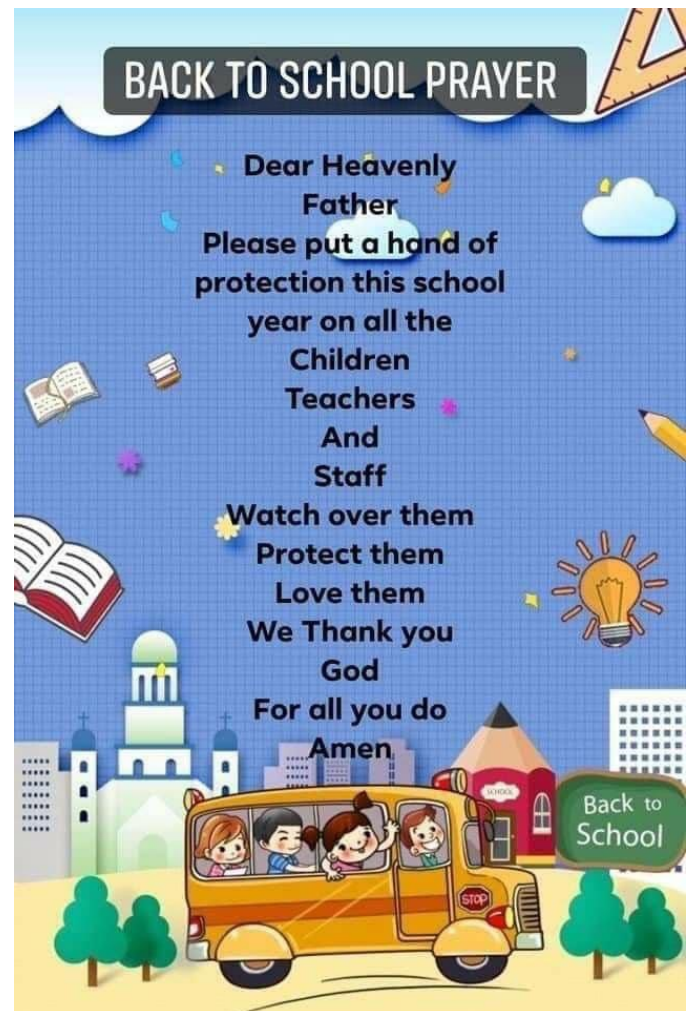
9. Discussed having more potluck dinners in the future.

10. Looking for volunteers to operate the video screen on a rotation basis.

11. Session will meet again:

September 17th, at 6:30 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart



A Farmer's Prayer

Scripture Reading: James 1:17-27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created. My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them. —Saint Augustine

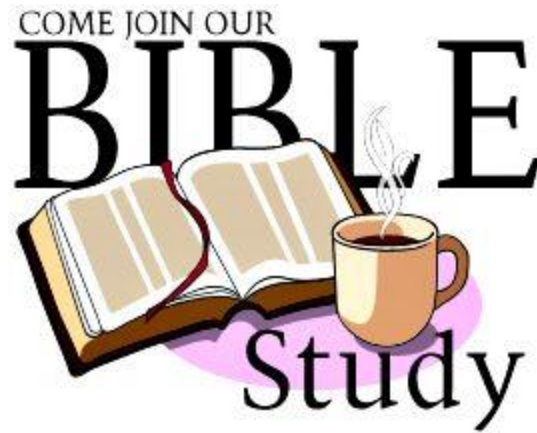


Our Loving Heavenly Father, Thou knowest that I am not overly fond of buttermilk. I don't care much for the texture and it smells sour and tastes sour and it seems like it is just a few jiffies from curdlin'. And Thou knowest this, also, because Thou knowest all things, that I can't abide the taste of lard. Why, only a fool would try to eat that pig grease. And Thou knowest that I don't care for plain and raw white flour. It's messy, and whenever I git involved with flour, the kitchen ends up a fright. When I ingest it, the roof of my mouth get dry and I can't git the stuff

down my throat. It's just plain awful. But Lord, when my dear Mabel here gits the buttermilk out of the icebox, and when she goes to the larder, and when she reaches into the flour bin and sets those things on the counter, and when she mixes them all together in just the right proportions and then dollops the mixture onto a baking tin and shoves it into the oven, Lord I do love them warm fresh biscuits she pulls out of the oven 15 minutes later—the very biscuits we're fixin' to eat now. So, I thank Ye, Lord, for my Mabel and this food set before me, and I thank Ye for this reminder that when things come up that I don't like, when life gets hard, when I doesn't understand what Thou is saying to me, I should just relax and wait until Thou art done mixing the buttermilk, lard and flour. All in good time. 'Twill probably be even better than these here biscuits. Amen.

—Timothy Merrill, adapted from various internet sources.

Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands. We cannot be in a better place. Amen.



Adult Bible Study will begin Monday evening, September 9th, at 7:00 P.M.

The Study's focus will be on the book of Genesis.



Our Presbyterian Youth Group will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:30 P.M. The Group will meet the first and second Wednesday of every month. Community Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, September 18th.



**Sunday School will kickoff on
Sunday, September 15th at 10:15.**

**We are currently looking for
more teachers for the 2nd
through 6th graders. Ideally, we
would like to see four teachers
that could rotate to only miss
one Sunday of church.**

**It's Game Time
You're Invited To**



Rally Sunday!

Sept

Sunday

15

10:15am

Wear your favorite sports gear!



*Group #4 will be serving
coffee and treats in
September.*



**"I'm havin' a catch with God.
I throw the ball up, and
He throws it back."**

Roofing Project Begins

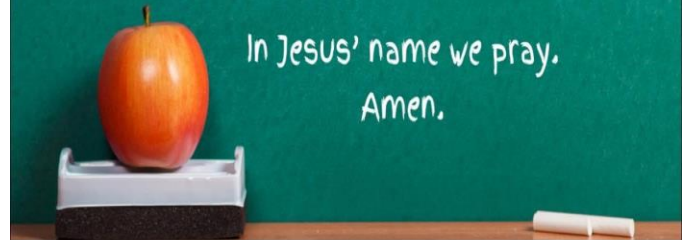
Workers began August 20th on the roof of our church and will be continuing this month.



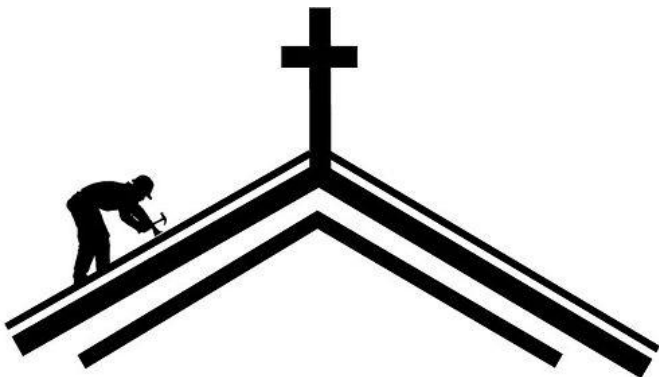
Loving God, watch over our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to teachers as they serve their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



You have all received letters explaining the projected roofing issues. Any extra donations will be greatly appreciated.



THANK THE LUNCH LADY.
THANK THE CUSTODIAN.
THANK THE BUS DRIVER.

THANK THE OFFICE STAFF.
THANK THE NURSE.
THANK THE COUNSELOR.

THANK THE LIBRARIAN.
THANK THE PARA.
THANK THE VOLUNTEER.

THERE ARE A LOT
OF HARD WORKING, HELPFUL PEOPLE
THAT ARE SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN.
THANK THEM. EVERY DAY.

BRYAN SKAVNAK - BE THE NICE KID



**The Ladies of the church will
hold their fall rummage sale
Friday, September 20th from
9:30 until 6:00 P.M.**

**And Saturday, September 21st,
9:00 – Noon**

**(This is the same day as the
city-wide sales)**



Please bring items to the church
basement the week of the sale, and
place them under the tables, out of
the walking path. Help will be
needed on Thursday to set up.
Thank you in advance.

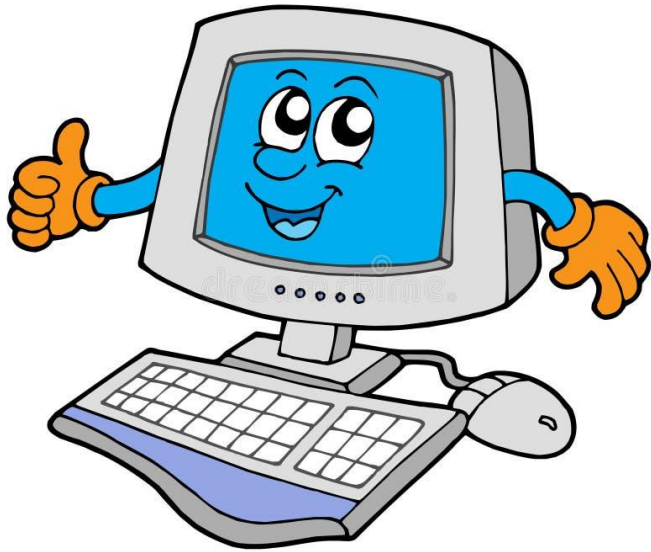


Just a brief note—

JoAnn Hansen lost her sister some
time ago, and we should remember
her and her family in our prayers.

When you least expect it...

God will answer and miracles will happen.
He knows what you are facing and
He will always provide.
Keep hope within your heart and
Always believe. Amen.



We are currently seeking revolving volunteers for running the screen on Sundays. There will be a sign-up sheet by the computer stand in the back of the sanctuary. Training is available. (It's not as difficult as you may believe.)



In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for Jeani Amacher and others dealing with cancer; Pray for Joyce Kann and Deanna Jahnig, and others with serious health concerns; those dealing with the loss of loved ones. Pray for persons around the world suffering loss.



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