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# *Our* JOYFUL *Noise*

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

Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
w/Communion & Potluck  
Sunday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Gary Neuharth



HOT AND DRY – Makes it hard to believe we are coming into October, but I am sure some cooler temps are just around the corner. Looks like we will be having another abundant harvest. Prayers to all you farmers in the fields. Truly a time to come home . . .

--Jane



### **Session Notes:**

The Session met on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Work on the church roof is expected to be done by the end of the third week in October weather permitting. About 5000-6000 tiles have been removed from the roof and will be sold for \$1 each. A lot of bats have been found under the roof tiles.
2. We will have a potluck dinner following worship October 6, 2024.
3. Assisting with Sunday school for the older age group kids are Kathy Buisker, Susan Wismer, Kate Wismer and Heidi Eimers.
4. Kay Friebe is organizing a list of volunteers to run the video screen and will have a training session.
5. Youth Group is meeting the first and second Wednesday and has averaged 15 to 16 kids. Aimee and DaRae have been helping.
6. Adult Bible Study has been going good with some new people attending.

7. Session will meet again October 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart



**Adult Bible Study currently meets Monday evenings, at 7:00 P.M. The Study's focus is on the book of Genesis.**



## **Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31:**

**As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.' " "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are**

**possible with God." Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."**

***Dear God, please find an easier way to teach me what I need to learn. —  
Anon.***

**C**urious about what our culture and society think are the most important lessons of life, I turned to the internet. I found scores of articles on the subject. One was called, "Five life lessons most people learn too late." The lessons? Perception is reality; everything is temporary; the importance of being present; do what you love, love what you do; and being happy takes work.

Most authors of these articles had trouble narrowing down the most important life lessons. One writer's essay was titled, "137 Valuable Life Lessons to Learn TODAY." Others needed 20, 34, 35, 50 lessons to learn about living life well. Sort of misses the point.

I did run across one list that struck a chord, and so I pass it on to you now. The

suggestions make sense, they are helpful and they dovetail with scripture.

### Six Important Guidelines in Life

1. When you are alone, mind your thoughts.
2. When you are with friends, mind your tongue.
3. When you are angry, mind your temper.
4. When you are with a group, mind your behavior.
5. When you are in trouble, mind your emotions.
6. When God starts blessing you, mind your ego.

Being able to master these reMINDers will go a long way to making your life a life of peace and joy.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, with your help, I will be MINDful of these ideas, as well as the wisdom of your word. Amen.*



**Our Presbyterian Youth Group meets the first and second Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 P.M. Community Youth Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month.**



**Sunday School has begun and will be every Sunday morning at 10:15. The children will be excused from the worship service, and meet until they are finished in time to gather for fellowship with their families.**



*Group #5 will be serving coffee and treats in September.*



**We will be having communion on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by a potluck dinner in the basement fellowship hall.**



## *Roofing Project Continues*

Workers began August 20<sup>th</sup> on the roof of our church and will be continuing this month. They are expected to finish the third week of the month, weather permitting.



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



**Lance is once again giving messages to the children before they are excused to attend Sunday School at 10:15.**



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



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