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Our JOYFUL *Noise*

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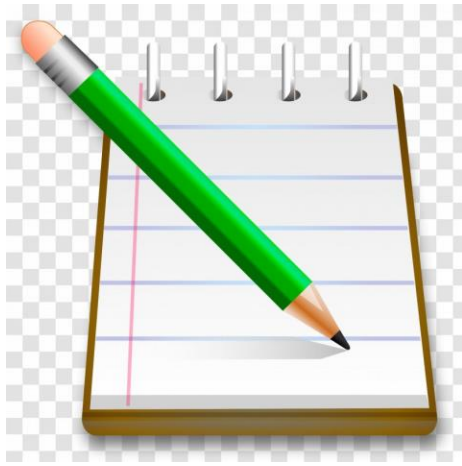
PULPIT SUPPLY FOR FEBRUARY:

Sunday, Feb 2nd – Lance Griese
Sunday, Feb 9th – Lance Griese
Sunday, Feb 16th – Lance Griese
Sunday, Feb 23rd – Rosemary H

hello
february

Here we are in February already. We have had such mild weather – aside from that cold spell recently – that it seems like Spring is just around the corner. But, we all know the weather can change in an instant, and we may get all our snow in March and April. We are so blessed living here in the Midwest without fires or floods, or serious snow storms! Let us thank God for all he has done for us in so many ways, and continuing to keep us safe and warm.

Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday,
January 21st, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
with the following summary of the
meeting:

1. Volunteers are needed for the teaching Sunday school class.
2. Session approved \$9000 for the 2025 Local Mission Giving and \$6000 for 2025 Shared Mission Pledge. The Session's Faith and Practice committee will recommend where to allocate Local Mission Giving funds with session approval. The Shared Mission Pledge funds are approved by session and are sent to Presbytery. These two amounts equal \$15,000 found at the bottom of the 2025 budget called General and Local Mission.
3. Brenda Johnson was elected by session as commissioner to presbytery meetings.
4. The next presbytery meeting is February 21, 2025 by a Zoom meeting only.

5. Youth group is going good with attendance fluctuating depending on students activities. In the past there have been 15-20 kids at the meetings including those from outside the church.

6. People are encouraged to attend the Community Grief Share Group meeting held once a month at First Lutheran Church.

7. Adult Bible Study on Genesis is being held on Monday nights at the church. Everyone is welcome.

8. The articles on incorporation for the First Presbyterian Church of Britton was filed July 26, 1887 with the Secretary of State and the document was filed at the Marshall county courthouse on November 3, 1953 with Register of Deeds Elva Traphagen. Trustees for the corporation were R. W. Roland, H. W. Horman and G. W. Thiel.

9. Session meets again February 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Lynn Eberhart



Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three

remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

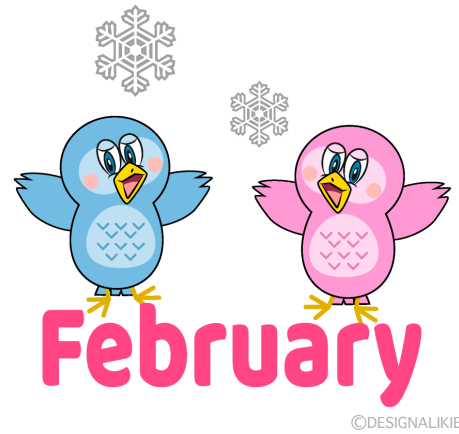
Love cures people — both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it. —Karl A. Menninger

Winston Churchill, who led Britain through its darkest hours, was a man of many notable accomplishments. He is recognized as one of the great leaders in world history. But of his life's work, he said: "My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me." He and his beloved Clementine were married in 1908, and remained married until his death 56 years later. Of course, many couples have been married longer than the esteemed prime minister. According to Guinness World Records, the record is 86 years, 9 months, and 16 days, and it belongs to Herbert and Zelmyra Fisher. They were married in 1924, 18 and 16 years old at the time, and their marriage held up through the Great Depression, World War 2, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, and 15 presidential administrations. Both Herbert and Zelmyra are gone now, both dying at the age of 105. Before they died, they talked about their marriage and some keys to its longevity. They felt it was important for them to respect, support and communicate with each other. Being faithful, honest

and true to each other was critical. And, of course, loving each other with all their hearts. They always remembered that marriage is not a contest and it did no good to keep score. 1 Corinthians 13 is often called the “love” chapter of the Bible. What this passage says about love is certainly pertinent to a marriage. No question. But the apostle Paul is primarily writing about what it takes for any relationship to work, whether it is an intimate connection like a spousal or family relationship, a church or neighborly connection or the person who lives in the room or apartment next to you. “Love is patient,” Paul writes. “Love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (vv. 4-7). Put this advice to work, and any relationship will work!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God of love, may I strive to embody the qualities of 1 Corinthians 13 in all my relationships, remembering that love never fails. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



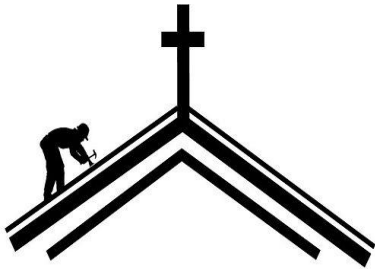
Our Presbyterian Youth Group meets the first and second Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 P.M.



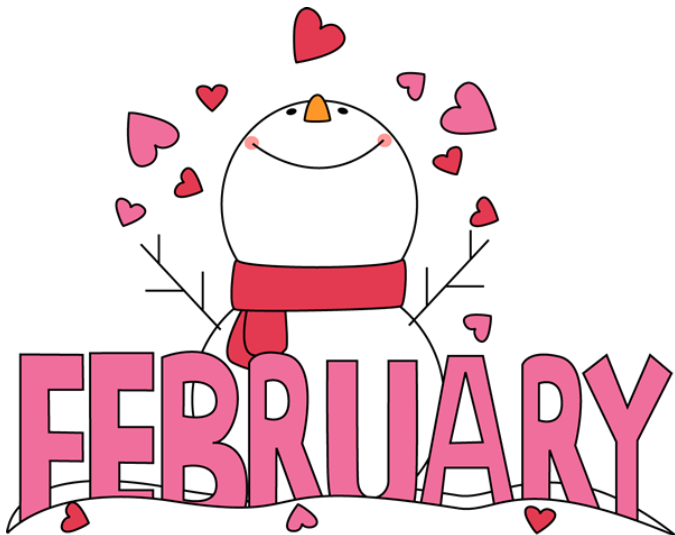
Sunday School is held every Sunday morning at 10:15. The children will be excused from the worship service, and meet until they are finished in time to gather for fellowship with their families. We are still looking for one more teacher to fill out the schedule.



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



You have all received letters
explaining the projected roofing
issues. Donations will be greatly
appreciated.



In our thoughts & prayers: Please
pray for those dealing with cancer;
For others dealing with serious
health concerns; those dealing with
the loss of loved ones; and all
people around the world dealing
with devastation—especially those
in the path of the wildfires in
California.



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