

APRIL 2025

Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, April 6th – Lance Griese
Sunday, April 13th – Lance Griese
Thursday, April 17th – Lance Griese
Sunday, April 20th – Lance Griese
Sunday, April 27th – Rosemary H.



April Fools' Day!!!!

April is perhaps the most exciting month of the year, even more so than December. It is in April that Christians usually celebrate Easter, and so it is this year. April is a month when we are excited to celebrate the resurrection of our risen Lord! It will soon be upon us. Our Lenten journey is nearly complete. Soon, we will enter Holy Week. Palm Sunday is April 13, and Easter, coming late this year, is April 20.

--Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

The session voted to begin a diaper ministry.

Upcoming communion during Maundy Thursday services on April 17th.

Session will meet again on April 22nd, 2025.



SUNDAY AT THE MUSEUM! APRIL 6TH



Don and Sharon Tisher would like to invite their church family to their farm to tour the Tisher Museum from 2-5 on Sunday, April 6th, serving popcorn. Family friendly and handicap accessible.

One mile north and one mile west of Amherst.



Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told

this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection. — Watchman Nee

On Easter Sunday we are reminded that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very heart of our faith. More than that, Easter triumphantly proclaims that God is always at work, bringing life amid death, hope amid despair. To that end, let's think of a metaphor. In a peaceful meadow, there was a caterpillar who lived a simple and content life. She was unaware that a great transformation awaited her. One day, she entered a deep sleep, all while weaving an intricate cocoon around herself. She remained there for many days, hidden away

and quiet. The other creatures of the meadow wondered if she had died, and some even grieved their loss. But after some time, the cocoon began to move, and shortly thereafter, a monarch butterfly emerged. The transformation had not been easy, and the butterfly's gossamer wings were weak and fragile at first. She struggled to fly, and for a time, she remained on the branch to which the now-discarded cocoon was still attached. Then, slowly, the butterfly's wings grew stronger. With the sun shining down on her and the wind encouraging her, she spread her wings and took to the sky. The other creatures of the meadow marveled at how death had been transformed into life; how the earthly had been transfigured into something beautiful; how what had been old had miraculously become new – dazzlingly new! There are parallels to what is going on at Easter. Theologically, like the butterfly's cocoon, the tomb seemed like a place of death and loss. But in the

resurrection of Jesus, what seemed like an end became the ultimate beginning — a new life for all believers. Just as the butterfly was transformed, we, too, are transformed by the power of the resurrection, given new hope and life. But experientially, the message of Easter is that even in the darkest moments, when all seems lost, there is always the promise of renewal and resurrection, just as the butterfly emerges from its cocoon to soar into the sky. — Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for the victory of life over death, hope over despair, and love over fear. Through Jesus, you have given us the promise of eternal life, and the assurance that no darkness is too great for your light to overcome. We thank you for the new beginnings you offer us, for the power of your redeeming grace. May we live in the joy and freedom of your resurrection, sharing your love and hope with a world in need. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



We would like to encourage members of the congregation to bring Easter Lilies for the church to display at the altar. (Easter is April 20th this year.) If notified, Jane will print donations and memorials in the bulletin. Thanks.



A Narcotics Anonymous group will be starting up on Sunday, April 6th, at 7:00 PM at St John's Lutheran, in their fellowship hall.



Maundy Thursday Services, with Communion, will be held Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00 PM



A Potluck breakfast will be held on Easter Sunday, April 20th, at 8:45 AM.

Make it a real celebration!!!





The Presbyterian Woman's rummage sale will be the weekend after Easter – April 25th & 26th. Set-up on Thursday help is needed. Please bring your items the week of the sale and store them under the tables – out of the way.



Group #1 will be serving coffee and treats in April.



A Real Teaching Moment:



Above: Kathy Buisker guides Emsley Eimers through the fine art of sewing with the ladies. And below: Emsley shows off her beautiful pillowcase.

Great job, Emsley!!!!



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.



In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for Jeani Amacher, Vicki Beck and others dealing with cancer; for Deanna Jahnig and her son, “Bumper”, Gail Eberlein, John Eimers, Joyce Kann, Don Jarrett, Tyson Morris, and many others dealing with serious health concerns; those dealing with the loss of loved ones; and all people around the world dealing with loss and devastation.



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