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# Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Gretchen C.  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese



Dear friends in Christ,

We've been in the dead of winter for a couple of months now, but change is in the air. Just when we thought the snow might be behind us, February 18<sup>th</sup> brought us a little more. Some say due to the fog we had months ago, March could be a wet month. Let's hope it comes as rain to help our farmers, and not more snow. We've just celebrated Presidents Day weekend, and now children around the country eagerly await another rite of the new year: Spring Break. Everything is "breaking"! Hopefully, in March, the soil will be breaking, spirits will soaring, and the earth will come alive again!

--Jane



## Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

- Pews have been removed from the balcony, and new carpet and chairs are installed.
- Diaper ministry has now served 41 families.
- Next communion date is April 2, at Maundy Thursday service.
- Next Session Meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.

--Jill Beaner



Diaper Ministry continues. We are currently serving some 41 families. Contact Heidi Eimers at 605.216.6065. We continue to need volunteers for upcoming Saturday mornings. Please sign up in the fellowship room.



*We will be collecting juice in March for the Food Pantry.*



beautiful conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus found in today's Bible reading, we're reminded that with God every ending can be a new beginning. Nicodemus came to Jesus under the cover of darkness, puzzling over deep questions. An older man, learned and faithful, he wondered if it was too late to truly understand the ways of God. Jesus answered with an invitation that still speaks to us today: "You must be born from above" — born anew by the Holy Spirit. To be "born again" means different things to different people. But surely, it doesn't mean forgetting or erasing the past. It rather means allowing God to reshape the heart that has felt both the sting and sweetness of a long life. It means accepting that, no matter how old we are or how many years have passed, the Holy Spirit can still whisper new beginnings. This new birth is available every morning, every moment we pray, every time we open ourselves to God's grace. It's a renewal that doesn't depend on physical strength or earthly status. It rests upon the deep and unchanging love of God. And that's the heart of John 3:16-17. God loved the world including this world of questions and quiet moments, of cherished memories and unfulfilled dreams. So, God gave his Son. Not to condemn, but to save. Not to judge, but to embrace. Not to discard, but to call each of us, at every stage of life, to a fresh and hopeful longing. Today, if you feel tired or

uncertain, if your heart is weighed down by regrets or loneliness, remember this: Jesus came for you. The Spirit is still at work within you. No matter your age or circumstance, you are deeply loved, deeply valued and deeply known. New beginnings can come even now if you whisper a quiet prayer, a hopeful thought or a solemn, "Yes, Lord." You may not live as long as my mother; or, indeed you may live longer. But, whatever the case, each breath you draw is a reminder that the Holy Spirit is closer than you imagine, inviting you to live fully in the warmth of God's unfailing love.

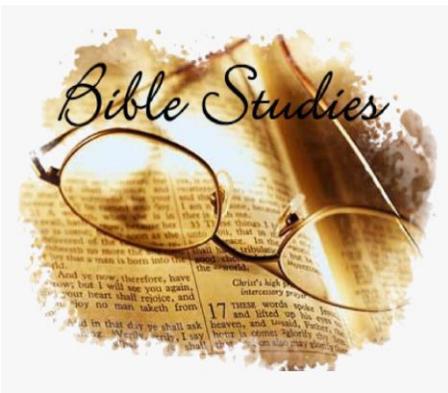
—Timothy Merrill, Home Touch Ministries

***Prayer: Loving God, thank you for reminding me that it is never too late for new beginnings. Renew my heart and spirit today. In Jesus' name, Amen.***





**Youth Group will meet the 11th, the 18th, and the 25th, at our church in March, at 6:30 P.M.**



**Men's and Women's Bible Study continues on Monday evenings – The 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th in March, at 7:00 P.M.**

# *Installation*

**Installation and Ordination of new Elders took place on Sunday, February 1st, during worship.**



**Kevin Kraft was installed as a new Elder. Tom Jones and Heidi Eimers were also re-installed as Elders. We welcome them into this service.**





*Group #2 will be serving coffee and treats in March.*



*Session will meet on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.*



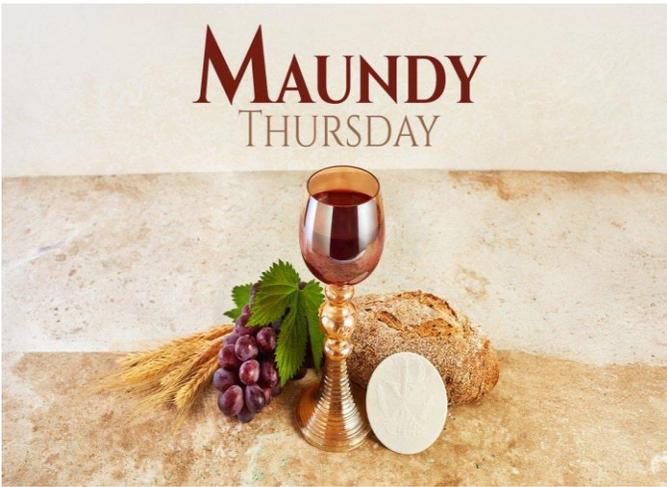
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## Communion in February

Lance officiated for Communion held on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall enjoyed by everyone who attended.

(Kris Williamson and Heidi Eimers looking on.)





# MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Our Next Communion will be  
Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.*



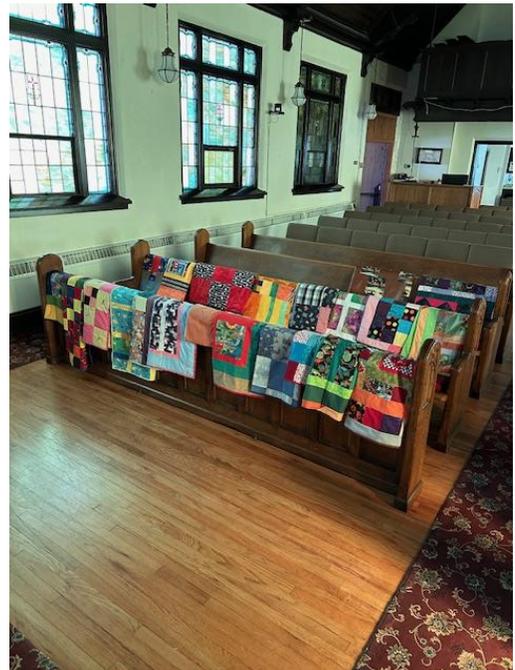
Church Choir members are always welcome. Practices are usually held on Sunday mornings prior to worship. If interested, contact Peggy Davidson.



*The Ladies' Sewing Group will  
work on Thursdays, the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>,  
19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, in March  
at 9:00 A.M.*

## ***Beautiful Quilts!***

Pictured below is a sampling of the beautiful quilts made this year by the ladies' sewing group who meet on Thursdays in our church.





## Changes & Improvements



The balcony of our church has been totally remodeled this past month to give much more room between the rows of seating, by removing the old pews, replacing the floor and carpets and installing comfortable chairs.



In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for Sharon Johnson, Jeani Amacher, Vicki Beck, Deb Mack and others dealing with cancer; for those dealing with serious health concerns; for those dealing with the loss of loved ones; and all people around the world dealing with loss and devastation.



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