

April 2026

Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, April 5th – Lance Griese.
Sunday, April 12th – Lance Griese
Sunday, April 19th – Lance Griese
Sunday, April 26th – Rosemary H.



The first Sunday in April is Easter Sunday, announcing to the world that new life is upon us. As we celebrate the resurrection of our risen Savior, all of nature seems to respond! It is April that announces the signs of Spring, and it is in April that the grass turns green, that buds sprout on the trees and that flowers really begin to bloom. The temperatures warm up, and people begin to move outside of their homes after a long winter hibernation.

Blessings to all,
Jane



Session Notes:

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

- Maundy Thursday services on April 2, with communion.
- April 5 Easter morning breakfast will be at 8:45.
- If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please speak to Lance.

Session will meet again on April 21.

--Jill Beaner



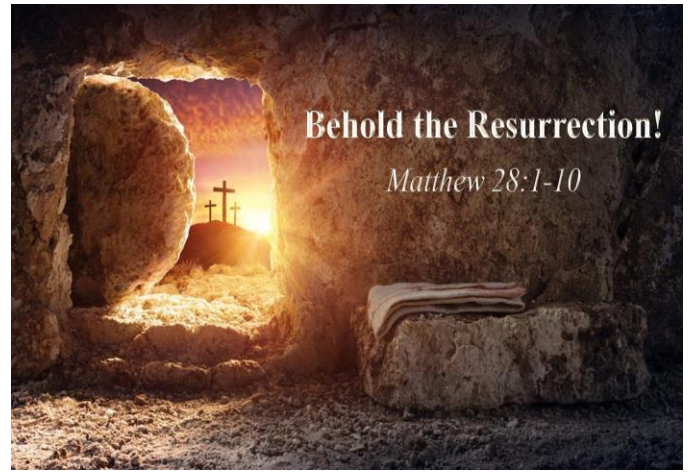
Diaper Ministry continues. We are currently serving some 41 families. Contact Heidi Eimers at 605.216.6065. We continue to need volunteers for upcoming Saturday mornings. Please sign up in the fellowship room.



We will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Food Pantry during the month of April. Please leave items on the table in the back of the church.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

28After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 1467 4The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing. —Frederick Buechner

Easter morning is the Christian's great "wake-up call." The angel at the tomb says, "He is not here; for he has been raised," and the world changes forever. Death, the old tyrant, no longer has the final word. The grave is not a cul-de-sac, but a doorway. So, in a sense, Easter is the hinge of history — the day everything turned. On Friday, the tomb was sealed, the hopes of the disciples were shattered, and death seemed to have the last word. On Sunday morning, the stone was rolled away, the grave clothes left behind, and a risen Lord surprised his stunned followers with the words, "Greetings!"

The resurrection is more than just a miraculous event in the past; it's the foundation of our hope today. The

apostle Paul calls Jesus “the firstfruits of those who have died” (1 Corinthians 15:20). He means that Jesus is the first in a great harvest, the guarantee that death will not have the final say for those who belong to him. For the women at the tomb, Easter began in confusion. They came expecting to care for a dead body, not to encounter the risen Christ. For the disciples, Easter began in fear, hiding behind locked doors. But then, Jesus ended both their confusion and their fear with lifechanging peace. We, too, face seasons that feel like sealed tombs — the loss of someone dear, a diagnosis we never saw coming, dreams that seem out of reach. Easter reminds us that no stone is too heavy for God to move. The risen Christ steps into our grief, our doubts and our failures, bringing new life.

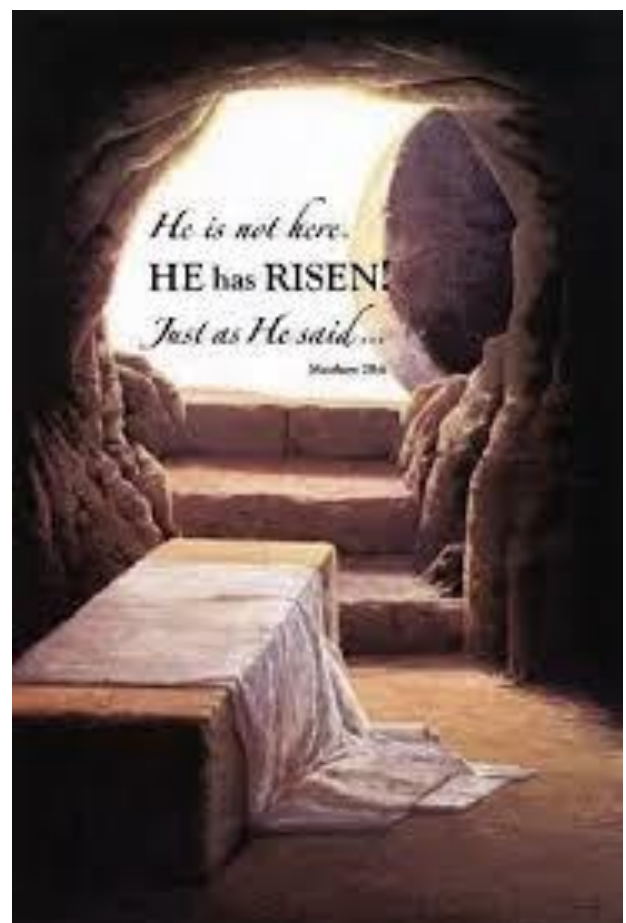
Easter whispers a promise: this is not the end. Because he lives, our future is secure. Because he lives, the road ahead holds more hope than the road behind. Because he lives, love is stronger than death, forgiveness deeper than our worst sin, and joy brighter than our deepest sorrow. Living with resurrection hope doesn't mean we ignore the world's pain; it means we face it with the quiet confidence that life wins in the end. Jesus' victory over the grave assures

us that even in our weakest moments, God's power is at work, raising and renewing us day by day. So today, let Easter's message sink in: the grave is not the end; it's a doorway.

We are a resurrection people, walking toward a life that will never end.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Risen Lord, thank you for conquering death and giving us eternal life. Fill us with resurrection hope today. Roll away the stones in our hearts and help us walk in your victory. Amen

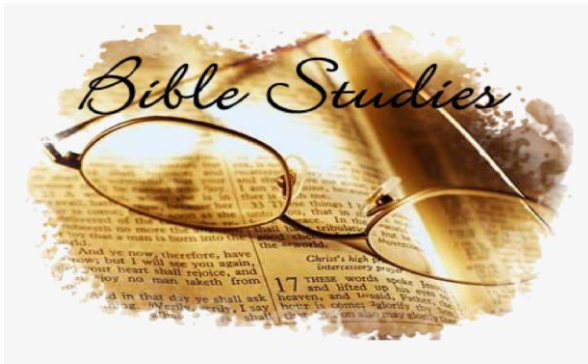




Youth Group will meet the 8th, and finish on the 15th, at 6:30 P.M.



Group #3 will be serving coffee and treats in April.



Men's and Women's Bible Study will meet on the 6th and finish on the 13th of April, at 7:00 P.M.



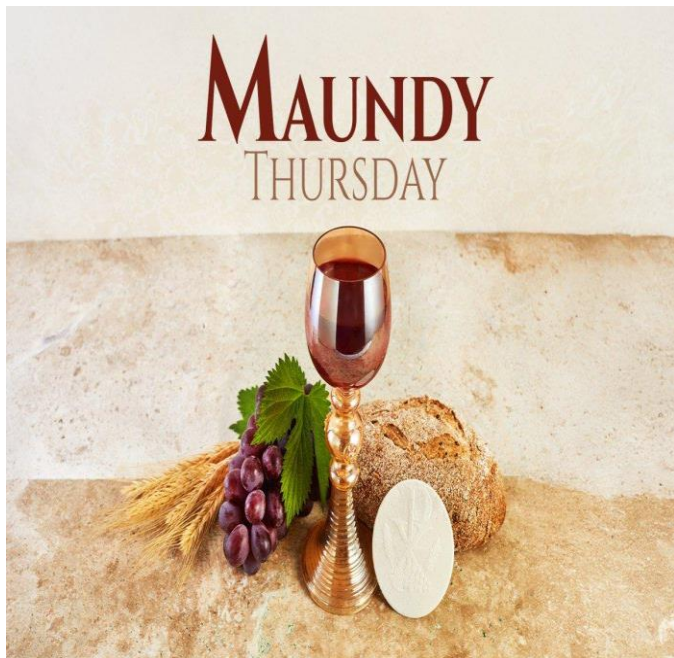
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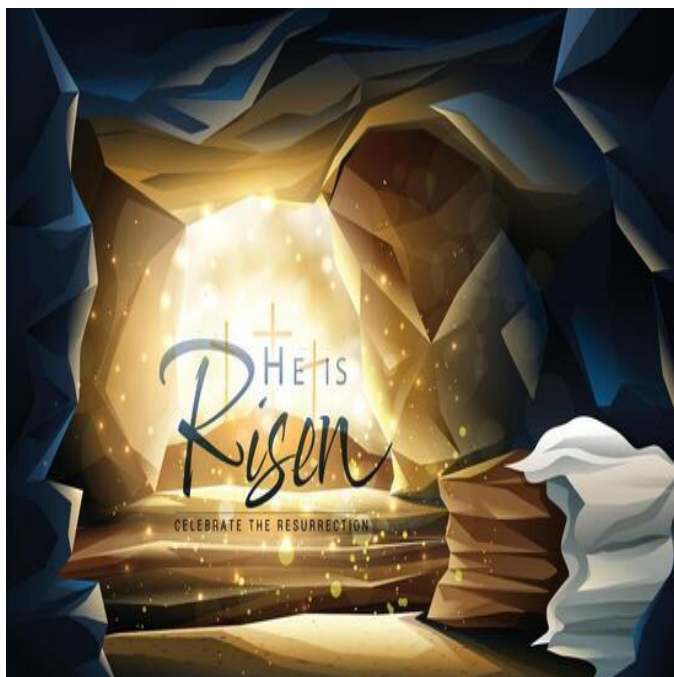
New

Choir Members
Welcome!

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



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



*Sunrise Breakfast will be at 8:45
A.M. on Sunday, April 5th.*

*A big thank you to those who
help with the food.*



*Will begin with early breakfast
at 8:45, with Worship Service to
follow at 10:00.*



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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