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Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, July 5th – Pastor Sandi
Sunday, July 12th – Pastor Sandi
w/communion
Sunday, July 19th – Janet Johnson
Sunday, July 26th – Pastor Sandi



Dear friends in Christ,

Here we are on the edge of summer. Sunday, June 21 was the summer solstice and the longest day of the year. It marks the beginning of summer when the days slowly begin to shorten. Soon we will be celebrating 250 years of our country's freedom and liberty! Independence Day this year is on a Saturday. No doubt you will be busy with your family and friends.

As Americans, perhaps there is nothing we cherish more than our freedom — freedom purchased with the blood of many young men and women. During a month in which we celebrate our liberty, we might also take time to remember those whose sacrifice made it possible.

Wishing you God's blessing,

Jane



OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!!!!

With this printing of the newsletter, we welcome Pastor Sandra Goehring and her husband, Carter, to our pulpit and to our community. Most of you have received information about them, but for those who have not, I have included the following from her application, to let you know a little bit about her:

"I grew up on small family farm in rural North Dakota and helped in the family business in our hometown of 98. And as it has been pointed out to me more than once on the East Coast, you can take the girl off the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the girl. I

love when the local large animal vet occasionally invites me to join her on a call. I get my "farm fix" helping her vaccinate cattle, wrangle sheep and goats, and bless livestock and pets "going to see to Jesus."

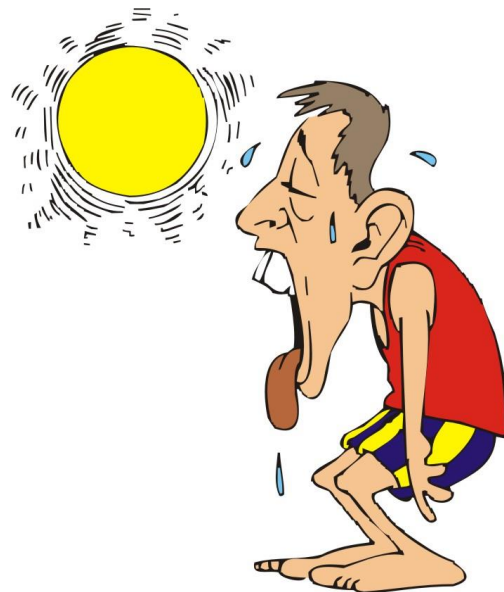
I also grew up in a small, rural intergenerational church. And prior to my current call, I sought that type of church because I understand its challenges and appreciate its joys. The variety each generation offers is one of those joys, from my weekly nursing home visits, to joining in families' celebrations, to attending the concerts, plays, and games of the children and youth.

It is exciting to think that your position could offer numerous opportunities to share my gift of teaching, my passion for intergenerational engagement, my preference for teamwork and collegiality, and my lifelong love of the Church."





Pastor Sandi & Carter Podoll



**STAY OUT OF
THE HEAT!!!!
AS OUR TEMPS REACH
THE 80S AND 90S,
STAY SAFE!**



A HUGE Thank You! To everyone that helped in any way to prepare the manse for Pastor Sandi and Carter, along with all the repairs that have been completed on the church and church grounds.





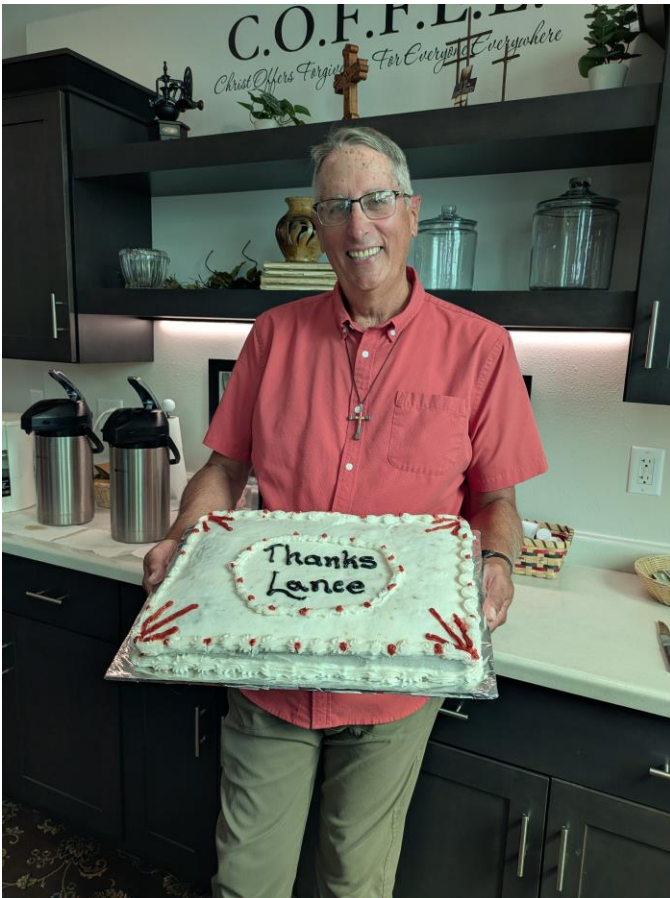
Peggy Davidson, Warren Symens and Kate Wismer represented the congregation and thanked Lance for all his faithfulness in the absence of a new pastor. He was presented a gift as the congregation applauded in appreciation.



It is with sorrow and joy that we bid a farewell to Lance and Aimee Griesse. This is not goodbye, we hope to continue to see them both from time to time as Pastor Sandi takes the reins to fill our pulpit in the future.

Lance preached his final message on Sunday, June 28th. As you see above, he asked us to welcome one another as well as those we meet in our daily lives. As with many of his wonderful messages, let us follow his lead!





Lance was presented a cake and joined in fellowship after worship.



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, the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. We currently have a need for sizes 4 and 7. Please consider this when purchasing for donations. Please sign up in the fellowship room on the end of the cabinets.



Session Notes:

**The Session met on Tuesday,
June 16th, at 7:00 p.m.**

Next Communion Date is 7/12/26.

**Next Session Meeting is 7/28/26.
(Note date change)**

--Jill Beaner



*Group #1 will be
serving coffee and treats
in July*



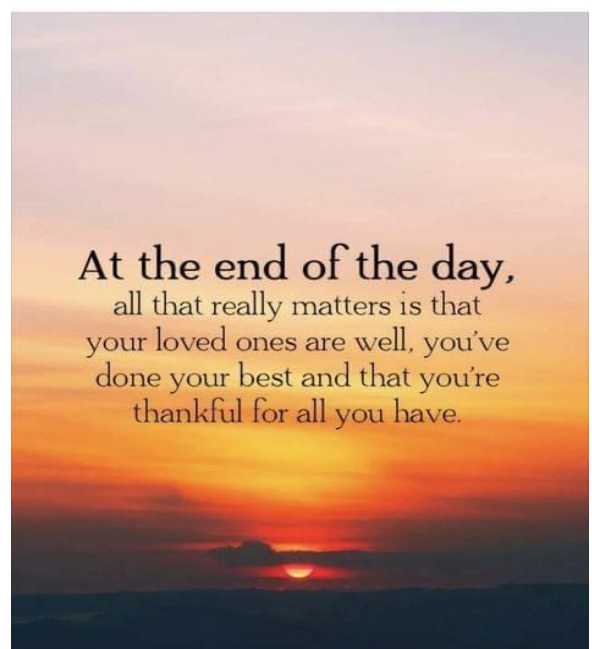
We will be collecting Hamburger Helper for the Food Pantry during the month of July. Please leave items on the table in the back of the church.

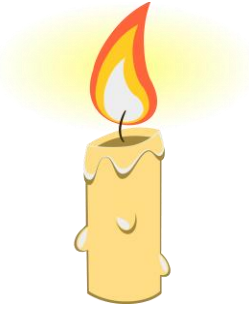


New Members!



Five new members were welcomed into our church family on Sunday, June 7th, with Lance officiating and Peggy Davidson assisting. The above new members are: Mike and Rose Kraft, Karen Muth, Cynthia Flora and Carter Paulson.





Scripture Reading:

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. I have suffered much; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. —Edith Wharton

It doesn't matter where you live in the United States. At some point, you're going to have severe weather that knocks out your power and leaves you in the dark at night. We live on the Oregon

coast. When the North wind starts a-blowin' and the rain starts a-fallin', we're not surprised if there's a power outage. But we used to live at the base of the Front Range in Colorado, and it wasn't uncommon for the power to go out when a severe electrical storm passed through on its way to the eastern plains. If you live in the Midwest or Southeast, you're all too aware of the threat of severe thunderstorms and tornados. And along the Eastern seaboard, you've learned to keep your ears attuned to hurricane activity during the season. Sometimes in life, you need to have an additional light source. So, when the power goes out, you light a candle or look for a flashlight. If you've ever walked through a dark room at night, you know the value of a small light. You don't need to see the whole house — you just need to see enough not to stumble. This is the image Psalm 119 gives us: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Notice what the psalmist does not say. God's word is not a floodlight revealing every twist and turn of the future. It is a lamp — a small, steady light that shows just the next step. For many of us, the future can feel uncertain. Health changes. Loved ones come

and go. The routines we once depended on shift beneath our feet. But God promises that we never walk in darkness alone. The psalmist also speaks of commitment — holding fast to God's word "to the end," even when life becomes difficult. He speaks of suffering, but not with despair. He knows that the same God who gives the light also gives the strength to follow it. So let's not forget that while God may not show us the whole journey, he will always give enough light for today. And sometimes that is all we can handle — and all we need. — Timothy Merrill



Prayer: Lord, be the light for our steps today. When the path feels uncertain or the road ahead seems dim, shine your gentle truth into our hearts. Give us courage to trust you with what we cannot see. In Jesus' name. Amen.



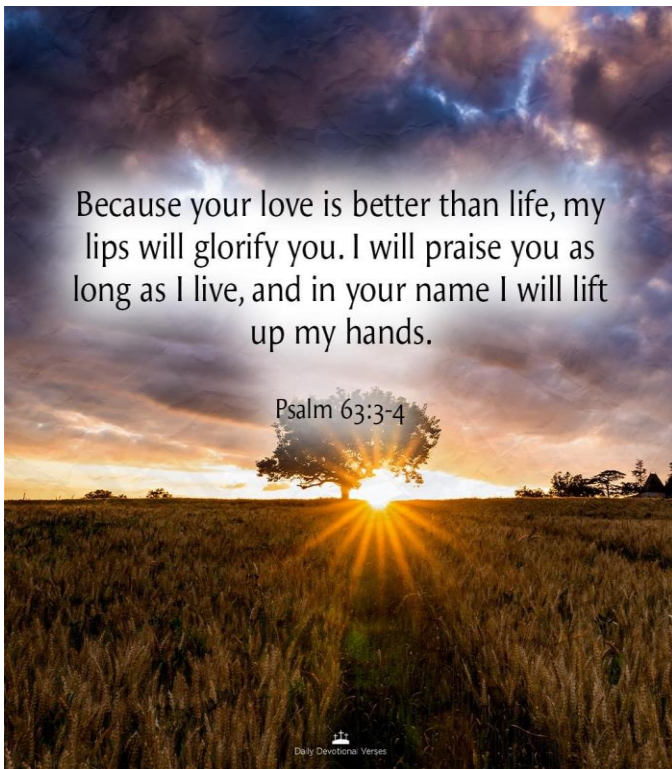
We will be having communion on Sunday, July 12th during worship.



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Notice Date Change!





Happy Family Fun!!!

In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for Sharon Johnson, Jeani Amacher, Vicki Beck, Ryan Furman and others dealing with cancer; for Russell Buisker and others 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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