

June - July 2017

Our JOYFUL Noise

First Presbyterian Church of Britton's Newsletter

Summer Sermon Series

From Your Pastors' Desk

Music has a way touching us, ways that words or liturgy just can never do. Hymns are the sound track of our faith. Sometimes they are just background music, that we are not always aware of but just there, shaping the way we see the world. Other times chorus lines or phrases can guide our steps, center us, and lead us in God's direction. The old Hymns of our faith are filled with meaning. They emerged from the inspired hearts of the faithful people who walked before us. We often overlook that meaning because we have been singing these hymns for years. This summer, starting June 11th, for six weeks we will be looking closely at some of the old hymns we have sung throughout our life of faith to see the deep meaning of their words and scripture. These are the hymns we are planning to take a closer look at: *How Great Thou Art*; *The Old Rugged Cross*; *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*; *Battle Hymn of the Republic*; *Be Thou My Vision*; and *Because He Lives*. We are asking congregants to sing versions of those hymns for our summer special music.

It is our deep hope that we are able to slow down and find the ways these old hymns are stirring our hearts toward faith.

In Christ,

Pastor Cheryl & Pastor Bala Khylllep

P.S. We will also have a second summer sermon series on technology and living faithfully starting July 30th for six weeks.



Preaching Schedule

June 4, 2017

- Youth Sunday
- Pentecost Sunday
- Acts 2:1-21
- Communion

June 11, 2017

- Rev. Bala Khylllep

June 18, 2017

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep
- Father's Day

June 25, 2017

- Rev. Bala Khylllep

July 2, 2017

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep
- Communion

July 9, 2017

- Rev. Bala Khylllep

July 16, 2017

- Rev. Bala Khylllep

July 23, 2017

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep
- Sharing of Mission trip

July 30, 2017

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep

Pictured Left: We had another successful Vacation Bible Study with St. John's Lutheran from May 22nd -25th.

Rimrock and Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center

Over the past several years our church has given local mission monies to help support our Presbytery's camping program. The Presbytery of South Dakota operates two camps in the Black Hills: Camp Rimrock and Pioneer. These camps are places set apart for people of all ages to experience unconditional love and truly be themselves as they grow in God's creation. Whether one chooses one of our wilderness/adventure camps at Pioneer, Family Camp, Young Adult Camp at Pioneer, High School, Middle and Elementary Camps or any other camp, know that they will have fun, learn Bible stories, try new activities, create crafts, and be mentored by their counselors. Every camper will hike, share meals together, play outdoors, and grow in faith. Coming to camp provides a time and a place to encounter God and grow in Christian faith. At Camp Rimrock and Pioneer Camp participants grow confidence, will have meaningful faith discussions, will spend time outdoors, and try new challenging activities. Our camping program is a place where people can grow and intentionally focus on their faith in God. You can learn more by visiting their website at www.pioneerrimrock.camp.



Mission Trip

This year a group of people of all ages will be traveling to Camp Rimrock to help restore some of the old trails and paint cabins. The trip will be July 17th-22nd and there is still room for more to join us. Come step away with us to serve and grow in faith. There are still two more planning meetings the first Wednesdays of the month (June 7th and July 5th) at 6pm. Dinner will be provided.

Pictured Left: Our two beautiful new Pentecost banners! Many thanks to the women who did the tedious work to make these meaningful banners to enhance our worship space.

Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Bible Study is going to start June 5th. We will be studying *All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians* by Kelly Minter. The series is 8 weeks long, and you are in no way required to attend all 8! You can choose between the Monday morning (9am) or the evening group (7:15pm). If your schedule requires you to flip back and forth between those two times feel free to do so. This is a wonderful time to just stop from our busy schedules and be in community with one another, and learn from God's word. We hope you can join us!

Upcoming Meetings

- Faith and Practice Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 6th at 7pm.
- Our Board of Trustees will meet June 13th at 7pm to discuss projects in and around the church and manse.
- Faith and Nurture Committee will meet Wednesday, August 2nd at 5.15pm.

Keep in Your Prayers for...

- George Miles (Jeani Amacher's brother), Kathy Nelson, Ruth Buisker, and Kenneth Kann families in their time of loss,
- Mary Brandt as she continues treatment, and
- Spencer Carlson as he recovers from a foot and ankle injury.



Pictured Right:

Children participated in the fun and meaningful games at our Vacation Bible School. Pastors Bala and Cheryl were in charge of the games this year.

Pictured Above:

Becky Weber performed America the Beautiful on the accordion for Special Music on May 28th.



Synod School

It is not too late to sign-up for Synod School July 23rd - 28th. Come, learn, grow and most of all have fun in Storm Lake, Iowa. If you have any questions, feel free to ask your pastors, who are planning to attend. So far, there are 620 people from 27 states that registered.

Share your Musical Gifts

God has gifted you with talents if you realize it or not. We welcome you to share your talents in music during worship this summer. There is a sign up sheet on the secretary's counter where you can sign up to share your God given talents.

Presbytery Meeting

The June Presbytery meeting will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rapid City on June 23rd and 24th. Both our pastors and Stephanie Symens will be attending. Beside the regular business of the meeting there will also be workshops offered on subjects such as Christian Education, planning for the future of the church, and the Board of pensions. This should make for a very informative meeting. The pastors will be leaving for the Hills on Wednesday, June 21st.

Pastor's Hours:
Tuesday 9:00 am-noon
Wednesday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am-noon

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Bulletin announcements due to secretary by noon on Wednesday.

We also welcome you to submit newsletter articles. Please submit any articles to the pastors by the third Wednesday of each month.



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