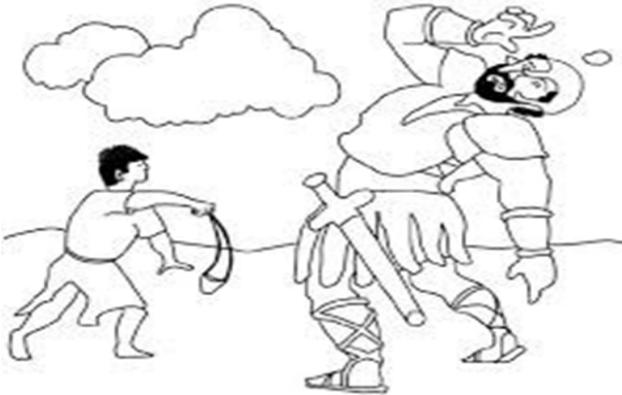


# Parish News

August 2020

Britton Lutheran Parish

## Confirmation News



### David: Hero of God Britton Lutheran Parish Stay-cation Bible School

Because of concerns about the Covid virus and to help keep everything on track for starting school this fall we have decided to have a stay-cation Bible School rather than meeting together at the church.

What's a stay-cation Bible School you ask? Well we prepare packs with lessons, craft material and instructions, some games, and there will be a live streamed introduction and lesson from Pastor Terrill each of the three days.

To reserve packs for your kids please call the church and let us know how many you need and the age of the children. The church phone is 605 448 5370. Please do this by August 5. We hope to have the packs ready to pick up on Sunday Aug. 9 or you could get them on Monday Aug. 10.

Our planned dates for SBS are Aug. 11, 12 & 13 (Although you will be able to watch the live stream lesson anytime after those dates.) Watch for further details that we will be putting out on facebook and in the bulletin.

It is coming around to that time of year when we normally restart our Confirmation classes. Things got a little out of whack last March when we stopped having normal classes but we are planning on meeting together again this coming September. Here is the schedule for getting things started:

**Wed. Sept. 2: 5:30pm**  
Information Meeting for 7th & 8th Grade Parents. We will talk about schedules and requirements and other things you need to know.

**Wed. Sept 9: 3:30pm**  
First classes for 7th & 8th graders

### 9th Grade Confirmation Schedule:

**Wed. Sept 2: 6:30pm**  
JAWS Kick Off & 9th grade confirmation preparation.

**Sept. 16, 30 & Oct. 14: 6:30pm**  
Review and preparation for confirmation

**Sun. Oct. 25: 9:00am**  
Confirmation Sunday



JAWS enjoyed a great picnic July 22nd at the pool park..

*From the Pastor . . . .*

*And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David  
my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know  
how to go out or come in.*

— I Kings 3:7

The above verse is what Solomon said to God after his father David had died and he had become the King of Israel. The Lord had come to him and told him to ask for whatever he wished and it would be given him. As you may remember Solomon asked for wisdom instead of wealth and power. He asked, essentially, to be able to know what to do because being king was a big job.

Wisdom, who of us wouldn't want that? Among the most difficult things in this life is being confronted with a situation where you aren't really sure what you should do. Nothing makes you tireder than having to decide things when you are having trouble seeing clearly what the best path might be. n these days when we are dealing with the effects and the concerns surrounding the Corona virus that is especially true. So, here is my little bit of advice for you as you go through the days ahead and have to figure out what you are going to do:

First: Do what Solomon did. Pray. Ask your Lord for guidance. Seek the counsel of his Word, that's good advice for everything in life, not just this moment of virus.

Second: Be patient with those who have to make decisions about matters in our community, schools, churches, and businesses. Give them the benefit of the doubt and, above all, pray for them.

Third: Be patient with yourself. Sometimes we have to make choices when we can't be sure of what the outcome will be. That also is true of many things beyond matters of health and viruses. Sometimes you are right and sometimes you are wrong. Whichever it turns out to be you will still be a child of God, you will still be held in his promise and his forgiveness.

Remember this current trouble is going to pass. Trust your Lord and as the British say: "Keep calm and carry on."

God Bless and Keep You,

Pastor Terrill





## From Our Parish Records



**Gray Abigail Phillips**, daughter of Justin and Ally Phillips was baptized July 18, 2020. She was born April 21, 2020 at Aberdeen, SD. Her sponsors are Janae Phillips and Carson Phillips.



**Berkley Gene Zuehlke**, daughter of Kurt and Shana Zuehlke was baptized July 19, 2020. She was born March 30, 2020 at Aberdeen, SD. Her sponsors are Trevor, McKaelyn and Carlie Zuehlke and Mason, Carson, Lincoln and Eliana Hefty.

# Service Roster

## Ushers

First Lutheran	Boyko Family
Pleasant Valley	Wayne Johnson
	Tee Jay Hagen
	Ryan Vrchota
Lake City	Tom and Deb Opsahl
	Bob and Linda Jensen

## Lay Readers

August 2	Karen Muth	Bradley Oland
August 9	Elizebeth Otten	Mavis Gunderson
August 16	Jenna Peters	Jim Eye
August 23	Larry Telkamp	Susan Smith
August 20	Gretchen Christenson	Mary Ann Roehr



**Leah Charlotte Rabenberg**, daughter of Kirk and Andrea Rabenberg, was baptized July 25, 2020. She was born January 3, 2020 at Aberdeen, SD. Her sponsors are Katie and Adam Riesen and Jayden Bender.

### Learning—and Laughing—on the Fly

Faced with the sudden move to livestreamed church services, many pastors and worship leaders had to learn new technology quickly during the pandemic. As they were “winging it,” bloopers and bobbles added levity to the tense time.

For instance, a fake tree fell on a drummer while a worship song was being broadcast from Georgia. After getting too close to a candle, a vicar in England had to pause to extinguish flames from his sweater. And several preachers appeared on screen with cartoon-like features after inadvertently turning on social media filters. “This wasn’t planned,” wrote the pastor about the falling ficus, which didn’t cause injury, but quickly went viral. “But God used it to bring laughter to the hearts of many. For that, we are thankful.”



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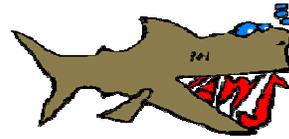
**Donna Marie (Seemann) Johnson** passed away July 15, 2020 at Marshall County Healthcare Center at the age of 91. Her private graveside service was at Pleasant Valley Cemetery July 20, 2020.



**Dorothy Mae (Hagen) Christenson** passed away July 21, 2020 at Marshall County Healthcare Center at the age of 87. Her private family funeral was at First Lutheran July 27, 2020.



**Reverend Emil "Moe" Greiner** passed away July 18, 2020 at Rapid City, SD at the age of 80. His Celebration of Life Service was July 24 at Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City.



## JAWS BYTES

Our high school youth group JAWS met for a picnic on Wednesday evening July 22 at the Swimming Pool park. We had a great turn out and a wonderful evening getting together again. We had great food thanks to our Advisor Kari Feldhaus. We honored our seniors who will be going off on new adventures. We also had prayers for them and for the coming year of school and activities.

We also had fun and an epic game of water balloon volley ball. The evening closed with a camp fire and s'mores. We are looking forward to starting up this fall with our welcome to the Freshmen and Kick Off meeting Wed. Sept. 2, 6:30pm at First.

### *First Communion*

The advent of the Corona Virus shut down last spring caused us to be unable to have last year's 5th graders receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. So we are planning to have them receive their first communion on Sunday Sept. 13. That will also be Rally Sunday and the beginning of Sunday School.

We'll have a review class on Wed. Aug. 29, 3:30pm after school at First.

### **Patient Attention, Valuable Discoveries**

For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hypervigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his *annus mirabilis* ("year of wonders") and reportedly said, "If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent."

What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God's presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as "I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope"