

THE BLADE

April 2023

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”
John 3:16 NRSV

Hosanna

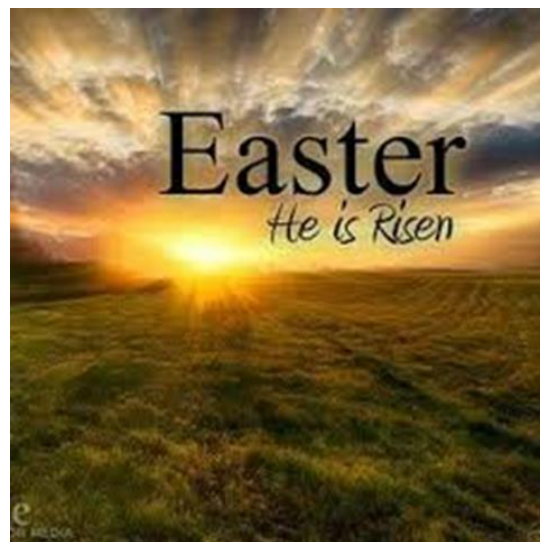


**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION**
April 2 at 10:30 AM
in Sanctuary and via Zoom

Remember Me



**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION**
April 6 at 6:30 PM
in Sanctuary only



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE
April 9 at 10:30 AM
in Sanctuary and via Zoom

*Our vision is to see lives changed through joyful worship, supportive relationships,
faith formation, heartfelt service empowered by the mercy, grace, and love of Jesus Christ*



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“Prison Lighthouse Ministry Newsletter”



**Church Office Closed
Easter Monday, April 10**



Many thanks to our members and friends for your continued financial support. Offerings can still be made by sending a check to the church or to David Peterson.

*For your information, the per capita per person for 2023 is \$38.00. If you have not done so, we would appreciate your donation.



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact **Jan J at 692-5325, Lee P at 692-7757**, or the church office at 692-2416 who will contact the prayer volunteers. *(Your concern will not go beyond the prayer team unless you request it be shared with others)*

Prayer Families

Prayer is an important part of our life as a community of faith. We encourage you to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer.

April 2: Nancy & Bob O; Dave & Lee P, John P

April 9: Rose P, Lynn & Diane R, Cliff R

April 16: Rick & Bonnie S, Julie & Stanley S & family
Stanley & Dylan

April 23: Dick & Judy S, Terry & Ann S, Janet T

April 30: Nancy T, Arlyce T, Steve & Carrie V, Art V

Session Update March 9, 2023

	Deacon of the Month	Elder of the Month
April	Lee Peterson	Mike McCann

Session meeting this month was quite uneventful. Session requested and was assigned a new Session Moderator, Stan Gruneich. Stan is a retired pastor of 2nd Presbyterian Church in Flandreau and will begin as moderator at the April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Flint
Clerk of Session



Worship Committee

Lilies and Spring Flowers for Easter—We are accepting monetary donations for lilies and spring flowers to grace and beautify our sanctuary. If you would prefer to purchase and bring your own, we will gladly display them on Easter. If you would prefer to order and have someone else deliver, please contact Eileen at Flowers on Main (605-692-6466). Names of those honored or remembered will be included as always in the Easter PowerPoint. Please sign-up (sheet on the office counter) by **Monday April 3rd**.

Special Music for Palm Sunday and Easter: If you are available and would like to sing unison with a group for Palm Sunday and/or Easter, please contact Nancy O. at 605-204-0691. Rehearsal will be before worship service on April 2 at 9:30 AM. All singers are welcome!

It's Friday—
Peter is asleep
Judas has betrayed him
Mary is crying
Hope is lost, Death has won
Satan is laughing
Jesus is buried
A soldier stands guard
A rock is rolled into place
But Sunday Is Coming!!

-Rev. Eugene Peterson



Fellowship and Outreach Committee

Fellowship/Outreach is pleased to announce that four Outstanding Senior Presbyterians will be introduced to the congregation during services on **Sunday, April 30**. They are: Mike McCann, David Peterson, Marvis Jenner, and Ella Lane. Check the next Blade for more information about these interesting people. We also have faith that spring will come even though there is no evidence of that.

FOOD FOR THE BODY AND FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT/SOUL



The Food Pantry is in continual need of packaged and canned foods. Donations to the Food Pantry can be made on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am to 5pm at their new location, 908 Hope Drive with parking space located off of Harvey Dunn St). The Brookings County Food Pantry entrance is the left (front) side of the building with a west facing door. (Official signage coming soon) **Monetary**

donations can be placed in the offering plate with a notation on the check to go to the Food Pantry.

Thank you to Nancy T, Dave P, Ann & Bill D, Robby F, Dan & Michele K, Martin & Sally M, and Mike M for delivering 60+ Dining meals. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to our community!

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

by Max Lucado

For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love.

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy.

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance.

I choose peace.

I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience.

I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so.

I choose kindness.

I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness.

I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one.

I choose faithfulness.

Today I will keep my promises.

I choose gentleness.

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle.

I choose self-control.

I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I will be drunk only by joy.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek his grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

News You Can Use

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, April 2: **Worship Committee** following worship service
Tuesday, April 4: **Mission/Finance** via **Zoom** at 6:30 PM
Thursday April 13: **Session Meeting** in **person** at 7:00 PM
Sunday, April 16: **Fellowship/Outreach** following worship service

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

-TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
-PIECES AND PRAYERS meet Tuesdays at 1:30 PM at the church to quilt. All are welcome!
-THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 9:30 AM in the FPC Center Meeting Room
-SISTERHOOD on April 20 at 11:30 AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
-MEN'S BROTHERHOOD on April 20 at 5:30 PM at the church basement

Serving in April

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Chad B/Andrew L

	Pulpit Supply	Liturgist
April 2	Robby F	Donna F
April 9	Donna F	Robby F
April 16	Elizabeth F	Nancy O
April 23	Lee P	TBA
April 30	Steve V	Rick S



Congratulations!

To Gayle F, on the Superior she received
at the March 4th piano recital.

Thank you also to Mary E (one of our organists)
for the time and dedication
given to your students.

April 2023
Andrew L'Amour



Men's Brotherhood Notes: Men's Brotherhood was scheduled to meet on March 16 but due to not-so-nice weather it was postponed to March 23. An update of the March 23 meeting will appear next month.

I was having coffee one day with my coffee buddy George Gehant, when he mentioned a term I had never heard before -- "weak ties". These refer to connections you have with people who are distant and which are less frequent, not friends who you might have a deeper relationship. I think we got to talking about this because my goal during Lent has been to talk to more people who I do not know, have never met before and maybe never see again. I think it has been successful so far.

I am talking about the servers at a restaurant I might frequent, clerks at HyVee, people who are in a store shopping like me but maybe we are looking at the same merchandise but rather than remaining silent I might ask them their opinion on what we are looking at. Just any kind of an ice breaker. I may or may not get their name.

There was a sociologist Mark Granovetter who studied different types of relationships. He found that "while strong ties (i.e., close relationships with friends and family) are important for emotional support, weak ties (i.e., more distant or casual relationships) are more valuable in terms of providing access to new information and opportunities."

His weak tie theory posited that "individuals should make an effort to cultivate weak ties in order to gain access to new information and opportunities." But not only would we be granted access to new information, we would have opportunities to share new information maybe to them. It could or should work both ways.

I love meeting new people and talking to them. I love when I am able to make a real connection on things we may have in common. Sometimes it is even people we may know in common, (South Dakota!!) places we know in common, ideas we may share. Experiences we may share or celebrate our complete differences. God created us to get along and we must to survive in one way or another. I have solid friends which basically started out as a weak tie. That tie grew!! Thanks be to God!

HY VEE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Goal: \$200,000.00
Receipts: \$99,082.33
Needed to Date: \$100,917.67

Required for \$1,000 donation:
\$200,000.00

Remember to bring in your
Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.

Email a copy of the receipt
from on-line orders to
presby@brookings.net;
Rozanne will forward it.



Donations are being
accepted
Feb. 22 to April 9
Please use special envelopes
or indicate on your check
memo 'One Great Hour'



Troop 50724

Christine L'Amour

Springtime is Girl Scout Cookie Time!! The cookie program which was to end on **March 20** has been extended until **April 3**. If you want to support our troop specifically, call me at 605-695-6541 or they can go online at:

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop50724-478?fpkp=1>



2023 Synod School July 23-28 Registration opens April 1

Looking for an enriching experience for the summer? Consider attending Synod School on the campus of Buena Vista University in beautiful Storm Lake, IA. Spend a week with other Presbyterians and choose from a wide variety of classes and worship experiences. The Embry Fund is available to assist with the cost—contact Donna Flint if you are interest.



Upcoming Camp Rimrock events!

Youth Rally- March 24-26 (*next month's Blade will have an article from those who attended this*)
Rimrock Work Camp- May 19-21

Summer Camp Dates:

Family Camp- July 6-9
Compass Camp- July 9-15, completed grades 9-12
Pathfinder Camp- July 16-21, completed grade 6-8
Men's Retreat - September 8-10
Women's Retreat - September 22-25





Summer Jobs available:

Head Chef
Kitchen Support Staff
Head Counselor
Counselors

How can you support Rimrock? Volunteer, Pray, Share, Invite, and Donate



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					OFFICE CLOSED	1
2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship and Communion in our Sanctuary/Zoom BIRTHDAY: Gayle F	3  PALM SUNDAY BIRTHDAY: Don B	4 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers Mission/Finance Mtg 6:30 PM via Zoom BIRTHDAY: Roger J	5	6 9:30 Bible Study  6:30PM Service with Communion BIRTHDAY: Andrew L	7 <i>Good Friday</i> 	8 BIRTHDAY: Jennifer H
9 <i>Easter</i> 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom 	10 <i>Easter Monday</i> Church Office closed	11 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers BIRTHDAY: Lee P	12	13 9:30 Bible Study Session Meeting at FPC 7:00 PM BIRTHDAY: Ann S	14 BIRTHDAY: Dee W	15
16 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom Fellowship/Outreach Mtg following worship	17	18 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers	19	20 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 AM Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	21	22
23 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	24	25 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces and Prayers	26	27	28	29
30 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom BIRTHDAY: Jeanne L	<i>He is risen! Alleluia!</i>					

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Return Service Requested

Regular Sunday Schedule

10:30 am Worship Service

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Our newsletter is available electronically by email.

Please contact the church office at presby@brookings.net or 605-692-2416, to notify us.