

THE BLADE

December 2019 & January 2020

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16 NIV



Session would like to announce that they have contracted with Rev. Norlita J. Kaul to serve as our Interim Pastor beginning January 15, 2020.

Norlita and her husband Dave Robinson are excited to come to join us in the Lord's service.

Rev. Norlita is a MO girl (from St. Louis and a die-hard Cardinals and Blues fan), a graduate of Southeast MO State University in Cape Girardeau. She served in the field of Church Music for 35 years prior to saying "yes" to God's call into the pastoral ministry. During this time, she studied at the UMKC Conservatory of Music.

Rev. Norlita, as she followed God's call into pastoral ministry, completed her M.Div. studies at Ecumenical Theological Seminary (Detroit MI) graduating in 2008 (the same year she and Dave got married, which makes her Mrs. Robinson).



She has 2 grown children from her first marriage, Natalie age 39 and Nolan age 37, with her son being born in Sioux Falls. She enjoys growing flowers, reading, working on family history/ancestry and going camping with hubby Dave (who is from Windsor Ontario Canada). Together they enjoy the outdoors and spending time with their 3 grandchildren, Chloe, Kaitlyn and Maxwell whenever they can. Both Rev. Norlita and Dave hold amateur radio licenses.

Rev. Norlita has served in PCUSA churches since 2010 in AR, TN, IL, KS, MO and OK. They look forward to coming to FPC and getting involved with not only the church, but in the local community as well.

Please join us in welcoming Norlita and Dave to our worshipping community!



Sunday Schedule

September – May

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee
Lord's Supper—
First Sunday of each month

Summer Sunday Schedule

June - August

10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee
Nursery Care is available
on first floor during
Sunday Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.



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

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.

Dec. 1: Richard & Dolores Canaday, Ginny Conger

Dec. 8: David & Louise Crain, Susan Dobesh, Maxine Dornbush

Dec. 15: Bill & Ann Douglas, John & Robin Eich & Samuel

Dec 22: Evelyn Fee, Robert & Pat Fishback

Dec. 29: Robby & Donna Flint, Joel & Bonnie Foster & family
Lynn, Paige, & Gayle

Jan. 5: Neal & Julie Foster, Elizabeth Fox

Jan. 12: Betty Gehring, Troy & Rosa Glaus & family Carol
Ann, Jolena, Malia, & Tia

Jan. 19: Henrietta Gohring, Gene & JoAnn Goodale

Jan. 26: Jon & Linda Greseth & Grace, Dawn Gustafson,
Joshua Gustafson



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

In Loving Memory

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Adele Sudlow who passed away, November 19, 2019.

Revelings

December 2019

As we prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for the Season of Advent and the birth of our Savior, may these prayers bring comfort, joy and peace.



Celtic Advent Prayer

God of the watching ones,
give us Your benediction.

God of the waiting ones,
give us Your Good Word for our souls.

God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the
slow and suffering ones,
give us Your benediction,
Your Good Word for our souls,
that we might rest.

God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the
slow and suffering ones,
and of the angels in heaven,
and of the child in the womb;

Give us Your benediction,
Your Good Word for our souls,
that we might rest and rise in the kindness of Your
Company. Amen.

(From the Celtic Daily Prayer Book of the Northumbria
Community, pgs. 230-231. 2002 Harper Collins Publishing,
NY.NY.)



The Prayer of the Christmas Crib

by David Adam

I open the stable door; I kneel before the infant;

I worship with the shepherds; I adore the Christ
Child.

I give my love with Mary and Joseph;
I wonder at the "Word made flesh!"

I am aware of the love of God;
I sing glory with the angels;

I offer my gifts with the wise men;
I receive the living Lord;

I hold Him in my hands;
I go on my way rejoicing, glorifying, and praising
God. Amen.

(From the Celtic Daily Prayer Book of the Northumbria
Community pgs. 230-231, 2002 Harper Collins Publishing,
NY, NY)

Happy New Year 2020

Revelings

January 2020

Happy New Year! Happy New Decade! Welcome to the year of 20/20 Vision as Christ's Disciples! As we transition into this year of New Beginnings as Pastor and People in Covenant together, may we always bathe ourselves in prayer and extend God's grace one to another.

By now, I'm sure, word about my musical background has gotten around. I often like to use hymns, songs and even some secular songs that have appropriate lyrics/texts in newsletter articles and/or Sermons. Music is a universal language and somehow manages to stick with us in unique ways, which is why I love to draw upon it!

As we reflect upon this New Year upon us, a New Decade and a New Beginning as pastor and people together, I drew upon hymn texts for our beginning. My hope is that they may become prayers for us all!

-People Look East #12 (Presbyterian Hymnal- Text. Eleanor Farjem 1928)- vs. 1 "People look East the time is near, for the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People look East and sing today. Love the Guest is on the way. " Let us prayerfully make our spiritual and physical houses fair and guest worthy.

-Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn #107 (Glory To God Hymnal PCUSA-Text. Marty Haugen 1983)- vs. 1 "Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold: the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heavenly door and lives now inside us forever. vs. 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night. Though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light; be strong and loving and fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill everyday we share and bring us at last into glory. " Let us prayerfully be strong, loving and fearless.

-Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year #181 (Lutheran Book of Worship-Text. Jaroslav J. Vajda 1919-2008). vs. 1 "Greet now the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace. vs. 4 His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs. Rejoice! Rejoice! with thanks embrace another year of grace. vs. 5 With him as Lord to lead our way in want and in prosperity, what need we fear in earth or space, in this New Year of Grace." Let us prayerfully allow our Lord to lead us into this New Year of Grace!

This last hymn holds a special place in my heart, as I had the opportunity to meet Dr. Vajda a few years before his death, at a workshop he led in my hometown of St. Louis MO. Dr. Vajda's hymns are so theologically rich and deep! From Hymnary.org: Born of Czechoslovakian parents, Vajda was educated at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

May God bless you and yours richly during the Season of Epiphany! As Dave and I come to be present with everyone in worship beginning January 19th, these texts and sentiments will have given way to the bidding of Jesus for his disciples to "Come, Follow". On that day, we will begin walking alongside each other on the journey to which God through Jesus Christ bids us to "Come, Follow" into the future plans which God has in store for us. We look forward to this journey, together! We look forward to meeting and being with you!

Soli, Deo, Gloria!
Faithfully,

Rev. Norlita J. Kaul

"Donation & Volunteer Opportunities"

SALVATION ARMY RINGING BELLS - Volunteers are needed to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, **December 7th** at Lewis Drug from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bell ringing will be inside the entryway. A sign-up schedule is posted on the Volunteer bulletin board. Thank you!



THE PRAYER QUILT GROUP – The dedication and presentation of 3 baby quilts will be held on **Dec. 8**. The ladies say “Many hands make light work. Come enjoy quilting with us.” Contact Lee Peterson (692-7757) or Nancy Thompson (697-3073) if questions.

PROJECT JOY: A box is in the narthex next to the name tags to collect unwrapped clothing and toys for Project Joy. Money may be donated in the offering plates and the Youth from Sunday school will do the shopping for you. Please have your donations to the church by Monday, **Dec. 11**. Project Joy provides children and families living in Brookings County who are in need, an opportunity to receive holiday gifts. Let’s open our hearts this holiday season and bring Joy to area children and families in need by generously donating to Project Joy.

"Upcoming Events"

ADVENT POTLUCK will be held after worship services on Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22. Feel free to bring your own plates and silverware along with a dish to share!

ADVENT READING CHALLENGE: Have you ever wondered why the Gospel of Luke has exactly 24 chapters? Perhaps because that makes it the perfect number of chapters to fit into a special Advent Season reading program! The Christian Education Committee challenges you to read one chapter of Luke each day in December as part of your preparation for the celebration of Christ’s birth. The Gospel of Luke is a wonderful account of Jesus’ life and ministry, so reading this entire book during the month of December will help you to understand and appreciate the miracle we celebrate on December 25th.

In addition to the reading challenge, the CE committee would like to also put together a First Presbyterian Advent Book. Included in the book will be YOUR reflections on chapters of Luke. Sign up outside the church office to provide a reflection for one or more chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Your reflection could be an essay (200 words or less), a poem, a song, artwork...whatever comes into your heart as you read the chapter. On or before the “date” of your chapter, please send your reflection to donna.flint@sdstate.edu.

Please join us in these two special activities and let Advent 2019 be a meaningful time in your spiritual life.



CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Have you noticed a Christmas tree in the narthex that is a little bare? We would like this to become our Church Family Christmas Tree. Please bring a picture of you/your family to the office or e-mail it to Elizabeth Fox at elizabeth.fox@sdstate.edu. A copy of the picture will be made into an ornament and your original picture will be returned to you unharmed.

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!

On December 1st, we begin the Advent season with the beautiful music of the season. The choir will be presenting the cantata "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson on Sunday, December 15th. This delightful musical presentation includes scripture, wonderful melodies, and solos from choir members. Other church members will be participating as readers. You won't want to miss it!



The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held on December 24th at 7:00 p.m. with special choir anthems and solos. Celebrate the reason for the season!



The Deacons thank each of you for your help in caring for our congregation and community by your donation of items, volunteering time, and offering prayers. December brings additional opportunities for giving: Toys for *Project Joy* are due by **December 11**. Any money donated will be turned into toys by the Youth Group. Thank you for the donation of warm outerwear to "Share the Warmth".

The final totals served were: 354 families consisting of 231 men, 317 women, and 848 children. Thanks to all who have contributed to the monthly food donations to the Brooking Food Pantry. The goods are much appreciated. Food donations for December will be received on Sunday, December 1. Check the Volunteer Bulletin Board for another way to collect food for the Food Pantry.

Homebound communion was given to Henrietta Gohring, Lois Watson, and Carrie & Steve Van Buren on Sunday, November 10 by Elder Donna Flint assisted by Deacon Dan Kemp. Please let your Deacons know of members of the congregation that could benefit from a visit.

Mission & Finance

Each year, we predict the annual "income" from prior year's offerings and use that to plan the spending budget for the year. For 2019, we predicted \$165,000 in giving. If our prediction was accurate and giving was evenly distributed throughout the year, income through the end of October, 2019 would be about \$137,500. We are about \$16,000 short of that amount.

When you see the monthly financial report, you'll see that we *seem* to be in good shape financially; our income has been more than our expenses for the last seven months, but that is primarily due to a much reduced staff expense (no pastor expenses) for the last six months. We want to be sure you are aware that once we are fully staffed again beginning in January, our expenses will significantly increase.

Of course, offering varies each month of the year, which makes it difficult to project our year-end financial status. We just want you to be aware of this situation as you consider your offering over the final two months of this year and make plans for your giving in the new year. Dave Peterson, Treasurer

- **Per Capita Amount** is \$33.35. If you have not done so, we would appreciate your donation.

Monthly Financial Report (rounded to dollar amounts)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	To Date
2019											
Income	11,480	11,931	14,030	19,340	12,339	10,959	13,463	8,544	12,600	9,336	124,023
Expense	13,795	13,732	15,555	16,281	8,759	7,484	5,398	7,288	9,091	9,894	107,278
Diff	-2,315	-1,801	-1,525	3,059	3,580	3,475	8,065	1,256	3,509	-558	16,745

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

December 2019/January 2020

We meet every third Thursday at 5:30 of each month for a free-will offering meal and program. All men of the church are welcomed and encouraged to come.

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. ..for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."



Quote: Loneliness is my least favorite thing about life. The thing that I'm most worried about is just being alone without anybody to care for or someone who will care for me. — Anne Hathaway

Men's Brotherhood Notes: The regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday November 21. Mike gave the program on Avoiding Probate. Very interesting topic. Next month's meeting will be Thursday December 19.

Prayer Concerns: Pray for those who are shut in and cannot get out, who are alone and lonely.

Action: Visit the lonely. Lift their spirits by helping them feel not forsaken.

Christmas and New Year's. Two of our most notable holidays in the year. One ending the year and one beginning it. One religious, if notably celebrated in proper spirit. The other highly secular. But generally, a time of festivity and celebration for family and friends to get together for a good time.

The parties: eating, drinking and making merry. Exchanging gifts, the displays of lights, and decorations. The time shared between those we love and those who love us. Even sometimes the time shared between those we may be in disagreement with, but nevertheless we share a time with them.

All the trappings of the season set a mood, not only of the excitement we look forward to but the memories of past years. And the emotions, both good and bad, associated with these times.

I recall times in my past when I was completely alone Christmas Eve and Day. There is no lonelier time than this time of the year for some people especially if they have no family or close friends to share the celebrations. Whether loneliness is something self-imposed or not, the emotions are real – abandonment, rejection, loneliness, desertion or forsaking. These are clearly somber emotions, enough to bring people to tears and deep anguish.

Much of the celebrations of this time of year do revolve around memory and emotion: of the good times past and the not so good times past. The childhood memories of growing up, leaving home and then returning. The new marriage and children, both newborn and young, and the happiness and pains of children growing up. Their leaving home. Moving far away. The excitement of their coming home to help build new memories. Remembering the loss of loved ones is very hard.

Getting caught up in all the trappings of these holidays is fine, but we need to be aware of those who have little or no means to celebrate with anyone. They will feel the joys of years past and compare it to the loneliness they may have presently. This can cause despair. As Christians we should be alleviating the pain of loneliness of others. God said He would never forsake us. Our love for God must translate into doing all we can to ensure that God's word be fulfilled, and no one feels forsaken.



The Boy Scouts Troop 14 will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church.

HY VEE

**Remember to bring in
your Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.**

Goal \$150,000.00

Received to Date: \$40,224.54

Needed to Date: \$109,775.46

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Many of us were blessed to hear the Sunday morning message several weeks ago presented by Dr. Rick Holm. In response to several requests, we now have in the church office available for purchase copies of Dr. Holm's book *Life's Final Season: A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace*. See Rozanne for details.



Dates to Remember

- **December 11:** last day to donate to Project Joy
- **December 29 & January 5:** there will be no Children's Sunday School. No change in schedule for the Adult Sunday School.
- **January 7:** Annual reports should be submitted to the church office
- **January 15:** Blade articles are due
- **January 19:** Rev. Norlita Kaul's first service and new officers will be installed during worship service
- **January 26:** Annual Congregational Meeting

POINTSETTIAS FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - We would like to encourage you or your family to participate in the annual tradition of our members bringing a plant for Christmas remembrances and celebration. We'd love to display your poinsettia throughout Advent/Christmas. Please drop off your plant during office hours. Contact the church office if you need someone to pick up your purchased plant from a local florist/store.



Wycliffe *Susan's Saga*

Hebrews 13:15 adds in another element: that of praise as sacrifice. "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise...."

Sacrifice means giving something up in offering, something which cannot later be recouped. How can praise and thanksgiving be construed as sacrifice? Sacrifice implies some sort of cost. If one offers material resources to God, whether money or gifts in kind, the connection is fairly obvious. A monetary offering is something that one did not spend on oneself. But what is the cost of praise and thanksgiving? They are more intangible. There is no material transaction. Why is it so hard to thank others, and ultimately God? Perhaps it has something to do with our innate self-centeredness. Increasingly, our expectations are that services and transactions go smoothly. We want things to go our way all the time. Our culture revolves around customer satisfaction, efficiency, comfort, convenience, and ease. When things don't go right, we quickly get our noses out of joint. The concept of thankfulness grows fuzzy and out of focus when our underlying expectation is that everything should always go the way we want them to. We get irate if they don't. We become the center of our own petty little universe, and we want to be in control.

It takes a concerted effort to take a step back and look at the larger picture. We need to massively re-orient our perspective. Perhaps a crucial first step is to acknowledge who God is. Next we need to recognize that our very being, our life and breath, are gifts from God. We did not make ourselves. The abilities to think and feel and move and worship all come from God. When we give our energies to praising and thanking God, that is an offering. Acknowledging God as the source of life is an act of thanksgiving. Taking the time to get our focus off of ourselves and our expectations and instead turning to God is an expression of praise. Using our energies and time to recognize God are all forms of sacrifice.

May we make the choice to praise God in all circumstances. May God help us individually and collectively to give thanks.

Susan Huggins

Susan Huggins is serving in full-time ministry as a Bible translator among the Mixtec people of Oaxaca, Mexico. Susan's sending agency, Wycliffe Bible Translators, is a non-denominational organization; she raises her own funds to support this ministry

PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY NEWSLETTER November 2019



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...All of this is from God." Cor. 5: 17 a-18 a.

"Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Psalm 107:8

Throughout the Bible it says to give thanks to our God! I believe it is vital to have a thankful heart even in difficult times. In II Cor. 5:7, it says, "For we live by faith and not by sight." Our faith is in Jesus Christ and His Word that never changes! It is very easy, as I well know, to focus on my problems rather than give thanks. I find that when I focus on God's promises and blessings my mood is positive. God is awesome!

A young man who was being detained stopped me when I was making my rounds among the inmates. He told me it was important that he visit with me. We went to the office to talk and he told me that he had only been out of prison a few weeks. He found out his wife was with another man and was using drugs. He has a young daughter and he said what was happening broke his heart. He went back to the only way he knew how to cope, which was with drugs. He said, "I know I need God but I don't know how to go about it." I had him read verses on how to be saved and know Jesus as his Savior. I emphasized the importance of knowing that he had sinned against a holy God and deserved God's wrath, as we all do. He realized he would not go to heaven if he died. As we talked, tears welled up in his eyes and I believe the Holy Spirit was working on him. He prayed for God to cleanse him from his sins and to come into his life! After he finished praying he was weeping. I had 96.5 radio station on and they were playing, "I Can Only Imagine." He said, "That was my grandma's favorite song. How can that song be playing right now when I gave my life to Jesus! She died nine months ago. She always wanted me to follow Jesus and have Him in my life. She was such a positive influence on my life! At 94 years old she found out she had cancer and with a smile on her face she said, 'What do you think heaven is going to be like.' " God is awesome in all His ways and drawing people to Himself!

A young man who I had visited with several times was out of prison only a short time. I met him in the infirmary where he admitted he had gone back to drugs. As I prayed with him he was weeping profusely. I encouraged him to read Psalm 51. I visited with him a week later, and he said, "When you visited me in the infirmary, I had lost all hope. I was at the bottom of the bottom and you gave me hope!" I believe that through your prayers God directs my steps in the prison!

Please pray for the week of November 3rd, when the execution of Charles Rhines is to take place. Pray for him to be open to visit with me about his relationship with Jesus Christ.

You are a blessing to this ministry through your prayers and financial giving! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

Harlan Moss

Please designate my name in the memo section of your check. Send them to: Prison Lighthouse Fellowship (PLF) or South Dakota Prison Chaplains Association (SDPCA), 601 W 57th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Your gifts are appreciated and tax deductible. My phone 605-940-4220 Email: harlan@convergeheartland.org. To listen to inmate testimonies: <https://converge.org/heartland/giving-campaign/sd-prison-chaplains-harlan-moss>.



DECEMBER 2019 VOLUNTEERS

Sound
Dave Peterson

Ushers
Bruce Westergaard
Don Kleinjan & Carol Glantz
Dan & Michele Kemp
Lynn Foster

Leaders of Young at Heart
Dec. 1 Donna Flint
Dec. 8 Jan Jones
Dec. 15 ----
Dec. 22 Donna Flint
Dec. 29 Joel Foster

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Advent Potluck 6:00 Bell Choir practice	2 7:00 Building & Grounds	3 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	4 7:00 Choir	5 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Deacons 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 BIRTHDAY: Dean Hofland	7
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Advent Potluck	9 BIRTHDAY: LaVonne Broksieck	10 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Mission & Finance	11 7:00 Choir	12 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Session	13	14 9:30 Prayer Quilt Sew Day
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Christmas Cantata 11:30 Advent Potluck	16 ANNIVERSARY Dee & Lois Watson	17 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) BIRTHDAY Carrie Van Buren	18 7:00 Choir	19 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Men's Brotherhood 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 ANNIVERSARY Stephen & Carrie Van Buren	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Advent Potluck	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service BIRTHDAY: Rozanne McGrath	25 31 <i>Christmas</i> OFFICE CLOSED 	26 Bible Study cancelled ANNIVERSARY Bob & Pat Fishback	27 Lunch Bunch TBA	28 ANNIVERSARIES Skip & Sharon Webster Neal & Julie Foster
29 Children's Sunday School cancelled 9:00 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship-Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour BIRTHDAYS: Marge Poppen, Sally Maca	30	31 BIRTHDAY Jan Broksieck				



JANUARY 2020 VOLUNTEERS

Sound

Bruce Westergaard

Ushers

Leaders of Young at Heart

Jan. 5
Jan. 12
Jan. 19
Jan. 26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Bible Study cancelled 5:15 Deacons Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts	3	4 BIRTHDAY: Marlys Moore
5 Children's Sunday School cancelled 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour BIRTHDAY: Lisa Bretsch	6 7:00 Building & Grounds BIRTHDAY: Matthew Schuurman	7 Annual Reports due at office 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Mission & Finance BIRTHDAY: Susan Schuurman	8 7:00 Choir	9 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Session	10 BIRTHDAY: Neal Foster	11 9:30 Prayer Quilt Sew Day BIRTHDAY: Joel Foster
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour	13 BIRTHDAY: Daniel Moerke	14 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House) BIRTHDAY: Vivian Langland	15 Blade articles due at office 7:00 Choir BIRTHDAY: Katy Young	16 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Men's Brotherhood 7:00 Boy Scouts BIRTHDAY: Julie Scubelek	17	18
19 (<i>1st Sunday-Rev. Norlita Kaul</i>) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship Hour	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED BIRTHDAY: Malia Glaus	21 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	22 7:00 Choir	23 9:30 Bible Study	24	25 <u>Presbytery Meeting at Willow Lake, SD</u> BIRTHDAYS: Brock Peterson, Art VanderWaal
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting	27	28 9:30 Coffee Group (Mission Coffee House)	29 7:00 Choir	30 9:30 Bible Study	31 11:30 Lunch Bunch	

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