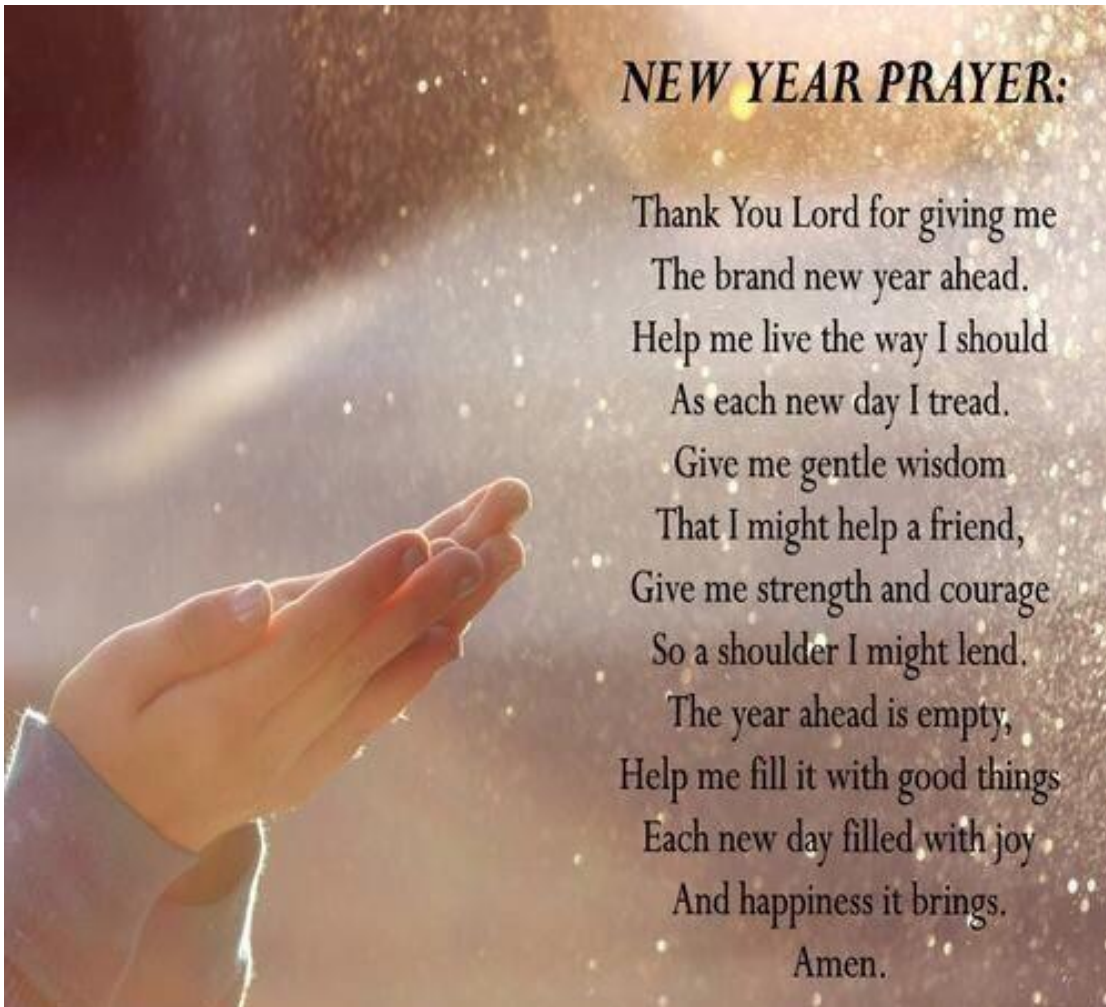


THE BLADE

Happy
New Year
2023

January 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



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

*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*

JANUARY

THE BLADE

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www.brookingspresbyterian.org for the
“Prison Lighthouse Ministry Newsletter”

January 16, 2023



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.



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.

Jan 1: Richard & Dolores C, Ginny C, Maxine D

Jan 8: John & Robin E, Mary E, Evelyn F

Jan 15: Bob & Pat F, Robby & Donna F

Jan 22: Joel & Bonnie F & family Lynn, Paige, & Gayle,
Neal & Julie F

Jan 29: Elizabeth F, Betty G, JoAnn G

Session Update—December 8, 2022

Session met for the first time with moderator Reverend Ruth Clendenin and discussed the role of the session in leading the church when there is no pastor and how the moderator is available as a resource to session during this time.

Rozanne requests that reports for the Annual Report be submitted by January 9, 2023.

Annual Congregational Meeting will take place February 12, 2023 following worship.

Deacons and Sessions will meet jointly next month to discuss plans while we are without a pastor.

Worship committee thanks those who helped with decorating the sanctuary for Christmas: Joel, Bonnie, Lynn, and Gayle F., Ella and Janell L., Nancy O., Bonnie S., Terry S., and Andrew L. for helping to decorate the church for Christmas.

Worship committee continues to work to fill the pulpit each week- if you have comments or suggestions, please contact an elder or a member of the worship committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Flint
 Clerk of Session
 First Presbyterian Church of Brookings, SD
 Commissioned Ruling Elder
 Presbytery of South Dakota
<https://robbyanddonna.weebly.com/>

Monday January 9th is the due date for Annual Report articles

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held Feb. 12th after worship.

Monthly Financial Report							
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>To Date</u>
2022							
<u>Income</u>	10,809.10	20,706.79	14,882.60	8,442.89	12,928.35	13,307.38	81,077.11
<u>Expense</u>	13,991.56	12,687.94	13,746.67	15,397.83	12,148.82	12,196.48	80,169.30
<u>Difference</u>	-3,182.46	8,018.85	1,135.93	-6,954.94	779.53	1,110.90	907.81
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Monthly Financial Report							
	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>To Date</u>
2022							
<u>Income</u>	10,450.17	10,926.73	7,708.69	10,458.91	17,059.97		137,681.58
<u>Expense</u>	10,437.47	11,327.89	10,723.52	11,052.93	15,543.43		139,254.54
<u>Difference</u>	12.70	-401.16	-3,014.83	-594.02	1,516.54	0.00	-1,572.96

The December financial information will be available the second week of January.

Message from our Session Moderator

Dear Friends:

It is always difficult in the life of a congregation when a pastor leaves for something new. There is a hole in our hearts and a hole in how we do ministry. This transitional time is an opportunity for the congregation, to discern what comes next and to make an investment in the ministry of the congregation. Pastors come and go, and with them their particular ministry styles. However, when the congregation works together on a model of ministry that is driven by its members, then life as we know it continues, even during pastoral changes.

The presbytery's ministry team for Congregational and Pastoral Care (CPC) has named Dianne Larson, from Spirit Lake, as the congregation's liaison. Currently, Ruth Clendenin, pastor in Aberdeen, is serving as Moderator of Session. It is our hope to help guide the process of discernment to help the session and congregation to discover what comes next in the life of the congregation. Our work is about helping you find your way; our work is NOT to tell you how things should be done.

Currently, we plan to meet on Saturday, January 14th with both the Session and the Board of Deacons to work on some nuts and bolts to ensure that pastoral duties and leadership matters are not overlooked. FPC already has strong and gifted leaders on the Session and Deacons and a lot of dedicated volunteers that support the mission and ministry here in Brookings.

As Session Moderator, I am available via phone, text, or email for any questions or resource support you may need (806-893-4261 or clendeninruth@gmail.com). Dianne Larson is also available for support and encouragement (dianne@ingallshomestead.com). Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Session has voted to adjust the Church Office hours. The office will be open from 9:00AM until 12:00 noon, Monday through Thursday. At her request, Session also approved adjusting Rozanne McGrath's hours: Rozanne will be in the Church Office Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00AM until 2:30PM; on Wednesdays, a volunteer will staff the office from 9:00AM until 12:00 noon. At noon, the doors will be locked to preserve a relatively uninterrupted block of time for Rozanne to concentrate on her work.

Please know that the presbytery is here to support your work in ministry, and we will journey with you during this time of transition. As Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be anxious, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

Peace be with you,
Reverend Ruth E. Clendenin
Session Moderator

Food prices continue to rise, and more people are needing help to feed their family. Donations to the Food Pantry can be made on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am to 5pm at 217 4th Street. **Monetary donations** can be placed in the offering plate with a notation on the check to go to the Food Pantry.



Fellowship/Outreach is trying to compile a list of Outstanding Senior Presbyterian awardees. Please send any information you have to dankemp@brookings.net. We especially want to know when the award started and who was honored from 2000 to 2010.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for fellowship or outreach activities for our church, please contact one of us: Andrew L, Chad B, Robbie F, Bonnie F, Roger J, Dan K, Martin M, or Susan Y.



(Dan K, Gus T, Dee W, and Art V)

Don K introducing his new grandson 'Gus' to the fellows at church



News You Can Use



UPCOMING JANUARY MEETINGS

- Sunday, Jan. 8: **Fellowship/Outreach Meeting** following worship
- Tuesday, Jan. 10: **Mission/Finance** via **Zoom** at 6:30 PM
- Saturday, Jan. 14: **Joint Session/Deacon Meeting** at church, 10:30 AM
Worship Committee Meeting to be announced

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP** 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- PIECES AND PRAYERS** will meet on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM at the FPC Quilting Room
- THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 9:30 AM in the FPC Center Meeting Room
- SISTERHOOD** on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 11:30 AM at the **First Lutheran Mission Coffee House**
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 5:30 PM at the church lounge

SERVING IN JANUARY

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Dan K



Liturgists

- Jan 1: Dan K
- Jan 8: Nancy T
- Jan 15: Rick S
- Jan 22: Dolores C
- Jan 29: Dick S

Communion will be served on **January 8**

Communion Servers

Elder: Terry S Deacon: Lee P

Volunteers are needed to be a Greeter on Sunday Morning!

January 2023

Andrew L



Men's Brotherhood Notes: Men's Brotherhood scheduled for December 15 was canceled due to weather concerns. Big blizzard! Plan on January 19, 2023 for the next meeting.

Scripture: Luke 1:30-33 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Winter is upon us and we are in the depths of it as I write this. We have had rain, sleet, ice and snow this week. Now the winds have picked up and travel is restricted. We could have three or four more months of dealing with this type of weather. Ugh is my reaction to it.

Recently we have celebrated the day Christ was born into our world, to teach us and show us by example, the way we should live our lives. Hopefully we celebrated the joy of giving to others and not spending too much of our precious time wondering what someone else was giving to us.

Christ's example for us when he was among us included miracles of healing and feeding people. Examples of relieving the suffering of folks who were ailing in some way -- blindness, crippling disabilities, leprosy, mental illness etc. This was the love of Christ given to the world, to show mankind the ways of righteous harmonious living together. We need to look out for each other and do it in love.

Now we are into a new year and a new world, a new normal so to speak and we must fulfill the love of Christ in our lives and share it with others and so let our light shine. These are the real gifts of the season that Christ came to give mankind. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel *has* come thee oh Israel. And the rest of the world as well.



Girl Scout Troop #57024 meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Christine L and Katie K are co-leaders of this troop of Daisies (K-1st).

HYVEE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Goal:	\$200,000.00
Received:	\$76,228.20
Needed to Date:	\$123,771.80

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

Remember to bring in your Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.

HyVee has stopped printing out receipts when grocery orders are done **on-line**. You will receive a receipt online. Please send a copy of the receipt by email to Rozanne at presby@brookings.net, she will pass it on for totaling.



January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> (Steve V) 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	2 Office Closed	3 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers	4 BIRTHDAY Marlys M	5 9:30 Bible Study	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 (Donna F) 10:30 Worship and Communion in our Sanctuary/Zoom Fellowship/Outreach Mtg following worship	9 Annual Report articles are due	10 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers 6:30 Mission/Finance Mtg via Zoom BIRTHDAY Neal F	11 BIRTHDAY Joel F	12 9:30 Bible Study Girl Scouts 6:30-8PM	13 BIRTHDAY Daniel M	14 Session/Deacon Mtg at church 10:30 AM
15 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	16 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> Office Closed BIRTHDAY Julie S	17 BLADE Articles Due 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers	18	19 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	20	21
22 (Susan Huggins) 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	23	24 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers	25 BIRTHDAY Art V	26 Girl Scouts 6:30-8PM	27	28
29 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	30	31 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers				

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10:30 am Worship Service

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