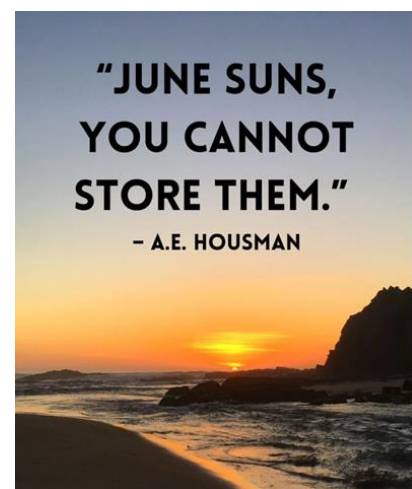
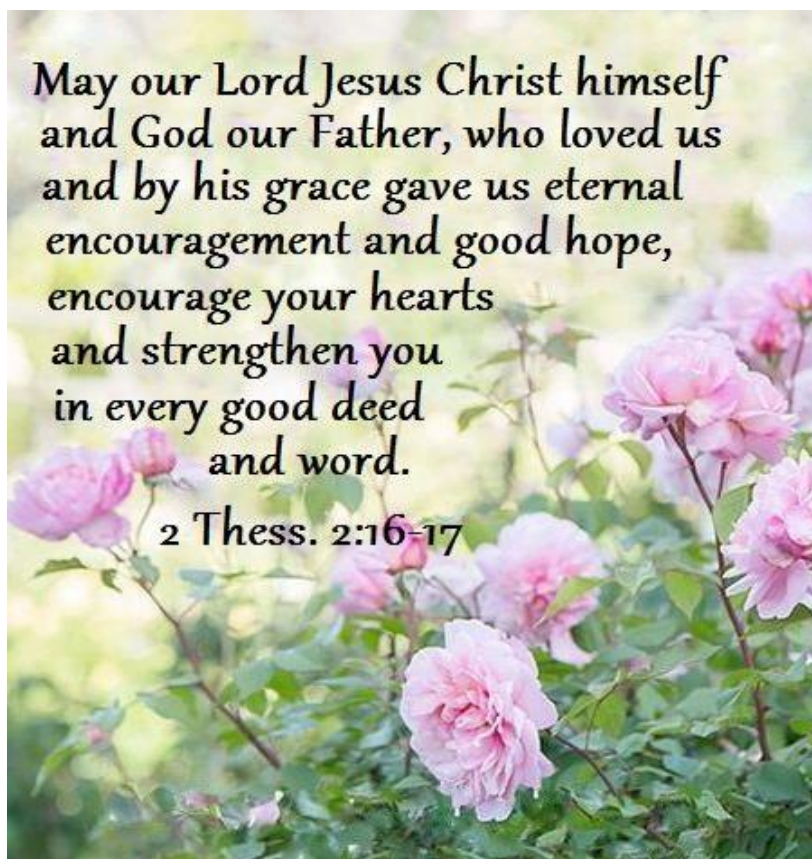


THE BLADE

June 2022

“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



*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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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.

* Just for your information, the per capita per person for 2022 is \$34.78. If you have not done so, we would appreciate your donation.

David P - Treasurer



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.

June 5: Arlyce T, Stephen & Carrie V, Art & Marge V

June 12: Dee W, Kelly & Tami W, Skip W

June 19: Bruce & Lori W, Dorothy W, Alan & Sue Y & family Katie & Adam

June 26: David & Lucy B, Linda B, Bob B

Session Update

The meeting was postponed Thursday, May 12 due to weather.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Flint
Clerk of Session

Monthly Financial Report

2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		To Date
Income	10,809.10	20,706.79	14,882.60	8,442.89		54,841.38
Expense	13,991.56	12,687.94	13,746.67	15,397.83		55,824.00
Difference	-3,182.46	8,018.85	1,135.93	-6,954.94		-982.62
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PCUSA PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING for Children at Risk, Youth, Young Adults

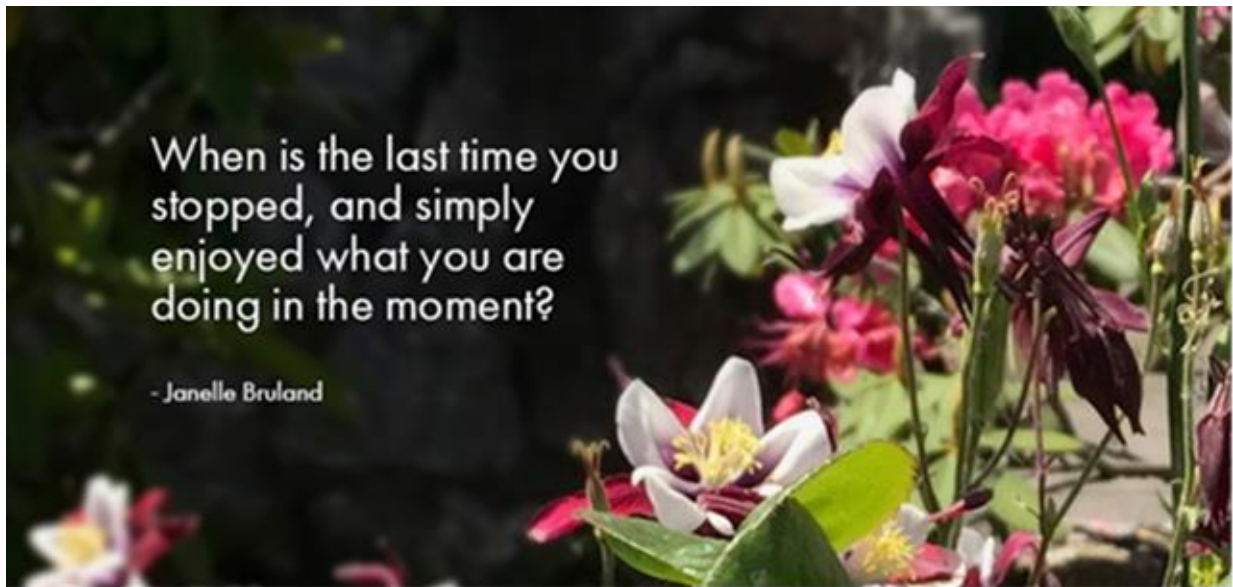
Donations will be accepted May 1st through June 5th



Day of Pentecost is on **June 5, 2022**. We are encouraging everyone to wear red on June 5th in recognition of Pentecost.

JUNE 12 SERVICE will be a hymn sing. Please submit your favorite hymn for the congregation to sing by **Monday June 6**.

Pastor Norlita's sermon series is called "Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God." We are going to do an activity along with the sermons. The old cross will be left up in the back of the sanctuary and used as the "**Tree of Good/Surprise Deeds.**" Everyone is encouraged to write these down as they do them. Leaves will be available to write the deeds on and then place on the cross. We hope to see the tree covered in many leaves of deeds. The good/surprise deeds can be as small as smiling at a stranger or great as delivering meals. You do not need to put your name on if you so wish. Let's show the world and each other what an amazing congregation we are.



When is the last time you stopped, and simply enjoyed what you are doing in the moment?

- Janelle Bruland

Church DEACONS

June are Nelda H, Nancy T, Ann D, and Rick and Bonnie S.

Our church participates in delivery of 60+ Dining (Meals on Wheels). 3-4 times a year we are contacted to deliver lunch meals to shut ins. You, our congregation, deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. Many of you donate your time...and gasoline...to deliver these meals. Thank you for being positive and helpful when contacted to volunteer. Our **volunteers for June** are Nelda H, Nancy T, Ann D, and Rick and Bonnie S. Food Pantry needs are never ending. **Donations of non-perishable items can be dropped off directly at the Food Pantry at 217 4th St. between 9:30 and 5 MWF.** Monetary gifts for the Food Pantry can be sent to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

JUNE 12 SERVICE will be a hymn sing. Please write your suggestion of a favorite hymn for the congregation to sing on the slip inserted in the bulletin by Monday **June 6**. The slips can be placed in the offering plate.



News You Can Use

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, June 2: **Session Meeting** in person at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 7: **Mission/Finance** via **Zoom** at 6:30 PM
No meeting in June **Fellowship/Outreach**
TBD **Worship Committee**

SERVING THIS MONTH, JUNE 2022

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Chad B

Communion Servers: Elder: Ella L Deacon: Bonnie S

Communion Usher:

Liturgist

Greeters

June 5: Nelda H

June 12: Linda B

June 19: Robby F

June 26: Rick S

Sunday School resumes again in September.

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 June 16 at 11:30 AM at First Lutheran's Mission Coffee House
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on June 16 at 5:30 PM at the church basement

2022 Synod School July 24-29

Registration is open

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 interested.



Revelings for June 2022

"So our faith grows"— Patricia Ramsden FB/ 5.10.22



Romans 10:17 — The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Quietly the Word of God speaks to us, it's all around us. Summer's growing season reminds us that God's Word is Living, Breathing, Growing, Regenerating, Renewing, and Reforming everything all around us, including us. So the simple journey of a rose on its way to fullness is a beautiful testimony of and attribute to God's powerful ongoing work of YES each day. It seems as though the warmth of spring would never come. Then suddenly it appeared as if out of nowhere around May 10th. Now we come to June. We also know that summer's heat isn't far behind. But for this little slice of time, may we remember to stop and smell the roses, to remember and reflect on the gifts of God to us, especially the work of God's Holy Spirit within us as gift, which is why we celebrate Pentecost Day.

Beautiful is the following reflection by Bob Holmes, (who is battling cancer and lost his beloved wife also to cancer last year), posted in the Contemplative Practice Group on FB/5.10.22:

The Catalysis of Love

You bringers of heaven, You peacemakers, Christ-bearers, Life givers,
You who bear Living Waters that quicken the hearts and enliven the spirits of weak
and weary souls.

You breaker of chains, You givers of hope, You who breathe life into the faint-
hearted.

You that lighten the eyes and gladden the hearts of humble and gentlefolk.

For You are the catalysis of love. For You are the light of the world and salt of the
earth,

And the glory of God that heals us whole.

Let us grow our faith through listening for God's Word that is living all around us. Let us be the reflection of the glory of God that heals and helps to make everything whole, new and beautiful. Let us take time, to stop and smell the roses, God's gift to us. Blessings for your summer!

Soli Deo Gloria, Rev. Norlita

TBD: Congregational Town Hall Meeting After Worship

Please Sign up to attend. The Session is providing Pizza, Salad, Desserts. Those attending please review your 'Praying through Lent' Devotional Booklet and bring a brief list of some thoughts/ ideas that your prayer time revealed that you're willing to share, especially about our church. We'll review together what the last Town Hall meeting discussion/questions time brought forth. We'll also discuss some other important realities to openly discuss. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and support.

Our journey continues, **Where is God Leading Us?**

Date
6/05

Message Title
'The Ultimate Surprise Party'

Scripture
Acts 2:1-21

Jesus

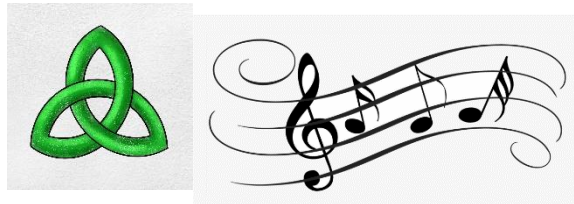


in Us

6/12

'Trinity Sunday/Hymn Sing'

John 16:12-15



7 Vital Marks of a Congregation Series

6/19

'Koinonia'

Acts 2:42-47

6/26

'Water and Food'

John 4:1-41



MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

June 2022

Andrew L'Amour



Men's Brotherhood Notes: Men's Brotherhood met on May 19 and enjoyed a sumptuous meal. We had good fellowship and although we had no program we did discuss a few things coming up like the Harvest Table, and the Sleep In Heavenly Peace bed build on May 21. Our attendance numbers are down a bit so we hope you can make it to one of our meetings. Bring a friend. We would love to see you.

The recent storm in Brookings caused a lot of damage up and down nearly every street. We lost one big spruce, and the tops of four Ponderosa pine, plus one other Ponderosa pine that had deep root issues and another previously damaged Ponderosa pine. We saved one good Ponderosa pine and a large stump I have some hopes for, not sure what yet. Thankfully no damage done to any structure, vehicle or person!!

I called my tree service friends who put me on their list but since we were in no immediate danger of anything we were down the priority list a ways. When I talked to him he sounded exhausted and said it could be weeks before he could get over.

My wife who is more ambitious and adventurous than I am was out and about checking on other's peoples damage looking for places that may need help and came across a group called the Samaritan's Purse. This is a ministry of Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham.

Samaritan's Purse mission statement is: SP is nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His son Jesus Christ.

Although they were not the only ones to help, and we are blessed with great neighbors and friends, and people we did not know who just came by. The SP folks had the organization, equipment and people power to get the work done, I still cannot believe how much work they got done in a half day.

Before sharing closing prayers Beth and I were presented with a beautiful bible signed by all the folks who helped us. Thanks be to God!!!



HY VEE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Goal:	\$150,000.00
Receipts:	\$144,084.00
Needed to Date:	\$5,916.00

Required for \$1,000 donation:
\$150,000.00

Remember to bring in your
Brookings Hy-Vee receipts.



June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 BIRTHDAY: Nicole B	2 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Session Meeting at church	3	4
5 Pentecost 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom Rev. Norlita's vacation starts after worship through June 13	6 BIRTHDAYS: Rev. Norlita K Alan Y	7 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers 6:30 M/F Meeting via Zoom ANNIVERSARY: Dan & Michele K BIRTHDAY: Dolores C	8	9 9:30 Bible Study	10 BIRTHDAY: Rebecca M	11 BIRTHDAY: Tate B
12 Trinity Sunday/Hymn Sing 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers 	15 BLADE Articles Due	16 9:30 Bible Study 11:30 Sisterhood at Mission Coffee House 5:30 Men's Brotherhood	17 <u>June 16 continued</u> ANNIVERSARY: Harold & Marjorie P	18 BIRTHDAY: Bonnie S
19 Honoring Men in our Church 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom BIRTHDAY: Lynn F Nelda H	20 BIRTHDAY: Dave B	21 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers	22 ANNIVERSARY: Alan & Sue Y	23 9:30 Bible Study	24 ANNIVERSARY: Dennis & Vivian L	25 BIRTHDAY: Lucy B
26 10:30 Worship in our Sanctuary/Zoom ANNIVERSARY: Richard & Dolores C BIRTHDAY: Dylan S	27	28 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers	29 BIRTHDAY: Judy M	30 9:30 Bible Study ANNIVERSARY: Dennis H & Carolyn C		



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Return Service Requested

Regular Sunday Schedule

September - May

9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Youth Sunday School

Pastor's Office Hours

At FPC

Mon, Tues, Thurs

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Appointments also available
as need/desired

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday

9:00 am – 2:30 am

Pastor's Sabbath

Friday and Saturday

(in emergencies, please call/text
Pastor's cell #)

Our newsletter is available electronically by email.

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