

THE BLADE

November 2018

"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

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

On Sunday, October 28th, a Youth-only Progressive Supper was enjoyed at the homes of church volunteers.



Appetizers of bread sticks, grapes, nuts, chips, buffalo wings, popcorn and candy at Pastor Nina's home.



Spinach salad with eggs & variety of fresh fruit and crackers at Martin & Sally Maca's home.



Spaghetti bake with toasted bread at Don and Kay Norton's home.



Dessert of chocolate fondue with strawberries, apples, cake, and marshmallows at the church.

Regular Sunday Schedule

September – May

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Lord's Supper first Sunday each month

Summer Sunday Schedule

June - August

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Nursery care is available on first floor during Sunday School and Sunday Worship

Pastor's Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 a Christian's life in the community of faith. As members of that community you are encouraged to pray for the people listed each week during your time of daily prayer. The families and individuals are selected at random.

November 4: Carey & Lisa Bretsch; Chad & Diane Broksieck and family; LaVonne Broksieck

November 11: Ginny Conger; David & Louise Crain; Maxine Dornbush

November 18: Susan Dobesh; Bill & Ann Douglas

November 25: John & Robin Eich; Sam Eich; Evelyn Fee

Prayers for the Schuurman family at the loss of their baby daughter, Naomi.

Prayers for the family and friends of Betty Berg at her passing away.



If you would like our team of prayer volunteers to pray for you or a loved one, please contact Jan Jones or any of the prayer chain volunteers:

Linda Barnett, Dolores Canaday, Ann Douglas, Robby & Donna Flint, Bonnie Foster, Bob & Jan Jones, Ella Lane, Lee Peterson, Harold & Marge Poppen, Judy Smith, Susan Smith, Nancy Thompson, Pastor Nina Westfall and Richard Wilson.



Daylight-Saving
Time Ends

November 4
at 2 a.m.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Andrew L'Amour

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Scripture Reading: Proverbs 16:24: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.



Quote: Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behavior. Keep your behavior positive because your behavior becomes your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny. – Mohammad Karamchand Gandhi

Men's Brotherhood Notes: The regular monthly meeting of MB was held on October 18. We had a delicious stew. We had no program. We did discuss how to help the Schuurman family. Elkton is having a Benefit Breakfast fundraiser on November 11. MB will also sponsor an event – the date to be determined. The November meeting time and date will be the 15th.

Prayer Concerns: Pray that our words are carefully spoken to edify our relationships and reflect the character and behavior we intend to have.

Action: As we reach out to others let us be mindful of our speech, our words.

I am a political junkie. I make no apologies. I like to follow the political goings on as they affect our country and state and all of us who live here. I have been doing so since I remember, watching political conventions on television when I was 9 years old. Watching the interactions and speech between our political leaders has certainly gone downhill over the years. There once was a spirit of congeniality where both sides worked closely to move things forward. They actually spoke to each other! Over time we have become divided politically almost to a point where I wonder how we can repair the breach. How did this happen?

The old bromide "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" seems to have outlived its usefulness in these times. Words can and do hurt. They can destroy a person. It can divide friends, neighbors, all people, and even a country. Someone has figured out that to raise themselves up and to consolidate their group is to demonize those they don't agree with. The easiest way? False accusations. Exaggerations. Hyperbole. Tear down the other side. Destroy them if possible. Words are the weapons used. Words.

Pastor Nina gave a sermon in September about the tongue. "The Tongue Is A Fire" was the name of the sermon. She hit the nail on the head. What we say can hurt and what we say are words. The words we chose to say to one another, and about one another, and how we say them, can and do destroy lives. They divide us.

Christ is defined as the Word. The Word! So the words we say as Christians should be reflective of what Jesus would have said. The "What Would Jesus Do" saying should include "What Would Jesus Say" and how He would say it!

The words we say that destroy others, can and will also destroy us. We don't always see it. They reveal our heart and soul, our very character, when we say things that are not true or intended to hurt others. It reflects how we behave, how we think and who we are if we engage in hurtful, negative, or hateful speech including gossip. Our values will change. Be mindful of our speech. Be positive and uplifting. Be gracious. Our words should be words that build up, heal, encourage cooperation and unity. The words we use and how we use them should reflect the love and spirit of Christ.

Remember to Bring in Your Hy-Vee Receipts

Grocery and prescription receipts from Brookings Hy-Vee store count.
Our church receives a \$1000 check from Hy-Vee for \$150,000 in receipts.

Goal	\$150,000.00
Received:	\$16,872.24
Needed:	\$133,127.76

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!



November Volunteers:


Sound:
Ginny Conger

Ushers:

Roger Jenner
Nancy Thompson
Chad & Trent Broksieck
Jeanne Longieliere

Leaders of Children's Time

Nov. 4 Donna Flint
Nov. 11 Gary Larson
Nov. 18 Bonnie Foster
Nov. 25 Carrie Van Buren

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Deacons Mtg 7:00 Fellowship/ Outreach Mtg BIRTHDAYS: Donna Flint; Janet TeBeest	2	3
4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting 6:00 Game Night 7:00 Bell Choir practice	5 7 Building & Grounds Mtg BIRTHDAY: Rosa Glaus	6 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) 6:30 Mission & Finance Mtg	7 7:00 Choir Practice	8 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Session Mtg	9 BIRTHDAY: Martin Maca	10
11 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee 11:30 Worship Committee Schuurman Benefit Bell Choir cancelled BIRTHDAY:Doha Rottluff	12	13 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House)	14 7:00 Choir Practice	15 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Men's Brotherhood BIRTHDAY: Diane Broksieck	16	17
18 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee 2:00 Adam Young's Eagle Scout Ceremony 7:00 Bell Choir practice BIRTHDAY: Judy Sebring	19	20 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House) BIRTHDAY: Robby Flint	21 7:00 Choir Practice	22 <i>THANKSGIVING DAY</i>  OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Coffee Bell Choir cancelled	26	27 9:30 Coffee (Mission Coffee House)	28 7:00 Choir Practice	29 9:30 Bible Study BIRTHDAY: Don Norton	30 11:30 Lunch Bunch (Children's Museum)	

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