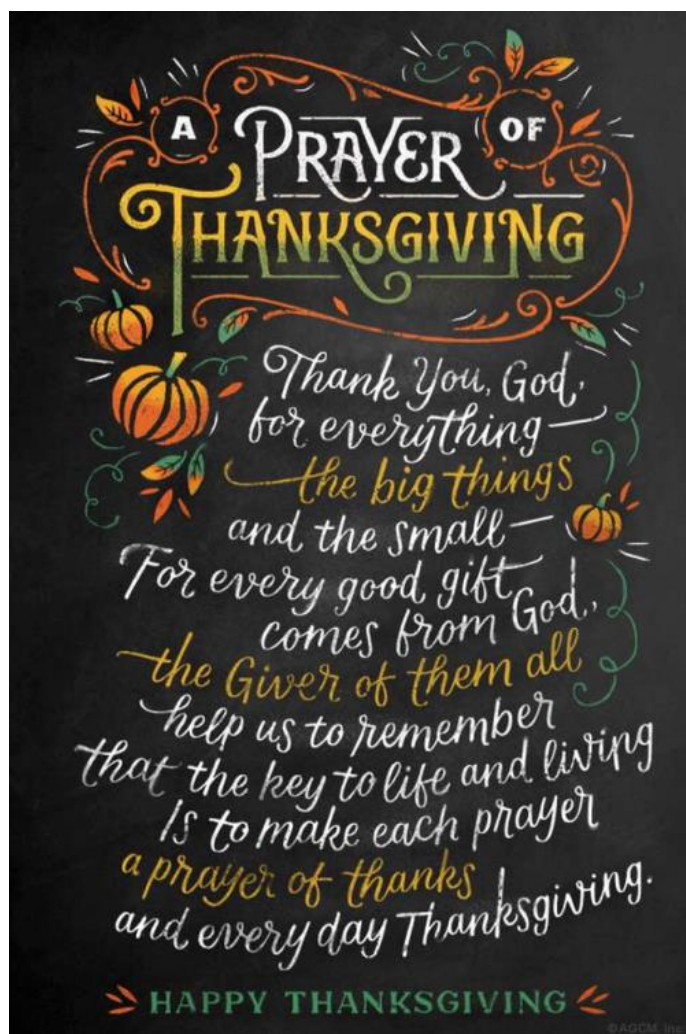


# THE BLADE

*October and November 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*



*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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**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday Nov. 5 at 2:00 AM**



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.

- October 1:** Janet T, Nancy T, Arlyce T
- October 8:** Steve & Carrie VB, Dee W, Skip W
- October 15:** Bruce & Lori W, Dorothy W, Alan & Sue Y
- October 22:** Dave & Lucy B, Linda B, Bob B, Teri B
- October 29:** Don B, Chad & Diane B & family Tate & Trent
  
- November 5:** LaVonne B, Richard & Dolores C, Ginny C
- November 12:** Maxine D, Bill & Ann D, John E, Mary E
- November 19:** Bob & Pat F, Robby & Donna F
- November 26:** Joel & Bonnie F & family Lynn, Paige, & Gayle; Neal & Julie F

## Session Update Sept. 2023

	Elder of the Month	Deacon of the Month
October	Mike M	Bonnie S
November	Dave P	Bonnie F

- The Building and Grounds committee has identified the noise in the HVAC system and is working with Johnson Controls to replace defective motor protectors.
- The pastor search committee has made a recommendation for the committee and session to interview a pastor couple to discuss a possible part time contract. The contract is between the pastor, session, and Presbytery.
- The nominating committee is beginning work to identify new deacons and elders- please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve. If you are willing, contact a member of the committee: Donna F., Terry S., Rick S., and Marvis J.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Flint  
Clerk of Session

## Monthly Financial Report

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Income	12,410.10	9,412.93	8,870.38	18,219.43	13,238.10	14,285.07
Expense	8,993.79	8,371.22	8,573.44	11,181.86	8,935.27	21,255.43
Difference	3,416.31	1,041.71	296.94	7,037.57	4,302.83	-6,970.36

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	To Date
15,930.49	6,376.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98,742.83
5,927.50	6,543.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79,782.44
10,002.99	-167.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,960.39

**The Church Office will be closed for the following federal holidays.**



**October 9, 2023**



**November 23, 2023**

# News You Can Use

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, Oct. 3:	<b>Mission/Finance</b> via <b>Zoom</b> at 6:30 PM
Sunday, Oct. 8:	<b>Fellowship/Outreach</b> following worship service
Thursday, Oct. 12:	<b>Session Meeting</b> at FPC at 7:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 15:	<b>Worship Committee</b> following worship service
Tuesday, Nov. 7:	<b>Mission/Finance</b> via <b>Zoom</b> at 6:30 PM
Thursday, Nov. 9:	<b>Session Meeting</b> at FPC at 7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 12:	<b>Fellowship/Outreach</b> following worship service

## STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP** 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- CHOIR** on Sundays at FPC North Meeting Room at 9:30 AM prior to worship
- THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 9:30 AM in the FPC Center Meeting Room
- SISTERHOOD** on Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 at 11:30 AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 at 5:30 PM at the church basement

### Serving in October

#### Sunday Coffee Fellowship Chad B

	<b>Pulpit Supply</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
Oct. 1	Donna F	Robby F
Oct. 8	Robby F	Donna F
Oct. 15	Elizabeth F	Linda B
Oct. 22	Pastor Mark W	Dan K
Oct. 29	Pastor Mark W	Mike M

### Serving in November

#### Sunday Coffee Fellowship Roger J

	<b>Pulpit Supply</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
Nov. 5	Donna F	Robby F
Nov. 12	Robby F	Donna F
Nov. 19	Elizabeth F	Rick S
Nov. 26	Steve VB	Dolores C





There are two opportunities coming up to provide help for those in need in the Brookings community.

**-Share the Warmth** program will be held at the Old Sanctuary on October 11, 2023. The Salvation Army accepts donations of gently used or new winter coats, snow pants, boots, weatherproof gloves, mittens, hats and scarves. Donations should be dropped off at their office at 410 7th Street. Monetary donations can be put in the offering plate with a notation to go to Share the Warmth. The goal is to reduce the cost to families for warm outerwear for grade school children, but the program is open to all.

**-Project Joy** will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Donations of unwrapped toys can be made at the Brookings radio station (Project Joy Trailer), Lewis, Walmart, Children's Museum of SD, SDSU Wellness Center or Brookings equalization office. Monetary donations can be put in the offering plate with a notation to go to Project Joy. Please make the donation by December 3, 2023. The mission for Project Joy is to provide children and families living in Brookings County who are in need an opportunity to receive holiday gifts.

Thank you for your support to these worthy causes. If you have any questions about the programs, please contact any of the deacons.

Thank you to Bonnie S, Martin & Sally M, Ella L, Nancy T, and Ann D for delivering meals for 60+ Dining in September.

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



## Fellowship and Outreach Committee

Outreach has been contacted by **Habitat for Humanity** to provide meals for Habitat workers. A meal for 6-10 workers is requested once every two months. Ella Lane will head up this effort. Please contact her if you would like to help provide a meal. Thank you to those who supplied the meal on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Potluck Advent Dinner** will be held on Sundays, **Dec. 3 & 17** following worship service.



## Worship Committee

We want to thank musicians who have joined the choir and are providing special music for church services. Choir practice will be from 5:30-6:15 PM. On Sundays when the choir is singing, there will be a rehearsal at 10:00 AM before church service begins. Please contact Nancy O (605-204-0691) if you have any questions.

# Fall Read

From ***Sailboat Church: Helping Your church Rethink Its Mission and Practice*** by Joan Gray:

When we think of offering ourselves to God, most of us think of offering God our strengths. We hardly ever think of offering God our weaknesses and our lacks....God can use our weaknesses as well as our strengths. In fact, sometimes our weaknesses can glorify God more than our strengths. Look at it this way: when we operate out of our strengths, the focus is on us. We are in control, and it's easy to slip into thinking that we are doing it all ourselves. We're not leaving room for God to do much. But when we operate out of our weakness, we leave God plenty of room to work. We are much more aware of God's power enabling us to do what we could never do by ourselves. The focus is on God much more than on us....

God can give us what we need to get the job done, and God will use these experiences of weakness to teach us deeper truths. We may be humbled; we may be reminded that we are not perfect in painful ways. Yet these are opportunities for spiritual growth as we put ourselves in God's hands and let God do what God wants to do. If we always live only out of our strengths, we will never know the fullness of Christ's power dwelling in us.

When Jesus took the five loaves and two fish into his hands, he did not think about what a pittance it was to feed such a great crowd. Instead he focused on the power of God, and look what happened: he blessed and broke the bread, and the story says that it was enough.

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## Susan's Saga

Wycliffe<sup>®</sup>  
BibleTranslators

An important theme throughout the book of Romans is how we can be made right with God. The opening chapters explain that it certainly isn't by our own efforts or wishful thinking that a right relationship with God can be restored. As pointed out in Chapter 3, "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."

Even though we are the ones who are the offenders, God amazingly provides the solution. "Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty of our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood."

In a confused and self-absorbed world, this message continues to be of vital importance in order to be restored to right relationship with Almighty God, our Creator.

## *Susan Huggins*

Scripture quotations are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, Romans 3:19; 3:25.

*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.*

October & November 2023

Andrew L'Amour



**Men's Brotherhood Notes:** MB met on September 21. A fine meal was prepared by Mike and his Happy Cookers. Always something good to eat! The program was presented by Susan Huggins who talked about her Wycliffe bible translation work in Oaxaca Mexico, and their recent experiences. Always good to see Susan and get an update on her work.

A big shout out to our CRE's from our church. What an excellent job they are doing and have done not, only shepherding their other congregations but the work they have done here helping out as we go through our time of searching for a new pastor. I see they have a notice posted for any of you folks who may feel a calling. Check it out with Donna, Elizabeth or Robby. And please thank them for the service they are offering to our congregation. Let them know you appreciate it.

Also a great big thank you to our Office Administrator Rozanne. She does a remarkable job managing all that she does. The typing up the weekly bulletin, the power-point for the weekly service on our big screen, information for The Blade newsletter, among many others. It takes a lot of efficient organizing and managing of time and some people –( who me?). It is a real blessing to have such a capable and efficient person in this position. I worked in an office setting for over 38 years and I know the tremendous value of a good clerical/office administrator position. It seems like it is the nature of the job that one thinks we can always have the secretary do some little extra thing. Not true!! Schedules can get very tight. So any thanks you can pass on to Rozanne I am sure she will appreciate it! Luke 10:7 ...the laborer is worthy of his/her hire.



## HY VEE

### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

**Goal:** \$200,000.00  
**Receipts:** \$141,028.34  
**Needed to Date:** \$58,971.66

**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](mailto:presby@brookings.net); Rozanne will forward it.




## Troop 50724

The year has started out on a good note. In October the Scouts will be doing a fund raiser by selling nuts and possibly some magazine subscriptions. More details will be shared as we get more information. Thank you for allowing us to share your space here. We really appreciate it!



# October 2023




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>World Communion Day</i>  <b>10:30 Worship/Communion</b>                      in our Sanctuary/Zoom</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Ann D</p>	<p>2</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY:                      Dave &amp; Lee P</p>	<p>3 9:30 Coffee Group  <b>6:30 Mission/Finance Mtg</b>                      via Zoom</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Chad B                      Nancy O                      ANNIVERSARY:                      Bob &amp; Nancy O</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5                      9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Jan J                      ANNIVERSARY:                      Roger &amp; Marvis J</p>	<p>6                      OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8  <b>10:30 Worship</b> in our                      Sanctuary/Zoom  <b>11:30 Fellowship/Outreach                      Meeting</b> after worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>                      for Federal Holiday</p>	<p>10                      9:30 Coffee Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12                      9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 <b>Session Mtg</b>                      BIRTHDAY: Rozella P</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15  <b>10:30 Worship</b> in our                      Sanctuary/Zoom  <b>11:30 Worship Meeting</b> after                      worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>ANNIVERSARIES                      Robby &amp; Donna F                      Dan &amp; Carolyn M</p>	<p>17                      9:30 Coffee Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19                      9:30 Bible Study                      11:30 <b>Sisterhood</b> at                      Mission Coffee House                      5:30 <b>Brotherhood</b></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>BIRTHDAY:                      Michele K                      Maria M</p>
<p>22  <b>10:30 Worship</b> in our                      Sanctuary/Zoom</p> <p>ANNIVERSARIES                      Andrew &amp; Beth L                      Martin &amp; Sally M</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24                      9:30 Coffee Group</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26                      9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>BIRTHDAY:                      Mike M</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <i>Reformation Sunday</i>  <b>10:30 Worship</b> in our                      Sanctuary/Zoom</p>	<p>30  <b>Dist 5 Oral Interp                      Contest</b> 8:00AM-5:00PM</p> <p>BIRTHDAYS                      Maxine D                      Rick S</p>	<p>31                      9:30 Coffee Group</p>			<p>Daylight Savings Time ends                      Sunday <b>Nov. 5</b> at 2:00 AM</p>	





# November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday <b>Nov. 5</b> at 2:00 AM</p>			1	2	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4
5 10:30 <b>Worship/Communion</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom	6 	7 9:30 <b>Coffee Group</b>  6:30 <b>Mission/Finance Mtg</b> via Zoom	8	9 9:30 <b>Bible Study</b>  7:00 <b>Session Meeting</b> at FPC BIRTHDAY: Martin M	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 
12 10:30 <b>Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom  11:30 <b>Fellowship/Outreach Meeting</b> after worship	13	14 9:30 <b>Coffee Group</b>	15 <b>Blade articles due</b>  BIRTHDAY: Diane B	16 9:30 <b>Bible Study</b>  11:30 AM <b>Sisterhood</b> at Mission Coffee House 5:30 <b>Men's Brotherhood</b> at FPC	17	18
19 10:30 <b>Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom	20  BIRTHDAY: Robby F	21 9:30 <b>Coffee Group</b>	22	23 <b>Thanksgiving</b>   <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	24	25
26 10:30 <b>Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom	27	28 9:30 <b>Coffee Group</b>	29	30 9:30 <b>Bible Study</b>	31	

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