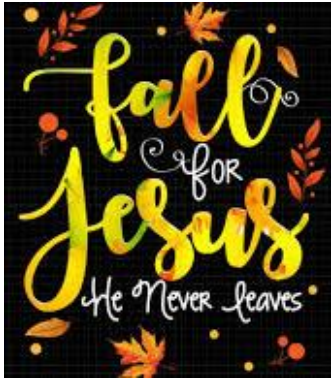


# THE BLADE

*September and October 2024*



*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.*

Happy Fall, Friends!

Counting  
our Blessings

For several weeks this summer, our worship services have focused on David. It is clear that David is very important in the Bible. In the Old Testament, David is referenced over 1,000 times, making him one of the most frequently mentioned characters. The majority of these references are in the books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, where his life is detailed. In the New Testament, David is referenced around 60 times. These references often connect David to Jesus.

As we have learned over these weeks, the life of David offers profound lessons for our church community, highlighting themes of faith, integrity, and repentance. David's victory over Goliath wasn't due to his strength but his trust in God. For our church, this emphasizes that with faith, we can overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges, knowing that God's power is greater than any obstacle we face.

In contrast, the story of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah serves as a sobering reminder of the consequences of sin and the importance of accountability. David's actions led to great suffering- for the people whose lives were affected by his actions and for David himself. We know that even those with a heart after God can fall. For our church community, this teaches the need for vigilance in our actions, the importance of maintaining integrity, and the role of the church in providing accountability, comfort and encouragement in avoiding moral failings.

Lastly, David's relationship with God, especially seen in his repentance and his writings in the Psalms, highlights the importance of a contrite heart. Despite his sins, David's persistence in repentance and willingness to seek forgiveness demonstrates the need for humility and the assurance of God's grace. For our church, this provides a message for ourselves and a message that we should endeavor to share with others about the power of repentance and the unending mercy available to all who seek it.

Yours,  
Robby and Donna





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Please check the website  
<http://www.brookingspresbyterian.org/newsletter.html>  
for the  
"Prison Lighthouse Ministry Newsletter"



### **The Church Office will be closed**

Mondays, Sept. 2 and Oct. 14  
in observance of Federal holidays



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 2024 is \$40.00. 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.

- Sept 1:** Dave & Lucy B, Linda B, Don B
- Sept. 8:** Chad & Diane B & family Tate & Trent, Janet B & LaVonne B
- Sept. 15:** Richard & Dolores C, Ginny C,
- Sept. 22:** Maxine D, Bill & Ann D, Mary E
- Sept. 29:** Bob & Pat F, Robby & Donna F
  
- Oct. 6:** Joel & Bonnie F & family Lynn, Paige, & Gayle, Neal & Julie F
- Oct. 13:** Elizabeth F, Betty G, JoAnn G
- Oct. 20:** Ian & Abby G & Violet, John & Linda G & family Grace & Lottie
- Oct. 27:** Scott & Jennifer H & family Skylar, Saige, & Ramsie; Dean & Sharon

## Session Update

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

Session is considering returning to passing the elements during communion. If you have an opinion on this, please share with a session member. There will be deacon and elder positions to be filled next year. If you are interested in serving in one of these roles, please contact Dan Kemp (dankemp@brookings.net), Nominating committee chair.

Our main church building will turn 125 years old in 2025. If you are interested in planning how to celebrate this event, please contact Robby or Donna.



Respectfully submitted,

Dan Kemp, Clerk of Session  
First Presbyterian Church of Brookings, SD

## *Committee News for September and October*



committee meeting following the Meadow Green party.

The Deacons are hosting a coffee/cookie party for the Presbyterians living at Summerhill and Meadow Green. Members of the congregation are also invited and RSVP would be appreciated but not absolutely required. The Summerhill party will be on Tuesday, **Sept. 17 at 3:00 PM**. The Meadow Green party will be on Tuesday, **Oct. 15 at 3:00 PM**. The Deacons will be having their

Food prices continue to rise, and more people are needing help to feed their family. Monetary donations for the Food Pantry can be placed in the offering plate with a notation on the check.

## Worship Committee



Summer is part of Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar, which is a quiet time for the Worship Committee. We were very pleased to welcome Nara Svec to our committee in August. We would also like to thank the Memorial Fund for purchasing new burgundy pew ropes that can be used to block off pews when needed. These ropes are stored next to the closet by the north doors to the sanctuary.

Pulpit supply includes Elizabeth Fox on Sept 22 and Mark Werner on Oct 27. September 29 is the fifth Sunday of the month – there will be a short worship service followed by a service activity to assemble appreciation baskets for teachers.

# Christian Ed and Fellowship



Thank you to all who attended **Potluck dinner** after church on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Great attendance and delicious food—perfect!

## MISSION AND OUTREACH



### Thank you letters

On our bulletin board are posted thank you letters from the Gideons and Margo's Place (domestic abuse). TAKE A LOOK!!

### Special Offerings

The Presbyterian Church initiates four special offerings to be taken during the year: we have collected for One Great Hour of Sharing donating \$563.00 and Pentecost donating \$485.00. Our next offering will be Peace and Global Witness which runs from Sept. 8 to Oct. 6. These offerings are detailed on the hall bulletin board. TAKE A LOOK!!!

### Cookie Patrol

The county jail is our next-door neighbor and we desire our church to be friendly, accepting, and neighborly. Once a month Robby and a "church baker" deliver cookies (for the staff) to the jail and chat with personnel at the door. Thank you, bakers who have baked cookies ( Nancy T, Donna F, Linda B, Nara S, Beth LA, and Gayle F), and thank you to the future bakers. Check the hall bulletin board to sign up for this opportunity. TAKE A LOOK!!!

### Share the Warmth

The carry-in donation for the month of September is Share the Warmth. As you are cleaning your closets to organize your winter wear, set aside your gently worn coats, outerwear, scarves, hats, boots, mittens/gloves. All sizes are accepted. Just bring them to church during September and place them in the grocery cart.

### Cleaning Supplies

The carry-in donation for the month of October is collecting cleaning supplies for the United Way. Just bring them to church during October and place them in the grocery cart. Thanks for your generosity.

Congratulations!

We have reached our \$200,000 goal and a \$1,000 check has been received from Hy-Vee.

Thank you, Ella, for posting receipts!

Thanks to everyone for bringing them!

Keep bringing your Brookings Hy-Vee receipts as we start collecting for our next \$200,000.00!



Remind

Our church uses the Remind App for periodic communication with members. If you sign up for Remind, you receive periodic texts from us with pertinent church information (weather cancellations, special events, etc.).

If you would like to join, send a text to 81010 and text this message: @gkc8gk



# News You Can Use

## UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Sunday, Sept. 8: **CE/Fellowship Meeting** following worship, 11:15 AM  
Tuesday, Sept. 10: **Finance** via **Zoom** at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, Sept. 12: **Session Meeting** at 7:00 PM at church  
Sunday, Sept. 15: **Worship Meeting** following worship, 11:15 AM  
TBD **Building/Grounds Meeting**

## UPCOMING OCTOBER MEETINGS

Sunday, Oct. 6 : **Mission/Outreach Meeting** following worship, 11:15 AM  
Tuesday, Oct. 8: **Finance** via **Zoom** at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, Oct. 10: **Session Meeting** at 7:00 PM at church  
Sunday, Oct. 13: **Christian Ed/Fellowship Meeting** following worship service  
Tuesday, Oct. 15: **Deacon Meeting** following coffee party at Meadow Green  
Sunday, Oct. 20: **Worship Meeting** following worship service, 11:15 AM  
TBD **Building/Grounds Meeting**

## STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP** 9:30ish AM at First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- PIECES AND PRAYERS (FPC Quilting Group)** starts meeting again on **Tuesday, Sept. 10** from **1:30 to 3:30 PM** and each Tuesday following.
- THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets at 9:30 AM in the Center Meeting Room.
- SISTERHOOD** meets on Thursday, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17 at 11:30 AM at the First Lutheran Mission Coffee House
- MEN'S BROTHERHOOD** on Thursday, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17 at 5:30 PM at the church lounge

## SERVING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

### Sunday Coffee Fellowship

September.: Dan K    October: TBA

#### Liturgists in September

Sept. 1: Judy S  
Sept. 8: Nancy T  
Sept. 15: Dan K  
Sept. 22: Dolores C  
Sept. 29: Carrie VB

#### Liturgists in October

Oct. 6: Nancy O  
Oct. 13: Tanya S  
Oct. 20: Nancy T  
Oct. 27: Rick S



September and October 2024

Andrew L



**Men's Brotherhood Notes:** The Men's Brotherhood met on August 15. We had a delicious meal followed by a program from Dave Miller, Chapter President of Sleep With Heavenly Peace Program, he also manages a program here in the Brookings area where durable medical equipment is donated to him and he passes it through to those in need. He has collected and stored much needed equipment that has help hundreds if not more people in our community. It was a good meeting. The programs Mike finds are always good. It's more than a meal!

I had the opportunity to attend a high school reunion in Aberdeen this past weekend. Aberdeen Central High had its 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. I have never been to a high school reunion before, even of my own school. I graduated from Rapid City High School in 1964, not Aberdeen. I think I probably know more of these folks in Aberdeen than I would know any in Rapid City. So when my good friend Jim called me and invited me to attend a reunion in Aberdeen, I thought sure!! We always have been good friends since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I was his best man at his wedding. We get along famously.

I feel certain many, if not all of you, have attended a school reunion before. This was the 60<sup>th</sup> so my expectations were lowered a bit already. No dusk to dawn drinking and dancing. No big golf outings. Officially post dinner allotted time went only to 10 o'clock. Jim and I and some mutual friends including some I had not seen since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade closed the place out and it was closer to 9:30.

When we arrived we found our table; we had some friends who were already there, and expecting us, and who were reserving our place. Once we settled in we started wandering around and meeting and greeting people. The fun part for me was people who would come up to me and say, "Mel! It is so good to see you. We heard you were ill and might not make it." I hated to break the news to them that I was not Mel. It was not a one-time thing. One person was certain I was a fellow who actually had recently died. I knew who that was and was able to correct them and they were pretty shook up.

My friend Jim and I talk almost non-stop about anything and everything. He has a PHD in Social Psychology and has worked as a teacher, principal and clinician. He travels a lot and had an airplane he flew for several years. But my main take away from this apart from just having fun with Jim, is that I had a great time just talking to people I had never met before, and tried finding something we may have in common to strengthen any bond we might be seeking. God wants us to love everyone. We are all brothers and sisters on this planet. We are family. We may not agree with each other's every thought but that should not stop us from loving each other as we are commanded.

### **Troop 50724 Christine L'Amour**



Our first troop meeting of the year will be Thursday September 12. We will begin planning the year's activities then. My co-troop leader these past 2 years Katie will be moving away soon and I will miss her a lot. I hope that one of the other parents will be able to step up and help. We will be having a fundraiser this fall selling nuts so be thinking about it please. We thank you once again that you are sharing your church facilities with us.

**Feeding South Dakota** provides monthly no cost boxes of groceries for people age 60 or older whose income does not exceed \$1600/month (single person) or \$2200/month (two people). These are distributed through United Way. Brookings United Way is concerned that if enough people do not register, they will lose the program.

Please sign up if you are eligible and share with those you think might be eligible.

To register: 605-692-4979

## **SPECIAL OFFERING**

**September 8 through October 6**

Peace begins with each of us.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Thank you for your participation  
in the Peace & Global Witness Offering



*Thanks for the beautiful yellow rose Bonnie S. brought to my house for my birthday and for her visit. A special thanks for the visits and cards while I was in the hospital. The cupcakes Robby and Donna gave me were delicious. I am thankful for a very caring church family.*

*Dorothy Williamson*



*For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*--John 3:16*



# September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <b>10:00 Worship and Communion</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom</p> <p>BIRTHDAY: Allison M</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>CLOSED LABOR DAY</b></p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY Tom &amp; Jeannie M</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY Richard &amp; Judy S</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom</p> <p><b>CE/Fellowship Mtg</b> following worship service 11:15 AM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces &amp; Prayers</p> <p><b>Finance Mtg</b> 6:30 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>11 <i>Patriot Day</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p><b>Session Mtg</b> at FPC, 7 PM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Arlyce T</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom</p> <p><b>Worship Mtg</b> following worship service 11:15 AM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces &amp; Prayers</p> <p>3:00 <b>Coffee/Cookie Party</b> at Summerhill</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Marvis J</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>11:30 AM <b>Sisterhood</b> at Mission Coffee House 5:30 <b>Men's Brotherhood</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Jeannie M</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <i>Elizabeth Fox</i></p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces &amp; Prayers</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Ella L</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Lynn R</p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Steve VB</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Emma M</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>





# October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers  BIRTHDAY Ann D	2  ANNIVERSARY Dave & Lee P	3 9:30 Bible Study  BIRTHDAY: Chad B Nancy O ANNIVERSARY: Bob & Nancy O	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5  ANNIVERSARY: Roger & Marvis J
6 10:00 <b>Worship/Communion</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom  M/O Mtg following worship 11:15 AM  BIRTHDAY Jan J	7	8 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers  6:30 <b>Finance Mtg</b> via Zoom	9	10 9:30 Bible Study  7 <b>PM Session Meeting</b> at North Mtg Room	11	12
13 10:00 <b>Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom  CE/F Mtg following worship 11:15 AM	14  <b>Office Closed</b> for Federal Holiday	15 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers  <b>BLADE Articles Due</b>  3:00 <b>Coffee/Cookie Party</b> at Meadow Green with <b>Deacon Mtg</b> following	16	17 9:30 Bible Study  11:30 <b>Sisterhood</b> at Mission Coffee House 5:30 <b>Men's Brotherhood</b>	18	19
20 10:00 <b>Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom  Worship Mtg following worship service 11:15 AM	21  BIRTHDAY Michele K Maria M	22 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers	23	24 9:30 Bible Study	25	26  BIRTHDAY Mike M
27 <i>Mark Werner</i> 10:00 <b>Worship</b> in our Sanctuary/Zoom	28	29 9:30 Coffee Group 1:30 Pieces & Prayers	30  BIRTHDAY Maxine D Rick S	31 <i>Reformation Day</i> 9:30 Bible Study	Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday <b>Nov. 3</b> at 2:00 AM  	

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**Return Service Requested**

**Regular Sunday Schedule**  
10:00 am Worship Service

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9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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