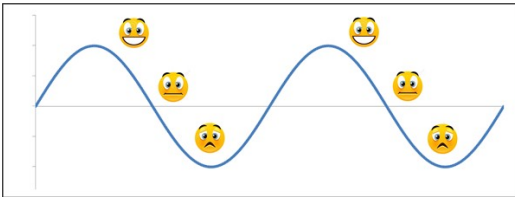


# Our Journey Together



***When times are good, be happy;  
but when times are bad,  
consider this:  
God has made the one  
as well as the other.***

***Ecclesiastes 7:13-14a***

This month will be a bit of a roller coaster emotionally for me. I'm sure that there are many of you who can relate to that feeling. I will be part of celebrations, and days of pain and grief. This month I will celebrate my birthday, the birthday of my husband and father-in-law (and many other friends and relatives), and our anniversary. All of these are cause for deep joy. But, there will be other days, too. It sounds as though none of our kids will be here for Thanksgiving, and while my head knows that that is a part of life, and truly no big deal, my heart wants my kids around my table.

But there is things happening in the life of our denomination this month that will also lead to highs and lows. Before this first week of the month is out, we will have elected new Bishops to order and lead the church, and here in the Dakotas we will learn who our new Bishop will be. This fills me with hope. Having a new leader, when we have been served only by interims for 2 years, feels as though things might settle down a bit.

Then, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, clergy and lay delegates from across the Dakotas will gather for a special called Annual Conference. The purpose of this conference is to vote to allow certain churches to leave our denomination. The last I heard, we will be voting on 18 or 19 churches. This breaks my heart. It feels like a kind of divorce or even like a death. These are churches that I have served, worshipped in, prayed for, been nurtured by. These are clergy persons who have been friends as well as colleagues. I truly hate the division within our denomination right now, even as I do not see another way forward.

But, as the book of Ecclesiastes (one of the pieces of Wisdom Literature in the Bible) reminds us, God has made the good days and the hard days. We should rejoice and give God thanks for both. For on the good days, we are full of joy and hope and wonder, and on the bad days we are reminded to place our trust and our hope in God alone, and we can draw closer to God.

So, thanks be to God for the roller coaster month ahead. I know that God will see us through.

Pastor Teresa

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## Content Due

Do you have items you would like included in next month's newsletter? If so, please have them into the church office no later than Nov 21.



**Fall Festival of Music**  
**Nov. 6 3:00 pm**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**Featuring area choirs**  
**Free will donations benefiting**  
**Hands of Hope**



*Monthly  
Financial  
Report*

**Financial Update  
from Administrative**

**Financial Update as of September 30, 2022:**

2022 General Fund Income Year to Date: \$182,833.11  
2022 General Fund Expenses Year to Date: \$129,247.89  
General Fund Difference: \$53,585.22

**Birthdays:**

Nov 1 Jeff Moncur  
Nov 2 Maxon Conkey  
Nov 2 Steve Danburg  
Nov 2 Kirstyn Ward  
Nov 2 Teresa Whetsel  
Nov 5 Jaime Russell  
Nov 6 Allison Ryckman  
Nov 6 Judy Jenner  
Nov 11 Beth Palmer  
Nov 11 Hunter Russell  
Nov 14 Diedre Becker  
Nov 18 Rod Wagner  
Nov 18 Virgil Whetsel  
Nov 20 Madison Kopecky  
Nov 24 Julie Hoftiezer  
Nov 24 Easton Palmer  
Nov 26 JoAnn Morford  
Nov 27 Duane Aymar  
Nov 27 Eric Bertsch  
Nov 28 Barry Grogan











**NOVEMBER**  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Anniversaries:**

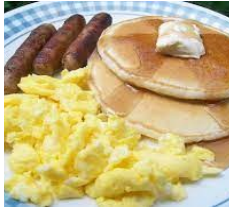
Nov 7 Barry & Tamie Grogan  
Nov 9 Virgil & Teresa Whetsel  
Nov 14 Mike & Rhonda Hasart  
Nov 27 Doug & Janice Purrington  
Nov 29 Terry & Marsha Howard  
Nov 30 Lloyd & Paula Schwartz

*Thanks be  
to God!*

# November 2022

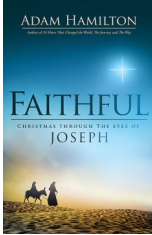
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday Nov 6</p> 		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6</p>  <p>Fall Community Concert 3:00 pm Miller UMC</p>	7	8  <p>Ranch Cafe 1:30pm</p>	9  <p>Leadership Team 5:00pm</p>	10	11	12
13	14 	15 	16  <p>Work Day 10-2:00 Trinity Lutheran</p>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24  <p>Church Office Closed</p>	25	26
<p>27</p>  <p>6pm Thanksgiving Svc</p>	28	29  <p>Food Truck Noon-1pm</p>	30			

## Hunters Breakfast



Thank you everyone for all the help you gave for yet another successful Hunters Breakfast. Over the two days 22 volunteers served 213 people. The money taken in was \$2137 with \$701.25 for expenses giving a profit of \$1435.75. It will be decided at the next Leadership Team meeting where the money will be given.

### Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 27.



Pastor Teresa's sermon series and our Advent book study will center around Adam Hamilton's book "Faithful—Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" Books are available now in the office for \$15



Thanksgiving  
Worship

The Hand County Ministerial  
Association

Will hold their annual

**Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Sunday, Nov 20th 6pm at Trinity  
Lutheran Church



*Decorate the Church*

Sunday, Nov 20th, after worship,  
please stay to help us decorate the  
church for Advent.

### Bible Quiz!

Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre

Answer: A (See Ezra 1:1-4.)



## BEAU KEETER MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

**MONDAY, NOV 14**

10:00am - 2:30pm

**TUESDAY, NOV 15**

12:30pm - 6:00pm

**SET UP YOUR LIFESAVING APPOINTMENT TODAY:**  
Chris Keeter @ 605-204-0577 or chrissyk700@yahoo.com

## READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - NOVEMBER READINGS

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	Joel 1 -2:17	Hebrews 3	Psalms 119:137-144
2	Joel 2:18-Joel 3	Hebrews 4:1-13	Psalms 119:145-152
3	Ezekiel 1, Ezekiel 2, Ezekiel 3	Hebrews 4:14-5:10	Psalms 119:153-160
4	Ezekiel 4, Ezekiel 5, Ezekiel 6	Hebrews 5:11-6:12	Proverbs 26:23-27:4
5	Ezekiel 7, Ezekiel 8, Ezekiel 9	Hebrews 6:13-7:10	Psalms 119:161-168
6	Ezekiel 10, Ezekiel 11, Ezekiel 12	Hebrews 7:11-28	Psalms 119:169-176
7	Ezekiel 13, Ezekiel 14, Ezekiel 15	Hebrews 8	Psalms 120:1-7
8	Ezekiel 16	Hebrews 9:1-15	Proverbs 27:5-14
9	Ezekiel 17, Ezekiel 18	Hebrews 9:16-28	Psalms 121:1-8
10	Ezekiel 19 -20:44	Hebrews 10:1-18	Psalms 122:1-9
11	Ezekiel 20:45-Ezekiel 22:22	Hebrews 10:19-39	Psalms 123:1-4
12	Ezekiel 22:23- Ezekiel 23	Hebrews 11:1-16	Proverbs 27:15-22
13	Ezekiel 24, Ezekiel 25	Hebrews 11:17-40	Psalms 124:1-8
14	Ezekiel 26, Ezekiel 27	Hebrews 12:1-13	Psalms 125:1-5
15	Ezekiel 28, Ezekiel 29	Hebrews 12:14-29	Psalms 126:1-6
16	Ezekiel 30, Ezekiel 31	Hebrews 13	Proverbs 27:23-28:-6
17	Ezekiel 32, Ezekiel 33:1-20	James 1	Psalms 127:1-5
18	Ezekiel 33:21-33, Ezekiel 34, Ezekiel 35	James 2	Psalms 128:1-6
19	Ezekiel 36, Ezekiel 37	James 3	Psalms 129:1-8
20	Ezekiel 38, Ezekiel 39	James 4	Proverbs 28:7-17
21	Ezekiel 40	James 5	Psalms 130:1-8
22	Ezekiel 41, Ezekiel 42	1 Peter 1 -2:3	Psalms 131:1-3
23	Ezekiel 43, Ezekiel 44	1 Peter 2:4-25	Psalms 132:1-18
24	Ezekiel 45, Ezekiel 46	1 Peter 3	Proverbs 28:18-28
25	Ezekiel 47, Ezekiel 48	1 Peter 4	Psalms 133:1-3
26	Daniel 1 - Daniel 2:23	1 Peter 5	Psalms 134:1-3
27	Daniel 2:24-3:12	2 Peter 1	Psalms 135:1-12
28	Daniel 3:13-4:18	2 Peter 2	Proverbs 29:1-9
29	Daniel 4:19- 5:16	2 Peter 3	Psalms 135:13-21
30	Daniel 5:17- 6:a28	1 John 1, 1 John 2	Psalms 136:1-12



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## Gratitude Galore

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"



King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."