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Heritage Sunday will be celebrated October 27. We honor all our members who have belonged to the church for 50 years or more.



Heritage Sunday



Pastor's Office Hours

Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday 9-12
 Afternoons by appointment



Church Secretary

Office Hours
 Monday-Friday
 8-12
 May be gone to the doctor with Mom

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Brian's Beacon

Today I like to do a word study on the Greek word (aiteo)-or (ask). In the book of James, we find this word used in conjunction with wisdom. James tells us to (ask) God for the wisdom we need, the Greek tense used is a command. This plainly means God isn't suggesting that we come to Him for wisdom; He is commanding us to do so! The person Who asks (aiteo) may insist or demand that a certain need be met, but he approaches his superior with respect and honor as he or she makes their request a very strong request. The word also expresses the idea that the one asking has a full expectation to receive what has been firmly requested.

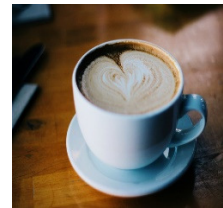
I like to put this with our prayer request. When we go to prayer we need to (aiteo) be seeking God for wisdom with the prayer request. God, in turn, is faithful and will answer our request based on our need. Of course, we do not always receive what we want but we should ask with (aiteo) a very strong intent with wisdom. And yes, God will give us the right answer.

One of the things I really like in our worship service is the time we take in prayer, believing and seeking God for others and wisdom in our lives and for other people.

As we move into fall, please take the time to pray for our church people, their families, our coming elections, our nation, and our world.

So as in the book of James, let's have faith and wisdom and seek our Lord.

Pastor Brian High



PS. Enjoy the season with pumpkin coffee and prayer!

September 15 was Rally Day and Commissioning of Teachers. Kay Neuharth, Faith Development, led the commissioning part of the service. Teachers this year are: Tom McConnell, Susan Allyn, Darlene Korthals, Jane Uzzell and Pastor Brian High. Cupcakes were enjoyed during Fellowship time.



Poinsettias

This year Shamrock Nursery will be offering poinsettias in a 7 1/2” pot for \$16.75. We are able to get them in red, white, jingle bell or ice crystal. Please indicate your color and if you would like a message in the bulletin for the season. Orders need to be in by **October 27.**

- red
- white
- jingle bell
- ice crystal

Order for: _____

Message:

Jingle Bell



Ice Crystal





Book Club will meet October 9 at 10 AM. Pizza will be the topic. The books can be found in Fellowship Hall or you can contact Jane Uzzell.

Funny for the Month

At a dude ranch in Texas, the cowboy asked my wife if she wanted a Western or English saddle. “What’s the difference?” she asked. “One has a horn and one doesn’t,” he said. “The one without the horn is fine. I don’t expect we’ll run into too much traffic.”

For Sale– We still have the Fitness Reality exercise bike for sale. In like new condition. \$50 or best offer Contact Mike Synovec at 402-379-4042 if you are interested



Do you go grocery shopping? At Lou's? At HyVee? **We have an easy way to bump up your donation to the church budget--use a Lou's or HyVee gift card when you go shopping or get gas. You can buy them Sundays in Fellowship Hall. We currently get \$25, \$50 and \$100 gift cards.**

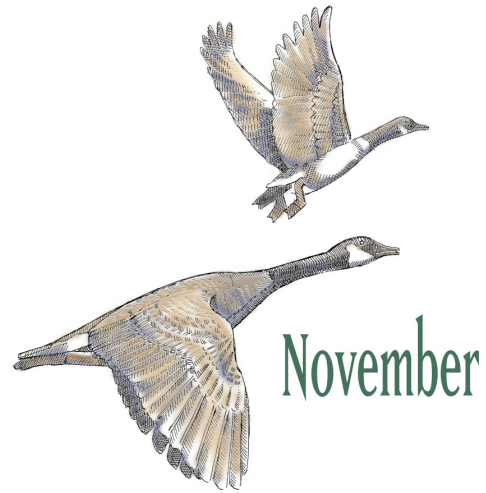
See you at the table in Fellowship Hall! Questions? Leave a message for Jane Uzzell at (402) 640-6623.



 **OCTOBER**
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversary

2nd Gene and Darlene Korthals



October 6

Communion: Ben Uzzell and Susan Surber

Ushers: Rita Woodard and Mike Synovec

Greeters: Verletta Olson and Reese Uzzell

Reader: Susan Allyn

Leader: Randy Neuharth

Flowers: Gene and Darlene Korthals

October 13

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Scott and Lori Williams

Reader: Tom McConnell

Flowers:

October 20

Ushers: Pat Jenny and Verletta Olson

Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Reader: Kay Neuharth

Flowers:

October 27

Ushers: Tom McConnell and Barb Koenig

Greeters: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Reader: Lori Williams

Flowers:

November 3

Communion: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Ushers: Bonnie Dewell and Grace Uzzell

Greeters: Mike Synovec and Jane Uzzell

Reader: Grace Uzzell

Leader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers: Scott and Lori Williams

November 10

Ushers: Jane Uzzell and Reese Uzzell

Greeters: Darlene Korthals and Pat Jenny

Reader: Verletta Olson

Flowers: Mark and Vicki Walker

November 17

Ushers: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Greeters: Barb Koenig and Susan Surber

Reader: Reese Uzzell

Flowers:

November 24

Ushers: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Greeters: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Reader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers:

Please notify the office if you are not able to attend a service.

September

From 9/1/24 through 9/30/24

This does not include the offering for 9-29-24

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ -6,419.99
Transfer from savings	\$ 10,200.00
Study Materials	\$ 55.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 8,541.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 12,376.01
Salary	--\$ 6,514.30
Church Maintenance	—\$ 1,687.80
Office Expenses	—\$ 685.27
Faith Development	----\$ 6.40
Substitute Organist	—\$ 210.00
LWA annual dues	—\$ 266.00
Insurance	—\$ 950.67
<u>Renner's</u>	<u>—\$ 500.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 2,555.57



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

9 Sunday
School
10:15 Worship

GS 6-7:30

10 Book club
Youth Group
6:30 PM

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

9 Sunday
School
10:15 Worship

GS 5:30-7

5:15 PM Faith
Development

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

9 Sunday
School
10:15 Worship

GS 6-7:30

Youth Group
6:30 PM

27 28 29 30 31

9 Sunday
School
10:15 Worship

GS 5:30-7

Unity Council

Poinsettia order
due

▶ November 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

End Daylight
Savings Time
9 Sunday
School
10:15 Worship

GS 6-7:30

Youth Group
6:30 PM

Sue in Omaha
for dr's appt

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

9 Sunday
School
10:15 Worship

GS 5:30-7

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Thanksgiving
Eve service

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