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The Official Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Hayfield

What's coming up!



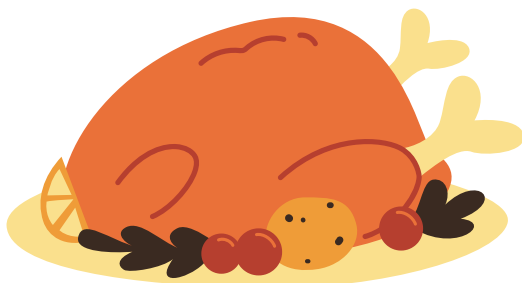
Nov 1 Worship with Communion

Nov 4 PFP & Session

**Nov 8 Children's Special Music
& Stewardship Potluck**

Nov 15 Thanksgiving in a bag due

Nov 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service
6:30 pm at Sacred Heart



A few notes to note

-Join us on the 8th for worship to enjoy the singing of our children and then a potluck to follow.

-Making donations for "Thanksgiving in a Bag" can be made until the 15th. For details see the flyer in the entryway or contact Nancy Dahlen or Pastor Brad.

-Because of the high cost of postage, the third quarter financial statements will not be mailed out this year. If you would like a copy of your statement, please call Ruth Santjer at [507-477-2339](tel:507-477-2339) and she will send it to you. Year-end statements will be available the beginning of January. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!
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ON MAKING IT TO STATE
FOR CROSS COUNTRY AGAIN!**



FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

November is here!! There are lots of different reasons to be excited; some are true for most of us, like looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday; some are not as important to everyone, like having a daughter turn 13; but I think one that is going to make many of our lives a little better is that soon November 3 will be here and that means no more election ads for at least a few months! Now I know that elections and voting are very important and it is a big part of living in a free country but I think most of us agree that the amount of text message, phone calls, tv ads, mailings and news coverage of it all can be a bit overwhelming. I don't think I realized until this year the "blessing" we all have living in a local news area that covers areas in two different states, which means ads for TWO different states!

Now I'm not writing this month to tell you who to vote for (that would essentially just be giving you one more advertisement) but I am interested in thinking a little bit about what it says about us that campaigning has turned into the crazy circus that it has. One big thing that seems to be a clear belief of campaigns is that negative sells better than positive. Think about the commercials and flyers that are on repeat recently and the message seems to be that you should be extremely worried about what

candidate A is going to do, so you had better vote for me, candidate B. I realize that there are sometimes good reasons to point out the negatives of another side, but I wonder if mostly it happens because advertisers and campaigns know that we humans are easily manipulated through fear. Fear of what might happen can quickly overwhelm and squash any positive feelings of hope a person might have. Speaking of hope, I don't have a lot of hope that this type of negative campaigning is going to stop in future elections anytime soon, but I think as Christians we can try to make our decisions, both in voting and in life in general, based on more positive attributes like love and compassion.

What drives us to make the decisions that we do can be a huge factor in deciding if our lives are ones of hope or of fear. Probably the one biggest factor in deciding the kind of outlook our lives have is what we think of when we think of God. Are our first thoughts about God focused on God's love and mercy or are our first thoughts of God revolving around fear of God's judgment and wrath? Some might say 'aren't we supposed to fear the Lord?', and yes there are Bible verses about that, but it is not the kind of fear that we see advertised all around us, but instead is more of an acknowledgement of God's greatness and being in awe.

When we are able to think about God as primarily love, then we are better able to have positive thoughts and feelings about God's creation, including all people. So as the commercials and ads fade away this week, do enjoy the peace and quiet, but let it also be a reminder of how we need to guard our hearts and minds from being swayed by the world's ways of fear and instead be led by the Spirit of love and compassion, which leads to a fruitful hopeful life .

Blessings,
Brad

Thank you!
VOLUNTEERS

November 1

Lay Leader	Dave Santjer
Usher/Greeter	Tom & LaVae
Coffee Hour	Tom & LaVae
Counters	Joe & Jack

November 8

Lay Leader	Maggie Kramer
Usher/Greeter	Bryon & Angie
Coffee Hour	STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK
Counters	Jack & John

November 15

Lay Leader	Dave Livingston
Usher/Greeter	Jon & Kim
Coffee Hour	Kristi Jacobsen
Counters	John & Tyler

November 22

Lay Leader	Jenna Johnson
Usher/Greeter	Jodi Good
Coffee Hour	Dave & Ruth
Counters	Tyler & Jim

November 29

Lay Leader	LaVae Kramer
Usher/Greeter	Dan & Melissa
Coffee Hour	Bryon & Angie
Counters	Jim & Nancy

**Happy
Birthday!**

Nov 1 - Jeff Krekling

- Sharon Roberts

Nov 3 - Carson Kramer

Nov 4 - Rachel Johnson

Nov 7 - Collins Kramer

- Lawson Kramer

Nov 8 - Jodi Good

Nov 9 - Sandy Krekling

Nov 12 - John Kruger

Nov 14 - Marli Kramer

Nov 16 - Eve Reese

Nov 17 - Beau Olson

Nov 19 - Natalee Heydt

Nov 21 - Ruby Vander Waal

**Happy
Anniversary!**

Nov 19 - Gary & Dawn Allen



FINANCE NOTES

Our PFP committee is aware that many basics in our lives have risen in cost in recent times and we are thankful for all that you graciously give to our church to cover our costs. We also want to make everyone aware of where we are pertaining our church budget. Fortunately our expenses are staying close to what was budgeted. The challenge is that after 9 months our income was about \$20,000 short of expenses, and we are on pace to end 2026 about \$25,000 short of budget.

Again, we are grateful for all your gifts, both financial and in other ways! FYI, one thing I learned this week, farmers are able to donate grains directly to their local church here at the local elevator.



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