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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 a.m.
TUESDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
THURSDAY: Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.

January



JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 Prayer in the Nursery 9:30 am Worship 	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 9:15 Prayer in the Nursery 9:30 am Worship	9 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting	10	11	12 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	13	14
15 9:15 Prayer in the Nursery 9:30 am Worship	16	17 9:30 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Adult Bible Study	18	19 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	20 2:00 Lamplighters	21
22 9:15 Prayer in the Nursery 9:30 am Worship	23 1:00 pm Women of Emmanuel	24 9:30 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Adult Bible Study	25	26 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	27	28
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DECEMBER REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
12/4	46	12	\$2,844.80
12/11	NO SERVICE HELD		
12/18	34	12	\$2,585.00
12/25	36	16	\$2,868.50

2022 Year to Date received: *\$136,971.23

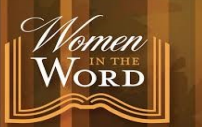
*2022 Budgeted Amount: *\$138,224.00

Amount Needed Per Sunday: *\$2,658.00

*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Jake Hawkins & Dave Daggett



Ladies, the book of the month for
JANUARY is **PROVERBS**.

Women of Emmanuel

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 @ 1:00 P.M.

Women of Emmanuel will be gathering in the library for an informational session to see what we want to achieve in 2023. Please bring your ideas and your prayers with you.

*We wish you
a Blessed
New Year!*

He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the hearts of men;
yet they cannot fathom what God has done
from beginning to end. - ECCLESIASTES 3:11

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Fern Best
- Grace Larsen
- 9 Mavis Hawkins
- 10 Matthew Graham
- 10 Ellen Dawley
- 18 David Behrends
- 22 Melanie Best
- 27 Beth Thoreson
- 29 Kim Gardner (Rose)

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Michael & DeEtt Wise
- 20 Robert & Audrey Harris
- 25 Dave & Paulette Daggett

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE
FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO
HAVE PASSED AWAY IN
THE LAST FIVE YEARS

1/3/21 Bob Kilborn

You Are Invited

Together with their families

Addison Marie Thie & Joshua Steve Brenner

Request the honor of your presence

To celebrate their marriage

Saturday, January 7, 2023 @ 2pm

Lakota Events Hall

46954 272nd St

Tea, SD

Please RSVP

Theknot.com/thiebrenner

What are You Up To?

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19, NLT)

I find it amusing that in Isaiah's prophecy, God asks His people, "Don't you get it?" He's saying, "I'm at work among you, how is it you don't see it?"

In order to see it, we need to ask our Father, "God, what are you up to?" We ask to join Him in what He is doing.

The question is more likely to come up at a time when we're in transition. A change has been forced upon us and we wonder what God wants to accomplish in us.

Sometimes we're guilty of trying to go our own way and then ask for God's approval. We've struck out on our own strength, but we're hoping He'll come along and bless us with His strength.

That seems backwards. I had a good friend and colleague who had things in proper order. He would pray, "God, I don't ask You to bless what I am doing, I ask that I may do what You are blessing." We are on a more faithful foundation for living if we approach our decision-making that way. Whether we're making decisions as a church or for ourselves, our heart's desire should be to discover God's leading and follow that revelation with our obedience. A more joyful and productive life will be the result.

How do we discern what God is blessing? It starts with prayer, asking God to reveal it to us. It continues in having eyes and ears open to sense the people and places who

manifest the joy of the Lord by doing things that are biblically correct and exemplify the love of the Lord. Ask yourself if that ministry could use someone with your Spiritual Gifts. If yes, explore further and give it a try. With patience, and by trial and error, we can sort out our place(s) of service to the Lord.

The start of a new year is a natural enough time to start a new thing. Around new year's our thoughts easily go to looking back at the year just passed and expectantly hope for more and better in the year to come. It makes sense, at the beginning of this new year, to inquire of the Lord and seek His leading in whatever His will holds for you.

In addition to that annual frame of mind, we are facing our third new year under a pandemic. I am challenged to see what God is doing in a trying situation and be part of the solution. How about you?

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