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LOVING PRESENCE

"For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes."

This is a famous quote from Dag Hammarskjold, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations. He was the first thinker to establish the concept of an international public official and an international leader recognized by international politicians and leaders. In the 1950s, when the whole world conflicted with each other due to the Cold War, his leadership innovatively solved complex international problems drew attention from all over the world, making the phrase popular in the diplomatic world, "Leave it to Dag."

On September 18, 1961, he died in a plane crash. The plane of the UN Secretary-General on his way to arbitrating peace negotiations to end the civil war in Congo crashed over an African jungle, killing all of the passengers on board, including him. At the time, suspicions arose that it was an assassination, not an accident. It was because there were obviously forces that do not like the peace he was trying to achieve. But there was no evidence.

Instead, something was 'discovered' at the scene of the accident. It was the "inner world" of the Secretary-General who was so dedicated to the peace of the world that John F. Kennedy, the former president of the United States, described him as "the greatest politician of this century" and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize after his death. His briefcase found contained two books he took with him as he went to the middle of the bloody conflict. One is the Bible, and the other is a famous Christian classic called The Imitation of Christ written by Thomas a Kempis.

The fact that the Bible and the book of a medieval monk were in the briefcase of the UN Secretary-General, who was going to solve the fierce and complex realities of the modern world, gives us great meaning. His diary, published as a book called 'Markings', shows the inner world of a talented activist who traveled to conflict sites around the world at the time and struggled to achieve peace "if I could."

His ultimate concern, at the center of his inner world, was to know God more and walk with Him every day. This shows his inner driving force that was not shaken by power, not tired of endless conflicts and hatred in the world, but able to lead the world's many problems to God's peace.

In Dag's words, gratitude for the past and hope and positivity for the future are revealed, which are difficult for those who have been at the forefront of many conflicts in the world, "For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes."

Today, many Christians are not much interested in the Bible or Christian classics such as The Imitation of Christ because they do not seem to have anything to do with today's busy life. Our immediate interest is in politics, the economy, real estate, sports, and Social Network Services like Facebook, which seem most relevant to our busy lives today.

However, what can help us say "Thanks" for the past days and "Yes" for the days to come like Dag, amid the countless crises of the past lives, or toward the fear of uncertainty about the days to come?

Politics? Economy? Real Estate? Sports? Relationships? They all are critical parts of our lives today yet cannot be the center of our lives because they are always changing according to the situation and circumstance. Only faith in the Creator God and a good relationship with Him, whose love for us never changes, bring us unchanging gratitude and hope today.

To pass the eventful 2022 with 'Thanks' and enter 2023 with 'Yes,' what we most need will be a life that draws us closer to God. Let us have a passion for knowing His word and building a close relationship with Him through daily reading the Bible and having quiet time for meditating in our daily life with His word.

I hope and pray that 2023 will be a year overflowing with thanks and hope in God for all of you. Happy New Year!

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16, NRSV)

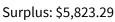


# FINANCIAL UPDATE

BY: PATRICIA HUGHES - FINANCIAL CHAIR

Financial update from the Finance Committee through end of Nov 2022:

Giving: \$159,686.26 Expenses: \$153,862.07





We do have a positive cash balance of \$4,995.31.

Please remember you can mail a check into the church or drop one off using the mailbox in the alley. You can give online, looking for the updated link on our Facebook page or you can go to our website at www.havelockumc.org. Of course if you're attending church you can put one in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact me at 4024407512 if you have any questions or need help setting up your online giving.

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our church will be hosting a Nebraska Community Blood Bank blood drive on Thursday, January 26th and Friday January 27th. Please contact the NCBB at 402-486-9414 to schedule an appointment to donate!

We collected 20 pairs of socks, 49 pairs of mittens and gloves, and 26 hats to donate to the children of the Head Start program. Thank you to everyone who donated items for this worthy cause!

~ Leona Frerichs

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING - JANUARY 15

Human Relations Day special offering Sunday. These offerings help support community and youth outreach through community development, voluntary services, and youth offender rehabilitation programs.

The next

Last Wednesday

Community Supper

will be held on

Wednesday, January

25th from 5:00 pm 
6:00 pm. This will be a

grab-and-go meal.

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Join us for coffee and refreshments before worship on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 am.

If you are interested in buying SCRIP cards contact Pati Hughes at 402-440-7512 for delivery or pick-up options. You can also purchase the SCRIP cards on Sunday morning in the East hall.

Our church receives a

The 2023 Flower Calendar has been placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.

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# PLEASE KEEP US **UPDATED!**

Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage, illness, or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized  $BIRTH\ ANNOUNCEMENT$ or needs our prayers. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual call, the church office (402-466-6736), Beth Honnen (402-466-5722), or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.

## THANK YOU!

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Thank you to everyone who donated items for our adopted family this Christmas. We were able to bless each family member with several items off their list!

We are pleased to announce that Andy and Ashley Krei welcomed their newest daughter, Aelin Krei, into the world on Tuesday, December 6th. Both Ashley and Aelin are doing great!

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the loved ones we've lost over the last few months. Church members who have passed away: Roger Steider

Jean Heiser Marjorie Smith Lois Anderson Addie Mae Criswell Harold Kunkee Mel King

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We extend our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.

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We are currently looking for people to join our vocal choir, bell choir, and Ignite praise band. If you are interested, please contact the church office.