



THE PARISH NEWS



November, 2017

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Our Mission. . . "Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."

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November is known for a lot of things in and out of the church. We have the beginning of hunting season. People are in the process of cleaning up their yards, getting them ready for the winter months. More and more stores gear up for the Christmas shopping season. The end of November or the first of December also marks the end of the church year and we transition from the season of Pentecost to the season of Advent.

In the middle of all of this is the day of Thanksgiving, which is actually a public holiday, but which has also been incorporated into the church schedule. We have set aside this one day as a day to give thanks for the past year. There are a few things that happen on this day which may distract us from its main purpose. Many people have called it "Turkey Day", referring to the fact that many people make a large meal which often includes turkey. Then there is football that you can watch most of the afternoon and into the evening. Many stores use Thanksgiving Day as the beginning of their Christmas shopping. And there are probably a few things that we have not mentioned.

When you check out "thanksgiving" or "giving thanks" in the God's Word, one of the passages you will find is from Ephesians 5 "...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ....". One day a year is not enough. We are to give thanks always and for everything. Every day is to be a day for giving thanks.

When you look at more passages, you will find that Jesus gives thanks before giving out the loaves of bread and fish when he fed the 5000. Jesus gives thanks at the Last Supper as he blesses the bread and wine before he gives it to His disciples. The Apostle Paul gives thanks for the Christians in Ephesians – for their faith and for their faithfulness in their service.

When I was growing up, our family began our meals with a table prayer and then we ended with this prayer, "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever."

Ok, time for me to quit and for you to stop and think – What am I thankful for? Maybe even do it as part of your thanksgiving meal this year. And I realize that many of you reading this are going through a particularly tough time in your life. Still – in spite of that, and in the middle of that – the Lord encourages us to give thanks to Him – if nothing else – for his love, forgiveness, and salvation.

"Always and for everything give thanks to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

See you at worship!

Pastor Erik Johnson

From the first centuries after Christ, Christians who died a martyr's death were considered saints, who live in God's presence forever. Every year, on the anniversary of the martyrs' deaths, Christians would visit their tombs and celebrate the Eucharist. This practice grew throughout the centuries to include remembering other outstanding Christians on the days they died. Soon the entire calendar was filled with memorials of the saints. In the ninth century, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as the day to remember all the saints living in God's presence.



November 1st is All Saints' Day and November 5th All Saints' Sunday. We remember our First Lutheran members who have gone before us from November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017. As of the printing of this newsletter we remember the following First Lutheran saints:

Vi Vranna
Janice Lorentzen
Clark Ness
Margaret Martin
Ray Sheldon
John Holznagel

Dear Father,

You have given the saints in heaven eternal happiness and they now live in the fullness of your glory. Because of their holy love for you, they also care about me and my family, my friends, my church, and my neighbors. Thank you for the gift of their friendship and the witness of their holy lives. I ask our patron saints and every saint who has become especially dear to me to intercede for us. I ask them to help us journey safely on the narrow path that leads to heaven. O Lord, give us their protection. Grant us their assistance in overcoming temptation and gaining the fullness of life with you.

Amen.

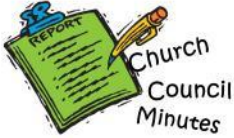
FLCW SALE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Your help is need:
Friday, November 17th to make
Lefse and Saturday, November 18th
to make Kuchen



Friday, November 17th is lefse making day beginning at 9:00 am. People are needed to form the balls, roll, use the griddle, cut, package, help with cleanup, etc. There will be something for you to do if you show up. If you have questions or know that you can come, please give Donna Kroll a call.

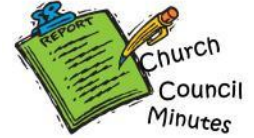


Join us on Saturday, November 18th, at 9:00 am to help make kuchen. Help is needed making the dough and custard, getting fruit ready for the kuchen, etc. Contact Sylvia Thompson if you have questions or know you are able to come and help.



OCTOBER 16, 2017

(Please note that minutes are not approved until voted on by the council at the next month's meeting.)



- President Brent Petersen called the meeting to order.
- Members Present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Brent Petersen, Dick Bickert, Kathy Keller, Alyson Teigen, Brenda Suckow, Donna Sommer, Emily Retterath also present was Jeannette Rost. Absent: Aaron Vorland, Suzanne Swanson
- Pastor Erik led in devotions.
- Donna/Alyson motioned to approve the September minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- Emily/Brenda motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of accounts as of October 16, 2017 is as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Checking | 17,522.03 |
| Building | 16,884.56 |
| Cemetery | 617.40 |
| Interest | 1,637.70 |
| Music | 524.24 |
| Parking Lot | 38,366.25 |
| Worship | 1,544.56 |
| Morgan Stanley Smith Barney | 11,992.40 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$89,089.14 |

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastoral Acts
 - Funeral: October 4 – John Holznagel
 - Wedding: October 7 – Jody Brown and Nicole Kroll
 - LCMC Annual Gathering: October 8-11
 - Baptism: October 15 – Ashton & Ember Block
- Visitation
 - Home – 4
 - Nursing Home – 2
 - Hospital – 5
- Pastor thanked the council for the Pastor appreciation gift. Kathryn loved the flowers as well.
- Bob Nordvall is coming to speak about East European Missions Network on October 22 at our worship service. Pastor would like to have offering in the back for him.
- Pastor will be out of town on November 5th for the baptism of their granddaughter in Idaho. Pastor Walt Wolff will be filling in for him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- Raise the Roof – there is a new thermometer posted.

WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

- N/A

EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- Sunday School kids will be singing October 29 and November 19.

EVANGELISM – Emily Retterath

- Committee met last week regarding Reformation Sunday. They will be handing out a prayer card, ordered flowers and a banner will be outside of the church.

PROPERTY – Aaron Vorland

- The new church sign is up.
- There were elevator problems last week and we need to replace the circuit board downstairs. Earlier in the year the board was replaced upstairs.

Old Business

- We have \$868.13 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Fall church clean up – Brent will talk to Jared and Sharon about fall clean up. Dick asked if he could help with the project. Brent will follow up with Jared and come up with a list for volunteers to sign up for.

New Business

- Labor of Love will again be doing a Thanksgiving Dinner here at First Lutheran on Thanksgiving Day, November 23.
- Do we want to lock the 2017 prices with OSI for the parsonage for 2018? Need to let them know by Thanksgiving. If we prepay by 1/31/18 we save 10%. Kathy/Dick motioned to prepay to get the discount. Motion approved.
- Rudy Lundberg estate left part of their coal royalty to the church. The dollars were designated to the parking lot fund by previous council members. Kathy/Dick motioned to use these

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funds for the Raise the Roof fund and in the future we will use for building improvements. Motion approved.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Transfer In:

- None

Transfer Out:

- Raegen, Reese, Raleigh & Ryden Adams to Peace Church of New Salem, ND
- Glenn & Ruth Goetz to Atonement Lutheran Church of Fargo, ND
- Emily/Brenda motioned to approve the transfers out. Motion approved.

Next meeting will be held Monday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Budget meeting will be held Monday, November 13th at 5:00 p.m.

President Brent adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Alyson Teigen
Secretary



Check out the new church sign and cross created and installed by A & C Land Development. As soon as the light is working we will put the flag on the new flag pole.



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, October 1 to Sunday, October 22)

| <u>Fund given to & by whom</u> | <u>In Memory of</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Raise the Roof | \$635.00 |
| Rick & LeAnn Richard | John Holznagel |
| Bob & Sandra Weisgarber | Adam Peltier |
| A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (4 times) | Keith Kuntz |
| Larry & Kathy Keller | Paula Rogers |
| Steve & Peggy Wollmuth | Rita McCreary |
| Sharon Chrest | John Holznagel |
| Janet Carvell, Monte & Victoria Carvell | |
| Brenda Jones & Kevin Cobb | Dorothy Kitterman |
| Elray & Lynette Sondrol | John Holznagel |
| Bill & Pat Lindell | John Holznagel |
| Sylvia Thompson | John Holznagel |
| Mary Ann Beeks | John Holznagel |
| Wes Sauer | John Holznagel |
| Kris & Melanie Beckman | Paula Rodgers |
| Dick & Kitty Tweeten | Rita McCreary |
| George & Val Swanson | Rita McCreary |
| Brad & Cathy Sheldon | Rita McCreary |
| General Fund | \$115.00 |
| Alton & Brenda Krebsbach | Leland Gross |
| | Clarence & Irene Krebsbach |
| | Cody Krebsbach |
| Mac & Judy Beaudry | John Holznagel |
| Dick & Carla Bickert | John Holznagel |
| Dick & Carla Bickert | Elna Haagenson |
| Bob & Sandra Weisgarber | John Holznagel |
| Music | \$35.00 |
| Terry & Norma Petersen | John Holznagel |
| Arden & Sande Wagner | Duane Kisse |
| Parking Lot Fund | \$35.00 |
| Alton & Brenda Krebsbach | John Holznagel |
| Elmer & Arlene Schwarz | John Holznagel |
| Sunday School | \$25.00 |
| Steve & Peggy Wollmuth | John Holznagel |

LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER

December 2 - Advent Breakfast - 9:30 am

December 10 - Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Sunday School Christmas Program @ 10:30 am followed by brunch served by FLY

December 17 - Cantata @ 2:30 pm followed by Christmas Goodies

HOPE FOR OUR HEROES The Military BibleStick



**Sunday, November 12th
First Lutheran will have a
special offering for the
Military BibleSticks. \$25
pays for one BibleStick.**

Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom and helping to fight the war on terror.

Many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines live in cramped quarters with other personnel, in very uncomfortable and challenging circumstances, working hard and putting in long hours every day — too tired to read a Bible, even if they have one.

The Military BibleStick reaches these service men and women, deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, with God's Word in audio — It can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances.

It contains the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for "warriors," yet it's only about the size of a pack of chewing gum.

Designed to military specifications for safe and discreet use in low-light conditions, it features a matte black finish and red-light-only operation — and runs on a single AAA battery!

Each service member who receives a Military BibleStick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home — although they may be separated from loved ones, they know they are listening through the Word together.

Military BibleSticks provide real hope for our heroes!

Harvest Festival



Sunday, November 19th
schedule change.

9:30 AM

Sunday School
Fellowship/Coffee Hour

10:30 AM

Harvest Festival Worship



Following Worship

Potluck

FLCW Lefse, Kuchen, Card and Napkin Sale



Gayla Sherman, Harpist, will be performing and will also be our guest speaker at the Harvest Festival Worship service on November 19th.

Giving back to the local community is important to Gayla, and she most often does this through the creative arts and church mission work. Over the past 30 years, Gayla has served in music ministry and children's ministries in several church congregations. She has served as harpist for the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra and the Minot Symphony Orchestra beginning in 2005 and plays for area churches, community and corporate groups in North Dakota. She speaks for local and regional organizations on a variety of subjects impacting youth and families today.

Gayla & her husband Gayle Klopp have served as co-executive directors for Charles Hall Youth Services for over a decade and follow in the footsteps of the organization's namesake the Rev. Dr. Charles Hall and his wife Susan. Parents of two adult children, two small grandsons and daughter-in-law, Gayla & Gayle know, firsthand, the overwhelming challenges facing today's families. The couple's faith commitment and strong sense of vocational calling keep them focused and committed to their mission work.

Founded in 1965 as a mission of the United Church of Christ, Charles Hall Youth Services has served close to 5,000 at-risk adolescents and teenagers during its five decades of mission service.



Jody & Nicole (Kroll) Brown
United in Marriage on
October 7, 2017

Congratulations and God's blessings for
many happy years together!



Ryan, Kyra, Ashton & Ember Block

Ashton & Ember Block
Baptized October 15, 2017

We welcome Ashton & Ember as our newest
members of First Lutheran.



All fifth graders, and anyone older that do not yet take communion, watch your mailbox for a letter about First Communion class on Sunday, November 12th at 3:00 pm. Rite of First Communion will take place during the worship service on November 26th or December 3rd. Please contact Pastor Erik with any questions or if you do not receive a letter..



We will once again do the poinsettia tree this year. Poinsettias will be purchased through Java Rose. Sometime around November 19th forms will be in the narthex, at Java Rose and also in the December newsletter. As of now we do not know the cost. The tree will be up by December 3rd.

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

Well here we are, the beginning of November! So far our first 3 months of the school year have been amazing! September and October's combined total for Pizza Day puts us at over 50 kids walking through our church doors. This year has also been a record for our active group size. Between the Junior and Senior High groups we have 15 youth that have been actively attending! We attended a special event at the Methodist Church and had 23, yes 23, youth from our church attending! There's a handful that comes when they can. So far we've served two meals, participated in See You at the Pole, the Alive Ministry event at the Methodist Church, had the Baptist church over for tacos and swapped stories with them about our mission trips, went hiking, watched some great Christian movies, have had numerous laughs and many great conversations! Please continue to pray for and encourage these members of our church family.

Mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, November 1st Pizza Day! 11:50 am - 12:30 pm
Sr. FLY 7:00 pm
- Sunday, November 5th Sundae Sunday after church service in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 8th Jr. FLY 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 15th Sr. FLY 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 22nd NO scheduled FLY
Labor of Love will be prepping for Thanksgiving Dinner,
FLY is welcome to help.
- Wednesday, November 29th Jr. FLY 7:00 pm



Members of the Baptist Church Youth Group joined us for tacos and mission trip talk. Tammy Acevedo, Gracey Russell, Alexis Acevedo, Christian Gardner, James Acevedo, Emily Russell, Matthew Melvard, Madison Sommer, Preston Beckman, Cassidy Sommer, Armani Martinez, Tristan Allery, Laura Gardner

See You At The Pole: Christian Gardner, Preston Beckman, Tristan Allery, Armani Martinez, Tori Pfaff, Sierra Rodriguez, Lilly Shirley, Maddie Bauman, Hannah Westrick, Sam Gieser, Cassidy Sommer

Some of Jr. FLY members taking in the sunset over the Missouri.

- If we don't teach our youth to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to. -

NOVEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

- 5 - Rick & LeAnn Richard
Larry & Kathy Keller
- 12 - Ken & Maybell Job
Peggy Moran, Rick Richard
- 19 - Worship at 10:30 am
Rick & LeAnn Richard
Mac & Judy Beaudry
- 26 - Mac & Judy Beaudry
Rick Richard, Jordan Swanson

ACOLYTES

- 5 - Caitlin Scheresky & Cassidy Sommer
- 12 - Ellie Schmidt & Emily Westrick
- 19 - Tristan Allery & Preston Beckman
- 26 - Dawson Erber & Karter Hansen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 12 - Monte Carvell
- 26 - Margaret Rasmussen

ALTAR CARE

Laurie Sheldon & Ruth Borlaug

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

- 5 - Jim Kaiser
- 12 - Jeff Schmidt
- 19 - Jeff Schmidt, Alexis Solomonson
Ben Seidler, Linda Zeller
- 26 - Jeff Schmidt

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- 5 - Ben & Heather Seidler
- 12 - Joe & Kellie Sheldon
- 19 - Coffee Hour at 9:30 am
Rick & LeAnn Richard
- 26 - Ken & Maybell Job

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

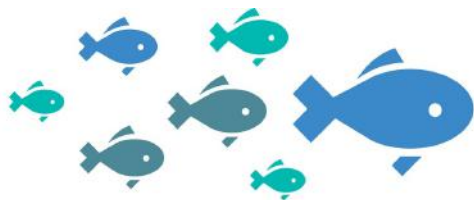
Rick & LeAnn Richard



As of October 22, 2017:

Our envelope giving is \$157,433.25 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00
The plate giving is \$5,823.85 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00
"Raise the Roof" balance is \$61,111.69 with \$8,238.31
more needed to pay off the roof

Thank you for your giving.



Membership of First Lutheran was divided into 12 groups that each took a month to be responsible for ushering and coffee serving. The idea was that we could encourage more fellowship and participation. That would mean that each of us only had to volunteer for one month a year. Please step up and take your turn in service for your First Lutheran community.

Evangelism OPPORTUNITIES

The list below is the service group scheduled for **December**. The service coordinators are **the Evangelism Committee**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in December works best for you and give Emily Retterath a call at 462-8686. If Emily calls you, please prayerfully consider how you can help.*** If you don't see your name on this list, your month is coming. Please say yes, when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship service.

Jamie Baumann
Stacie Berube
Kevin & Brenda Borner
Stephanie Gieser
Stan & Karen Goehring
Bradley Hanson & Tony Gieser
Rodney & Kristi Jaeger

Dale & Ann Kadrmas
Josh & Sarah Kraft
Dale Kuball
Arnie & Sheila Link
Gene Ness
James & Sandra Petersen
Emily Retterath

Tyge & Alli Sheldon
Don Sommer
Jim & LaVonne Stroup
Dale & Brenda Suckow
Brad Teigen
Alyson Teigen

FLCW NEWS

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Executive Board:

Sonja Bergstedt
Cathy Sheldon

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Sylvia Thompson

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Arlene Schwarz
Sylvia Thompson

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Kathy Keller
Norma Petersen

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Community:

Kathy Keller (Meals on Wheels)
Alli Sheldon (Goodies From
the Heart)

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks
Mary Schulz

**Growth (Confirmation &
Graduation Tea and 3rd
Grade Bibles):**

Donna Gunderson
Kathryn Johnson
Cathy Sheldon

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Becky Heringer
Val Swanson
Nancy Fuchs
Linda Zeller

Kuchen, Lefse, etc.:

Sylvia Thompson
Donna Kroll
Marlys Knell

Library:

Sharon Chrest
Sande Wagner
Norma Petersen
Arlene Schwarz

Prayer Chain Chairmen:

Sande Wagner
Arlene Schwarz
Norma Petersen

Receptions/Bulletin Board**Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

Service Secretary:

Sharon Chrest
Melissa Chrest

“Welcome Home” was this year’s area Churches Progressive Dinner theme. We were treated to appetizers served by Birka Lutheran, salad by First Lutheran, heartwarming potpie and rolls by St. Edwin’s, and apple dessert by Washburn Methodist Church. Musical selections were provided by St. Edwin’s as well as guest speaker Kathy Perkerewicz, MD.

Upcoming Events:**Tuesday, November 14th**

Executive Board Meeting - 4:00 pm

Friday, November 17th

Lefse making day - 9:00 am

Saturday, November 18th

Kuchen making day - 9:00 am

Sunday, November 19th

Fall Harvest Festival Worship Service - 10:30 am

with Guest speaker and musician Gayla Sherman

Potluck served following worship service - Group 4 serves

Sale of Lefse, Kuchen, Cards and Napkins

Saturday, December 2nd

“An Advent Breakfast with Martin Luther & Company”

Advent Breakfast - 9:30 am – Group 5 serves

“The two chief things are faith and love. Faith receives the good; love gives the good. Faith offers us God as our own; love gives us to our neighbor as his own.” –
Martin Luther

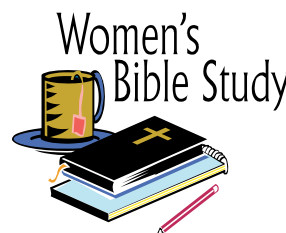
Cathy Sheldon and Sonja Bergstedt, Co-Chairs

**Hannah Bible Study**

November 21, 2017

2:00 PM

Amanda Thyberg’s

**Deborah Bible Study**

November 16, 2017

9:30 AM

At the Church

Mary Ann Beeks and
Sylvia Thompson host

Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.

First Lutheran Church Women



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Sunday, November 19

Following the Worship Service

Labor of Love Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day - November 23

1:00 - 2:30 PM

First Lutheran Church - 709 5th Ave. - Washburn, ND

Everyone Welcome!

Rides will be available to and from the church.



Menu:

Turkey, Ham, Mashed & Sweet Potatoes,
Gravy, Green Bean Casserole,
Stuffing, Coleslaw, Buns and Pie

Call Heather Seidler @ 400-1059, Laura Gardner @ 315-0212,
Maybell Job @ 462-3636, Kathy Key @ 471-6422 or
Kathryn Johnson @ 462-3774

- ⇒ To reserve a spot (not required but will help with head count)
(Sign-up sheets will also be at the two banks and the Resource Center.)
- ⇒ If you can help furnish rides
- ⇒ If you can help work the day before and the day of
(Workers are needed to prepare and serve the food and help with cleanup)

There is no charge for this meal!

Monetary donations will go to the McLean Family Resource Center

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

October 8





STEWARDSHIP CENSE



“Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,” Matthew 7:7

I think this month's newsletter will not be so much on stewardship, but on one of my long held beliefs. If we truly believe in a God who answers prayer, is responsible for all we have, is all powerful and wants us to have everything we need, then we should **NOT** be afraid to give Him the glory for anything and everything we say and do. In other words, I do not believe we give God credit for nearly enough that goes on in our lives. We tend to take that credit for ourselves instead of recognizing that God had a hand in it. For example, how often do we say, “oh, I'm so glad I made enough food for everyone,” or “I'm so happy I didn't make any mistakes in that recital piece.” Or “I couldn't believe we made that much money on our bake sale or rummage sale or whatever”.....**instead** of saying: “I'm so glad **God provided** enough food for everyone” or, “I'm so happy **God allowed** me to play that recital piece without error” or, “I am so thrilled **God knew** how much money we needed to make at our rummage sale to take our church trip”....

In other words, do we really try to recognize when God is answering our prayers and we are only the “vessel” that makes it possible? The other night at our council meeting, I had just finished giving my Stewardship report. I had mentioned how great it was that we only had about another ten thousand dollars to raise and how nice it would be if we could perhaps be “over the top” by the first of the

year. I realized this was a bit of a stretch. (You know what a doubting Thomas I am, right?) Then Jeannette, our ever faithful secretary, spoke up, she said we had just received a rather large donation for coal royalty that usually got put in the parking lot fund and was wondering if we wanted to continue putting it in there or another budget line. To my surprise, everyone wondered if it could be put towards the roof fund. Long story short, I made a motion, it was passed and we are now several thousand dollars closer to having our goal of paying off the roof by the first of the year. What I didn't say, but said later in my nightly prayers, was to thank God for putting that money in front of us as an answer to prayer. We should have acknowledged that fact at the council meeting. I hope you can see what I'm getting at...we need to give God the Glory. This is a fact Martin Luther understood well! We are not the answer...the church is not the answer, God is the answer!

Praise the Lord for this beautiful fall we are having and most assuredly, Praise HIM for Martin Luther!

I will be adjusting the thermometer on November 1 to reflect our total after the October 29 offering. As of October 22 we have \$61,111.69 and only need \$8,238.31 to finish our “Raise the Roof” fundraiser. Once again we can say, Praise the Lord!

Yours in good stewardship
Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair

Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Erin Holznagel and family on the death of Erin's husband, John Holznagel
- ⇒ Orlin & Ivadell Larson and family on the death of Ivadell's aunt, Ruby Williams
- ⇒ Janet Carvell and family on the death of Janet's aunt, Dorothy Kitterman
- ⇒ Howard & Elda Johnson and family on the death of Elda's brother, Duane Kisse
- ⇒ Adam & Ashley Baker and family on the death of Adam's stepfather, Vince Rittmiller
- ⇒ Marian Meyer and family on the death of Marian's son, Paul Meyer

May God give them comfort in this time of sorry.



THANK YOU

☺ Thank you to LaVonne Stroup and Barbara Brewster for helping fold and tape the October newsletter for mailing.

☺ Dear First Lutheran family,

Thank you so much for the gift of the golf course gift certificate and the beautiful flowers on Pastor Appreciation Day. Thank you to all for your cards and gifts. Thank you to the council for the special prayer during the worship service on October 1 and for your prayers throughout the year. We all enjoyed the beautiful cake too. We are truly thankful and blessed to be here in Washburn with you. We pray that the Lord will bless each of you in a special way.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Love and blessings to all,
Pastor Erik and Kathryn



☺ Thank you to everyone who donated supplies to make the Lutheran World Relief such a success.

Thank you to the ladies who came to pack up the kits and especially to Sylvia Thompson for making all of the school bags and sewing so many of the baby layette gowns, diapers and blankets. Thank you also Mary Ann Beeks for collecting and organizing the health kits. Thank you, Larry and Kathy Keller for transporting the finished kits and quilts to Bismarck.

Thrivent Action money was used to fill out where we were short on some items for the school bags as well as purchasing fabric for the baby blankets, quilt backing and batting.

From the first of the year through the end of October, 14 baptismal baby quilts were sewn and given out. In May, 10 seniors received special quilts made for them. For the Camp of the Cross Quilt Auction held June 17, two baby quilts and two baby baskets were donated. So far this year 100 school bags, 43 health kits, 45 baby kits and 23 quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Additionally, 64 quilts were given to the God's Child Project in Bismarck in September. These were then sent to the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida. We have all of our hard-working quilting ladies to thank for that.

FLCW Quilters

The following are from Laura Gardner:

☺ Thank you Heather Seidler for helping with Pizza Day!

☺ Thank you Kathy Key for helping with the Vendor Show fundraiser!

This carving was given to First Lutheran as a thank you from Jill Wiese for our donation to her Guatemala Mission Trip. Jill said it was carved by a blind man on the street just by feeling. If you haven't already seen it, look on top of the memorial cabinet in the narthex. Jill's thank you follows on the next two pages.



2017 Guatemala Mission Trip Jill Wixie



"Gratitude is the key ingredient to happiness" - Warren Buffet

Dear friends and family,
I just wanted to say a very big THANKS for donations and prayers for our Guatemala Mission Trip 2017 this past March. We had an amazing adventure this year!

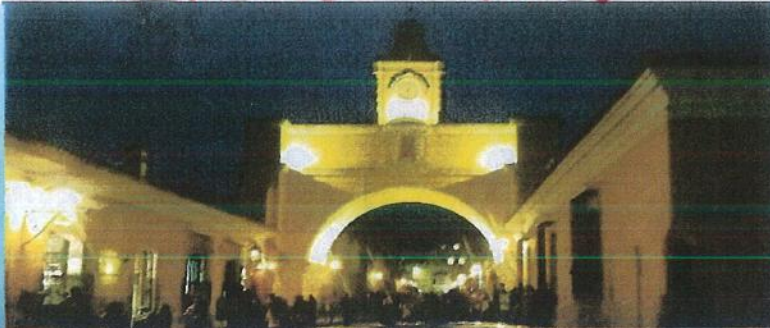
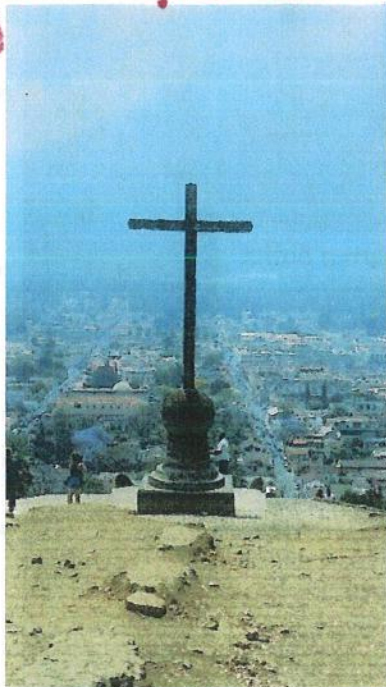
We were able to attend the grand opening of the NEW Casa Jackson malnutrition hospital, which will now be able to admit up to 88 babies and toddlers! This is the only malnutrition hospital in all of Central America. It was fun to be able to unpack ALL of our amazing donations and organize them right into the new hospital. We are so grateful for all of the washcloths, blankets, quilts, toys, hats, socks, shoes, and clothing for the babies and children. We had some very sick babies/toddlers this year. Two of our little 18-month olds weighed in at 12-13lbs. We had a busy couple weeks of putting on the pounds, so to say. And that we did.

I took some time to visit our sponsor children and enjoy very special moments with them shopping and taking them out to eat. This is always my absolute favorite part of my time there, catching up with all our "family". With our monetary donations we were able to get some children eye glasses and purchased the ever necessary nutrition formula for the babies of Casa Jackson.

For three days this year we built a HOUSE! 12x16 with a cement floor (cement we mixed by hand!) Cement board walls, rain spout, roof and we put in a window and a door with a LOCK! This is not common for most families there, and truly makes the world of a difference for them.



Wish
The
God's Child Project
2017



We were blessed to work with two ladies from Maine- Helen and Mary- both in their 70's! They have built several houses so their experience was priceless. The cost of building this home is \$2,500! Our team of 7 raised the money for the build as well the items we filled the home with to include bunk beds, toys, food, sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, medicine and more.



To date this is the most humbling thing I have ever done in my life. The third day as I gently swept the newly laid cement floor that I wanted to be spotless before the family moved in I stood there with my broom and the tears began to flow. I briefly thought of how much I have in North Dakota and how very lucky my family and I are. We really do have everything and more. For a moment I felt guilty...then I realized I was sweeping the floor of a house in Guatemala that we had just built in three days time! What an incredible gift to give, and in return to receive a full and humbled heart!



I am blessed to be able to be a part of the indescribable work that The God's Child Project does. With all of your support, love, cash, gifts, and prayers this is what I GET to do.

With sincere gratitude,
Jill Wiese

♥ *Jill Wiese* ☺





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are here and on the table in the narthex. We have 100 boxes. Let's see if we can fill them all for some precious children! Pick up a box or more to fill. For every box you take, also take a "How to Pick Your Shoebox Gift" pamphlet. This has your gift tag and also the envelope for the suggested \$9 to help pay for shipping the box. Boxes need to be returned no later than Saturday, November 18th. Dedication of shoeboxes will be Sunday, November 19th during the worship service.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

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| November 2-5 | Crafting Weekend |
| November 18 | Scandinavian Supper |
| November 24-26 | Dickens Village Guest House |
| December 1-3 | Dickens Village Guest House |
| December 8-10 | Dickens Village Guest House |
| January 13 | Snowfest |
| January 18-21 | Crafting Weekend |
| January 26-27 | Men's Retreat |

** THANK YOU to Sue, DJ, and Bodie Winter, Kathy Key, Tristan Allery, Armani Martinez, and Preston Beckman for helping serve the meal at the Blue Jeans Ball in Wilton. The first annual ball was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who attended and supported the event with food, etc. We raised \$8,000 for operating expenses! Thank you!

** HARVEST FOR THE CAMP is here! There is a tub with a list of items needed for Camp of the Cross in the narthex. There are extra lists that you can take with you on the bulletin board in the entry. There is a variety of food, kitchen, housekeeping, office and site items needed. Collection of items will continue until Friday, November 17, 2017 – any contributions are helpful! Thanks

** SCANDINAVIAN SUPPER will be held Saturday November 18. There will be one seating at 5:30 p.m. this year for the delicious salmon dinner and all the extras! Reservations can be made by emailing info@campofthecross.com or calling 701-337-2246.

** DICKENS VILLAGE GUEST HOUSE. The English market, street vendors, high tea, home

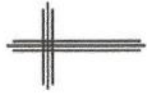
tours, parade, musical entertainment and so much more. Plus, you don't want to miss the highlight of the festival: The Dicken's Play! Take in all the festival attractions in nearby Garrison, and stay overnight at Camp of the Cross. Our staff will welcome you each evening with dessert, while you relax before the fire in the cozy comfort of our Retreat Lodge.

** SNOWFEST is for families, youth, and individuals for this fun winter event! There is sledding, skiing, a snowman building contest, hot cocoa, snacks, indoor games, and so much more on January 13, 2018.

** Don't forget CCM on Black Friday and Cyber Monday in November! If you are shopping on Amazon, CCM is one of their charities!

** LET'S TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME!" CAMPAIGN – Can we help one more time with the fellowship center capital campaign? Over \$2.8 million has been raised and we have \$800,000 to go. The Endowment Board has sent a letter to Constituent Congregations stating if at least \$500,000 could be raised by February 1, 2018, discussion and a vote could be held at the CCM annual meeting about loaning against a portion of the Endowment Fund to help complete the campaign fund drive. The completed new facility/dining hall will provide more programs and improve the current programs at CCM. This would also allow more revenue and/or more contributions to the Endowment Fund for future needs of the camp.

Thank you
Peggy Moran



CCM CROSSINGS

October 2017- November 2017

"CCM Crossings" is sent out to constituent congregations and supporters to keep you informed about happenings at Camp of the Cross Ministries. We hope it is a helpful resource in support of our camp, together!



Highlights:

- **Thank you!** Your response to our time of need with our summer expenses was overwhelming! **To date:** we have received \$10,500 plus the Fensters \$25,000 challenge! Please continue to remember us in your giving! **Thank you!**
- **We had over 50 youth at our 7th-9th grade bash!** What a great weekend the youth had playing games and learning more about Jesus in the Bible studies! Don't miss the spring bash!
- **Thank you!** The first annual **Blue Jeans Ball** was a huge success! Many thanks to everyone who attended; our sponsors and all who supported the event with food, etc. We raised \$8,000! Thank you!
- **Join us Saturday, November 18th for the Scandinavian Supper!** ONE seating this year at 5:30PM! Call the office to reserve your seats today!



Opportunities:

- **Want to get away for the weekend? Join us for one (or several) of our many retreats scheduled for this fall and winter!**
 - 4th- 6th Grade Youth Bash – October 27-28
 - *Crafting Weekend* – November 2-5
 - *Dickens Festival Guest House (3 weekends following Thanksgiving)*
 - *SnowFest Family Event- Saturday, January 13th*
 - *Crafting Weekend- January 18-21*
 - *Men's Weekend- January 26-28*
- Check out our website for more information on these retreats.

- **Don't forget us on Black Friday and Cyber Monday in November!** If you are shopping on Amazon, we are one of their charities!
- **"Let's Try This One More Time!" Campaign** – Can you and your congregation help us one more time with the fellowship center capital campaign? We have successfully raised over \$2.8 million and we have \$800,000.00 to go. Information packets have been sent out to congregations to get this campaign started. Please check with your pastor for details. If you would like a packet of your own- just let our office know!
- **Harvest for the Camp is happening!** This is an awesome way to help us out with fall expenses and fill our cupboards for the fall and winter retreat season. Check out our web site for the list of our needs!
www.campofthecross.com/harvest-for-the-camp
- **Giving Hearts Day is Thursday, February 8th! Mark your calendars!** Last year, due to the awesome response from donors, CCM raised over \$100,000!



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, any other staff member, or a board member. Don't forget to visit our website or find out more information via our social media sites!
Peace,

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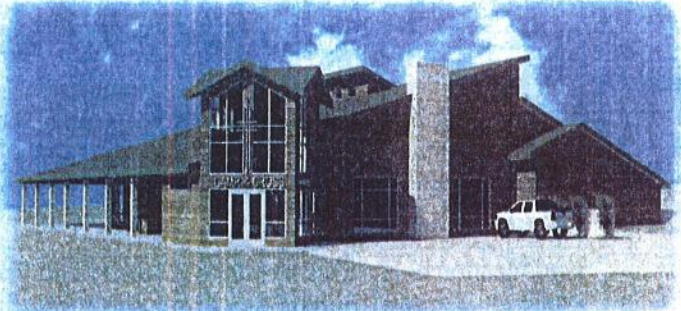
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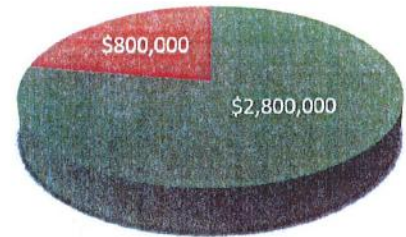
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FALL 2017



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The campaign to build a new fellowship center began on May 6, 2012 at a special meeting of the constituency. Since that time, \$2,800,000 has successfully been raised through individual donations, pledges, and congregational support. This is due to your support and generosity. It is also because we all believe in the power of the Holy Spirit and its work here on the shores of Lake Sakakawea. As your Board of Directors, we are encouraged by the strong ties and love of Camp of the Cross that has been shared throughout this capital campaign.



We all have personal stories of how Camp of the Cross has had an impact on our lives. This is what makes Camp of the Cross such a powerful and important place for people of all ages. For me, it's all the memories that my grandparents, father, and brother share of this wonderful place. Working together, we can continue this legacy and carry the power of this place on for generations to come.

Because of your dedication and commitment to Camp of the Cross, everyone together has invested \$2,800,000 towards the new fellowship center. The total goal of the capital campaign is \$3,600,000. Efforts are underway to raise the remaining \$800,000. More information can be found on page three.

We encourage you to please pray about Camp of the Cross and the new Fellowship Center and consider another financial commitment to complete this building and ensure that the mission of Camp of the Cross, "*Camping with Christ... For Lives of Faith...*", can continue for generations to come.

Peace,



Emma (Schauer) Berg
Board Secretary



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“LET’S DO THIS ONE MORE TIME!”

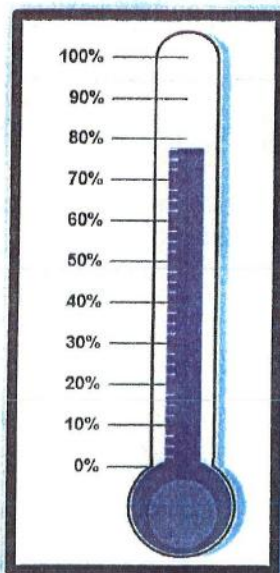
The capital campaign committee has been hard at work planning another opportunity for individuals and congregations to support the effort to finish the fellowship center. At this time, 78% of the necessary funds to complete the fellowship center have been contributed and pledged. The next wave of the capital campaign is called *“Let’s Do This One More Time!”*.

On any given Sunday, an average of 5,907 people attend worship in Camp of the Cross’s constituent congregations. If each worshipping member contributed at least a \$50 donation, this new campaign will raise close to \$300,000! Here’s the math... **5,907 people X \$50 = \$295,350**

As always, donations in all amounts will graciously be accepted at any time throughout the capital campaign. Feeling energized and ready to lead your congregation’s part of this campaign? A packet with detailed information was mailed out to all constituent congregations a few weeks ago. If you would like information to be mailed to you, simply contact the camp office. Members of the capital campaign committee, staff members, and board members are all on board to help make this campaign a success. Feel free to contact any of them with ideas, questions, or concerns.

A special thank you goes out to the capital campaign committee for working hard on this last push to finish the building. Members of the committee include: Jill Denning Gackle, Valerie Sayler, Rev. Carter Hill, Rev. Erin Gullickson, Dianne Herr and Vickie Lindquist.

Together, we can make the 40+ year dream of having a new fellowship center a reality!



A Heartfelt Thank You

Mr. Victor Lemke has pledged a generous gift towards the new “Let’s Do This One More Time” campaign.



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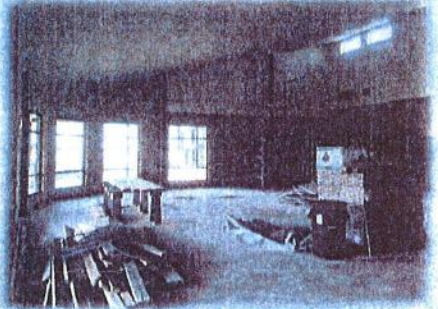
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FELLOWSHIP CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As donations are received, work has continued on the fellowship center. Here are some construction details.

- ⇒ Before winter settles in, the outside of the building will be completed, including:
 - Siding and roofing
 - Concrete, both inside and outside
 - Landscaping, including grass
 - Graveled roads
- ⇒ Sheetrock inside is being completed by volunteers from First Lutheran Church, Mandan. Thank you!
- ⇒ Tables for the new dining space were purchased at a low cost from the City of Garrison. Chairs have been donated by a Garrison organization. Thank you!
- ⇒ Listed below are the remaining items that need to be completed before the building can be occupied.
 - Mechanical Systems at a cost of \$377,500
 - Kitchen at a cost of \$327,200
 - Septic System at a cost of \$284,000
 - General at a cost of \$283,950
 - *These items total \$1,272,650.*
- ⇒ Through various funding sources, there is approximately \$400,000 currently available for use, which will allow us to complete the outside projects before winter and start on a few of the remaining items listed above. The rest of the funding to complete the building, which is approximately \$800,000, will come from the new "Let's Do This One More Time" campaign that is currently being launched.
- ⇒ We will continue to keep you informed of building and capital campaign updates, but please feel free to call the camp downtown office at 701-337-2246 and ask Janis for updates, questions, or concerns.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THIS IMPRESSIVE SPACE!



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from October 1st thru October 22nd. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

Please let the church office know before you enter the hospital for planned surgeries, during any hospitalization, or about your illnesses and any special needs that we may pray for you.

- ◆ Family of John Holznagel on his death
- ◆ Family of Ravonne Schalesky on her death - Neda Degenstein's mother
- ◆ Family of Paula Rogers on her death
- ◆ Family of Ruby Williams on her death
- ◆ Ray Wicklander
- ◆ Glenn Goetz
- ◆ Dorothy Kitterman - Aunt of Janet Carvell

- ◆ Dave Aldinger - Friend of Monte & Wendy Miller
- ◆ Ralph LiPelt - Friend of Wendy Miller
- ◆ Rick Drown - Father of Wendy Miller
- ◆ Rusty Elvrum
- ◆ Howard Johnson
- ◆ Alice Richard
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Judy Ronning - Sister to Dale Suckow
- ◆ Geraldine Aslakson - Mother to Kathryn Johnson
- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- ◆ David Loe
- ◆ Family of Dorothy Kitterman on her death
- ◆ Aaron Vorland
- ◆ James Tolbert
- ◆ Adelle Cerruti - Sister to Wayne Petersen
- ◆ Adelle Cerruti's daughter & 2 sons-in-law
- ◆ Ramo Cerruti's sister
- ◆ Family of Duane Kisse on his death
- ◆ Family of Vince Rittmiller on his death

First Lutheran November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in November. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!




| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Aaron Blumhagen Don Ellwein Julie Green Laynie Huston | 2 Ashley Hanson Cora Holznagel Matthew Richard | 3 Russell Smith | 4 |
| 5 Camden Moran Kayli Richards Val Swanson | 6 | 7 Terry Petersen David Pfeiffer Garrett Pfeiffer Brad Sheldon Cassidy Sommer Amelia Swanson | 8 Callie Steckler | 9 Michael Chrest | 10 Payson Carlson Devan Schell Jeff Schmidt Donna Sommer | 11 Carolyn Aaseth Victoria Carvell Ann Kadrmas |
| 12 Carissa Klabunde Tim Kuball | 13 Laura Gardner Mary Haugtvedt | 14 Becky Heringer Carol Nodsle Elmer Schwarz Danika Smith | 15 | 16 Dennis Heydt Drew Kadrmas | 17 Stephanie Holznagel Rick Richard | 18 Easton Kugler |
| 19 Brittany Doremus | 20 David Hoff Ryleigh Schmidt | 21 Donavan Pickell | 22 | 23 McKayde Baumann Kinsey Seidler | 24 Brooklyn Thomas Janell Ziemann | 25 Ellen Doebler David Goetz Marlene Slagg |
| 26 Barbara Brewster | 27 | 28 Skyler Rodriguez | 29 Adley Sheldon Charlee Sheldon Aaron Solomonson | 30 Susan Blavitsch | | |

November



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 All Saints' Day 11:50 AM Pizza Day 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir | 2 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study | 3 | 4  Fall Back Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed |
| 5 All Saints' Sunday 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour Sundae Sunday 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting | 6 | 7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible 10:00 AM Mommy's Group | 8 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir | 9 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 3:30 PM Girl Scouts | 10 Martin Luther's Birthday | 11 Veteran's Day |
| 12 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 3:00 PM First Communion Class 7:00 PM AA Meeting | 13 10:00 AM Chat & Sew 5:00 PM Budget Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting | 14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 4:00 PM FLCW Executive Board Meeting | 15 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir | 16 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church - Mary Ann Beeks and Sylvia Thompson Host | 17 9:00 AM Lefse Making | 18 9:00 AM Kuchen Making Shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by today |
| 19 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Sunday School Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Harvest Festival Worship Following Worship: Potluck Lefse, Kuchen Card & Napkin Sale 7:00 PM AA Meeting | 20 Newsletter Deadline | 21 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 2:00 PM Hannah Bible Study at Amanda Thyberg's 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting | 22 Labor of Love prepping for Thanksgiving Dinner | 23 Thanksgiving Day 1:00 - 2:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Dinner | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Christ the King Sunday Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting | 27 | 28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible 10:00 AM Mommy's Group | 29 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir | 30 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting | | December 2 9:30 AM Advent Breakfast |

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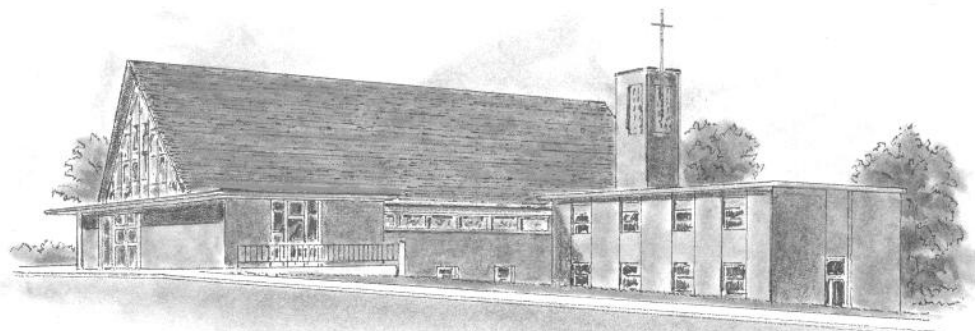
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Caring Ministries, and
Service.”*

Happy Thanksgiving to:

November, 2017 Newsletter



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study - 8:30 AM (Through November 12)

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM

Sunday School - 10:45 AM

Bible Study - 10:45 AM (Through November 12)

AA Meeting - 7:00 PM