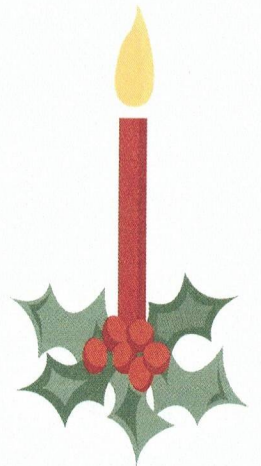




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# November 2024

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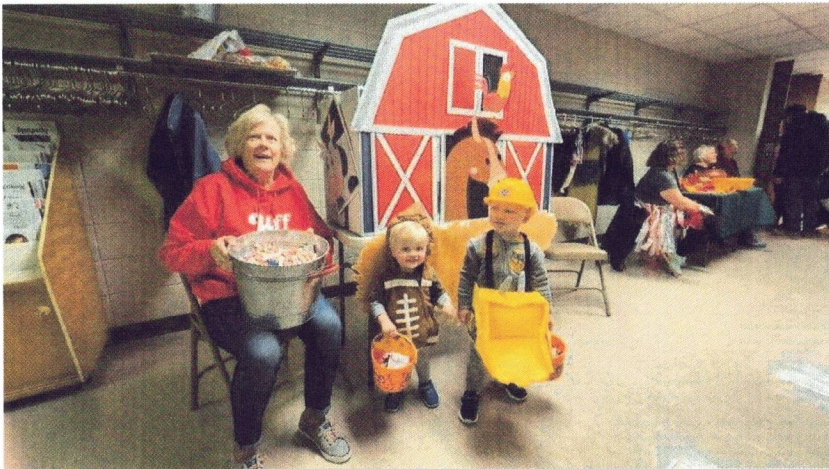
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<b>Pastor Scott Meyer</b> C# 507-319-0715 <a href="mailto:scottmeyer39@hotmail.com">scottmeyer39@hotmail.com</a>					<b>All Saints Day</b> 1	2 <b>9 A – 1 P: Mona Bazaar</b> Turn your clocks back one hour!
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<b>Wanda Hanson, Office Sec</b> O# 507-325-2437 C# 515-290-0936 <a href="mailto:monaandsmg@gmail.com">monaandsmg@gmail.com</a>	HC=Holy Communion SS=Sunday School BS=Bible Study ABS=Adult Bible Study OS=Our Savior's SMG=Six Mile Grove	<b>Notes:</b>				

# T.L.P. IN TOUCH

Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches

## Trunk or Treat 2024 inside at Our Savior's due to weather



# YOUTH

## Joint Sunday School:

Every Sunday at hosting church for 9:00 am worship. Children will leave worship after the children's sermon for class. See calendar to see where Sunday School will be.

## Confirmation:

Wednesday's - 6:00 Supper and 6:30 Class at Our Savior's.

## Youth for Christ in Austin

The building is on the northside across the street from the High School (400 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Austin). Contact, John Engelstad, the Director, #507-481-4894. Feel free to check it out on FB. Facebook Group: Austin Youth for Christ.

## Breakfast Clubs:

Middle School on T & F from 7:30-8:15 A at Bethlehem Church, Austin. Before school, come and have some hot chocolate and breakfast to start your day right. We do fun ice breakers, play music and have a daily life message based on bible verses.

## Holiday Candle

On Thanksgiving, we share a special meal with family and friends. Make this holiday candle as a festive centerpiece for your table.

### What you need:

- Paper towel
- One 8-oz. clear plastic cup
- Petroleum jelly (Vaseline)
- Paper or plastic disposable bowl
- About 8 oz. of a variety of dried beans, peas, corn, etc.
- Bottle of white glue
- Plastic spoon
- An 8- to 10-inch taper or dinner candle
- Adult to help



### What you do:

1. Using the paper towel, rub a generous amount of petroleum jelly on the inside of the cup (bottom and sides).
2. In a bowl, pour the dried-bean mixture.
3. Squeeze enough glue into the bean mixture to generously coat it. Stir the mixture with the spoon.
4. Spoon about half of the bean mixture into the greased cup. Then place the candle, with any plastic wrapping removed, into the center of the mixture. Next, fill the cup with the rest of the mixture. Smooth the top to make it flat, making sure the candle stays straight.
5. Squeeze extra glue around the hole made by the candle. Let the bean mixture dry completely, which could take a day or longer.
6. When the bean mixture is dry, gently pull the candle. Both the candle and beans should come out as one. (If they don't, pour more glue and wait another day.)
7. Place your candle on a small plate for a festive Thanksgiving centerpiece.

## Just for KIDS

### Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.



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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

## PRAY

### Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Colleen Crouch Carol Ekle Barb Fossey Theresa Groesbeck  
 Margie Harrison Denny Helgeson Andres Knudsen Troy Murphy  
 Emily Nelson Verdon Olson Don Ransom Jack Rector  
 Jerry Sampson Scott Willert Fabiola (Oaxaca)  
 Palliative Care: Brian Barber, Darlene Meling

### Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Christopher Slindee Thomas Frank Kelly Fredrickson  
 Riley Wondra Adam Dublinske (M) Skyler Thomas (NG)  
 Ed Dreyer (M) Gage Thompson (AF)

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines), (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

### Missions to pray for:

- >Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.
- >Friends of Ngong Road children and their families – Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone.
- >Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Haiti

### Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teacher  
 Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

# FROM THE PASTOR...

November 2024

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

A church member called me a few weeks ago and asked who I was planning to vote for as president. Actually, he said that, in his opinion, I had a pastoral obligation to tell the people how I was voting.



He and I wound up having a really good conversation that day. But I don't think I succeeded in convincing him that it's not my place as pastor to talk about my own personal, political opinions or preferences. I did, however, make the

point that, at least for us as Christians, we do indeed have an obligation to not only participate in local and national elections, but to actually pray for them.

By the time this newsletter comes out, most if not all of you will have already voted. But I do hope your faith played a big part in your decision to vote, as well as who you wound up voting for. The verse from 2 Chronicles was probably not written with political elections in mind, but it does remind us of several important things to think about. #1 – Stay humble as you consider your decisions. #2 – Pray to God and seek his will for yourself and our country. And #3 – Do your best to change your ways so that, at least as far as our political leanings are concerned, we reflect our Christian faith in how way we think and talk and act.

Some of you can probably guess where I stand on political issues or candidates, but for a number of reasons, I will not talk about politics in church. What I will talk about is our calling to follow Jesus Christ and to reflect our faith in the way we love our neighbor, help those in need, and carry out our civic duties.

Please pray for our nation, and do your best to promote harmony and acceptance rather than division and hatred.

See you all in church!

Pastor Scott

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

## **LECTORS:**

Sunday, Nov 3 - SMG

Sunday, Nov 10 – Mona

Sunday, Nov 17 – OS

Sunday, Nov 24 - SMG

Wednesday, Nov 28 – Mona (*Thanks Eve*)

## **Member Name**

## **USHERS:**

**Mona:** Kurt and Paula Meyer

**SMG:** JJ & Crystal Hansen / Merle & Diane Klouse/ Teri Zimmerman Family

## **COMMUNION ASSIST.:**

**Mona:** Becky Fredrickson and/or Nancy Mickelson

**SMG:** Jim Sampson, Timm Ehret and/or Teri Zimmerman

## **COMMUNION SERVERS:**

**Mona:** Kurt and Paula Meyer

**SMG:** TBD

## **FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Following worship at each hosting church.

*Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time  
and having a Servant Heart!*

# CHURCH INFO

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nov 3	9:00 am	SMG w/HC
Nov 10	9:00 am	Mona w/HC
Nov 17	9:00 am	OS w/HC
Nov 24	9:00 am	SMG
Nov 27 <i>(Thank's Eve)</i>	7:00 pm	Mona
Dec 1	9:00 am	Mona w/HC
Dec 8	9:00 am	OS w/HC
Dec 15	9:00 am	Mona
Dec 22	9:00 am	SMG w/HC
Dec 24 <i>Xmas Eve</i>	5:00 pm	OS w/HC
	7:00 pm	Mona w/HC
Dec 25	Christmas Day – no services	
Dec 29	9:00 am	OS

## POINSETTIAS ORDER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

- **SMG** - \$15 for red or white. Call Diane Klouse to order 507-325-4550 or 507-438-2741.
- **OS** - \$14.99 for red or white. Call Kathie to order 507-481-6969.
- **Mona** - \$15 for red or white. Call Karen to order 641-326-4718.

## MONA BAZAAR

will be November 2 from 9-1. Come for coffee and stay for lunch. There will be baked goods for sale, baskets for raffle and a quilt raffle. *The MLL are to bring bars, rolls or pie for the kitchen.*

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3rd we will remember those Saints who have passed away this last year. If you have a family member or friend you would like remembered, please call or text the office phone number 507-325-2437.

## COUNCIL MTG'S

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, November 12 at Mona, 7:00 pm  
 Mona Council mtg will meet following TLP mtg.  
 SMG Council will meet following TLP mtg.  
 Small Group Council Mtg will meet on Tuesday, Nov 19 at OS at 7 pm

## SMG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday at 10:45 am in the Dining Hall at SMG. All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY POTLUCK SUPPER & GAMES

for November will be Friday, November 22 at 6:00 pm at the Mona Church  
 All are Welcome!

## YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us for the Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle.

## WELCA / CIRCLES

- >SMG LL – Thursday, Nov 7 @ 1 pm, H: Joan S
- >Naomi Circle – Monday, Nov 18 @ 9:30 am, H: Diane K, L: Joan S
- >Mona M&M Circle/BS – Tuesday, Nov 12 at 1:00 pm, H&L: Alouise
- >Mona LL – Monday, Nov 25 at 6:30 pm, H: Faye

# MISSION

**OAXACA 2025** - The dates for the OAXACA 2025 trip are Tuesday, February 11 through Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. During this visit our primary funding/work project will be located in Oaxaca City at Pastor Israel Paz' Gracia Abundante congregation. The 2012 work group (which included 7 youth) assisted the 'then' new Gracia Abundante congregation with the construction of their present worship space. The work included carrying and laying all the bricks for the sanctuary floor. The membership has outgrown that facility and they have asked for our assistance to build more space. In addition to increased worship space, the project will eventually include 2 classrooms and bathrooms. The group will worship with several congregations we have assisted on previous visits; we will assist at the Friday morning hospital ministry breakfast (we will provide blankets and pesos) and have been invited to attend the annual pastor's conference on February 16<sup>th</sup>. During our visit we will give gift bags to congregation children and present Bibles to new believers. It will be a busy week! Plan to join us. Questions?? Call Monica at 507-438-2291 or Jan H 507-438-8627.

# COMMUNITY

## Meatball Drive-Thru Dinner

at Little Cedar Lutheran in Adams on Sunday, Nov 10th from 4-6:30 pm.  
Menu: Swedish Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots,  
Cranberries, Lefse and Cookie. Cost: Free-will donation.  
Proceeds to support our mission work to our local community and beyond.  
You may pick up your meal and enjoy it in the fellowship hall.

## Women's Connection

You are invited: Nov 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am at the Eagles Club #703.  
Cost: \$13.00. Special Feature: Peggy DeVries – Creating your own Thanksgiving  
Card. Guest Speaker: Steve Tadevich, Diamonds Aren't Forever.  
Men are welcome too!  
*We meet on the second Monday of each month. This time together is  
enjoyable, inspiring and fun! We hope to see you there!*  
(107 11<sup>th</sup> St NE, Austin, MN)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

Sat, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11-2 at Oakland Lutheran Church Fundraiser.  
Entertainment by Hans the Music Man. Chili Cookoff, baked potato bar, ice  
cream sundaes, coffee and milk. Drawing for ¼ Beef, Silent Action, Lefse,  
Baked Goods and much more. Cost: \$10 Adults, \$5 ages 6-12, \$Free ages 5  
& under. To enter, call Oakland Lutheran at 507-373-1737 or email  
[oaklandluth@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandluth@gmail.com) (22042 850<sup>th</sup> Ave, Albert Lea, MN)

## Lyle Food Pantry/Shelf

Usually the last Saturday of the month (Nov ??) at Our Savior's in Lyle  
will hand out food bags at 10:00 am.

## Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything

Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans  
into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church. Thank YOU!

## Cans for Cancer

Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind  
the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy  
cause.

## LYLE FOOD SHELF/PANTRY

>The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us  
keep our shelves full. **Needed:** Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal,  
Soups, Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, etc). Cash is always appreciated also.  
>The last Saturday of the month (Nov 18 this month) at Our Savior's in Lyle,  
they will hand out food bags at 10:00 am

## Ruby's Pop-up Pantry

Austin's Mower County Fair grounds hosts Ruby's Pantry the third Thursday  
of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM

## Pub Theology

Different Brews ~ Different views ~ Beer, Conversation & God  
All perspectives welcome!  
Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm at Worth Brewing Company.  
(835 Central Ave, Northwood, IA)  
Hosted by First Lutheran and Northwood UMC

## CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINMENT

- Steven Curtis Chapman in concert on Feb 20, 2025 at NIACC in  
Mason City, IA. Call for tickets 641-422-4188 or  
[www.niacc.edu/boxoffice](http://www.niacc.edu/boxoffice). Ticket prices start at 25.00.