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First Lutheran Focus

November 2022

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Women of the Church

Attention all women of First Lutheran, we ask your participation!

November is our Thank offering yearly gift and this year it will be going to the Lutheran Retirement Home to help them buy lift equipment. Please write checks to First Lutheran Woman and bring it to your circle meeting or put in FLW Treasurer's box outside the office or you may send it to Myra Harris at 1325 460th St. Northwood, IA. This is our mission project for the year.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. Colossians 3:16

The Oxford dictionary defines gratitude as the quality of being thanks; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. And there is ongoing research in how gratitude impacts mental health and success in programs such as AA/Alanon, WW and other recovery/behavior change programs.

You have heard me say that I believe that gratitude and thankfulness are an important part of our daily life. Some people journal, some include it at their meal or bedtime routines and some people seem to have the ability to live simply and thankfully.

The next two months are full of activities including thanksgiving. In the church we also celebrate All Saints Day, turn the page on the church year as we enter Advent and celebrate Christmas. We also use consider our stewardship and budget for the new year. For a lot of us these days simply go by and we do our part. But for many people it feels like being on a rollercoaster without the safety bar holding us in. It could be that you are grieving the loss of a loved one or feeling the heaviness of life with the changes that Covid-19 has forced on you.

On Sunday, November 6 we will be celebrating All Saints Day and taking time in worship to pray, grieve, cry, and name the sadness in our own lives (in a meaningful yet personal way). The reality for most of us is that we are on the journey of grief and gratefulness and challenged to embrace both much of the time.

What are you thankful for? What weighs you down? Most of the time I have a song playing on repeat in my head some by other people and some I make up. Here's a challenge: take a few minutes and find or write your own gratitude song that you can play on repeat in your head and in your heart.

What are you grateful for? I give thanks to the Lord for my mother's beautiful voice and the memory of her singing in our home. I give thanks to the Lord for the gift of music which calms my heart and quiets my mind. Can you share your gratitude with your family/friends on Thanksgiving? How about telling them you are grateful that you can share life together.

Always grateful for the privilege to be your pastor.

Pastor Becky

PASTORAL ACTS - 2022

Wedding:

10/15/22 Megan Storvick and Scott Avila

Funerals:

10/8/22 Melissa Olson

10/14/22 Bruce Mogk

10/15/22 Linda Coonrod

YOUTH NEWS



We recently loaded the van up went out for some spooky fun at Adventureland in Des Moines. The senior high kids spent time at the mall and then headed to the theme park for lots of rides and haunted houses. Some of the junior high students followed that trip up with a night out to the Rudd haunted school, which was also a great night.

One of our recent lessons have included a night focused on our love for one another and using humor to help build our relationships with one another. The students got to spend some time just letting each other know what they appreciate about one another and focus on why God has put us together as a group (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We also had a lesson about sin and how it sneaks into our lives and how unaware we can be of it (James 1: 13 – 18). One night we spent getting back to the basics (Proverbs 13: 3 – 17) and trying to focus on what really matters in our faith lives. Another highlight was putting on the armor of God (Ephesians 6: 10 – 20) and how important it is to use all the gifts God has given to us to give glory to him.

Looking forward to Thanksgiving week, we will move senior high youth to Tuesday the 22nd and junior high youth will carry on as normal. Looking much farther ahead we will have the senior high Christmas lock-in on Thursday, December 22nd, and a junior high and 6th grade lock-in on Saturday, December 31st.



**Join us on Wednesday's at 7:00
pm for fellowship, fun, and
music!
Come as you are!**

All Saints Sunday

Join Us on Sunday, November 6th as we remember...

Jerry Grundel, Edna Turvold, Della Turvold Newlin, Elaine Butler, Scott Vincent, Carol Crane, Faye Stambaugh, Marlin Lijedahl, Janet Wilder, Carolyn Kalvig, Dan Johnson, Melissa Olson, Bruce Mogk and Linda Coonrod

Reminder – Daylight Saving ends on November 6th!

You can set your clocks back 1 hour and sleep in before coming to church!



QR Code for Vanco Online Giving

How do I scan a QRC code?

Open the camera app on your cell phone or tablet. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears on your phone or tablet. Follow the instructions on the screen to create an account to manage your online offerings.



We are still trying to gather pictures for the photo directory. You may submit a picture of your own for the directory or have us take your picture at the church in front of our backdrop. We will be doing pictures on November 22nd at 10:00am for residents of LRH, The Pines and Maple Court.

First Lutheran Mission

January 1 – September 30, 2022

Bremwood	\$ 155.36
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 125.00
Education Fund	\$ 200.00
Youth Fund	\$ 665.00
Youth Campership	\$ 220.00
Caring Tree	\$ 125.00
Meals on Wheels	\$
Manna	\$
Heifer International	\$ 188.96
Riverside Bible Camp	\$ 80.55
Campers Fund	\$
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 125.00
Lutheran Services	\$ 1,000.00
Dayspring Children's Village	\$ 1,115.00
Northern Lights Shelter	\$ 245.00
LRH Auxiliary	\$ 220.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,434.87

First Lutheran Financial Update

September 2022

Income	\$9,305.46
Electronic Income	\$3,465.32
Expense	(\$19,009.15)
End of Month	(\$6,238.37)

YTD as of September 30

Income	
Electronic Income	
Expense	
End of Month	

September General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 15,973.98
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 69.50
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 341.49
UTILITIES	\$ 1,054.52
TELEPHONE	\$ 215.31
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 772.85
PROF. EDUC EXPENSE	\$ 65.00
WORSHIP	\$ 141.50
NO. IOWA SYNOD	<u>\$ 375.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ (19,009.15)

INCOME \$ 12,770.78

NET \$ (6,238.37)

Donations

\$125	Caring Tree
\$125	Operation Christmas Child
\$1,000	Dayspring Children's School

Memorials

Jan Wilder	\$70	General Fund
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November Share Shoppe

LYDIA Circle will be working November 5th

Mission Project for November

Meals on Wheels and Manna of Worth County

Staff Phone Numbers

Pastor Sogge	612-718-9151
Mark Willand	641-390-1032
Troy Bachtle	641-430-8305
Jan Thompson	641-390-0883
Christa Trenhaile	641-390-0484

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We were excited to present Bibles to our 3rd grade students: Baylor Abrams, Ethan Binnebose, Callan Brunsvold, Ryder Duvall, Kash Hickle, Henry Houg, Kaelix Iverson, Parker Iverson, Aubrey Johnson, Lawson Perkins, Keeghan Severson, Kyan Skellenger, Blake Stevens, Kinley Thompson, Hudson Ziebell and 4th grader Ryker Amundson.

We extend our sympathy and prayer to the family and friends of Bruce Mogk who passed away on Sunday, October 9th and his funeral was held at FLC on Friday.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Linda Coonrod who passed away on Monday, October 11th and her funeral was held at FLC on Saturday.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Marv Hickman. Flowers in the front of the sanctuary are from his service and given by his family, Buck and Becky Hickman.

Congratulations and blessings to Megan Storvick and Scott Avila who were married on October 15th, Altar flowers are from their wedding. Megan is the daughter of Laure & Randy Buehrer.

Lydia circle will meet on Wednesday, November 1st at 2:00pm in the home of Gloria Fallgatter.

Thank you to the First Lutheran Quilters who sent 50 quilts, 17 Layettes and 17 sewing kits to LWR.

Please take advantage of calling Thrivent throughout the year or your Choice Dollars are lost. Call by March 30th of each year and direct the dollars to First Lutheran Thrivent Fund. Directions: Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice". Have your policy number available. A representative will work with you to direct your dollars.

The Trust Fund grant application forms are available in the Church Office. Grants are recommended for new ministries, separate and apart from the day-to-day operation of the Church. Please submit your application to the appropriate committee of the church for review and approval. The deadline for committees to submit approved applications to the church office is noon on December 7, 2022. Please contact any Trust Fund member with questions.



The Children's Choir will sing during church on
Sunday, November 13th



Shoe boxes are available in the Narthex.
Please bring your assembled box back to the
church no later than November 6th.

First Lutheran Church Council
Regular Meeting
Sunday, August 21, 2022

We Assemble in God's Name

- Members Present: Tim Knutson, Nikkole Koenig, Mariah Ballantyne, Doug Fallgatter, Kris Kenison, Rich Selvig, Megan Ott, Pastor Becky Sogge

We Celebrate our Past

- Presidential Correspondence
- Secretary's Report
 - No changes
- Treasurer's Report
 - No new report
 - Jan is still in limbo with the switch to online
- Pastor's Report
 - No new report
- MMSP to approve all reports

We Present Our Offering

- Stewardship
 - Making plans for Rally Sunday on September 11 at FLC at 10am
 - Committee Meeting Thursday the 25th at 7pm to work on details
 - Quilters tying
 - Trust fund running a game
 - Judy is working on food
 - Bounce house
 - Social media blasts,
- Inspire
 - Services will resume on Wednesday September 14, at 7pm
- Worship
 - Notice that we do now have a QR code for Vanco.
 - Pastor Becky is now a manager on the Vanco account
 - Time to have the organ tuned
 - Getting quotes for organ tuning from a couple companies, awaiting responses
- Youth
 - No new report
 - Need a replacement for Hayden's spot
- Education
 - Education committee met a few weeks
 - Looking into spark curriculum, with online activity features
 - Kids singing one time/month
 - Strategies for recruiting sunday school teachers
 - Curious about getting youth teachers, but Maybe not on Sunday morning
 - Next meeting on the 31st
 - Pam Perkins will teach the 6th grade students
- Finance
- Property
 - The solar panels bid from Northwood Electric was approved by electronic council meeting. Jerry Hopperstad will complete the WCDA grant application for about half the cost. Next grant round in the spring, they will apply for the remainder.
 - Timeline depends on delivery
- Social Ministry
 - No new report
- Fellowship
 - No new report
 - Will meet in the next week.

Concerns for the Present

- Sound system training still pending
- Welcome Day
- Transfers
- New members
- Baptisms
 - Jakob Helgeson
 - Quinn Krotzer
- Wedding: Jami & Cody Tolzmann
- Funerals:
 - Faye Stambaugh
 - Marlin Liljedahl
- Communion
 - Sept 4–Tim K, Megan O.
 - Sept 18–Nikkole, Doug
- MMSP to adjourn

We Go out in God's Name

- Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting:

October 9, 2022

2022 POINSETTIAS ORDER

The Worship Committee invites you to help us fill the sanctuary with poinsettias again this Christmas at First Lutheran. You may fill out an order form which you will find in the sanctuary before worship service on Sunday as well as the office.

Orders will be taken in the church office until **November 14th**. Payment of \$15 per plant must be made with your order. You may take your plant home after Christmas.

We will print a list of those contributing poinsettias and whom they wish to memorialize or honor so please fill out your order completely.

If you have questions, please call the Church Office at 324-2984.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Join us on Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 pm, at United Methodist Church for a Community Thanksgiving Service! If you have any questions call the office at 324-2984.

Annual Meeting Date and Deadline for Reports

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th at 10:00 am.

The deadline for all committee reports is Monday, January 9th. The best way to send your reports is by emailing a word, publisher or excel file. We can also use a PDF document or hard copy printed out but it is not ideal and takes more office time to make it work in the report. If you have any questions please call or email Christa at christa@flcnorthwood.org or 641-324-2984.



1. **Stephanie Perkins, Harrisyn Severson**
2. **Erbin Anderson, Gerald Bakken, Nicole Kroneman**
3. **Daniel Schutz**
4. **Michael Brunsvold, Morgan Johnson, Tiarra Walk**
5. **Jennie Christianson, Valerie Foss, Michael Gordon, Skyler Petry**
6. **Gail Read, Jack Wheeler**
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8. **Carolyn Reeder, Gordon Wilder**
9. **John Anderson, Tony Gentz, Kenly Solberg**
10. **Cody Hanson**
11. **Robert Bloomingdale, Eileen Dahlby, Brian Kenison, Lindsey Severson, Ivy Toresdahl**
12. **Erin Kaufmann, Ryder Duvall, Zane Bauers, Harry Kuhlmann, Kyler Varner**
13. **Colby Eskildsen, Matthew Midtgaard, Katie Reding, Tyler Thofson, Baylee Walk**
14. **Sara Jacobs, Danny Tenold**
15. **Trudy Capitani, Mary Ann Christianson, Mary Irons, Logan Mix, Zander Severson, Jeannie Tenold**
16. **Andrew Ballantyne, Kenedie Berry, Clay Bauers**
17. **Kail Christianson, Alan Fredericks, Randy Hengesteg, Kay Reyerson**
18. **Kathleen Eilertson, Jim Hanson**
19. **John Adams, Chloe Costello, Hayden Halbach, David Quisley**
20. **Amber Julseth, Chris Quisley, Blane Maher, Buckley Haberman**
21. **Luane Odden, Amaya Rugland, Ashton Trenhaile**
22. **Jacklyn Einertson, Zane Bauers, Paisley Olson**
23. **Kayla VanderKolk**
24. **Cameron Campbell, Lisa Hagen, Brenda Moretz, Randy Sime**
25. **Holly Adams**
26. **Rebecca Hickman, Carson Tufte**
27. **Conner Harris, Jacob Schroader**
28. **Madison Avelar, Brandon Brockman, Quincey Reyerson, Haisley Severson**
29. **Wayde Willand**
30. **Jennifer Costello, Andrea Foley**

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:30pm: Bell Choir 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	2 5:15pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth	3 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	4	5
6 <u>All Saints Day</u> 9:00am- Service with H.C. 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth Daylight Savings time ends	7	8 2:00pm: Julia Mtng. 6:00pm: Worship Mtng. 6:30pm: Bell Choir 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	9 5:15pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth	10 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub Theology		12
13 <u>Pentecost 23</u> 9:00am- Service with N.O. Sunday School Sings & Bremwood speaker 10:10am- Sunday School 10:10am- Council Meeting 6:30pm- JH. Youth	14	15 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	16 2:00pm: Chapel Service at M.Court 5:15pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth	17 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	18	19
20 <u>Christ the King</u> 9:00am- Service with H.C. 10:10am- Sunday School 3:00pm- LRH Service 6:30pm- JH. Youth 7:00pm- Community Service at Methodist Church	21	22 10:00am: Pictures at Maple Court 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:30pm: Bell Choir 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon 7:00pm: S.H. Youth	23	24 Office Closed  <u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	25	26
27 <u>Advent 1</u> 9:00am- Service with N.O. 10:10am- Sunday School 6:30pm- JH. Youth	28	29 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 6:30pm: Bell Choir 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	30 5:15pm: Confirmation 5:30pm: Choir 7:00pm: Inspire 7:50pm: SH Youth			