

# November

# 2022

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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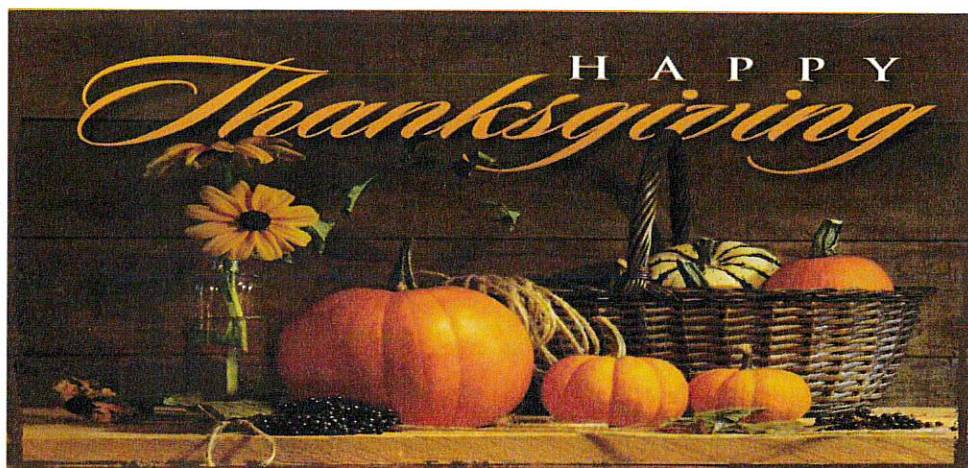
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**Our Mission Statement:** Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

### Our Staff:

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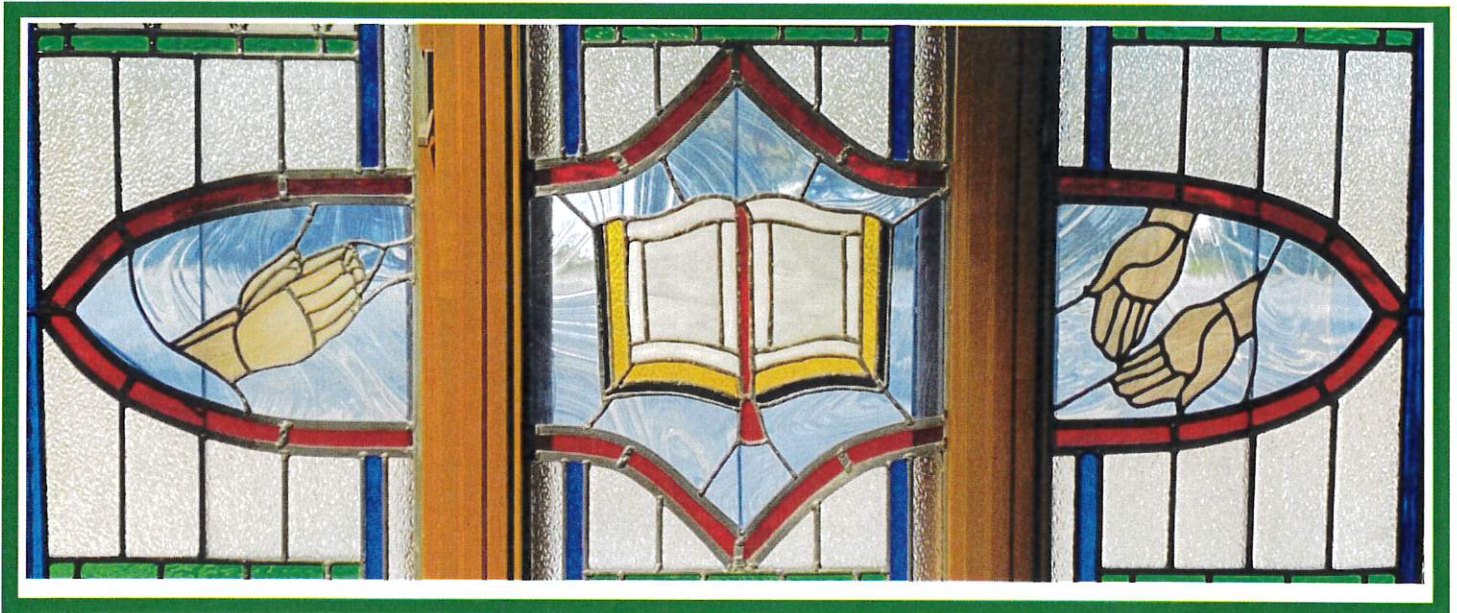




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## Lessons, Prayer and Guidance



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 Martha Unit Meeting – Emmaus Room	2 5:45 BLAST & Confirmation 6:30 Worship H/C	3	4	5
All Saints Day 6 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion	7	8 Pastor's Conference Fellowship Hall 5:30 Faith & Fellowship Meeting	9 5:45 BLAST & Confirmation 6:30 Worship	10	11	12
13 9:30 Worship	14 <b>WIC</b> 5:30 Property Committee	15 <b>WIC</b> 6:00 Council Meeting	16 <b>WIC</b> 5:45 BLAST & Confirmation 6:30 Worship H/C	17 <b>WIC</b>	18 <b>WIC</b> Newsletter Info Due	19
20 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion	21 Welcome Pastor Stephanie!	22	23 7:00 Thanksgiving Worship at Trinity	24 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:30 Worship	28	29 6:00 Altar Guild Meeting	30 5:45 BLAST & Confirmation 6:30 Worship			

# Redeemer Council Meeting

October 18, 2022

6:00 pm

## Meeting Summary

**Council members present:** Jan Anderson, Leonna Bugge Terri Cuppett, Penny Harder, Gary Hintz, LeeAnn Lund, Tony McLean, Jan Nordin, Wenda Sumrall, Angie Westling

**Council members excused:** Mandy Schuster

**Council members absent:**

**Guest:** Dianne Stroh

**Call to Order:** The meeting was call to order by Jan Nordin at 6:02 PM.

**Devotions:** Angie Westling

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion was made. It was seconded and approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was reviewed a motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer/Finance Report:** Report was reviewed. Budget time please have budgets in by November 1<sup>st</sup> to Marit.

### Committee reports:

**Faith Formation Committee:** Did not meet.

**Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee:** Report submitted. Hospice dinner raised \$2,003.52.

**Property Committee:** Report submitted. Numerous projects being worked on before winter. List being made for projects in 2023 and budget that will be needed.

**Faith, Family Fellowship = Stewardship Committee:** Report submitted. Fall drive will be November 20, 27 and December 4 and 11. Mission Sunday November 20.

**Worship and Music Committee:** No written report. Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at Trinity. December 14 Blast will have Christmas program as the service.

**Personnel Committee:** No written report. Staff reviews will be on December 8, 2022.

**Altar Guild Committee:** Report submitted. Flower sign up in October has gone up to \$25. Looking for more Altar Guild members.



**Call Committee:** No written report. Stephanie White has accepted Pastoral call and she will start on November 21, 2022.

**Youth and Family Director:**

**Unfinished business:**

**New business:**

**Congregational Questions and Concerns:**

**Pastors Report: (Pulpit Supply – Rev Terri Cuppett):** Sunday and Wednesday Services. Pastor's Conference gathering is changed to November 8, 2022.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday – November 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm

**Devotions for November:** Mandy Schuster

**Offering Security for November:** Wednesday – Angie Westling      Sunday – Penny Harder

**Adjournment:** Ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

**Minutes submitted by:** LeeAnn Lund



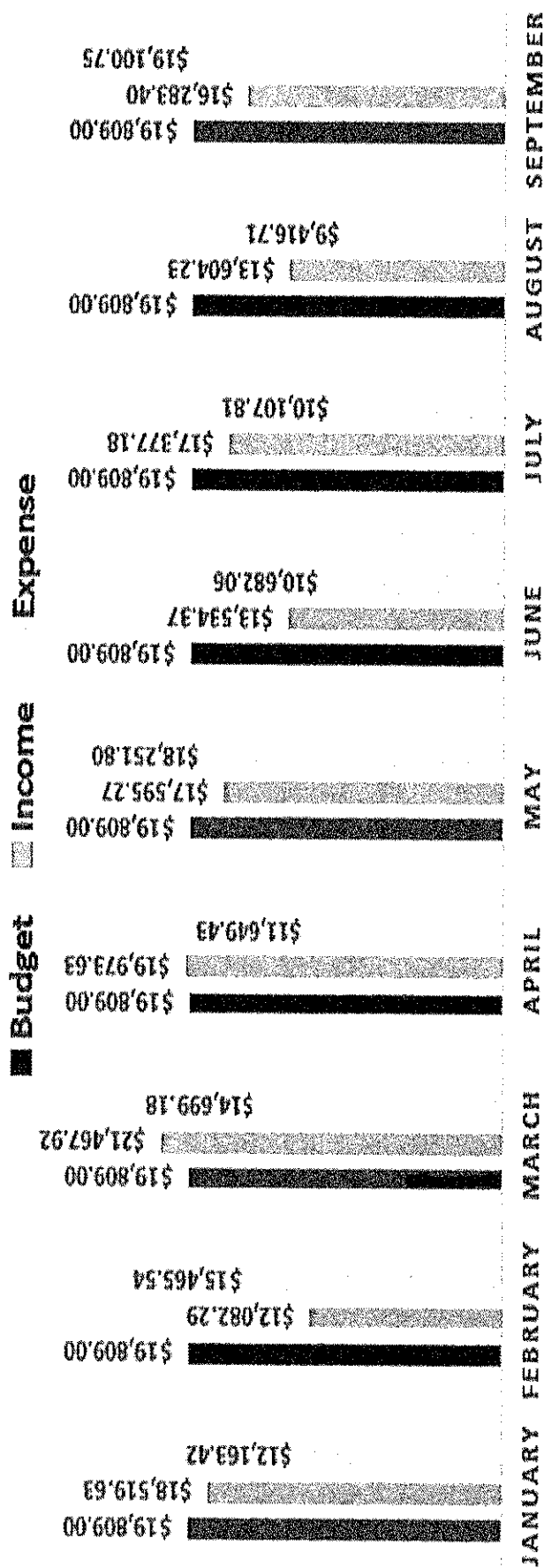
## Information from the Finance and Faith & Family Stewardship Committees,

November is the time of the year when budgets, expenses, and contribution trends are reviewed for the year. The graph illustrates budgeted income and expenses for each month in 2022. Because we have not had a Pastor or youth director this past year, monthly expenses have been much less than can be expected when we have a full time Pastor on staff. Before the end of the year an additional payment of \$5,500 and \$500 to the Synod and Pathways (respectively) will be paid to complete Redeemer's yearly commitment.

The 2022 budget was an unknown—created for a pastor in the middle of the salary guideline. Pastor White is coming with more experience. Giving will have to be stepped up by all to make sure we can afford to keep operating in the same capacity and help Pastor White grow our activities. Throughout the year committee, custodial, and office expenses have stayed within planned budgets. There have been only a few unusual or unexpected expenses noted throughout the year. One such expense was \$7, 530.00 paid for repairs on an Air conditioner/pump. Throughout the winter months heating expenses were high and some boiler work had to be completed.

Thank you for being a faithful contributor to Redeemer Lutheran Church. We give to carry out the work of Redeemer and to expand this ministry beyond our doors. Giving regularly is good for you and good for the church. We give according to our blessings. The real joy of giving begins when we make giving a priority. Prayerfully consider increasing your giving as we approach Redeemer's fall Stewardship program and the excitement and anticipation of Pastor Stephanie White.

## MONTHLY INCOME & EXPENSE







## **I Belong to a Caring Church**

On Sunday, October 23, we had the annual "Blessing of the Quilts" as part of our worship service. Redeemer Church is known for beautiful quilts that have been distributed locally and shipped all over the world. Our members have also been avid participants in the Malaria project and worldwide farm. They gather school supplies for needy students, collect socks for needy feet of all sizes, and host a huge spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Hospice of the Red River Valley. These are just a few ways that Redeemer Church has reached out into the community and into the world. I would like to express appreciation on behalf of my mother, Annabelle, my sister—Pastor Terri Cuppett and myself for the many kind things that you have done to help our family. The latest kind gesture was joining forces with the St. Hilaire Lions to put on a benefit to raise money for my new prosthetic eyes. Members of Redeemer baked yummy goodies for the bake sale, gave monetary contributions and bought hearty pancake breakfasts at the benefit. The quilters organized a raffle, and one of our members, Juneal Peterson, won the quilt. The whole day was so special that it almost made me cry. To my knowledge, \$8500 was raised at the benefit. More money may have come in that I don't know about yet. I also received some individual contributions totaling \$1475. This exceeds the \$5400 price that I was quoted at the Midwest Eye Center in Fargo, ND. The price may actually be higher so I will have to see about that. Anyway, I have received an abundance of contributions that will cover the cost of my artificial eyes and travel expenses. The procedure has two steps that will occur over two days. I am scheduled to go to Fargo on Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, November 3. Paula Adamson will be traveling with me to Fargo, and will be staying overnight in a hotel. In case you are wondering what the procedure is all about, I will give you my unglamorous, unscientific explanation. When I arrive on Wednesday, the technicians will put some "goop" into each eye socket to form a mold. The process isn't painful, but it is extremely cold. BRRR! The next day, I come back and receive my prosthetic eyes. They are sturdy, plastic shells that will fit securely into my eye sockets. They will protect my sockets from pain and infection. The technicians are very careful to make the shells look like real eyes. I have requested brown eyes, so that is what I will receive. If some of you were thinking that these expensive prosthetics would cause me to see, that won't be happening. Medical technology hasn't advanced that far yet.

I want all of you to know that I have had an amazing life and the older I get, the more fun I have. I am glad that I can serve as your cantor and on various committees. My whole family will continue to pay it forward as we encounter needs within our church and beyond. Thank you all for your help. Soon I will be able to show you my big brown eyes, the result of your generosity. God's peace and blessings to everyone! In closing, I would like to share a verse from one of my favorite hymns: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending".

"Treasure, too, you have entrusted, Gain through powers your grace and conferred: Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, Healing, Teaching and Reclaiming, Serving you by loving all."

Yours in Christ ~ Chris Cuppett



# Blessing of the Quilts

## Bless the Quilters

108 Quilts adorned our church for the Blessing. This number did not include all the quilts that were donated for area benefits. Great work Quilters!







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Dear Friends,

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Thank you for supporting families in this tender time of life. We are forever grateful.

Warm regards,

Tracee Capron  
Executive Director

Thank you for your  
support of our mission  
with your annual Spaghetti  
Benefit Dinner!

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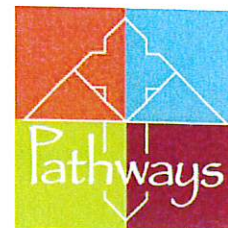
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# Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

*"Providing unique environments where God encounters people and renews them to live lives of love"*



Dear Faithful Friends,

Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is purchasing Camp Emmaus. One way in which we hope to raise the funds to complete this purchase is by taking part in Give to the Max Day on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We have a \$30,000 match in place to challenge our donors and congregations to raise money for this purchase. Give to the Max Day has become an important element of sustaining the ministry of Pathways by connecting supporters, volunteers and donors to our mission of ***providing unique environments where God encounters people and renews them to live lives of love.***

Pathways has been negotiating with Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) in Moorhead, MN on a purchase agreement for Camp Emmaus. The agreement is for a \$200,000 down payment that is due at the end of 2022. With this purchase, Pathways will be able to own Camp Emmaus and continue to provide camping ministry and faith development for campers, families, congregations, and retreat goers.



For over 53 years, Pathways has impacted the faith formation of young people and retreaters and our intent is to continue to do so for generations to come. We have been grateful for all the support we have received over the years and hope to continue to have your support as we enter this exciting time in our history. This purchase marks the start of a new era of opportunity for Pathways to sustain the ministry at Camp Emmaus.

With this request we invite you to consider supporting Pathways today with a gift. All funds will go directly towards our campaign to purchase Camp Emmaus and will be matched up to \$30,000. Pathways is looking forward with excitement at finalizing ownership and the opportunities it brings to sustain our mission in ministry by connecting young people to their faith and Christian community.



Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our Give to the Max Day matching opportunity to purchase Camp Emmaus. For further questions, please contact me at 218-227-5107 or [director@pathwaysbiblecamps.org](mailto:director@pathwaysbiblecamps.org).

Serving with joy,

Chris Andreasen, Executive Director  
Pathways Bible Camps



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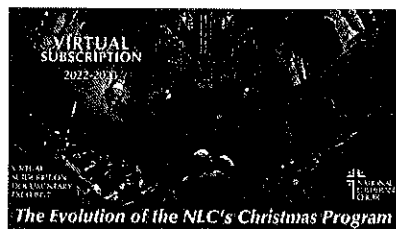
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NLC (April 2023)



## The Potter's Hands

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 18:1-11

*Surrender to what is. Let go of what was. Have faith in what will be.* —Sonia Ricotti

In 1902, Adelaide A. Pollard, a hymn writer, was hoping to go to Africa as a missionary but found herself unable to raise the needed funds to make the journey.

Greatly discouraged, she attended a prayer service one evening, and, as she sat there, she overheard an elderly woman say, “It really doesn’t matter what you do with us, Lord, just have your own way with our lives.”

The elderly woman inspired Pollard, and she thought about the story of the potter from Jeremiah 18:1-11 (today’s Old Testament reading). When she returned home that evening, she wrote all four stanzas of the well-known hymn, “Have Thine Own Way” before retiring for the night.

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will;  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Hold o’er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit ’till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.*

A potter needs a lot of strength to work with clay and get it centered properly. Clay often has a mind of its own, it seems. A potter must have strong fingers and arm strength.

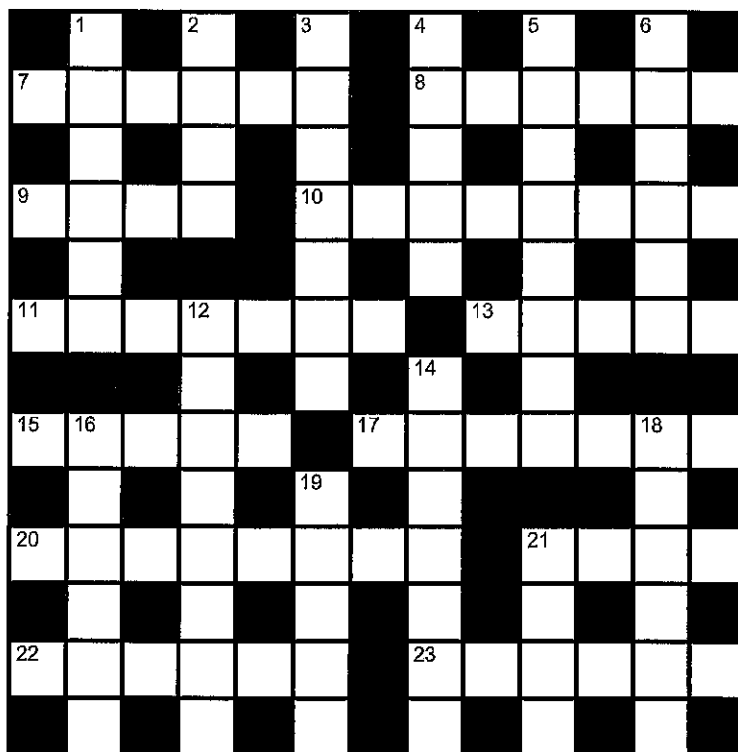
God has these qualities. The arms of God are strong. They push and shape us. This is what God was showing to the prophet Jeremiah in our reading for today. The fingers of God apply the delicate touch needed to transform us into a work of art — at the hands of the Artist!

These are trying times. But if we yield to the creative hand of the Potter, something amazing and beautiful is going to happen!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, the Potter, today I surrender my life to you to mold and make according to your will. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

# Ruth



## Across

- 7 Son of Jacob who became a respected authority in Egypt. (6)
- 8 Another name for Jacob. (6)
- 9 The 40-day season before Easter. (4)
- 10 "And she \_\_\_\_\_, I am Ruth thine handmaid." Ruth 3:9 (8)
- 11 Boaz \_\_\_\_\_ the young men in his fields to not bother Ruth as she gleaned from his field. Ruth 2:9 (7)
- 13 Naomi instructed Ruth "when he \_\_\_\_\_ down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in ... " Ruth 3:4 (5)
- 15 "Thy people \_\_\_\_\_ be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1:16 (5)
- 17 "And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi ... \_\_\_\_\_ a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's." Ruth 4:3 (7)

20 Ruth was Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_ in law. Ruth 1:6 (8)

21 "And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, \_\_\_\_\_ Tamar bare unto Judah." Ruth 4:12 (4)

22 Ruth lay at Boaz's feet until morning and "rose up \_\_\_\_\_ one could know another." Ruth 3:14 (6)

23 "\_\_\_\_\_ therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman." Ruth 3:9 (6)

## Down

1 "For thy daughter in law, which \_\_\_\_\_ thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him." Ruth 4:15 (6)

2 "So they two \_\_\_\_\_ until they came to Bethlehem." Ruth 1:19 (4)

3 Ruth gathered among the \_\_\_\_\_, Ruth 2:7 (7)

4 Ruth showed her dedication to Naomi by saying, "Where

thou \_\_\_\_\_, will I die, and there will I be buried." Ruth 1:17 (5)

5 The ability to choose on your own. (4,4)

6 The bible tells us to do this when we sin. (6)

12 Christianity is this. (8)

14 "Then said Boaz unto Ruth, \_\_\_\_\_ thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens." Ruth 2:8 (7)

16 God's dwelling. (6)

18 A doubting disciple of Jesus. (6)

19 "The name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth." Ruth 1:4 (5)

21 "The LORD recompense thy \_\_\_\_\_, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." Ruth 2:12 (4)



## Looking Ahead

Tuesday, November 1	9:30am 6:45pm	Hannah Unit Meeting – Emmaus Room Worship and Music Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 2	5:45pm	BLAST and Confirmation
Sunday, November 6	8:15am 9:30am	Senior Choir rehearsal and sing Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, November 7	5:30pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 8		Pastors' Conference
Wednesday, November 9	5:45pm 6:30pm	BLAST and Confirmation Worship with Holy Communion BLAST students sing during worship
Sunday, November 13	9:30am	Worship
Monday, November 15	6:00	Council Meeting
November 15 – 18		WIC
Wednesday, November 16	5:45pm 6:30pm	BLAST and Confirmation Worship
Friday, November 18		Newsletter info Due
Sunday, November 20	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, November 23	7:00pm	<b>Thanksgiving Worship at Trinity</b>
November 24 and 25	Happy Thanksgiving	Office Closed
Sunday, November 27	9:30am	Worship
Tuesday, November 29	6:00 pm	Altar Guild
Wednesday, November 30	5:45pm/6:30	BLAST and Confirmation/Worship







# November 2022 Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Kari Johnson	2 Ashley Olson Kassidy Fremling	3 Kristie Huseeth	4 Jana Nelson	5 Jonathan Kays
6 Shirley Nelson Shelly McFarlane	7 Stacy Davidson Brock Jacobson Teddi-Ann Pray	8 Greg Brekke Brady Berg Aliya Hejlik	9 Chad Johnson Kellan Johnson	10 Mia Dally	11 Wendy Goddard Jennica Bakken Olivia Hempel	12
13 Howard Goethe Julie Ornquist	14	15	16 Natasha Eakes Gus Bruggeman	17	18 Mikeala Berg Mike Barry Riley Bakken	19 Barb Ammerman Judy Gustafson Dianne Stroh
20 Casey Nelson Jodi Disterhaupt	21 Shane Defreese Jonathan Barry	22 Maxton Peterson Ellie Nelson Joel Seim Barbara Noel	23 Amanda Buggee Megan Browning	24 Stephanie Dagen Baylor Bakken Cody Conners Jordan Jacobson	25 Raeann Jacobson	26 Eric Tjelle Miah Nelson
27 Linda Olson Kora McLean	28 Lori Sorenson	19	30 Colin Browning Rick Myers			

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