

Friendly Messenger

November 2021

Have you ever seen true gratitude? Maybe you have seen it or even felt it. I remember stopping in the Emergency Room one afternoon (pre-covid) and passing by a woman's room. The room was dark. She was crying. I stopped in to ask what was the matter. Through her tears, she told me she had been waiting there for hours, since last night, and that the whole time she had been waiting in the emergency room, she had not been given anything to eat. It had been at least 19 hours since her last meal.

I went out to the nurses' station. I told them this lady needed something to eat and asked that they bring her some food. I sat with her in the room and in a few minutes they brought in a sandwich. I will never forget the way she closed her eyes, held that sandwich to her chest, looked up, and said, "Thank you, Lord." Tears streamed down her face as she ate it.

I tell this not to say anything uncomplimentary about medical professionals. They get busy and wrapped up in in-coming emergencies. I especially keep them in prayer during this time of pandemic. These staff persons were just unaware at the time. Once they knew of the need, they responded promptly. I share this because I was moved by this woman's gratitude. I admit that at every meal I give thanks, but never have I given thanks like that. It was moving.

Thanksgiving Day comes this month. We take this holiday to give thanks for all that we have: family, food, friends, health, the grace of God. We have so much to be grateful for. I am grateful for each of you and the giftedness you bring to the mission of the church. I appreciate your care and support as I request my sabbatical leave for rest, renewal, and rejuvenation. I appreciate how we have done our best to navigate through this difficult time of pandemic with love and care of each other.

Thanksgiving Day is a day of celebration and gratitude. It also brings its own degree of darkness. The First Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 between the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans. It was celebrated by individual states and colonies until in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared it a national holiday.

We know the history. The colonists established roots here and by their hard work, grew and grew, and grew. Grew in size, grew in wealth, grew in power. And as they did, the same could not be said for our indigenous brothers and sisters. Over time, they lost their land, their lives, and their livelihood. Now, addiction and suicide rates are high among indigenous people. It is truly eye-opening to visit a reservation to see the difficulty and suffering the centuries have brought.

You have seen the orange cloth that we have on our altar. We display this color in sacred remembrance of the 215+ bodies of children of the Kamloops Residential School and of the Rosebud Sioux.

I share a portion of the letter from the ELCA. The full letter may be found in the newsletter.

[The children] They are being remembered by many by the color orange. The color orange is symbolic and came from the inspiration of a survivor of that era, Phyllis Webstad, who stated that when she was a 6-year-old girl arriving at a residential boarding school, she was stripped of her clothes which included a new orange t-shirt her grandmother had gifted her and was never given back. The orange shirt/color now symbolizes how the church and the schools they administered took away the Indigenous identity of the children in their care.

Cont. Pastor Adrienne letter:

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It is a sad, but important observance to make. It is the dark side of the abundant privilege we enjoy. We can be thankful for all that we have. As we do, let us also be aware. Let us confess. Let us seek forgiveness. Let us honor them, grieve over the loss and injustice, and strive to serve our indigenous brothers and sisters. The orange cloth we display is a start. Let us prayerfully consider how we might support our synod mission-start in Cherokee.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Adrienne

LAND USE COMMITTEE

The land use committee has been gathering information and quotes on the cost of building a pavilion behind the fellowship hall. More information to come as it becomes available.

Tim Whitener



FTF Seniors

The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meet on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet in November on the 3rd at Plateau Methodist Church. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting COATS FOR THE HOMELESS during October and November. Please bring the coats to the church and put them in the back of the Sanctuary. The coats must be in good condition. They should be of all sizes for men, women, and children. At the end of November, the coats will be delivered to the patrons of The Soup Kitchen.

Thanks to all the congregation members who continue to work directly and indirectly with the many needs of our community during this difficult time. Whether various churchwide collections or direct support to individuals, each recipient feels the caring and love of our church members. What a blessing to give!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - PLATEAU METHODIST

Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 24th, 6:30 PM, followed with Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

Location:	Plateau Methodist	Coffee
	Sardis Lutheran	Drinks
	Ebenezer and Wesley Chapel	Deserts



ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on November 7th. The 2022 Spending Plan, the list of Council, Nominating and Scholarship Committee nominees will be handed out. The meeting will continue on November 21st.

THRIVENT NEWS

Al King will lead a Thriven Action Team Nov. 14 to build 3 water filters for Safe Water. Kits. Parts are provided to be assembled and then returned to Wine to Water, which is based in Boone. Sylvia will lead a Team to assemble 3 more on Nov 21. Tune in for more. Perhaps some more Thrivent members would like to do a similar Activity also.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will start the first Sunday in November. Children will be dismissed right after the children's sermon and return at the beginning of communion, or during the sending hymn. Children's church is for PreK—5th Grade.

Sardis Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
July 11, 2021

Members Present

Pastor Adrienne, Bruce, Ben, Terry, Carolyn
Mike, Kathy, April, Tim

Members Absent

Susan, Gene, Jon

Bruce called the meeting to order, Bryan had devotions.

The minutes were read with mention by Tim of Agape Day Camp Notes needing to be added. Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes with the additional notes added, Ben seconded and the motion passed. The discussion of the Agape Day Camp and the resulting notes were added before sending the finished report to the church secretary prior to the newsletter publication.

Bruce presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance for the Building Fund - \$4,221, Cemetery Fund - \$1,330 and the General Fund \$9,064. Jon made a motion to accept the reports as presented, Kathy seconded and the motion passed.

Pastor Adrienne presented her report:

July 11, 2021 Pastor's Report

Grace and Peace to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Since we met three weeks ago, we have been getting increasingly ready for the start of a new year. We have been worshipping in the sanctuary and have resumed weekly communion. We have also resumed our weekly Tuesday morning Bible study and many of our committees are meeting again. I have appreciated our Thriving Beyond Covid19 council session in preparation for our time with Pastor Greg Williams at our upcoming council retreat.

This week we lost a beloved and long-time member, Emma Jean Jarrett. She entered the Church Triumphant on Monday, July 5th. We have arranged her memorial service to be held on Sunday, July 18th at 2 pm with visitation at the back of the sanctuary at 1 pm. The Women of the ELCA will provide a sandwich platter for them to take home.

I am very appreciative of the leadership of our Women of the ELCA committee and their work to provide crafts and meals for Camp Agape at St. Paul Startown. I will deliver the supplies this week. I am also very happy to share that seven of our young people will attend this year: Cooper Carroll, Keaton Farnsworth, Rhiannon Farnsworth, Cayden Hood, Paisley Hood, Hayden Johnson, and Lexi Wood. Thanks be to God for the council's support of this great opportunity and the families' stepping forward in faith for our little one's faith formation. I trust it is going to be a great week!

The next week, we will join with Grace Lutheran, Plateau UMC, Wesley's Chapel UMC, and Zion Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School. I encourage us all to attend in support of partnership, collaboration, and our VBS team. The children will be exploring the treasures of the Kingdom of God and the adults will have a forum about the impact of Covid19.

Our ANGELS committee has also set a date for Youth Sunday. On August 9th, our children and youth will help lead the worship service. They will also be making plans for fundraising for the Youth Gathering that will be held this summer. It was scheduled for last year, but due to the pandemic was pushed back to this year. Our eligible youth are: Samuel Biggerstaff, Nate Johnson,

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Rylan Johnson, Hayden Johnson, Kallista McGinnis, and Tryston Sylvester. The theme is "Boundless: God Beyond Measure" and will be held in Minneapolis, MN from July 24-28, 2022.

Summary

- Synod Coaching session, June 23
- ANGELS for Christ, Monday, June 28
- Children's Christian Education, Monday, June 28
- Thriving Beyond Covid, Council session 2, Wednesday, June 30
- LIGHTS Conference Meeting, Thursday, July 1
- Bible Study, Tuesday, July 6th at 10 am
- Fred T. Foard Seniors Luncheon, Wednesday, July 7

Upcoming

- Agape Day Camp delivery, July 14th
- Drive-in service with Holy Communion, Sunday, July 18
- Memorial Service for Emma Jean Jarrett, Sunday, July 18
- VBS at Grace Lutheran, July 25th-28th
- Vacation Dates
 - o Monday, July 19th-Monday July 26th
 - o Lay Preacher Mark Howell supplying
- Thriving Beyond Covid, Session 3 and 4, Thursday, July 29th at 7 pm
- Christian Education Meeting, Monday, August 2 at 6:30 pm
- Confirmation Planning Meeting, Thursday, August 5th at 11 am
- Council Retreat, Saturday, August 7th 8:30 am-12 noon with Pastor Greg Williams
- Sunday School Clean-up Day and New Teacher Training, Saturday, August 14 at 9 am
- Homecoming, Sunday, September 12th

Items for Action/Discussion

- Transfer of membership request, The Rev. Bill Miller-Zurrell

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Adrienne Martin

Old Business:

July Outdoor service: Due to the fact we are back to indoor worship services it was decided to cancel our last planned outdoor service. July can be hot even in the mornings and there was concern the turnout would be small.

"Be The Light" Campaign: Pastor Adrienne presented some answers to some questions the Council had about the campaign from last weeks presentation by Pastor Krey. While the answers to certain questions were answered several more presented themselves including how to present to the

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congregation, the current needs of the area and who might be leading this multiple year campaign. With no resolution the Council decided not to commit to this project at this time.

New Business:

Pastor Adrienne brought up the request of Rev. Bill Mill-Zurrell for membership transfer to . Kathy made a motion to accept the requested transfer and Carolyn seconded the motion. The motion passed and Pastor Adrienne with inform Rev. Miller-Zurrell.

Bulletin cost: The cost of bulletins was brought to the attention of the Council. We are still receiving the outside (cover) for bulletins we used to use, but since we are now printing our own these not needed. As of now no decision has been made on what to do regarding the next shipment of material. This will be brought to the attention of the Worship and Music Committee to make the final decision.

Sign Damage: Tim reported some vandalism to the newly upgraded church sign, some letters and the tracks that hold them were damaged. After speaking with Sign Solutions the estimate for repairs and additional letters came to \$665. Bruce will speak to Dwayne about checking on whether insurance will cover this cost.

Council meeting/retreat still planned for Aug 7th at Hart Square.

Pastor Adrienne led us in the Lord's Prayer. Council dismissed.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Weaver

August 3, 2021

Called Council Meeting: To discuss recommendations set by the NC Synod Re-Gathering Task Force

10 Council members present

Pastor Adrienne began the meeting with prayer. The recommendations had been printed and the copies were passed to all present.

To begin the meeting, it was decided to continue as planned with the Council retreat to be held at Hart Square on Sat Aug with guest speaker Pastor Greg Williams.

Recommendations for Church service:

After some discussion it was decided to follow the CDC guidelines and wear masks at all indoor services and to follow the NC Synod guidelines on most other items.

Sunday School – Rally Sunday, April suggested that all teachers and students wear masks, and that Sunday School will continue as planned. Rally Sunday could possibly be held outside, and the Christen Ed Committee will work toward that goal. Pastor Adrienne will finalize plans with April.

Seating for Service - The Worship and Music Committee had already made recommendations and suggests that these be followed more closely by the Congregation – Sit only with household members, try not to sit directly behind/in front of other worshippers, possibly sit on opposite ends of the pews from other members, etc.

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Communion – We will continue as we have been with communion. The Altar Committee will look into ordering more of the sealed cups for the remainder of the year and will get with Dwayne to find the funds needed for the additional cost.

Pastor Adrienne will send out phone tree and e-mail messages providing the Congregation updates on the new recommendations set by the Council and NC Synod.

Homecoming – Will plan on holding the service outside (weather permitting) on Sept 12. Worship and Music Committee chair Becky Gladden was present and discussed with the Council options for the meal. It was decided to order boxed lunches from Jason's Deli and provide bottled water for the meal. Becky also requested that those church members that were planning to stay for the meal sign up and list the family members names to hopefully reduce over ordering. Volunteers will be needed to carry some tables and chairs out and possible to pick up the food.

Jon made a motion to adjourn. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,
Kathy Weaver
Council Secretary

Sardis Council Retreat August 7, 2021

The Sardis Church Council met Saturday Aug 7 at the Hart Square Training Facility for their annual retreat. The subject of this retreat was to focus on where we see our church now and what do we hope/envision for our future. Pastor Greg Williams returned as facilitator from the 2019 retreat to provide guidance and discussion along these lines.

After several ideas were brought up, the Council decided to concentrate on the top four that were thought to be obtainable in the next 2-3 years.

Outdoor Worship/Gathering Facility

With the purchase of the acreage behind the church a Land Use Committee had been formed to research different ideas about how to use the land. If a structure were to be built what would be the need and how would it be used? Would it be offered to the community to use? What would it look like and how would it be funded? Pastor Greg guided us to explore the possibilities of outreach for this facility and growth it could bring for us and the community. We decided to regather the Land-use Committee to begin once again studying the possibilities the property would provide. Since Tim had been heading this committee before he will be the "Champion" of this project, keeping the Council informed and bringing in additional committees if the need arises. The timeline was to have a report ready by the November Annual Church meeting.

More Space for Sunday School and a designated "Youth Space"

Since funds for two major projects may be limited, it was decided to "find" space in the Educational wing of the building, possibly rearranging/adjusting some of the space already available to accommodate more class/work areas, while still looking forward to the time a building expansion will be possible. This project was assigned to the Christian Ed Committee and Angels In Christ group, with April as the "Champion". She will provide feedback to the Council on their progress and the possibilities of yearly revaluations of the usable space.

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Expand Technology for Continued Hybrid Worship Services and New Ministries

We see the need for a new PA system along with additional upgrades. When we were by Pastor Greg questioned about the use and plans many ideas were introduced – Engage viewers during the worship services, add additional services (bible studies, Sunday school); possibility of adding better sound at services through hearing aid access; include local Senior Centers/Facilities for services; having additional viewing/sound available in the Fellowship Hall for large crowds/continued social distancing. When upgrading the sound system, the possibility of training additional church members to operate the system was brought up in hopes of expanding the availability of technicians. Champions for this project will be Ben and Terry, and they will hopefully provide an update at the next Council meeting

Senior Citizen Opportunities/Activities

Some of the ideas brought up during this discussion did overlap with the “Tech” issue and will continue to be looked into. Another possibility to provided activities for our Seniors was an “exchange box”. This could be used for books, messaging, personal needs, extra produce – many ideas were mentioned. The Evangelism Committee was assigned this project to research additional programs/activities that could be provided for our Seniors as well as the community. The “exchange box” will be “Championed” by Susan, who will check on financing, building and placement. She also will hopefully be able to provide an update at the next Council meeting.”

These are the four projects that were chosen to be “Championed” and followed through with until completion. As a project is completed or “put on hold” another project will be brought up and studied by the Council to make sure we are always looking ahead to our future at Sardis, our service to the community and advancement of God’s work.

Respectfully

Kathy Weaver

Sardis Lutheran
Church Council Minutes
September 13, 2021

Members Present:

Pastor Adrienne, Bruce, Jon, Gene, Susan
Tim, Ben, Mike, Kathy, Carolyn,

Members Absent:

Terry, Brian

Bruce called the meeting to order, Jon Gladden had devotions

Kathy read minutes from various Council gatherings including the August 7 Council retreat. Minutes were accepted with two spelling corrections.

Bruce presented the July and August treasurer’s reports. The Building Fund as of August 31, has a balance of \$5,550.95, Cemetery Fund \$331,57 and the General Fund \$9,835.23. Jon made a motion to accept the reports, Carolyn seconded, and the motion was approved.

Pastor’s Report

Grace and peace! It is great to be back from vacation! While it was tinged with sadness, I also found opportunities to rest and relax with family. The last several months have been filled with concern over the health of my Mom’s husband Ralph and my Mom’s well-being. Last Thursday, we gathered to celebrate Ralph’s life and commend him to our Lord with a memorial service at St. Mark’s in Charlotte last Thursday. Mom and I took up a family invitation to have a few days at Holden Beach. The beach was the perfect place to be with the healing waves and family time

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This is September. We have been planning for this month all summer. This season has been one of refocusing and re-adapting. Earlier on, covid case numbers were going down and things were looking better. We were making plans to resume Sunday School, gearing up for more activities, and becoming increasingly comfortable. However, the Delta variant emerged causing case numbers to rise and we once again have needed to adapt for safety. However, we were still able to have a wonderful Homecoming Celebration with Pastor Mary Louise!

I have continued worship planning, Bible study, and pastoral care calls. I have made visits upon request and urgency throughout this time. I have completed my 40 hours of continuing education for the year and have been preparing for Confirmation and First Communion classes. In our last “Thriving After Covid19” session, I have also inquired about providing corporate prayer opportunities. In speaking with our prayer leaders, we plan to resume prayer group via conference call on an evening during the week. The invitation is open to all who would like to attend.

Summary of Activities

- Tuesday Bible Study, July 6
- Crafts to St. Paul’s for Agape Day Camp, Wednesday July 14
- Dot Lutz’s birthday party, Saturday July 17
- Drive-in Service, Sunday, July 18
- Funeral for Emma Jean Jarrett, Sunday, July 18
- Vacation, July 19-25
- VBS at Grace, July 25-28
- Thriving Beyond Covid19, Thursday, July 29
- Open House for Amy Jones, Saturday, July 31
- Funeral planning meeting, Monday, August 2
- Christian Education Meeting, Monday, August 2
- Tuesday Bible Study, Tuesday, August 3
- Fred T. Foard Seniors Luncheon at Ebenezer, Wednesday, August 4
- Worship & Music Meeting, Wednesday, August 4
- LIGHTS Conference Meeting, Thursday, August 5
- Council Retreat, Saturday, August 7
- Tuesday Bible Study, August 10
- Hickory Funeral Home with Betty Clay Family, Wednesday, August 11
- Sunday School Classroom Clean-up and Teacher Training, Saturday, August 14
- Funeral for Betty Clay, Saturday, August 14
- Holy Baptism of Brysen Anderson, Monday, August 16
- Five Years of Ordained Ministry! Tuesday, August 17
- Tuesday Bible Study, August 17
- Land Use Committee Meeting, August 17
- Memorial Service for Shawn Jarrett, August 21
- Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 22
- Rally Day for Sunday School, Sunday, August 29
- Installation of Rev. Judy Drysdale, Sunday, August 29
- Vacation, August 31-September 7
- Homecoming with Rev. Mary Louise, September 12
- Children’s Sunday School starts
- Synod Training, Regions 8 and 9, Boundaries and Inclusion Training, 12-5 pm, Monday, September 13
- Council Meeting, September 13

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Upcoming

- Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 3
- Confirmation starts, Sunday, October 3
- First Communion Class, Sunday, October 10
- Regional Convocation, October 11-12
- Reformation with First Communion, October 31
- Hosting LIGHTS, November 4
- Lifeline Synod Meeting at Synod Office, Tuesday, November 16

Items for Action/Discussion

- Update on Wall of Pastors
- Transfer of Linda Wilson's membership to Old St. Paul's.
- Girl Scouts request
- Linda Bristow request

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Adrienne Martin

Action Items:

Discussion for "Wall of Pastors"- Several proposals were mentioned but it was decided to have a photo display. Tim made a motion to get funds to build/create a photo display from the budget, then possibly asking for donations from the Congregations to reimburse the funds used, estimate starting at \$400. It was also brought that Terry had volunteered to build this display. Motion passed.

Girl Scout request -The local troop leader had asked the Pastor for use of the fellowship hall on Sept 21 to host a recruitment event. Jon made a motion to allow the troop one event, Ben seconded. The Event and participants must comply with church guidelines about the use of the hall. Motion passed

Linda Bristow – Once again has requested use of the fellowship hall to host her annual Medicare update meeting. April made a motion to allow, Kathy seconded. She will hold several smaller group meetings instead of one large meeting also following church guidelines. She will contact prospective attendees to advise of times and dates. Motion passed.

FTF Seniors – Sardis to host December meeting. It was decided to hold off on any decision until closer to meeting time to consider any changes in CDC/NC Synod guidelines.

Old Business:

Worship Bulletins: The Worship and Music Committee had discussed the different bulletin choices and put to the Council for a vote. With the price being similar, Jon made a motion to keep the current format, adding the hymn # and setting selection to the bulletin, so those wishing to use the hymnals can also follow the service, April seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Pastor Adrienne brought up the request of Linda Wilson to transfer membership to Old St Paul Startown. Kathy made a motion to allow the transfer, April seconded and the motion passed. The Pastor will inform Linda.

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Outdoor Area – Tim reported on the regrouping of the Land Use Committee. He provided some information on a possible building/worship area of approximately 40x80sq ft space. The committee will continue to research and seek out quotes in this phase of their planning. Another meeting is planned for the near future.

Fellowship Hall – April presented and update on the activity of the Christian Ed Committee and the Angels In Christ on their project of “finding additional space” in the Fellowship Hall. They cleaned and reorganized several rooms to make them more efficient and useful. The groups will continue to monitor these spaces and other church areas to maintain what they accomplished. They will also try to establish a “space study” to see if we are actually using the space/layout to our best benefit.

Technology Expansion – Ben commented on the current system used for services. The PA system works well, replacement pricing in the past was about \$30k. Another fund request submitted to the Synod has not yet been answered. The current DVD recorder may need to be replaced or repaired, possible upgraded to something else as this tech is getting old.

Senior Citizen Opportunities – Ray of the Evangelism Committee has suggested holding off on planning due to the spike in Covid cases. They will hopefully be able to plan something soon.

With no further business Jon made a motion to adjourn. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting Oct 10th.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Weaver, Council Secretary

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

On Sunday, November 14 at 4 pm, we are going to have a special service to give thanks for and remember those who have died since the pandemic. We invite everyone to attend as we remember our loved ones.

Ray Weaver
Grace Hoyle
Frank Weaver
Carolyn Truitt
Joe Fulbright
Jack Whitener
Dwight Gladden
Emma Jean Jarrett
Shawn Jarrett
Betty Clay
Kathleen Weaver



Our synod council reviewed this letter and approved a motion from leaders across our synod to engage in this sacred remembrance—and to continue to take steps of lamentation, confession, reconciliation, and healing.

Beginning **Thursday, September 30**, the day when many will wear orange to remember, we too will be wearing orange and draping the synod office chapel with orange fabric.

Will you join us? Join us in draping this fabric, not out of obligation or guilt, but as a sacred remembrance. Make space in your sanctuaries for the memory of children lost far too soon in traumatic and unjust ways. Make space in your sanctuaries for pieces of orange fabric as a commitment to healing with our First Nations siblings.

AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION

July 23, 2021

Greetings in the name of our Creator, in the name of Jesus, Savior of all. We speak to you all today on behalf of the Indigenous people throughout North Americas. We come with sad hearts at the news of 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School whose remains were recently found in a mass grave and of the children of the Rosebud Sioux whose bodies were returned to their homeland this past week. They are being remembered by many by the color orange.

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We now call on the Church to acknowledge and confess its complicity in all the atrocities committed against the Indigenous peoples of North America and throughout the world where western Christianity colonized Indigenous peoples. Please stand in partnership with us for the children.

The true history of the western church in America has been participation in acts of ethnic cleansing, genocide through warfare including biological and chemical, sterilization, depletion of our main food source, the taking of land and resources for personal gains. We ask you, the ELCA Church and Bishops Church leaders and congregations to support our people in remembering the children.

Many Tribal nations have had church groups offer apologies on behalf of their ancestors, which is well and good, but that only serves to assuage any feelings of guilt or shame for them and does not bring about true repentance. So in light of these past gestures we call upon the churches serving in the United States to advocate the U.S. Government to fully acknowledge all the atrocities it has committed against the indigenous peoples of this land now known as the United States of America and for the future of Christianity in Indian Country.

November 2021

Sardis Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bible Study 7:00 Prayer group ZOOM	3 12:00 FTF Seniors/Plateau Methodist	4	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Holy Communion and FB Live Congregation Meeting 5:00 Confirmation, Beth Eden/First Presbyterian Church 5:00 WELCA	8	9 Bible Study	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service and FB Live 4:00 Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance 7:00 Church Council	15	16 NO Bible Study 7:00 Prayer group ZOOM	17	18	19	20
21 CHRIST THE KING 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service and FB Live Congregation Meeting Cont. 3:00 Confirmation	22 ECCCM Volunteer	23 Bible Study 5:00 Deadline for NL	24 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service Plateau Methodist	25 Office Closed 	26	27
28 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service and FB Live 6:30 Lutheran Men in Mission	29	30 Bible Study				

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Lutheran Men in Mission

November

11/16 Evan Lail

11/20 Pat Lail

Andy Ruggles

11/21 Rebecca J. Ritz

Ray Whitener

11/22 Tryston Sylvester

11/24 Osama Yousef

11/27 Tommy Hoyle

11/28 Megan Roseman

Roger Teague

Anniversaries**Bennie & Edna Fulbright 11-18****Joe & Phyllis Biggerstaff 11-23****SATURDAY MEAL
DELIVERY****For—Catherine Houser,
Garry, Leevada and Lexi Wood****Nov 6** No Meal Delivery**Nov. 13** Rita Lutz**Nov. 20** No Meal Delivery**Nov. 27** Margaret Whitener**Delivery Week****Nov 5****Nov 12****Nov 19****BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Gene & Donna Biggerstaff

Dwayne & Barbara Whitener

Roger & Marilyn Teague, Jane
Moretz**VOLUNTEER OCTOBER****7th****14th****21st****28th****ALTAR FLOWERS**

Rick & Rita Lutz

LMM

Joe Rudisill

Mike & Felicia Hollar

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Bruce Sigman

SECURITY

Bryan Hood

Bruce Sigman

Ken Propst

Wayne Jarrett

REMEMBER: you can find this NL, the weekly calendar and Sunday Sermons on the website: <https://sardislutheran.com/> mark it as a favorite and check it out often.****NOTE*******If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know.
Thank you.***



Autumn Word Search



See how many of these autumn related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

1. Autumn
2. Fall
3. Leaves
4. Colors

5. Raking
6. Harvest
7. Pumpkins
8. Apples

9. Gourds
10. Football
11. Season
12. Scarecrow

13. Corn
14. Maize
15. Yellow
16. Orange

OUR MISSION

Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church serves together as disciples of Christ, teaches the word to invite people into a life of knowing Jesus, encourages each other in faith and personal mission through reaching out to the needs of the community and individuals.

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