



First Lutheran Church - ELCA

November 2024

The Voice

of the First Lutheran Congregation

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Welcome to the End of the Year...already?!

The end of the year, you may ask, but it's not

December! This is true, but December is not the only time a year ends. Fiscal years often end June 30th. Everyone's year ends on the day before their birthday. Anniversaries also mark the end of one year, and the beginning of the next. In the church, the year ends the Sunday before Advent begins, which means this year, "New Year's Eve" is on November 24th, and "New Year's Day" is on December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent.

What do we do to prepare for a new year? Sometimes we clean the house, to start out fresh. Sometimes we bake special cakes, pies, or other treats. Sometimes we throw a party. In the church, the "New Year's Eve" Sunday is called Christ the King Sunday, where we recognize that Jesus IS indeed the King! When Jesus was doing his earthly ministry, his kingship was usually hidden, disguised in the things he taught and the miracles he did. He did not have a standing army, or a capitol city. The closest thing he had was a rag-tag band of followers, and a wooden cross on a hill outside of Jerusalem. Yet, he IS king, and, as he told Pilate, his kingdom is not of this world.

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When will Christ's kingdom come to fruition? Our readings during the month of November, and even into December, give us hints of when, what, and how. Some of our readings are apocalyptic readings, readings that tell of the end of the world. These visions and descriptions can be quite strange, and sometimes rather frightening. They are not meant to be taken literally, and often are filled with symbolism, some of which we have figured out, but there is still a lot that we are not sure of. And that's okay! Christ IS King, is ruling now, and will rule forever.

"New Year's Day" for the church is the First Sunday of Advent, the first of four weeks where we light candles on the advent wreath, and prepare for Jesus' birth, not in a palace, but where animals were feeding. The year unfolds in mystery, quietly and unobtrusively (mostly!). In this coming new year, we will focus on gospel readings from Luke (with John thrown in from time to time). We will hear more about Jesus' "stealth" reign on earth, and his ultimate reign in heaven. May you be blessed as this year ends, and the new year dawns!

See you in church!

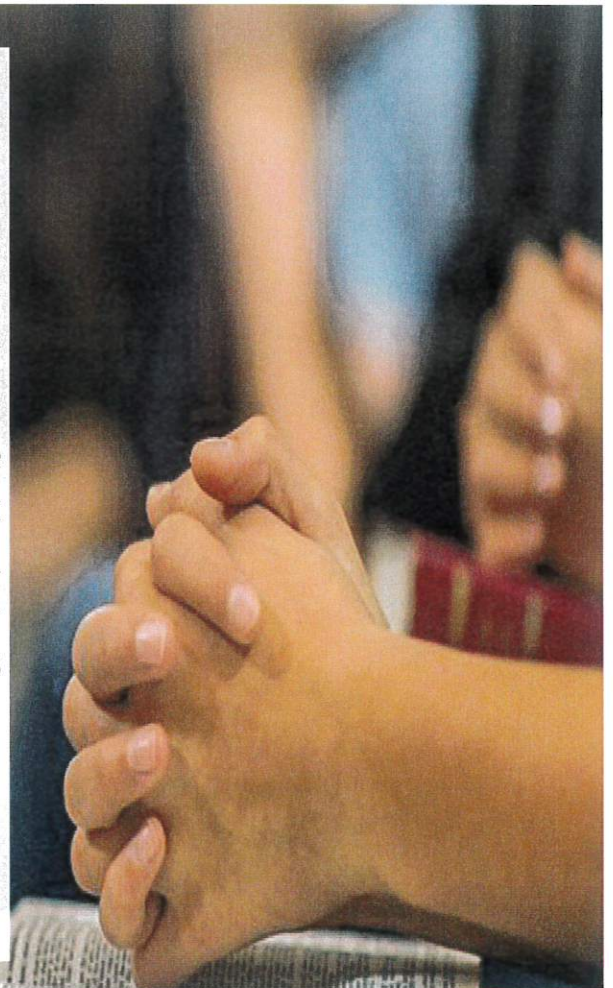
Pastor Ann

Prayer Partners

The power of prayer is strong! I am coordinating a prayer partner ministry here at First Lutheran, matching up caring adults with our children and youth. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either as an adult pray-er, or to have your child(ren) prayed for, please contact the church office. The sign-up was kicked-off on October 27, and I hope to get people contacted sometime in November as to who they will be praying for.

Thank you!

Pastor Ann





Noisy Offering for October was collected for:
The Pipestone County Food Shelf

The total amount collected was: **\$127.28**

Noisy Offering for November will go to FLY Winter/Holiday Drive.
Money collected will go to purchase toys for the Kiwanis toy drive. We will also be collecting
new or gently used winter hats, coats & gloves.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.

October 2024 Offerings

October 2024 Offerings	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – week 1	
Weekly Offering – week 2	
Weekly Offering – week 3	
Weekly Offering – week 4	
MONTH-END TOTAL:	
Difference from Budget amount needed:	

Needed / week:

4-week month = \$5,316/week

5-week month = \$4,253/week

There are now THREE METHODS to use Simply Giving:

- 1) Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week (bi-weekly) or monthly automatically through electronic funds transferred from your checking or savings accounts.
- 2) To the right is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan the QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's Vanco/Simply Giving offering site. Just follow the directions on your screen.
- 3) Be watching of some other options as they become available.
- 4) Good ol' offering envelopes.



THANK YOU for all you give to First Lutheran and it's ministries!



Council Highlights from October 9th, 2024

- ♦ MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Thies, Pastor Ann Zastrow, Kristy Henriksen, Ingrid Wielenberg, Cristy Appel, Karen Boehm, Robert Baerenwald, Nicole Weber, Lori Ilse, Thad Reinert, Mike Straw.
- ♦ TREASURER'S REPORT: A bill was received from Stout & Evink that was actually from the fairstand build in 2023. The bill had been mailed to the wrong place. That bill was paid thru Building Funds money. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report but to hold on the \$2000 Synod pledge for now.
- ♦ PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor stated she would be gone for 2 Sundays in October and that those services will be covered. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27th with 4 confirmands.
- ♦ PRESIDENT'S REPORT: a suggested log of member visits to help with keeping track of mileage.
- ♦ VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kristy and Pastor Ann have been doing online classes on reimaging meetings to help make them more productive. Kristy has planned a retreat for incoming 2025 Council members.
- ♦ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Trees & bushes have all been trimmed. Bell tower repair is completed. Money for that bill will come from funds designated to the Building Fund and the remaining balance will be paid by the Men's Account (aka. Meatball).
- ♦ WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The Christmas Eve service will be at 4pm (one service only). Looking ahead, May 11th will be Graduate Sunday (is also Mother's Day)
- ♦ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: the S'more bonfire went well. Time & Talents also discussed

- ♦ SUNDAY SCHOOL: We had over 40 kids attend the LIFT Kick-Off on September 29th. Background checks will be done on all volunteers as required by our insurance.
- ♦ Craig has been calling members just to touch base with them. "It's been great to just sit and visit with our members."
- ♦ Steve Werner will head up a Fairstand Committee and will work to find members who are willing to help with that.
- ♦ Work has begun on having a short CONTEMPORARY SERVICE on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (November thru January). This will be in conjunction with LIFT and will include communion. The service will be led by members of our congregation. Future plans will depend on how well this is attended, etc.
- ♦ FINANCIAL STATEMENTS will be getting sent out again in November so members can plan for their year-end giving.
- ♦ Winter activities for families and kids were discussed: tubing, bowling, swimming (suggestions are welcome).
- ♦ Work will begin on nominations for Committees & for 2025 Council. Current members need to let Lori know if they are serving another year.
- ♦ Youth will serve at the Banquet on Oct. 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned

**Do you want to be a part of what we do here at First Lutheran?
Do you want to see your church grow and thrive for years to come?
Consider being on one of our many committees or on the Church Council!
You can make a difference just by being involved.
Nominations for committees and Council spots are open now, so
contact the church office if you are interested!**

Church News, Events & Happenin's

VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please call Pastor Ann or contact the Church office @ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.



Joyce Kunz	Good Samaritan Communities, Pipestone
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls
Kay Dubbelde	The Lodge Assisted Living - Mankato, MN <u>Send any letters or cards to: Kay Dubbelde</u> Mankato Lodge Senior Living 1360 Adams St Rm 410 - Mankato, MN 56001

October 22, 2024

Thank
You

Dear Friends of First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your Congregation gift of \$362.03 to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Without your generosity, Shetek Lutheran Ministries simply could not continue its mission of providing year around opportunities for Christ centered renewal and learning for all ages. You are truly making a difference in the faith building experience for the youth and families coming to SLM.

Sincerely,


Marvin Nysetvold

Executive Director

Thank you for your gift + prayers!

We celebrated the
Affirmation of Baptism
on Sunday, October 27th with four of our
9th grade students and their families:



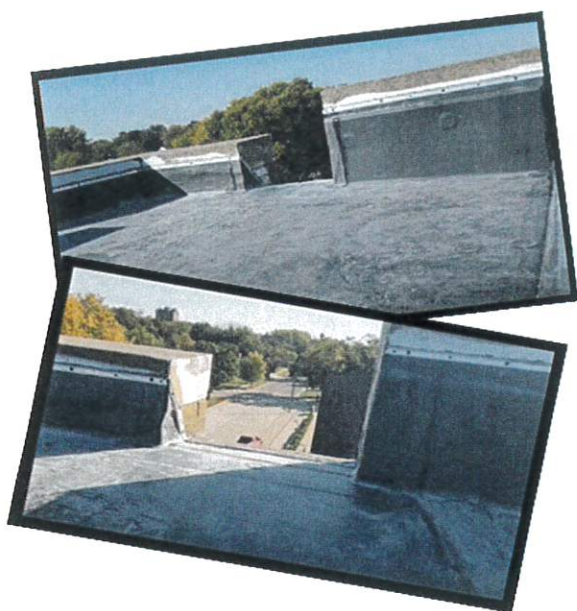
† **Tommie Chaulsett – daughter of Cory & Jessica Chaulsett**

† **Troy Chaulsett – son of Cory & Jessica Chaulsett**

† **Josie Danks – daughter of Brian & Jaime Danks**

† **Zack Sneller – son of Steve & Lisa Sneller**

Congratulations to our Confirmands and their families! May God continue to bless you today and always. May the faith that brought you this far, continue to bless you in all the days of your life.



The Bell Tower is repaired!!

This project was completed the beginning of October and Peak
Pros did a BEAUTIFUL job!

Thank you to those who have donated to the Building Fund
thru the years as those funds combined with money from the
Men's (Meatball Supper) account went to cover this cost!!

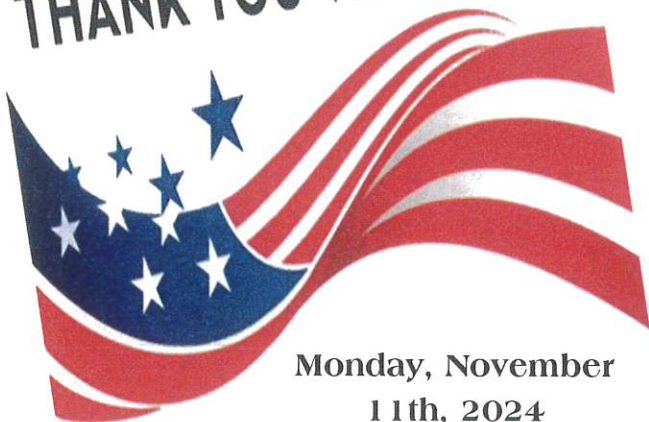
**Hurricane Relief BASKETS were passed around during
worship thru November 3rd. All funds collected will
go to help victims of the hurricanes. As of the printing**

of the VOICE, we have collected \$203.81.

THANK YOU for all of your giving First Lutheran!!



THANK YOU VETERANS



Monday, November
11th, 2024

KAFFI-TI

Saturday, December 14th, 2024
1:00 - 3:00p.m.



*Join us in the
afternoon!*

at First Lutheran Church
401 7th Avenue SW
in Pipestone

SCANDINAVIAN SPECIALTIES:

Rosettes, Krumkaka, Fruit Suppe,
Sandbakkels and Lefse
OTHER BAKED ITEMS...
American Christmas goodies!

Check out the new items:
Quilts, Denim Rugs & Cookbooks



FEATURING Christmas cranberry cake with
butter sauce!
Come to shop, sit & enjoy Scandinavian treats,
coffee & conversation!



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First Lutheran Church MEATBALL SUPPER

November 12, 2024
(Snow date ~ November 19, 2024)

■ Take Outs - 4:30 - 7 PM ■

■ Dine In - 5:00 - 7 PM ■
(or until all are served)

Meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes,
coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, coffee,
milk & ice cream

Tickets are available
from the Church Office, FLC member
or at the door.

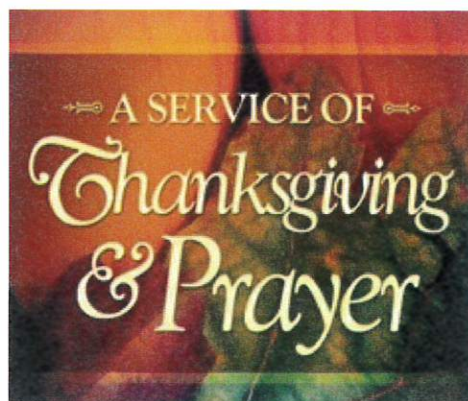
► ADULTS - \$12.00 ► 7-12 YEARS - \$8.00
► 6 YEARS- below- Free

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*Dine-in, Carry-out &
Home Delivery to
Shut-Ins and Disabled Persons
only!*



We invite you to join us at
Peace United Methodist on
Sunday, November 24th @
7pm
for the Community
Thanksgiving Service.



F.L.C.W News & Activities

November 2024



Dear FLCW,

Fall is in full swing with fabulous weather for outdoor activities. However, it is time to plan our winter events. Time is flying as it always seems to do!

We had a good group at our October Lunch Potluck. First Lutheran really has wonderful and creative cooks!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at 2pm for a Dessert Potluck. Time to try our new recipes for Thanksgiving & Christmas. The Bible Study will be in the Nov./Dec. Gather magazine.

Quilting will be only on Thursday, November 14th at 9:30am. It is the last one until January due to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Quilting will resume on Thursday, January 9th, 2025.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be the evening of Sunday, November 28th at Peace United Methodist Church. Coffee will be served afterwards.

Kaffi-Ti is coming soon!!! It will be held on Saturday, December 14th, 2024. We will again schedule it in the afternoon. It went well last year. We will again serve the Cranberry Christmas Cake with hot butter sauce at the serving table plus Rommegrot and Fruit Soup. We need volunteers to bake, set up and serve at Kaffi-Ti. Let me know what you are bringing. Any treats that your family enjoys at Christmas (or anytime!) will be a great addition. If you make any of the Scandinavian goodies, please let me know! Lefse equipment at the church is available for you to borrow. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex soon.

Remember to help with the Meatball Supper and sell those tickets!! It is on Tuesday, November 12th. First Lutheran is known for the Meatball Supper! Does anyone know how many years it has been held?

I believe the farmers are finished with most of their harvest and tillage. Thankful for them and all the blessings we receive year after year!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

See You in Church!!

Kristy

Shetek Happenings



S H E T E K
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Scandinavian Dinner *Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM*

Enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and delicious food. All you can eat buffet of Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse, and more!



\$22.50 all you can eat!

We need advanced paid registrations.

Reserve your plate by **December 2nd!**

Head over to www.shetek.org, email camp@shetek.org, or call (507)763-3567 for more information!

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www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



We are truly thankful for all that you do and your generosity has truly made a difference in the lives of those we serve!

Please join us for our upcoming events.

Mark your Calendar

November 1-2 Confirmation Retreat

December 8 Annual Meeting

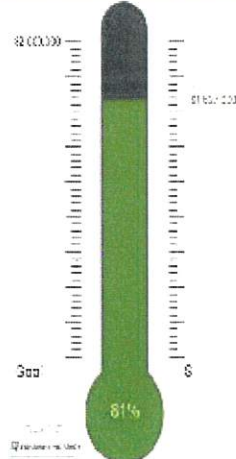
December 8 Scandinavian Dinner

Wish List

- Volunteers
- New Vacuum
- Keurig

We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,627,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website.

<https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>



Help send kids to Camp... Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!

Important Dates to mark:

- ⇒ Every Wednesday - Confirmation for grades 6-8
- ⇒ November 11th - Veteran's Day
- ⇒ November 12th - Meatball Supper
- ⇒ November 27th - NO CONFIRMATION OR LIFT
- ⇒ November 28th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

F.L.Y.
FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

THANK YOU to all of our amazing crew who helped to serve at The Banquet on Wednesday, October 23rd!!! Just by this one act of kindness you may have changed someone's life, so we **THANK YOU** all again!! A job well done!



The REMIND app is used here at
First Lutheran for our Youth activities!

Remind

To join, send a text to 81010 with the message: @8728964
OR

Visit: <https://www.remind.com/join/8728964>

It's a GREAT way to see opportunities for First Lutheran Youth in grades 6-12! Both students & parents are welcome to join!

Congratulations to our 2024 First Lutheran Confirmands!!!



Left to Right: Zack Sneller, Troy Clark-Chaulsett, Pastor Ann Zastrow, Tommie Clark-Chaulsett, Josie Danks

First Lutheran Youth will be taking a collection of good used or new hats, coats and gloves as well as new toys for the months of November & December. The clothing items will go to the Bom-gaar's & Dahl Motors coat drive. The toys will go to the Kiwanis Toy Drive. Noisy offering collection will also be going towards the Kiwanis to use towards purchasing any additional gifts or food item for those families that are in need this Christmas. Please consider helping out during the time of year when we can step back and thank God for all of the gifts and blessings he has given us this past year!





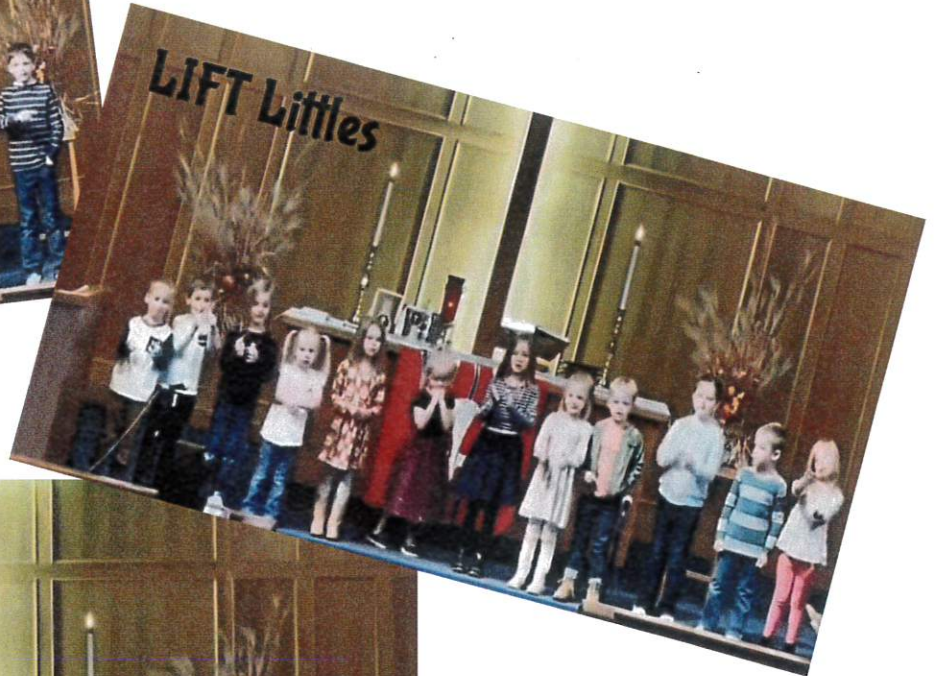
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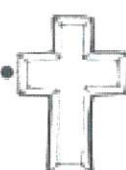
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Kidz Korner

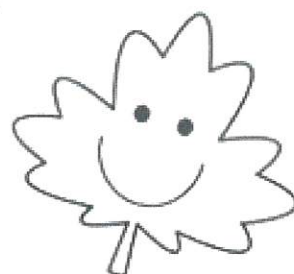
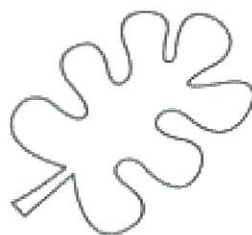
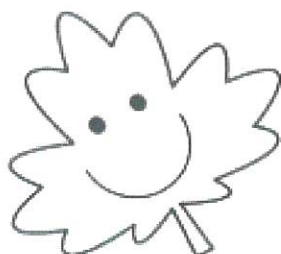
Every Child is designed
by God to be a
leader!!

On Sunday, October 27th, our LIFT Littles, Middles & Bigs sang during worship. It was so AWESOME to listen to our younger members sing so wonderfully! THANK YOU parents for bringing your kids to participate and volunteers for all the work you put in to make this such fun for the kids (especially for us older kids). It does not go unnoticed and DEFINITELY deeply appreciated by all!





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Worship Assistants

Date	Worship Time	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
11-3-2024 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Debbie Reinert	Rowan Heidebrink	Ingrid Wielenberg	*Al Hollingsworth (cpt) ~Aaron Burnett family ~Troy Heidebrink family ~Chris Hollingsworth ~Brandon Houselog	Mark Zinnel
11-10-2024 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Tami Taubert			**Al Hollingsworth (cpt) ~Aaron Burnett family ~Troy Heidebrink family ~Chris Hollingsworth ~Brandon Houselog	Mark Zinnel
11-17-2024	9:30 a.m.			—	*Al Hollingsworth (cpt) ~Aaron Burnett family ~Troy Heidebrink family ~Chris Hollingsworth ~Brandon Houselog	Neil Johnson
11-24-2024	9:30 a.m.			—	*Al Hollingsworth (cpt) ~Aaron Burnett family ~Troy Heidebrink family ~Chris Hollingsworth ~Brandon Houselog	Mark Zinnel ?

We are in need of Readers, Communion Assistants, Usher Subs and help in the Sound Room. These are all simple jobs but we are in need of extra hands that are willing to learn a new skill! The more help we have the less work and time is needed from all who volunteer. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to give one of these things a whirl!!



It may be more fun and easier than you think!

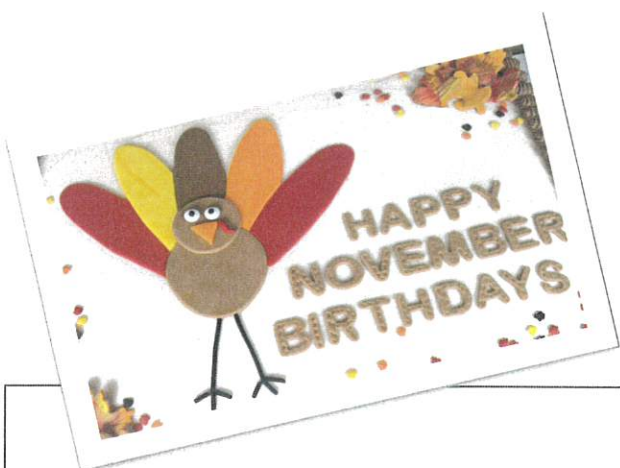
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Wishing you a day of special moments for thankful remembering of all that has made your adventure of love a blessing and a joy.

11/6: Jake & Gen Velde

11/12: Mike & JoAnn Straw

11/28: Ken & Karen Boehm



On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!

November Birthdays

Nov. 1st	Jeanine Olson	Nov. 17th	Lincoln Burkard Paige Petersen
Nov. 2nd	Joel Carpenter	Nov. 18th	Hunter Burnett
Nov. 3rd	Darla Hartke Peyton Maschino	Nov. 20th	Paul Fritz Theresa Swenson
Nov. 4th	Eric Brockberg Dustin Eslick Maisy Legler	Nov. 21st	Laurie Ness
Nov. 6th	Troy Bouman	Nov. 22nd	Jamie Hartke Mara Taubert Gen Velde
Nov. 8th	Scott Crawford Finn Wielenberg	Nov. 25th	Callum Heller
Nov. 9th	Tom (TR) Clark Kris Mastbergen	Nov. 26th	Emersyn Lytle
Nov. 12th	Caleb Ossefoort	Nov. 27th	Brantley Buffington Tom Dunn
Nov. 13th	Erica Hazelton Emery Hollingsworth	Nov. 28th	Brody Alderson Jim Benz Piper McCorquodale
Nov. 14th	Sal Griebel Breanna McCorquodale	Nov. 29th	Caitlyn Thode
Nov. 15th	Austin Carpenter	Nov. 30th	Chuck Ness
Nov. 16th	Casey Fritz Brooklyn Tiefenthaler Isabelle Tiefenthaler		

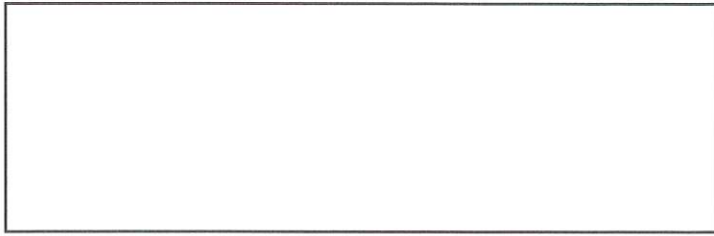
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.</p> <p><i>Henri Frederic Amiel</i></p>					1	2 ~Equipping Congregations @New London, MN
3  ~9:30am - Worship w/ Communion All Saints Sunday	4	5 ~10am - Ministerial meeting 	6 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm - Confirmation / LIFT ~7:00pm - Committee mtgs	7	8	9 ~Pastor Ann @Synod Council in Rdwd Falls, MN
10 ~9:30am - Worship w/Communion	11 	12 ~5pm - Meatball Supper 	13 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~Contemp. Service w/ communion ~6:15pm - Confirmation/ LIFT ~7:30pm - Council mtg	14 ~Pastor @Boundaries Training ~9:30am - Quilting	15	16
17 ~9:30am - Worship	18	19	20 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm - Confirmation/ LIFT	21 ~8am - Pastor Out of Office, conf. mtg	22 ~Pastor Ann Gone	23
24 ~9:30am - Worship ~7pm - Community Thanksgiving Service @PUMC	25	26	27 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~NO Confirmation/ LIFT	28 ~OFFICE closed >>> 	29 ~OFFICE closed	30
NO School - Thanksgiving Break >>>>>>>						



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*We are all one body, one spirit,
compelled by Christ to share His
Word and the promise of salvation.
~Matthew 28*

Worship schedule:

- ♦ 9:30am Sundays at Church & live-streamed on Facebook
- ♦ Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sundays on KLOH 1050AM
- ♦ TV Public Access: Wednesdays @12pm & 5pm on Channel 3

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**First Lutheran Church Council meets on the
second Wednesday of each month
@ 7:30 p.m.**