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“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

If you’ve ever been in church during Stewardship season you’ve likely heard this text. This text is a great reminder of the privilege it is to be generous, and the joy that can come from generosity that isn’t under compulsion or guilt.

Studies have shown that generosity is linked with better health and higher satisfaction for the giver. A study published by Berkley says, “Giving social support—time, effort, or goods—is associated with better overall health in older adults, and volunteering is associated with delayed mortality.” The study increased happiness, reduced likelihood of burnout in the workplace, and longer lasting romantic relationships.

Giving to the church with your time, treasures, and talents is a great way to practice cheerful generosity. Some of the basic things that the church budget goes to are things like keeping the lights on, the building warm, and the doors open to our members AND to the community (some folks who use our space include: Clarity Hearing, Girl Scouts, the school football team, and more).

But the Church budget goes far beyond the day to day - it goes into the ways that the church gets to be generous. Outside of my office doors there is a bulletin board with thank you cards pinned to it. Cards thanking Bethlehem for our generous donations to camps, Lutheran Social Services, CHUM, ELCA Mission Support, the Eco Faith Network, and more. We also offer camp scholarships to kids, and medical traveler visa cards for people driving to medical appointments.

Thanks to your generosity, Bethlehem has made a huge impact on the North Shore and beyond!

Peace in Christ.
Pastor Calvin Konop

https://ggsc.berkeley.edu/images/uploads/GGSC-JTF_White_Paper-Generosity-FINAL.pdf



Congregational Meeting
November 5, 2023
11:15 am

We will meet following the worship service to discuss and vote on hiring a full-time Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries.

We will need a minimum of 50 voting members to make quorum.

Zoom link:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85279552017?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85279552017?pwd=OHIVbG5iRmlyVm4zRENnVlcxZVpmUT09)
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WEDNESDAYS AT BETHLEHEM:

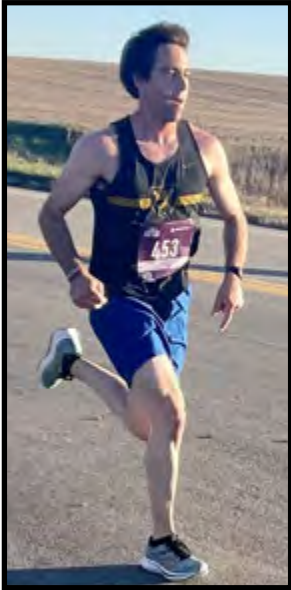


Join us at 5:30pm for a community meal. (Free-will donation)

The Average Worship Band leads our worship service at 6:00pm.

Confirmation class follows the service.

Everyone is welcome.



The brief service has lots of praise music, a brief message and communion. (Above is Pastor Tom Murray providing the message.) Pastors Calvin & Tom and Theresa & Kyle Oberg are teaching confirmation this year.

**Go, Joey, Go!
Run, Joey, Run!
Watch Joey Run!**

Congratulations to Joey Chmelik who came in 9th at the 2023 Mankato Marathon. Chilly, hilly and windy at times; The course was one of the hardest Joey has ever raced. He has qualified and is registered for the Boston Marathon In April 2024.

Keep up the good work!

QUILTERS HAVE THE MOST FUN!!



Come and join the Quilters -- Thursday mornings from 9 to noon. They could use the help and you just never know what will happen during the coffee break!



Ignite the Fire!

“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.”

Acts 2:2-6

Grace and peace to you all from your Stewardship Committee.

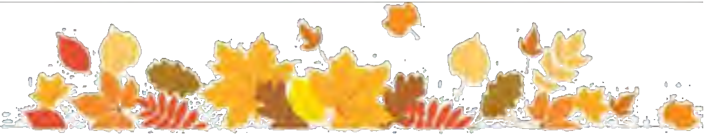
This fall, we hope to ignite the Holy Spirit in every member of the congregation, both young and old. As the tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit lit the fire that would begin the Disciple’s ministry, and grow into the church; let us ignite the fire of enthusiasm, generosity and service; giving life to our own mission of “Sharing Christ on the North Shore and Beyond.”

A major part of this fire of enthusiasm, generosity and service will come from our congregation’s investment in a **full-time Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries**. This position will not only focus on our children and youth, but will also expand our efforts for intergenerational ministry.

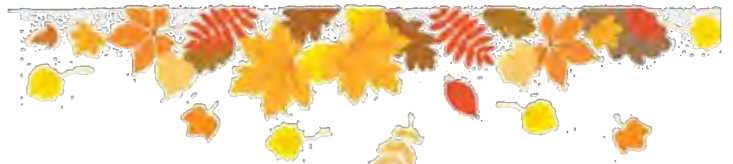
On Pentecost, families of Jews were gathered from all over the known world for a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. On that day, the disciples preached in many languages to all ages in the crowds - sharing the story of Jesus with them. They used their gifts, as the Spirit gave them ability, and, as a result, scripture says that 3,000 people came to know Jesus!

We believe that a full-time position dedicated to our youth and intergenerational ministries will also have powerful effects on our congregation and our community. We’ll be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 5th at 11:15am (in person or on zoom) to give you information about the position, and to take a vote as a congregation for the position.

This November we’ll also send a congregational mailing with a letter, a trifold brochure with information, and 2024 Statement of Estimated Giving Cards. One will be for your records, and we ask that you’ll send the other back to the church with your intended giving for 2024. Please spend time prayerfully considering how God may be calling you to give to Bethlehem as we hope to hire a Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries.



November Devotions By Pastor Calvin Konop



“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.”

- Romans 10:17

Some folks are math inclined people. Numbers come easily to them, they make sense, and there are definite answers. Other folks are less mathematical, and I happen to be one of those people. The first time I saw the quadratic equation in high school I think my brain melted a little bit. I found, however, that if I spent time studying, practicing, and memorizing, I had a much easier time with math. Easier said than done for a high school student.

The same goes for scripture. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans that faith comes through hearing the word of God. This is why we read it aloud every Sunday in church. This is why devotions are based on scripture. This is why our church is built on God’s word and the sacraments we learn about through that very word.

The Bible can be confusing, the language clunky, and the context sometimes hard to figure out. But the more we practice, study, and memorize scripture, the more we see God in the world and the more our faith increases. Praise God for the faith we have been given, and for the word that increases our faith!

Mission Of the Month

ELCA Good Gifts

The Church in Society Committee has selected the ELCA Good Gifts program as our November Mission of the Month. This program provides a variety of gifts such as livestock, agricultural equipment, wells, water filtration, education, and many others that help people in places all over the world to gain a sustainable path to a better standard of living. We hope our congregation will donate generously as we go into this season of giving with thankful hearts.



November Member Challenge

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

1. Choose your gift. Catalogs and order forms are in the Narthex or go to the website:

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

Browse and choose the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones.

2. Get a card

If your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one, it's easy to tell him or her about it.

3. Where your money goes

Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations,

companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

Your donation will be used where it is needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad. More than 85 percent of your gifts directly support our programs. Less than 15 percent is used for administration and fundraising

How to give: direct or through Bethlehem?

You can give either way, but if you give through BLC you will be adding to the "Holy Cow" fund.

(Every year prizes are given at the Synod Assembly to the church that gives the most to ELCA missions.)

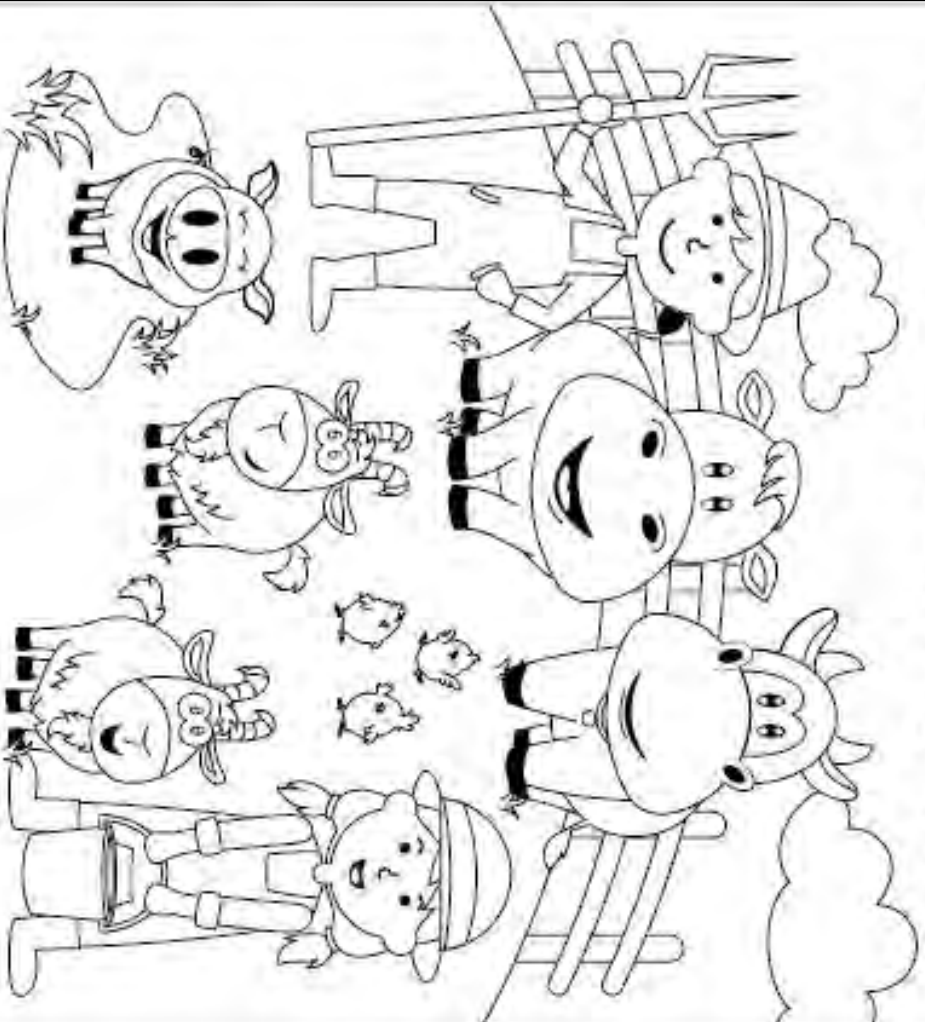
To make your financial contribution through our Mission of the Month, note "ELCA Good Gifts" on your check and drop it in the offering plate. You may also attach an order form to your check to Bethlehem and we will make sure the order will go with our November donations.

Thank you for your continued support of our Mission of the Month.

In peace, the Church in Society Team - Jess Markusen, Sue Anderson, Libby Larson and Joni Kristenson..



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



Animals can be a big help to people who are hungry. Some animals lay eggs. Others provide milk. How does each animal in this picture help a family in need?



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Good's work. Our hands.

ELCA.org/goodgifts

God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

\$50



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

\$20



Fish Farm

A fish farm and dining in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

\$250

Give through your congregation by visiting

ELCA.org/goodgifts or by sending a check to

ELCA Good Gifts, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

Please indicate your gift in the memo line of your check.

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP code _____

Email _____

GIVE BY CHECK

A check is enclosed for \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Save a stamp. Give online! ELCA.org/goodgifts

GOOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Chicks	WHG0106	\$10		
Rooster	WHG0133	\$15		
Family farm	WHG0107	\$715		
Goat	WHG0102	\$50		
Goat + flock of chicks	WHG0154	\$60		
Couple of goats	WHG0147	\$100		
Herd of goats	WHG0155	\$300		
Piglet	WHG0099	\$30		
Cow	WHG0097	\$500		
Share of a cow	WHG0098	\$50		
Fish farm	WHG0101	\$250		
Share of a fish farm	WHG0152	\$50		
Honeybees	WHG0100	\$20		
Honeybees + vegetable garden	WHG0153	\$220		
God's Global Barnyard	WHG0051	any \$ amount		
WATER	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Simple water well	WHG0108	\$2,500		
Share of a safe-water project	WHG0109	\$250		
Water filter	IDG0099	\$30		
Portion of an irrigation project	WHG0111	\$100		
Latrine	WHG0134	\$150		
WOMEN AND CHILDREN	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Computer for a community center	WHG0162	\$800		
Environmentally friendly cookstove	WHG0166	\$105		
Farmers' field school for a woman	WHG0148	\$75		
One month of internet connectivity for students	WHG0168	\$100		
Microloan for a woman	WHG0119	\$125		
School fees and uniform for a girl	WHG0121	\$40		
School supplies for a child	WHG0122	\$10		
School supplies for a classroom	WHG0123	\$300		
AGRICULTURE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Fruit-tree seedling	WHG0124	\$10		
Fruit-tree farm	WHG0125	\$150		
Community vegetable garden	WHG0126	\$200		
Seeds and gardening tools	WHG0157	\$50		

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DETACH AND ENCLOSE IN PROVIDED ENVELOPE

HEALTH CARE	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Hygiene kit	WHG0167	\$25		
Mosquito net	WHG0138	\$10		
Mosquito nets for a family	WHG0165	\$20		
Stock a health clinic for a week	WHG0118	\$75		
Personal protective equipment	IDG0101	\$25		
Clinic visit for a child	WHG0114	\$10		
Nutrition for a child: one month	WHG0116	\$25		
Nutrition for a child: one year	WHG0117	\$300		
Vaccinations for a child	WHG0113	\$30		
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCIES	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Feed a refugee family: one week	IDG0081	\$50		
Feed a refugee family: one month	IDG0082	\$200		
Week of trauma counseling	DDG0092	\$160		
Month of trauma counseling	DDG0091	\$640		
Blanket	IDG0093	\$10		
GROW THE CHURCH	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Bible	GCS1001	\$12		
Sunday school start-up kit	GCS1003	\$65		
Motorbike for a pastor	GCS1002	\$375		
LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Scholarship support for an int'l woman leader	GCS5001	\$100		
One week of tuition for one seminary course	E270134B	\$150		
One month of tuition for one seminary course	E270134D	\$600		
One semester of tuition for one seminary course	E270134C	\$2,500		
Vocational training	WHG0158	\$75		
HELP AT HOME	Item	Price	Qty	Total
Stock a backpack with food	WHG0129	\$10		
Month of necessities for a disaster survivor	DDG0080	\$200		
One night of shelter for a vulnerable <small>LGBTQIA+ youth</small>	WHG0164	\$50		
One week of shelter for a vulnerable <small>LGBTQIA+ youth</small>	WHG0163	\$350		
Feed 10 at a soup kitchen	WHG0130	\$20		
Feed 50 at a soup kitchen	WHG0131	\$100		
GIVE WHERE NEEDED MOST	MCG0053	any \$ amount		

Please check here if you would like a card for each of your gifts delivered to your home. Please allow 4 weeks for delivery.

TOTAL

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Your donation will be used where needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the United States or abroad.



In God's Care

By Kris Hedstrom

The Confirmation service was celebrated on Reformation Sunday October 29th. The 5 confirmands shared their faith statements with Pastor Calvin Konop and helped to plan the service. They each received a special plaque and bouquet of red and white flowers from Bethlehem.

Middle School Confirmation classes began on October 11th. We have 12 students participating, including 2 students from Lutsen Lutheran church. Pastor Calvin Konop, Pastor Tom Murray, Theresa and Kyle Oberg share the instruction time.

We have started a community meal before our Wednesday worship service. We have about 40 people sharing the meal prior to a Contemporary Service. Meal time is at 5:30 PM and the service begins at 6:00 PM. The menu rotates through 4 options and confirmation and high school students have helped prepare and serve the dinner.

We have a motion from the church council to hire a Director of Children-Youth-and Family Ministries. We will vote on this recommendation after the Sunday Morning service November 5th.

Sunday morning Sunday School has been available for children age 3-2nd grade. We average 6-8 children (out of 14 possible candidates). Kris Hedstrom and Carrie Jansen share the leader position.

We have 10 students registered for the Youth Gathering at Cragun's resort on November 17-18. We have drivers and chaperones for the event.

We will be sending a questionnaire to the families of children in our Holy Moly age group—3rd through 5th grade. Please respond and let us know your preference for a gathering time and if you would be available to lead this program.

Quasquicentennial

Bethlehem's 125th Anniversary Celebrations

For years visiting and itinerant Lutheran pastors traveled the long and arduous journey to Grand Marais

to preach the Word of God to Scandinavian pioneers. Then on September 18, 1889, a group of faithful servants of Christ met at the home of Mathias Johnson and formed First Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grand Marais. Less than 3 months later on the first Sunday in Advent, the fledgling congregation that would someday be named Bethlehem Lutheran held its first worship service. That was Dec 3, 1889.

It is a time to celebrate those first fruits. It is time to recall the highlights of Bethlehem's ministry as we have belonged to Christ and have shared Christ on the North Shore and beyond for 125 years in 2024. And now here in late 2023, it is time to prepare and plan for these celebrations.

On Oct 12, 2023, your Bethlehem Church Council formed an anniversary committee to plan events to celebrate Bethlehem's beginnings 125 years ago and its many milestones along the way. Our Anniversary Committee's charter members are Ethyl Johnson, Pastor Calvin Konop, Martha Rosbacka, Darold Rosbacka, and Mike Chmelik. We are hoping to round out our committee with 6-10 total members. If you have the desire to be part of the group that will plan 2024 events to celebrate and highlight Bethlehem's 125-year mission, please let one of the committee members or Denise in the office know.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Your brother in Christ, Mike Chmelik (he/him/his)

Healing Service

November 15th at 6:00^{pm}



You are invited to come to **our Healing Service on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 pm** (dinner for all is at 5:30 pm). The healing service will be a traditional service (rather than a contemporary service) At the service, everyone who wants will receive a prayer by name and an anointing with oil. James 5:14 tells us, "*Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.*"

Come all who need healing of any kind: spiritual, physical, relational, mental, or emotional.

Peace be with you, The Worship Committee

Thanksgiving As Gift



By Rolf Morck

Do Not Worry -Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?”

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

A couple of years ago, in 2021 was the first time in three years, that our Morck gang, our kids and grandkids would gather for Thanksgiving. Two years before it was just my son’s family with kids being sick. Just bad timing. Then the next year 2020, of course, we were in lockdown mode, and the risk of getting together was not a good idea.

But in the year 2021, with all of us vaccinated, including the grandkids, the Morck Thanksgiving

was on. Thanksgiving would be grandkids busting through the door at 900 mph, with a beeline towards Grandma Amy for a hug, (and then grandpa) and then to check out the abundance of the fridge, and the special treats grandma has planted there for them.

No one had to tell them to do this, it is just a spontaneous explosion of thanksgiving, a wild embracing of life as gift. No one had to tell them, “Now go hug your grandma.” There is no must, ought or should, that they should be thankful. It just comes bursting out of them. Their joy is unstoppable.

This is what Jesus is telling us in a very soft and gentle way in our reading from Matthew, Jesus says, “Don’t worry about your life.” Rather, be like excited grandchildren. Grand children who are like, “Who me worry?”. Not likely.

And then Jesus goes on to describe the giftedness of life. “Consider the lilies of the field or the birds of the air.” Who me worry?

Sometimes I think we work too hard at being thankful. Like we’re supposed to be thankful, but we’re just not feeling it. So, we fake it, or we tell ourselves how much we deserve all that we have and that we’ve earned it. That’s not thanksgiving.

Rather, Thanksgiving is gift. It finds us. It surprises us. It gives us joy. This is God’s will for your life. Thus, if Thanksgiving is not really happening for you, or you feel out of duty you should say thank you for a gift of new socks when your sock drawer is already full.

Then, if that’s true, start making lists. List’s like in the Apostle’s Creed. God created me and all that exists. God saved me a lost and condemned sinner. God calls me and

gives me gifts to love and serve my neighbor. It’s all gift. It’s all grace.

Or pray the Lord’s Prayer. A prayer that we should never take life and love for granted. That God finds us like a parent who won’t give up on us. God who gives us his kingdom. God who embraces us in God’s will. God, who provides for us everything we need even without our prayer, for all, whether they love God back or not. God, who forgives us so we can forgive each other. God, who saves us from our times of trial. God, who protects us from harm, danger and evil, before we even worry about it.

Are we feeling it yet? And “Indeed”, Jesus says, “your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.” Then, “Strive first for the Kingdom of God.” Not as duty, but as joy. Not out of obligation, but out of expectation of something far better than what we could ever imagine. What gifts are waiting for us in the fridge?

Maybe thanksgiving should be more like excited grandchildren. There is no must, ought or should, that we should be thankful. It just comes bursting out of us. It’s unstoppable joy.

Thanksgiving is God’s gift to all creation, to all of us. Thanksgiving is what grace looks like if we but stop long enough to count our blessings. Thanksgiving is God’s hug for a creation in need of a little joy. So, watch out for those grandchildren because they are feeling it.

Indeed, a happy Thanksgiving to all. Amen.





To Honor . . .

To Respect . . .

To Never Let Them Go From

Our Memories . . .



*"America, America,
God Shed His Grace on Thee
And Crown Thy Good, with Brotherhood,
From Sea to Shining Sea"*

Adapted lyrics from poem by Katherine Lee Bates

In Honor of Veteran's Day, November 11th

From your Membership Committee

Giving Thanks by Pastor Calvin

As we enter November, we have Thanksgiving to look forward to. I love Thanksgiving - for the food, the traditions, the changing season, being intentional about giving thanks, gatherings with family and friends, and the list goes on. The practice of giving thanks is a Biblical practice, too! 1 Thessalonians 5:18 reminds us to give thanks in all circumstances.

I had a classmate in Seminary who was from Antigua in the Caribbean, Algernon. He's a pastor in the Moravian church and was getting another MA at Luther while I was there. He said he wished that his country had its own Thanksgiving, because he thinks the practice of being intentionally thankful is so important.

He wasn't wrong, and neither was the author of Thessalonians. According to the Mayo Clinic and Harvard Health, among others, living a life where being thankful is regularly practiced increases our immune system, lowers stress, and lends to getting better sleep.

So I want to take a minute and give thanks. I'm thankful to God for a new call as the pastor at Bethlehem. I'm thankful for my wife and the life we have together (and our dogs, too, of course). I'm thankful friends, both old and new. And I'm thankful for our services where we can worship together.

This month, and this Thanksgiving, take a moment and share the things for which you are thankful.



What if you came to dinner and nothing was prepared?

We need people willing to set the table for Communion. It is a privilege to do so. Consider offering your help to this little team that provides such an essential ministry to this congregation.

The Altar Guild needs your commitment. There are now fewer than five people assisting with setting up for Communion, and two of these folks will not be available this winter.

You'll have all the support you need to feel confident in carrying this out. You will also have a workable sign-up to fit your needs and schedule.

Call the office and let Denise know if you can help. **Don't pass by this too quickly.** *We really do need the help.* The skeletal crew of a once vital committee will welcome you with open arms.

On behalf of the Altar Guild,
Susan Bragstad



Make your Christmas Worship plans:

Christmas Eve is Sunday this year. We will have a service of **Lessons and Carols** for each of the Christmas Eve Services: 10:00 am, 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. (December 24th, of course. This eliminates the 4th week in Advent service.)

Sounds of the Spirit & Sing for Joy! Is a local radio program on WTIP. Sunday evenings 9-10:30 pm: includes half-hour of St. Olaf production with Rev. Bruce Benson, and an hour of "Sounds of the Spirit" with Mark Abrahamson. (These programs are archived for 2 weeks.)

BLCW will be hosting their **Annual Bake Sale** with tea and treats: Sat. **Dec 9th** from 9-noon.



Library News...



Have you visited our church library lately? I hope you noticed our brand-new rug which is for our kids' corner. *Now we need to get some new books for our youngest members!* It's never too early to teach of God's love, of being kind, of being inclusive, of loving creation.



If you feel led to enlarge our collection, I am providing some ideas below from Amazon via the QR code.

Several of the suggestions were listed on the Augsburg Fortress webpage, but Amazon had an easier way to display.

If you are interested in looking at Augsburg, the **Manna and Mercy** series such as shown below looked like a delightful group of books for children. They can be found at <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/>

Weeding is a slow ongoing process, but progress is being made!

Shelby Anderson



And, what a great problem to have...

We ran out of **Busy Bags** for kids at a recent service. Have no fear...Joni Kristenson, Nan Onkka and a few others are on the project. New bags are being made—thanks to friends who donated fabrics and Joni for sewing them. Nan is purchasing items for the new bags.

If you would like to help: they would appreciate **donations of board books** for children

Thanks, Joni, Nan and friends!



A conversation on scripture with a creation justice lens. Creation Justice Ministries educates, equips, and mobilizes Christian communities to protect, restore, and rightly

share God's creation. Learn more at www.creationjustice.org (The Green Lectionary Podcast)

Gratitude, Attitude, Platitude

– by Carol Mork

They say
Gratitude is an attitude –
or a platitude
of certitude or latitude?

Perhaps in solitude a fortitude of pulchritude
For the multitude perhaps a decrepitude.

A rectitude and
a beatitude.

Job Application for:

LUTEFISK INSPECTOR

Salary Range: \$550 a month + Food Stamps

The Puget Sound Fishing Assoc'n is seeking a qualified inspector for its Lutefisk Industry. Scandinavians are preferred because of their low job expectations.

Please answer the following questions:

Last name: _____ son

First name: Ole Sven Lars Lena Helga

Age, if known: 18 to 45 45 to 65 Senile

Spell LUTEFISK: _____

Circle highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5

(How many years to do it? _____)

Work experience:

- Deckhand Apprentice baiter Master baiter
- Fish manager Herring choker Boat puller

Your address:

- Under a bridge Boat Culvert
- Cardboard box Street Corner Shelter

Check equipment you have operated:

- Ballpoint pen Wine bottle Garbage Can Toilet

Have you ever eaten Lutefisk: Yes No

If "Yes" what hospital pumped your stomach? _____

In your own words, (no more than three) state why you want this position:

















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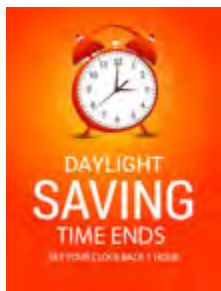
NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOV. 5TH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Confirmation Day Reformation Sunday 8:40am Choir Practice 9:30am 9th gr. Confirmation Families 10:00am Sunday School during Worship 10:00am Worship Service - Live streamed 2:30pm Borealis Orchestra Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>3:00pm Football Team Dinner in Kitchen/Fellowship Hall 3:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day 8:00am Church In Society meeting 12:30pm Mid-Day Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30pm Sub sandwich meal 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Clarity Hearing Appts. Confirmation Movie Night or Game Night</p> 	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>All Saints Sunday Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Sunday School during Worship 10:00am Worship with Live stream & Choir sings 11:15am Congregational Meeting 2:30pm Borealis Orchestra Rehearsal 4:00pm Borealis Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Denise has day off</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:30pm Mid-Day Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30pm Pizza Supper 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Service</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 2:00pm Esther Circle</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Veteran's Day Observation - office closed</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Sunday School during Worship 10:00am Worship Service - Live streamed 11:15am All Youth Gathering Group Meeting 2:30pm Borealis Orchestra Rehearsal 4:00pm Borealis Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Executive Committee</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:30pm Mid-Day Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30pm Taco dinner before worship 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Healing Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>All Youth Gathering at Cragun's Clarity Hearing Appts.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>All Youth Gathering at Cragun's Youth Gathering</p> 
<p>19</p> <p>Thanksgiving Sunday Choir sings during worship 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Sunday School during Worship 10:00am Worship - Live streamed with Choir 2:00pm Care Center Worship Service 2:30pm Borealis Orchestra Rehearsal 4:00pm Borealis Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>6:30pm Worship Planning Committee</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Newsletter articles due for next edition NO Confirmation NO MEAL NO WORSHIP SERVICE 12:30pm Mid-Day Mid-Week Bible Study</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day 8:00am NO Bible Study 9:00am NO Quilting</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Native American Heritage Day - Office Closed</p> 	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Christ the King Sunday 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Christian Contemporary Worship Service with the "Average Worship Band" 10:00am Sunday School during Worship 2:30pm Borealis Orchestra Rehearsal 4:00pm Borealis Chorale Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Confirmation: Gameshow Night 12:30pm Mid-Day Mid-Week Bible Study 5:30pm Hotdish meal before worship 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting</p> 	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00am Hanging of the Greens</p> 

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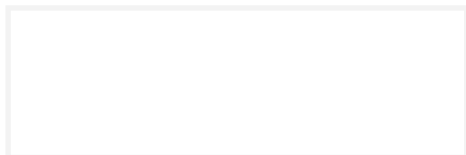


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November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Options

49th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal at the United Church of Christ (UCC, aka "Congo Church")

Traditional Thanksgiving Sit-down Family-Style Dinner with Roast Turkey and all the trimmings. Served at 1 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Limited take-out meals and delivery to the homebound within the city limits between noon and 12:30 p.m. by RESERVATION ONLY. Call Helen Carter at 218-235-3954 by Thursday Nov. 16th .

Lutsen Lutheran Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Day meal at 1:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day. You're invited to gather with your 'Friends in Christ' down the shore. RSVP not required ... but it'll help Pastor Tom [218-370-9491] plan if you let him know you're coming. Bring a dish to share if you wish and let your neighbors know they're invited, too. Lutsen Lutheran Church is located on Hwy 61 just east of the Clearview Store.

