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GRAND MARAIS, MN

Sunday
November 23rd
Thankoffering Sunday

Live stream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwKJ22TDILY>



It was Crazy
Busy and we
appreciate all
your support!

Thank you for
your patience!

"We look for-
ward to seeing
you again next
year!"



These are
ALL of
the
pictures
that I got
from the
dinner.
*Do you
have any
to share?*
Please
email me!



Thank you to all who came to Our First Annual Scandinavian-style Lutfisk Dinner

a huge thank you to the
lutfisk team and helpers:

Rolf, Philis & Wagne Anderson
Patti Oeger & Hospitality team!

Pastor Calvin & Ashley
Craig & Dianne Peterson
Eric Humphrey
& mang, mang more!

Our children, youth and Family Ministry
program has been blessed by your
support.



CHAMBER MUSIC UP NORTH

NOTES FROM THE ROAD



THIRD COAST CHAMBER COLLECTIVE
EVGENY ZVONNIKOV AND MAGDALENA SAS
violin & cello (Russia/Poland/USA)



**Free
Admission**

November 22
7:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
417 First Avenue West
Grand Marais, MN

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

First Congregational Church to host holiday event

The First Congregational Church of Grand Marais is excited to invite the community to its annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on **Thursday November 27**. The meal will be **served family-style at 1 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The doors open at 12 noon. All are welcome.

The meal is free, but donations will be accepted.

This year's menu will include roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, peachy sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Volunteers Needed

Please help if you can. Volunteers are needed to help prep the food and set up tables on Wednesday, November 26, and to cook, serve and clean up on Thanksgiving Day.

To learn how you can contribute to the success of this year's dinner, please call Bruce Tyler at 651-315-1573 or Jenny Delfs at 218-370-0652.

Take-Out and Limited Delivery Available



West-End Community Thanksgiving Meal

We'll gather at Lutsen Lutheran Church at 1:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day for conversation, laughter, and a potluck meal hosted by folks from our neighborhood.

Everyone is Welcome: Young, Old, Families, Singles, Locals, & Tourists. There's only one rule ... No Talking Politics or Religion

Lutsen Lutheran Church is located on Hwy 61 next to the Clearview Store



This Week at Bethlehem:

Sat Nov 22	7:00 PM	Chamber Music Free Concert
Sun Nov 23	8:40AM	Choir practice
	10:00AM	Worship Service & Sunday School
	2:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra
	4:00 PM	Chorale Practice
	7:00 PM	Book Study
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Mon Nov 24	3:30 PM	Girl Scouts
Tues Nov 25	NO	Adult Ed class
	9:30 AM	Staff meeting
Wed Nov 26	12:30PM	Text Study
	NO	Meal
	NO	Worship
	NO	Confirmation
	NO	Adult Ed Class
Thurs Nov 27	Holiday	office closed
Fri Nov 28	Holiday	office closed
Sun Nov 30	8:40AM	Choir practice
	10:00AM	Worship Service & Sunday School
	2:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra
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Sunday November 23, 2025

Readings

Ruth 1:7-11, 14-16

Ruth is a story of deep faithfulness, empathy, and compassion amid adversity. The story's soul demonstrates the power of love to triumph over hopelessness and to bridge great differences. For women like Ruth and Naomi, whose empathy heals generational wounds, we give thanks.

Psalm 139:1-14

God's compassionate creativity

Matthew 9:18-25

Through a bold woman, Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power by accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life. For unnamed women who fight to be seen and heard, we give thanks.

Livestream link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwKJ22TDILY>



PRAYER

list...

Healing prayers are requested for:

Linda Zenk; Luke Gulstrand; Sarah, Cam, Barb & Paul Coe; Lois Johnson; Lynn & Craig Schulte; Butch Schulte; Christy Buetow; Clayton Koss; Patty Nelson; Annalisa Winje; Joan Bieber; Gene & Barbara Erickson; Bruce & Stacey Johnson; Paulina Backstrom; Shae Lindholm; Rhonda Schulte; Char Anderson; Betty Jones; Stacey Schulte; Hank Ferland; Ramiro Acero; Margaret Dahl; Katrina Crouse; Tom Christiansen,

This week we lift up these members:

Luke, Carin, Ruby & August Gulstrand; Sue Hennessy; Anne & Chris Hegg; Dan Helmerson; and Matt, Maria, Jessen, Adyssey, Mathiass & Odesseia Conlan.
May God walk with these Faithful Friends as they live their gospel-filled lives.

Need PRAYER?

Contact Pastor Calvin
763-226-5425
or Laura Popkes, Prayer Chain
Leader 218-370-0721

“For what shall we pray?”

is a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA.



Prayer prompts:

For an end to war and conflict, and for places of political unrest or contention, especially Gaza, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, and Pakistan/Afghanistan...
For all affected by the the eruption of the Semeru volcano in Indonesia...
For safety, dignity, and justice for immigrants...
For the health of the earth and for those working to mitigate environmental destruction...
For victims of abuse and trafficking...
For ELCA indigenous ministries and tribal relations, and for the work of truth and healing...
For all who await the reign of Christ to break into our world and our hearts...

Events and observances:

November Observances: Military Family Month, Native American Heritage Month, Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Christ the King (Nov 23)
Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100 (Nov 23)
Miguel Agustín Pro (Nov 23)
Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852;
William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America
Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748 (Nov 25)
Day of Thanksgiving, USA (Nov 27)

A prayer for the human family (ELW)

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A prayer for preservation of the earth and healing from exploitation (ACS)

Holy Spirit, you move through all creation with sighs too deep for words. Open our hearts to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Speak through your church to rebuke the forces that seek to exploit your planet. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. Amen.



Mission of the Month

ELCA Good Gifts

Our Mission of the Month for November will once again be the **ELCA Good Gifts program**. This program reaches out to people all over the world who are living in poverty. It provides resources for families to create and sustain income to provide a better way of life for themselves. **Last year our contributions were able to have the ELCA provide two "family farms",** each of which included a cow, two goats, two piglets, and a flock of chickens. The animals not only provide milk, meat, and eggs for a family but also will get them started producing enough excess to sell to afford necessities and even school tuition. We hope Bethlehem will be able to do at least as much this year for our neighbors around the world.

For our neighbors close to home we will be promoting contributions to the local food pantry. We know that as food prices rise and nutrition programs lose funding the need keeps increasing. ***Let us respond with generosity and care.***

November Member Challenge

Food insecurity is on the rise, especially with federal employees currently not receiving paychecks and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. We encourage you to bring a bag of non-perishable food and supplies to church and drop it off in the shopping cart located in the narthex during the month of November and throughout the coming year.

Some general suggestions for food donations:

- ♦ Check expiration dates. Don't bring expired food.
- ♦ Boxed milk
- ♦ Canned goods
- ♦ Cooking oil
- ♦ Spices, salt, and pepper
- ♦ Tea and coffee
- ♦ Tuna and crackers
- ♦ PB & J
- ♦ Dish soap, laundry soap
- ♦ Feminine hygiene
- ♦ Paper products such as toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels

Right now, the local Food Shelf is in need of financial support. Donations are always welcomed and will assist the immediate needs crucial to our community.

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	 Chicks Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry. \$10
 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	 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
 Pig Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market. \$30	 Fish Farm A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community. \$250



Family Farm \$715



Julefest



LUNCHEON, BAKE SALE & RAFFLE



Saturday, December 6th
11am to 1pm

Luncheon will be served at 11:30 am
Followed by the raffle... All are welcome!

Adults \$10 Children \$5

Luncheon Includes:

Chicken Salad Croissants,
fresh fruit, chips,
Coffee & Dessert!



Bethlehem Lutheran
Church Women

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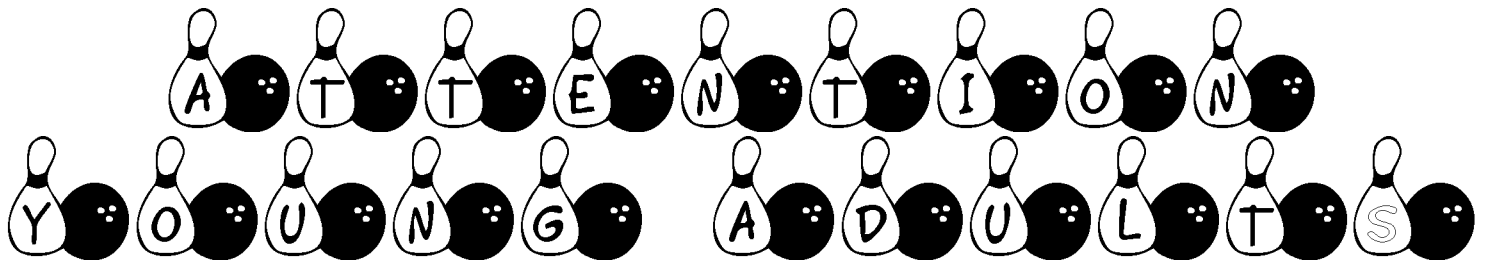


Children's PROGRAM

"NO REHEARSAL PROGRAM"

DECEMBER 14, 10:00AM

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS



(age range 20's – 30's)

LET'S GO BOWLING!

Sunday December 14th

Leaving after worship service.

Sign up in the Narthex

Questions? Reach out to Libby at lib.lou.lars@gmail.com or 218-849-4643

Food insecurity is on the rise, especially with federal employees currently not receiving paychecks and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. Cook County is home to a variety of nonprofit food access resources and residents have access to county initiatives. Here is a list of local resources:

AEOA Mobile Food Pantry: 4th Wednesday of each month, household size and income information collected (no proof required) Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Rd, Grand Portage): 11:30 a.m. –Noon
Cook County Community Center (317 W 5th St, Grand Marais, MN): 1:30–2 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church: Free meals on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. The schedule follows the ISD166 school calendar. We also have grocery cards available to those experiencing food insecurity; and offer gift cards to anyone in the community who needs to travel out of town for medical appointments. People can contact Pastor Calvin Konop or the office at Bethlehem.

Cook County Courthouse self-service food bank: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the courthouse lobby. County residents are welcome to both drop off and pick-up shelf-stable goods during regular courthouse hours. Copies of additional food access resource lists also available

Cook County Food Shelf: Mondays 3–5 p.m. and first Wednesday of each month, 5–7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (300 W 2nd St, Grand Marais). Income information collected during registration. Fresh and shelf-stable food available for pickup, vouchers for use at local grocery stores. Call for more information (218) 387-2113

Clearview General Store – 25% discount on food items for SNAP/EBT card holders, 20% discount on food items for furloughed federal workers or those working without a paycheck (proof of furlough or lost paycheck required). 5323 W Highway 61, Lutsen

Snacks and Packs Backpack Program: in-school support organized by Second Harvest Northland and facilitated by [Cook County Extension](#). Food is delivered to qualifying students in their backpacks on Thursdays or Fridays, along with grocery gift cards. Extension office phone: (218)387-3015

Fisherman's Daughter at Dockside: Grocery store gift cards, warm food, deli items available for those whose benefits are disrupted. Contact Katie or Parker Slanga, katie@tfdgm.com, or through social media. Restaurant located at 418 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP): Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Road, Grand Portage). Reservation required by 9 a.m. on the day. Contact (218) 475-2655 or enpdirector@grandportage.com Price based on age: 65+, \$2; ages 50–64, \$3; under 50, \$5. Food delivery available.

Grand Portage Food Distribution Program: Monthly distribution for participating households. Pick-up at 101 Store Rd, Grand Portage. Packs include canned, frozen, and traditional foods. Contact (218) 475-2480 or fdp@boreal.org

Grand Portage Food Shelf: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Grand Portage Human Services (2 Casino Dr, Grand Portage)
Call ahead for pick-up (218) 475-2453

Gunflint Tavern: Free soup and bread for pick-up on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gunflint Tavern (111 W Wisconsin St, Grand Marais) until SNAP benefits are restored. Email Gunflinttavern@gmail.com to arrange pickup

Java Moose Coffee Shop: local grocery gift cards available. Contact Sarah Jorgenson-Hallberg at javamoosegrandmarais@gmail.com Shop located at 218 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Johnson's Foods: offering 10% discount on food items to SNAP, WIC, and EBT card holders, and federal employees going without pay. Food assistance card or proof of federal furlough required. Johnson's also holds weekly gift card drawings. Located at 317 E Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Lunch at The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center: Monday-Friday at noon at The Hub (10 N Broadway Ave, Grand Marais) Requires a phone call by 9:30 a.m. on the day to reserve lunch. Call: 218-387-2660
\$4.50 for those who qualify based on age, disability, or income; \$8.00 for others
*veterans eat free in November

Meals on Wheels – The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center: provides home meal delivery for those 60+ or who are homebound and located within 5 miles of Grand Marais. Register for Meals on Wheels through AEOA by calling 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323. Call the Hub at (218) 387-2660 by 9:30 a.m. day of service to request a meal. Service for the week can be requested on Mondays. Frozen and pick-up meals can be requested for weekends.

Minnesota Food Helpline: phone line open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to connect people with food access resources 1-888-711-1151

Nutrition for Seniors: Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank provides monthly food packages for pickup at the Cook County Food Shelf in Grand Marais. Contact by phone (218) 336-2307, (888) 727-5653, ext. 112 or info@secondharvestnorthland.org

Small Requests Project: Direct community assistance for food support via grocery store gift cards. Funded by Donna and Orvis Lunke with support from Empty Bowls and community donations. Contact Donna [through facebook](#) to request assistance or to contribute to the project.

Ruby's Pantry – Cook County: monthly pickup of pre-packed bundles on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. at Great Expectations School (550 5th St, Grand Marais). Location subject to change throughout the year. Primarily shelf-stable and frozen items with some fresh produce. \$25 suggested donation, but gift certificates are available and no one is turned away until all packages are collected. Contact (218) 387-1314

Sawtooth Mountain Clinic – Giving Tree Program: support for SMC patients in need. Local grocery gift cards and support for gas and lodging for those needing to travel for medical services provided. Contact the clinic at (218) 387-2330

Senior Lunch at Birch Grove Community Center: every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Birch Grove Community Center (9 Good Neighbor Hill Rd). \$5 suggested donation

YMCA – Snacks in the Entryway: free snacks in the main entrance to the Cook County YMCA (105 W 5th St, Grand Marais) during YMCA open hours (Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Zoar Lutheran Church – Soup Suppers: free community dinner every Wednesday through May 7 from 5:15-6 p.m. at Zoar Lutheran Church (7241 MN-61, Tofte)

*And God is able to make all grace come in abundance to you,
so that you may always have complete sufficiency in everything,
and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity.*

◇ 2 Corinthians 9:8

*“May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

– Romans 15:13