

The Spirit

November 2019

Amazing
Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF GRAYS HARBOR



Giving Thanks

During November we are especially reminded of the bounty we have **received**. We begin the month giving thanks for the saints that came before us as we name them on All Saints day Nov. 3rd. We pray through the list of our loved ones who have died since the last All Saints remembrance punctuating each moment with the ring of a bell. We light a candle dispelling the darkness of mourning and entrusting our loved ones to God's unfailing light. We give thanks for the living Saints who surround and support us as we support them in our life of faith. We give thanks for the little Saints were raising up, the next generation of God's beloved.

Later in the month at Amazing Grace we celebrate the bounty of the season with our annual Pie Auction, a **time of laughter and good food as we share a potluck meal and spend ridiculous amounts of money on delicious foods for a good cause: God's mission and ministry radiating out from our building**, entrusted to us by our foremothers and fathers.

By the fourth Thursday of November we're ready to gather with family and friends sharing the bounty of the earth and the abundance of the love we first receive from God and share with everyone at the Thanksgiving table and in all the places we go.

The **science of gratitude** tells us that we're healthier in mind, body and spirit when we live in gratitude. But most important is the truth that when we are

grateful our lives are oriented in the way they were

always meant to be – **focused outward; outward toward God and outward toward our neighbor**. When we're grateful we acknowledge that we did not create the world or our lives out of nothing. They were given to us by a gracious God, by our families and through the work of generations of people – a great cloud of witnesses as the apostle Paul says.

It is with that grateful way of inhabiting the world that we are empowered and energized to love God and love our neighbor with our whole lives with acts big and small. Parker Palmer says, "In the midst of a world where *everything* needs to be done *right now*, we can be famous for never forgetting what we *can* do — refusing to be overwhelmed but persistently making our small and yet vital contribution to the common good.

Living from a place of gratitude makes our actions and our words powerful forces for love in our world. I am thankful for each one of you and for who we are together, God's beloved Saints of Amazing Grace!

Pastor Val

Famous

... I want to be famous in the way a pulley is famous,
or a buttonhole, not because it did anything spectacular,
but because it never forgot what it could do.
By Naomi Shihab Nye



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

SEASON OF DOUBT

When serving as a parish pastor, I would sometimes be asked if it was possible to be a faithful Christian and also doubt. Could one be a disciple and also question?

Parishioners would be hesitant to ask for fear that they would face judgment—Divine and mine. Somehow, we've gotten it into our heads that doubt has no part of faith, that questions are disloyal, and that anguish and even anger are an offense to God.

We think of the heroes of the Bible, strong and

steadfast. We consider the lives of the saints and martyrs as they stood resolute in the face of death. Surely these heroes, saints and martyrs must be models of faith. Our doubts and questions reveal how short we have fallen.

When my family and I moved from Columbus to Ashtabula, Ohio, we were able to find a house that had a little bit of land, about a quarter of an acre. I could mow the lawn of our Columbus house with a weed whacker. Now I had room for a proper garden. I had to break through the grass in the backyard to get to the good dark earth. I felt like the

Norwegian pioneers from *Giants in the Earth*, and I probably had enough sod squares to start a prairie sod house.

I laid out my garden according to a plan I saw in *Martha Stewart Living*. (Odd juxtaposition: sod house and Martha Stewart.) Then I planted. Carrots were just some of the seeds I sowed, envisioning a bountiful harvest. I had pretty good luck that first year: corn, potatoes, radishes, tomatoes and carrots.

Then winter came.

So, before you scoff, you Alaskans, Dakotans, Montanans and Minnesotans, Ohio can have some long and intense winters too. Ashtabula is in the snow belt.

Before Lake Erie freezes, storms can whip across the lake, pick up moisture and dump snow when they hit land. We call this lake-effect snow. Buffalo, N.Y., has been known to get 7 feet of snow in a single storm. Ashtabula isn't far behind.

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Snow and cold are fine in November and December. Thanksgiving feasts, [Advent](#) anticipation and [Christmas](#) joy make the weather and the long nights seem cozy, and even like "the close and holy darkness" that poet Dylan Thomas describes in *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

The snow and cold are accepted grudgingly in January and February, but by March we are so over it.

We long to see new life. We long to see green. I remember when a snowplow accidentally went too far and uncovered 3 feet of lawn. We just stared at it.

When the snow began to melt, I inspected the garden, thinking about a new season and new growth. Then I noticed something—the green tops of carrots. Some of the carrots had wintered over. Through the snow, through the cold, through the long nights, life had been happening. Without my knowing it, without my doing anything about it, the carrots made it through.

Doubt can seem like winter—long, cold, barren. It can feel isolating and lonely. These are natural and true experiences. What is not true is that doubt is the absence of faith. Doubt is part of faith. We hear it in Scripture, and Jesus never shies away from it. A father seeking healing for his son cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" and Jesus healed the boy ([Mark 9:24](#)). The risen Christ appeared to his disciples and some disbelieved for joy ([Luke 24:41](#)). Still, Jesus sent them out to tell the good news.

Faith, like wintering-over carrots, still lives even in our winters. God still acts and nurtures even when we cannot. Doubt and questioning draw us into a deeper relationship with God.

God can take it, and God will carry us through the winter.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



WE ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:



Cody Walls, Doreen Boettcher, Larry Murray, Carter, Barbara Dyer, Bob Murray, Kenny McCoy, Susie Kallendar, Sarah Robbins, Kevin, Tom Plumlee, Lana Wilke, Jeani Shofner, Ginny Clark, Philip, Matthew Green and family, Betty Schlaht, Maxine Cogburn, David Shaw, Don Rabung, Whitney Morean, David Hanson and we pray for

Lynnette Lile and her family as they mourn the death of Lynnette's mother. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We Pray for Theresa Kaufman and

her family mourning her sister's death. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for Arvid Iverson and his family mourning the death of his grandson, Jeffrey. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for family and friends mourning the death of Dina Trapp. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for family and friends mourning the death of Jack Bastin. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

FOR AMAZING GRACE: that all we do in fellowship and service would be done humbly following the Holy Spirit's guidance.



FOR THE WORLD: Console us, Redeemer God, when we are dismayed by the news of the world. Stir your people to act and speak for justice and mercy throughout the world.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY IN THE PAST AND FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING: especially Caleb Berken, Steven Kincaid, John Kupka and Crystal Rojas.

FOR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD: especially Stacie Evensen's Myanmar Mission.

FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE MARGINS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY: Those who live outside, in cars, or in unstable housing; those who live with food insecurity; those who are unemployed or under-employed.

FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR THE CARE OF THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY: Organizers of Family Promise, workers at the Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission and those reorganizing the Aberdeen Food Bank.

God of love, hear our prayer. Amen.

We periodically edit the prayer list. Please contact the office 532-8250 to update prayer requests.

Contact Brenda Grant with prayer requests at: brenda_k_grant@hotmail.com



PRAYER LIST

We are committed to praying for the needs of the people. Our prayer list has not been updated in a long time. If you have updates on any of the people we have been praying for, please let the office know. If any names that we removed should be added back on to the list, let us know.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS:

Rachel Schermer, November 1
Heather Mitby, November 2
Jane Schermer, November 9
Jill Waite, November 12
Ken Mitchell, November 13
Theresa Kaufman, November 22
Gregory Johnstone, November 23
Lawrence Murray, November 23

Judi Hubbard, November 26
Sarah Gardiner, November 27
Roger Shaw, November 27
Jace Winter, November 28
Jenifer Kaufman, November 29
Naomi Kraiger, November 30

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark & Amy Ostwald, November 27



Thank you:

Ken Mitchell for providing the cover art for the bulletins for the month of October.

Carmon Shaw for the red rose she gave to the church office for us to enjoy.

To the maintenance crew for setting up the tables for the quilters.

Arvid Iverson for the donation of the colored printing paper and the beautiful wood wall plaque.

To the maintenance crew members who helped with getting items out of the way so the slider windows could be put in. Thank you also to those that helped put things back once the slider windows were installed.

Mike and Judi Hubbard for setting up the tables for the Hawaiian dinner.

To Theresa Kaufman for taking council minutes in October while Vicky was on Vacation.

To those that provided flowers for Sunday worship in October to celebrate or honor a special day for a loved one.

Thank you to the quilters and maintenance crew who helped get the quilts ready for shipping on Wednesday.



SO MANY THANK YOUS!

Our kick off 4-F dinner goes Hawaiian was a great success thanks to all of you! 60 of you enjoyed a wonderful meal.

Mike and Karen for the great kabobs and fixings. Mike H for helping with cooking and dishes. Gary Biornstad and Mike Mendoza made a great dishwasher team. Arvid found out, if you come early- you get put to work!

Marti, Kala and Madison helped serve and man the raffle table.

Jesse was in charge of serving the rum slush and wine.

Jill, Kristine and Judi provided the dessert. What would a meal be like without the delicious bread made by Eileen.

The Ebel's provided the Hawaiian decorations and music.

Beate Wahl donated the bag for our raffle items. Hank led us in grace during the Hawaiian dinner.

We raised \$1645!! Our 10% tithe will be shared between Lutheran Disaster, Lutheran World Relief and Family Promise; 70% to the roof fund and 30% to maintenance funds.

We thank you for your continued support of these dinners. Our first dinner was in 2013. Over the years we've raised \$50,000 for multiple maintenance projects.

If you missed this dinner, we hope to see you at the next one!

Your 4-F team. (food-fun-fundraising and FELLOWSHIP) Mike, Karen, Jill, Kristine and Judi

MINISTRY FAIR

Each of your ministry team leaders has made themselves available in the last month to talk with you about their area of ministry. You were invited to explore these opportunities for deepening your faith and to spend significant time in prayer asking for God's guidance to lead you in discerning where your gifts, time and talents would best be used for the sake of God's mission to love and heal the world. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Val or the ministry team leader.

FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING BASKETS-Cranberry sauce!

Each congregation is invited to gather one food item to be added to baskets for those in need for Thanksgiving. Amazing Grace has been asked to contribute 100 cans of cranberry sauce for the baskets. **Baskets will be assembled Nov. 13th** for distribution on 11/14 so that leaves only **2 Sundays** to bring your contribution. They can be left in the fellowship hall. **Thank you for sharing the bounty God has provided!**

COASTAL HARVEST FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

A couple of volunteers are needed to unload the Coastal Harvest truck that delivers to the Food Bank next door at 1st Presbyterian. Deliveries are Friday, November 8, Nov. 22, December 6, and Dec. 20. Arrive just before 1:00 p.m. at the food bank and the truck arrives sometime between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. It takes less than an hour to unload. Dress for rain if necessary because the pallets are set outside and we take the food inside.
K Bramstedt

2020 CALENDARS

Calendars are coming. As a church fund raiser John Tieder will be offering his 2020 calendar. John is currently collecting photographic images to be included in this year's calendar. The calendar will be available for preview and ordering during our annual pie auction November 24th.

PLU CONCERT DECEMBER 8

If you are interested in attending the PLU Christmas concert on December 8th, please sign up with Dee Erickson. Tickets are \$17. The concert begins at 2 pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

The Special Events team helps with funeral receptions and other events that come up in the life of the congregation. They are usually called on to provide sandwiches, dessert, veggies etc. There may be other opportunities that we don't even know about yet! If you would like to be a part of this, please let me know. We can figure this out together. (Maybe if we put our heads together we can also think of a better name!) Please contact Judi Hubbard at Jhubbard1952@comcast.net or let's talk at church.

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS HELP FAMILY PROMISE WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON!

If you shop on Amazon, a half a percent of your purchase can be applied to Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Here's how you do that: Log into your Amazon account. Then type in smile.amazon.com in the top white http address bar. Hit enter and it takes you to the charity page. Where it says select a charity on the right, go to the bottom option of pick "your own" and type in Family Promise of Grays Harbor. Select Search. The next page will appear and you press "select". Then hit "yes" you agree to start your shopping with smile.amazon to get the benefit. You're done....*Start Shopping!*



SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

UNION GOSPEL MISSION November 5

Kristine Finazzo, Leader Liz Ellis, Molly Leithold, Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt
Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw 360-532-2940



The director of UGM says that we can expect to serve about 50 people. They need food delivered before 5PM so that they know what is coming. Thank you!!!

HELPING GRAYS HARBOR'S AT-RISK YOUTH

The 1st Sunday of each month we highlight the needs of the at-risk youth in our community. Our Caring Cupboard is a one-stop donation site for the Gravity Center and other entities that serve Grays Harbor Youth.



G.R.A.V.I.T.Y. Program

Typical Gravity Center kids are experiencing poverty and neglect. The kids are always hungry and can always use: Cup of Noodles, instant cocoa packets, bread, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna, cookies and fruit. In addition the **teen parents** need: Diapers Size 1 or larger, baby wipes, soaps or lotions, clothes, bottles, Children's Tylenol, diaper rash creams. These items may be left in the

basket in the Parish Hall for pick-up and delivery by Vicki Mitchell.

EXPLORATORY INTERNSHIP TEAM

Amazing Grace is an exceptionally nurturing community that could contribute to God's mission in the world by raising up leaders. In addition, the Aberdeen area is ideal for new leaders learning how

to bring God's love to hurting people in tangible ways. For these reasons, and following the stirring of the Spirit, an exploratory team is discerning whether this ministry, hosting a seminary intern for a year at Amazing Grace is where God is leading us. If you are interested in being a part of this discernment process, please let Pastor Val know.



WHERE DID OUR QUILTS AND KITS GO?

From 1/3/17—10/16/19

Item	Date Shipped	Notes
New School Kit	3/16/2017	Jordan
New School Kit	4/27/2017	Peru
New School Kit	2/28/2018	
New School Kit	6/6/2018	
New School Kit	5/14/2019	Lebanon
New School Kit	6/7/2019	Mali
Baby Care Kit	7/31/2017	Burkina Faso
Quilts	1/26/2017	India
Quilts	4/27/2017	Peru
Quilts	9/25/2017	Georgia
Quilts	9/20/2018	Tanzania
Quilts	9/27/2018	Ethiopia
Quilts	11/23/2018	Mauritania
Quilts	6/7/2019	Georgia
Quilts	6/7/2019	Mali
Personal Care Kit	9/25/2017	Serbia
Personal Care Kit	9/25/2017	Bosnia
Personal Care Kit	11/23/2018	Mauritania
Personal Care Kit	1/12/2019	Zimbabwe
Personal Care Kit	3/1/2019	Haiti

In the past three years the totals are as follows:

500 Quilts, 436 School kits, and 341 personal care kits. Isn't that amazing?!



**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2019 6:15 pm**



Vision: A welcoming place where grace happens.

Mission: To Experience and share God's love through worship, education, and community.

Values: Radical Hospitality; Passionate worship; Intentional faith development; Risk-taking mission and service; Extravagant Generosity.

Attendance Pastor Val, Dee Erickson, Mark Smalley, Phil Stegemoeller, Joelle Buckman, Judi Hubbard, Theresa Kaufman

Call to Order Mark Smalley 6:15

Prayer and Devotions –

Prayer – opportunity to name a joy/concern on your heart

Holy Currencies, Chapter 14

-Relationships, Truth and Wellness.

Establish Quorum

Review and Approve Agenda **M/S/P**

Review, correct and final approval of minutes for last meeting, September 17, 2019 **M/S/P**

Financial Reports

a.. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Kaufman.

-Transactions by Account **M/S/P**

i. Portico Benefits Choices – “Gold” option was again approved by council for Pastor's 2020

Portico Benefit elections – **M/S/P** with one abstention.

b. Financial Secretary's Report – Phil Stegemoeller

i. Ministry Fair Report – some interest in participating in depositor training.

ii. New Program for financial secretary – Theresa and Phil will follow up with Allison at SWWS.

iii. Phil will provide congregation with financial health budget for year to date giving.

iv. Card Reader device and volunteers – Darci Jewitt has offered to kick this off. Joelle has offered to donate a tablet and Phil will invite Darci to come to next month's council meeting.

Business items (these are generally items that are beyond any one ministry or don't fit under any ministry, special requests from the community)

a. Bel-Aire Report - Phil. – The property will be converted/classified as “forestry” which will generate approximately \$1,800 in savings per year. This process should be completed at the county level by year end.

b. Women's retreat – Holden Village – Registration was to have opened October 1st. Dee will let Pastor Val know the details and the message will get out to the congregation via Grace Notes.

c. **Council President Position for 2020** – Mark reports that Joelle will run for council president in January. An Outreach person will be sought to fulfill the year remaining in Joelle's term.

d. PLU concert – Dee, December 8th, transportation (van's) has been arranged for both PLU and caroling.

Ministry Reports

a. Worship – Dee Erickson

i. Altar Guild – there will be a schedule of “bread bakers” who will also keep an eye on the wine.

ii. LAT- Fall/harvest décor currently adorns the altar area. Reformation, then Advent follows.

iii. Worship Committee – PSALM participants serving as worship assistants; Diane is serving in October; Mike H. in November and Joe in January. Central Things 3-part book study was valuable; notes from the book and the study are available in the fellowship hall.

b. **Outreach** – Joelle

i. Family Promise – AGLC's weeks - October 20-27 and November 24-30

ii. Homeless outreach – integrate Holy Currencies teachings to help impact homelessness. Pastor Val adds that the County may have funds to help support AGLC's efforts to combat the cold via a cold weather center. Application is due November 4th. Council approves Pastor Val to pursue options – **M/S/P**

iii. God's Work. Our Hands – went well internally (at the church) and at Amy's neighbor's home.

- c. PSALM report - Joelle & Pastor Val – 3rd retreat out of 4. Studies include Old Testament first, then New, then Luther, and finally Catechism. 17 participants Synod wide and the group is bonding well. Pastor Michelle at Saron is preparing for maternity leave and PSALM participants are invited to be worship assistants in her absence with Pastor Jeannie. Approximately \$1,000 is still owed from each participant.
- d. Youth & Family – Amy Ostwald
 - i. Sunday School- 3 weeks in with light participation – Manna and Mercy corresponding to the adult curriculum.
 - ii. Confirmation-Pastor Val -meeting with two students who will be confirmed on October 27th. Working out meeting dates for future confirmation students as to when to meet.
 - iii. Youth Group – no action
 - iv. Adult group study- Manna and Mercy, starts this week, Sunday.
- e. Fellowship – Judi
 - The Ministry Fair – coming up
- Communion Ministry
 - i. Welcome Committee
 - ii. Special Events Team -
 - iii. Guess who is coming to dinner
 - iv. 4F dinner \$1,645 10% tithe (one third each of this 10% to world, disaster, FP), 70% roof, 30% maint.
 - v. Caroling – scheduled for December 14th and van is rented.
- f. Property – Mike Barkstrom
 - i. Ministry fair report
 - ii. New windows in the parish hall - Pastor Val notes that it is a safety concern for small children not having safeguards. Insurance says to contact risk assessment to determine which type of “guard” would be best for safety.
 - iii. Stained glass proposal – Cleaning and repairing windows along with replacing outer window covering with newer materials to provide better coverage.
- g. Pastor’s Report
 - i. Two recent adult baptisms
 - ii. Youth/Family conversation with Amy – SNL (Sunday Noon Live) Speakers for adult learning helps young people learn that growing in faith never ends. January or February we will host a group called Neighbors in Faith. Coordinating Christian and Islamic worship. Another month will be Bob Delestrada, a spiritual director who has at time committed civil disobedience connected to his faith.

Task Assignments

- Portico benefit elections – Theresa
- Altar Guild money – Theresa
- Phil – card reader

Adjournment and closing prayer 8:40

PASTOR’S REPORT – REGULAR ACTIVITIES – September 2019

WORSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP

- Sunday worship – Plan and lead
- Plan adult education
- Plan seasonal and special worship services
- Sermons – prayer, study, reading, writing
- Prayer
- Meet with ministry leader as needed

ADMINISTRATION

- Reports: congregational; synod; ELCA
- Coordinate Imagine Process w/ Synod D.E.M.
- Conference Pastors meeting monthly
- Conference deans – meet bi-annually & as needed
- Recordkeeping: updates to documents; church ledger
- Work with office administrator: bulletins, newsletter, etc.
- Council meeting & Exec. Comm. meeting monthly
- Newsletter - writing, editing

Meet with treasurer as needed
Mutual Ministry meeting
Endowment Committee advisor

FELLOWSHIP/PASTORAL CARE/COUNSELING PSALM – mentor; spiritual direction

Prayer Chain – coordinate w/ Brenda Grant
Healing monthly

Grace notes weekly or as needed

Pastoral care as needed

Hospital visits; homebound & assisted living visits

Coordinate with ministry leader as needed

OUTREACH

Food Bank reorganizing meetings

Monthly local Pastor's group

Facebook page – outreach through social media.

Coordinate with others to support homeless and fragile people

Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Meet w/ ministry leader as needed

YOUTH AND FAMILY Adult study: plan and participate

Confirmation: plan and lead

Sunday School: coordinate with ministry leader

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM Study and integrate into sermons

OFFICIAL ACTS – Baptisms August 28th – Shayna Steinhauer at Lake Quinault

September 14th - Matt Nixon at Rum Lake, B.C.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation by Richard Rohr
The Immense Journey by Loren Mead

OTHER ACTIVITIES in September

PASTORAL CARE: Visits, calls, texts, messaging as needed

WORSHIP: Backpack and Pet blessings planned

Planning for fall

YOUTH/FAMILY/Education:

Preparing for all-congregation study- Manna and Mercy

Planning for guest speakers throughout the year on topics of interest:

November – Habitat for Humanity speaker

Feb or March – Neighbors in Faith community teaching “Faith over Fear”; Director Terry Kylo will preach, then present during fellowship time; that afternoon they’ll offer the community training.

Feb or March – Bob Delastrada – faith and civil disobedience

VACATION: 1 week including 2 Sundays

UPCOMING: Manna and Mercy – all congregation study begins the week of Oct. 13

Oct 27th Reformation/Confirmation Sunday



Westhaven Villa Harvest Dinner



Friday November 22nd, 2019 at
5:00pm

Please RSVP by: November 18th 2019

Shelly Sherman (360) 538-9983

We'd like to have a group from Amazing Grace at this to share the meal and some special time with Ginny Clark. If you let Pastor Val know by calling the church office, she will make a reservation for us all.



SEPTEMBER BALANCES OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Name		Date	Total
Checking			\$ 28,501.08
-PSALM			\$ (116.00)
-Caring Cupboard			\$ 433.51
-Pastor's Sabbatical Reserve			\$ 2,620.00
-Bells			\$ 547.09
-Friends in Need			\$ 859.54
-Reformation Fund			\$ 1,071.20
-Outreach Funds			\$ 500.00
-Altar Restore			\$ 386.83
-Altar Guild			\$ 70.00
-Noisy Offering			\$ 93.80
-Grace Fund			\$ 380.00
		TOTAL	\$ 35,347.05
Fundraising Checking			\$ 215.90
Maintenance Checking			\$ 20,807.79
- Roof sub account of m aint			\$ 17,699.39
Youth Checking			\$ 295.75
Memorial Savings			\$ 3,506.44
Mikkel Thompson Savings			\$ 1,907.23





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BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTANCE

Please notify Mike Barkstrom or send a message to the church office if there are any repairs needed at the church. Sometimes members or visitors notice things that need to be fixed that the committee is not aware of. Your input is helpful in these matters.

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Liturgists: Hank Bilderback, Keith Lile, Laura Carle, Greg Johnstone

Musicians: Kristine Burns, Heidi Seelke



NOVEMBER 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 3

Liturgist: Hank Bilderback; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mike Hildreth; **Communion Assistant:** Mike Hildreth; **Ushers/Greeters:** Judi Hubbard & Madison Winter; **Depositors:** Kristine Finazzo & Gene Schermer; **Fellowship:** Beemans, Kraiger, Debandt, Kupka, Mendoza; **Altar Guild:** Naomi Kraiger & Diane Hanson; **Sunday School Teacher:** Annelise Kraiger

November 10

Liturgist: Keith Lile; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mike Hildreth; **Communion Assistant:** Phil & Suzan Stegemoeller; **Ushers/Greeters:** Paula Elder & Dorothy Stephens; **Depositors:** Carmon Shaw & Joe Fernandez; **Fellowship:** Weiberg, Leithold, Channel, Teveliet, Jewitt; **Altar Guild:** Laura Carle & Dee Erickson; **Sunday School Teacher:** Amy Ostwald

November 17

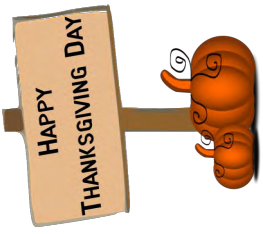
Liturgist: Greg Johnstone; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mike Hildreth; **Communion Assistant:** Darci Jewitt & Steve Swanson; **Ushers/Greeters:** Dee Erickson & Naomi Kraiger; **Depositors:** Judi Hubbard & Maurita White; **Fellowship:** White, Elder, Stephens; **Altar Guild:** Trish Safstrom, Elizabeth Tilley & Maurita White; **Sunday School Teacher:** Laura Carle

November 24 PIE AUCTION

Liturgist: Laura Carle; **Worship Assistant/Reader:** Mike Hildreth; **Communion Assistant:** Elaine Olsen & Vicki Mitchell; **Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Amy Ostwald; **Depositors:** Joelle Buckman & Karen Barkstrom; **Fellowship:** Alstrom, Tieder, Schermer, Johnstone; **Altar Guild:** Kathy Wehage & Diane Hanson; **Sunday School Teacher:** Carmon Shaw

Mike Barkstrom, Mike Hubbard, Michael Mendoza and Gary Biornstad preparing food for the kick off 4-F-Dinner gone Hawaiian on October 5th



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOVEMBER						
3 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW-SHIP//SUNDAY SCHOOL/MINISTRY FAIR NOON Manna & Mercy DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	4 4:30-6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS A.A. in S.S. room 5-6	5 6:30-8 PM FAMILY PROMISE BOARD	6 9AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	7 7 PM Manna & Mercy	8 6-10 PM SCRAP BOOKING	9 7-8 AA
10 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW-SHIP//SUNDAY SCHOOL NOON Manna & Mercy	11 A.A. in S.S. room 5-6 VETERANS DAY	12	13 Noon Manna & Mercy 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	14 7 PM Manna & Mercy	15 6-10 PM SCRAP BOOKING	16 9-4:30 PM GIRL SCOUT MEETING 7-8 AA
17 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW-SHIP//SUNDAY SCHOOL NOON Manna & Mercy	18 4:30-6:30 PM GIRL SCOUTS A.A. in S.S. room 5-6	19 6:15 PM COUNCIL MEETING	20 9AM QUILTING & MAINTENANCE Noon Manna & Mercy 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	21 7 PM Manna & Mercy Kettle Klassh	22	23 7-8 AA
24 9 AM CHOIR 10 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM FELLOW-SHIP//SUNDAY SCHOOL NOON Manna & Mercy PIE AUCTION	25 Hosting Family Promise November 24-29 A. A. in S. S. room 5-6	26	27 Noon Manna & Mercy 5:30-6:30 PM AA 6-7 PM BELLS	28 OFFICE CLOSED 	29 UPCOMING EVENTS Caroling Dec. 14 PLU concert Dec. 8 Christmas program Dec. 15 Civic Choir/ Community Band Christmas concert-Sunday- Dec. 15 @ 3pm concert at Bishop Center	30 7-8 AA 1st Sunday in Advent: December 1st.



**Please join us for worship
Sundays at 10am w/ fellowship and educational
opportunities afterward.
Fellowship group is Thursdays at 7pm**

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