

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa November 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church's 27th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Buffet

Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022

Come between the hours of 11am ~ 1pm
free will donation ~ proceeds to missions

Online sign up thru immanuelfamily.com

or call the church office at 585-3152

for reservations, carry outs, or
homebound deliveries

by Thursday, Nov. 17

Thanksgiving Day Worship: 10:30am

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

WANT TO HELP WITH LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS COLLECTION?

We have been rewarded a generous grant from Thrivent for purchasing supplies for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to contribute, the following items are needed: dark colored new bath towels, toothbrushes and bars of soap. Items may be left in container near church office.

LWR PACKING DAY NUMBERS

Packing Day for Lutheran World Relief was held October 7th with quick, hardworking, and willing hands! Results:

107 quilts in 16 boxes with a total weight of 348 pounds

2 blankets in 1 box

182 Backpack School Kits in 17 boxes with a total weight of 613 pounds

8 dedicated volunteers

Boxes were taken to Albert Lea to a dropoff location. From there they go to a distribution site in St. Paul then shipped out across the globe. Thank you everyone who shared their talents and generosity in any way! Just imagine all the smiles these useful items will bring to those in need God's work. Our hands.

Job Posting :

Director of Children's Education

Immanuel is seeking a part-time (.25) Director of Children's Education to start January 2023. Primary responsibilities include coordinating children's education programming for ages three years old through fifth grade: recruiting teachers, helpers, and music teachers, ordering curriculum, giving leadership to the Board of Education to coordinate activities like Rally Day, Lenten Fair and Children's Christmas program and VBS. Salary is between \$8,000 and \$9,500 depending on qualifications. If interested, please contact Jaci in the church office, Pastor Rod or Pastor Zech.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOV. 6

God has made into saints all who have been baptized into Christ, and we recognize and honor those who have died in the faith, since last year's All Saints Day, by referring to them as saints of God. We join in celebrating these saints and those baptized in the past year, giving thanks to God for the life of each of these dear children of God.

Sunday, Nov. 7, we will read these names and welcome anyone to light a candle remembering and celebrating the life of their loved ones.

Immanuel's members & friends remembered this year:

Kathryn Mardel Olson
Stanley Monroe Thompson
Nancy Mae Hickman
Thomas Lincoln Bartleson
Scott M. Soldwisch
Duane 'Snookie' Allen Book
Phillip Warren Olson
Karen Rovella Moe

Leatrice P. Nimmer
Donna Joy Gilbertson
Steven Mark Brackey
Lincoln Joseph McCormick
LouAnn Jane VanGerpen
Viva Lorraine Carpentier
Kathy Lynn Price
John Thomas Greenwood

Celebrating the newly baptized this year:

Henry Jameson Farus
Vincent Paul Hupp
Parker David Dakken
Kennady Rae Sankey
Colton Mitchell Krieger
Aaron Michael Thorson

Gehrig Matthew Harriman
Roya Jean Leber
Magnus Markus Hopp
Morgan Ann Hopp
David Elijah DeRay Lampman

Church council is seeking nominations for 2023 Council members

There are 4 seats vacant that need to be filled. If you have someone in mind, ask them if they are willing to be nominated and get permission to turn their name into the office. Or if you would like to nominate yourself, let us know in the office. Deadline for names is November 6.

Letter from Pastor Rod

For Your Information and for Transparencies Sake

Transparency has always been an important value for me as a pastoral leader, and for your church council. Information and transparency enable you as congregation members to give more relevant and prompt input and feedback. It also builds trust within our faith community. Trust is essential for our health as a family. Information and transparency also help each of us know how to pray as we discern God's plan and move together into God's future.



The two primary areas for information and transparency at this time are staffing and finances. Let me say clearly though, these are not important except for the sake of MISSION. Our mission to make disciples and to proclaim the gospel must always be at the heart of every conversation involving staffing and finances. We must always ask, what level of financial support and staffing do we need in-order to build community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ? I will begin with staffing.

Immanuel has had significant staff changes, and I want to let you know what your church council and staff have been praying about and working on in this area.

As I said last month, Geno Lopes has been hired as our Wednesday Evening Band Manager and our Sunday morning personnel manager involving everything music, sound and video. Linda Ferjak, myself, and a few others plan the order of worship, music selections and special music for Sundays. Worship is coming together quite nicely with this system. I would love to hear feedback from you about our efforts.

We have begun a search to fill our vacant Youth Ministry position and the upcoming vacancy in our children's ministry position. I have recently felt the nudge to invest more in this area of Children's ministry. Early childhood is a crucial time in faith development. I have read statistics saying a child's moral, ethical, and spiritual development is in place around age eleven. Also, when we invest in children's ministry, we invest in families. Families are most open to spiritual growth and involvement when their children are in elementary and middle school. The church council will be having a discussion around this idea. Let us know your thoughts.

We will never abandon our high school youth. We may staff this ministry more creatively, giving Pastor Zech more responsibility in this area and involving some high-quality Waldorf students in this ministry as we've done in the past with some good success.

Other possibilities for staffing include hosting an intern for the 2023 program year or calling a third pastor. Your church council will be interviewing an intern candidate soon to discern if we are a good fit for her, and if she is a good fit for us. Calling a third pastor to serve on our staff means we'd need to take on another congregation or two and build a relationship like the one we have with Bethany in Thompson – a relationship that continues to go

strong. Please pray about any, and all, of these possibilities. We are looking to God to supply the way forward, and to keep us to be faithful in our call.

Financially we are a bit stretched. We finished September with year-to-date \$45,000 expenses over income and had to move \$10,000 from the contingency to general account. The good news is our resolve for mission is strong. We continue to do the work of ministry to young and old alike. We continue to serve the poor and downtrodden. We continue to build partnerships and build a loving community. Together we can succeed but it will take a unified effort. For those who are able please consider increased giving in this fourth quarter. I know the economy is tough but so are we, and we have God on our side. Let's offer ourselves in a spirit of abundance and God will be glorified.

God's Peace,
Pastor Rod

Immanuel Kids

Live a Green Life!

Proverbs 11:28 reads, Those who trust in their riches will wither and fall, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

The leaves have been falling in the last couple of weeks. They have turned from green, to vibrant colors, to brown, and now with the cold and the wind they are falling leaving the trees barren and empty.

The word of God uses this natural cycle of life and death of the leaves on a tree to help us understand where we should put our trust for life. If we trust in riches, then we will be like a leaf that withers and falls. In other words, riches, money, work, property, or things can't save us or preserve our lives. Only God can do that.

"The righteous will flourish like green leaves", says the poet. What does it mean to be righteous? To be righteous is to live a life that honors God and brings glory to God's name. Let me say it this way: you have a last name, and if you and your siblings are kind, and generous, and helpful to people, soon your family name will be associated with good. This brings honor to your family and adds to the good reputation of your family. If, on the other hand, you treat people poorly and cheat them or hurt them, this will bring a bad reputation to your family name. The same is true in our relationship to God.

Remember this though, we can't do any good apart from God. So, when we do good and live loving, helpful lives it is because we are in relationship with God. And this is the key to everything. To live a righteous life means to live a life connected to God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. When we do that, we are like a green leaf that brings beauty to the earth, health to the tree, and fruit for the animals of the forest. That is what God wants from us and for us – to live a life that brings beauty, health, and fruit.

Crossed in Christ,

Pastor Rod



Join in the fun of the “Christmas Cookie ‘No-Bake’ Bake Sale”

Sponsored by the Immanuel’s Mission &

Outreach Board to benefit Missionary Karen

- What:** A fundraiser for Immanuel’s ELCA Missionary Karen Anderson in Chile
- When:** During the month of November 2022
- Where:** Wherever you are reading this information and invitation
- Why:** Because it is a great mission, and no baking is necessary for this Bake Sale
- How:** Don’t bake, don’t eat, don’t buy, don’t spend money except to give towards Karen!

How does a “No-Bake Bake Sale” work?

No baking involved! Free will donation!

Giving ideas:

Give what you might spend at a bake sale; give what ingredients would cost for your recipe; or give the number of calories you saved by not eating bake sale items you would buy.

Donations may be left at church office, mailed to church, or put in the offering plate at worship (checks to ‘Immanuel Lutheran Church’ noting ‘No-Bake Bake Sale-Karen’).

Have a favorite Christmas cookie/treat recipe you want to share with the congregation?

Just include your recipe with your donation!

(An anonymous donor will match each person/family recipe donated with a \$10 donation to Karen).

Who is Karen?

Karen Anderson is Immanuel’s ELCA Global Missionary in Santiago, Chile who we pray for every week. She visited Immanuel in July 2022 to thank the congregation for our commitment and to inform us of the EPES organization she founded 40 years ago. EPES (stands for Popular Education for Health). EPES works to build a sustainable health care organization dedicated to promoting the health, dignity, and rights of the poor, and mostly women in Chile.

We look forward to hearing from you!

THANK YOU from Mission & Outreach Board Members:

Becky Stumme, Jaci Thorson, Ken Korth, Ben Arentson, Ruth Melby, Chad Kozitza

Thanksgiving Day Meal Donation List:

GIVE	FOOD	NEED
_____	\$ donations for pre-ordered Turkeys (25 @ \$30 each)	
_____	Potatoes	135 lbs.
_____	Cr of Mushroom	50 – 10.5 can
_____	Fried French Onion	60 cans
_____	Butter	20 – 1 lb. boxes
_____	Green Beans	100 (14.5 can)
_____	Powdered Sugar	5#
_____	Salt	9#
_____	Sugar	20#
_____	Brown Sugar	8#
_____	Flour	25# (All Purpose)
_____	Frozen Cranberries	25#
_____	Onions	25#
_____	Celery	5#
_____	Turkey Stuffing	50 boxes
_____	Fresh Garlic	25 bulbs
_____	Cream	24 quarts
_____	Milk	5 gallons (whole)
_____	Coffee	2# (decaf)
_____	Coffee	4# (regular)
_____	Pies	
_____	Pumpkin	10
_____	Pecan	7
_____	Apple	7
_____	Strawberry Rhubarb	6
_____	Blueberry	5
_____	Other Pie Type	_____
_____	9x13 Foil Pans	25
_____	275 small Styrofoam plates for pie	
_____	\$ donation (checks payable to ‘Immanuel Thanksgiving Dinner’)	

Bring ‘shelf stable’ items to church anytime now and by Nov. 17.

Refrigerated items due by Nov 17.

Bring pies by 9:00 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 24.

Please label items with your name and “Thanksgiving Dinner”.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DELIVERING

Name & telephone: _____

THANK YOU for helping Immanuel host the 27th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner~Buffet Style~ Thursday, Nov. 24. The meal will be served buffet style between 11am-1pm. We could use your time, food and/or money to serve up to 275 people. Please fill out this form and put it in the offering basket or bring it to the church office or online SignUpGenius link found at immanuelfamily.com. Contact Chef Chris Wellendorf (815-501-9623), Deanna Ennen (585-3650) or Jaci Thorson (585-3152-church office) for any questions.

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Becky Stumme

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, October 12, at 4:45 p.m. Five members were present. Opening devotions were given by Becky Stumme.

The total amount collected for the third quarter mission emphasis came to \$1,245.50. This amount will be divided between Riverside Bible Camp and Ingham/Okoboji Bible Camp.

A noisy offering for the October mission emphasis of world hunger will be held on Wednesday, October 19, and on Sunday, October 23.

The Board decided to keep our 2023 covenant commitment to Missionary Karen Anderson at \$5,000.

The mission emphasis for November and December will be our Missionary, Karen Anderson. During the month of November, a "Christmas Cookie 'No Bake' Bake sale will be held. Details of this fundraiser will be shared in the November Messenger, in bulletin inserts, and on Facebook. The recipes that we receive will be compiled and will be made available online. The Board will volunteer to host coffee hour on December 11 and will have hard copies of the recipes available. A noisy offering for Missionary Karen Anderson will be held on Wednesday, December 7, and Sunday, December 11.

Donations continue to come in for the international students at Waldorf University. Jaci received a thank you from Megan Gabriell, Director of International Student Services. The students are very appreciative of the items that have been received. Jaci will check with Megan to see if she has a winter wish list.

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on Oct. 10 at the church. Income was \$38,636.62 and expenses were \$38,514.39 for a positive \$122.23 for the month of September. This included a transfer of \$10,000 from contingency fund reported as a negative expense item. YTD is a negative (\$35,216.39) compared to a negative (\$39,598.40) for 2021. Actual pay rather than even pay was approved for Black Hills Gas. Continuing with Portico Medical coverage was approved.

Endowment: \$1,000 was approved to pay Shepherd Canyon Retreat requested by Dave Anderson. This is in addition to the \$500 previously paid to have him come to Immanuel.

Property Committee: Discussed Parsonage roofing of the 24-year-old roof and furnace update to be included in the 2023 Budget.

Personnel Committee: Working on replacement for Tasha and Ann, and discussed 3rd Pastor for sharing with Miller and Leland.

New Business: Personnel discussion.

Old Business: a) Bethany Lutheran Staff sharing and Quarterly vitality group update: Vitality group will meet October 25.

b) Geno as worship and music leader for both church services going well.

c) Teams have been put together for Connections Through Food grant. Possibly need 2 people to lead.

Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on October 10, 2022 with an In Person/Zoom hybrid format. Ten members and both pastors were present. Meeting was called to order by President Daryl Krieger and September minutes were approved. Board reports were presented and approved. Additional names were brought forth for additions to the Council after the first of the year. There are four vacancies to fill. Members will communicate with those whose names were brought forth. Council approved the individuals to be Confirmed on October 30. The Youth Mission and Ministry Coordinator Position was discussed. The search will continue.

The Strategic Planning/Coaching Training for Council members will begin in November.

Business Financials were presented and can be found elsewhere in the Messenger.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. Mary Kingland has ushers scheduled through November. She also has a guide for new ushers which is kept in a drawer in the Narthex. Tina will talk to Jaci about making a label for the drawer for Usher Information.

Fall Welcome Gifts were discussed. Joyce will talk with Kathy Jerome about getting new, updated bookmarks for the Welcome Gifts. Kathy Jerome has ordered flashlights for the mugs. We need to get more mugs, hot chocolate packets and candy. We also need more tags to put on the hot chocolate packets. The tags say, "Warm Up With Us". Lisa will get one more box of mugs and Melanie will get the hot chocolate and candy.

Joyce mentioned that we are still looking for someone to take over coordinating the Communion Servers. Melanie has a list of those who have volunteered, and the schedule for Communion, so the process is fairly easy. If anyone in the Congregation is interested in serving in this capacity, please contact one of the Pastors, Melanie Westerberg or Joyce Kasper.

Joyce discussed the idea of a few members of the Board getting together with Steve Smith who oversees the Waldorf Campus Ministry to discuss the Spring Block Party. She feels it would be a good idea for us to get to know some of the students involved in Campus Ministry and for them to get to know us. She will discuss this idea with Steve. The budget will be discussed next month.

Board of Ed

Tasha Banta

The Board of Education met on Tuesday, October 11 at 4:30pm. The meeting opened with devotion and prayer.

Tasha brought 2023 proposed budget to discuss. All areas of change were discussed and unanimously voted in favor.

Christmas teacher gifts and craft for children were discussed. The Board will support Mindy Anderson in her laser-cutting work by purchasing time and materials for wooden nativity ornaments for teacher and craft. Emily will order keychain rings and candies to be put together at December meeting.

Christmas program date and time (Sunday, Dec. 11, 2:30pm) agreed upon as well as pie and ice cream social to follow. We will ask for pie donations after Thanksgiving.

Next meeting will be November 8th.



An Immanuel Oasis Thanksgiving

First off you may be thinking, Immanuel Oasis? Isn't that the name for what's going on during Wednesday nights? The answer would be yes, yes it is. But that's not what I'm talking to you about this month. Instead, I'm talking about the Immanuel Oasis Podcast. It's a podcast that began in October. It has sermons, devotions, Bibles studies, and will have more in the future. It's a podcast designed to give you the opportunity to tune in on your own time and find rest with God for a little while. Learn, grow and rest in the craziness of life. Listen as you get ready to sleep or wake up, doing the dishes, going for a walk, driving around, the sky is the limit to where you can tune in. You'll be able to find it on Spotify or on the Immanuel website.

That's the teaser, I figured you may want a little background before I talk about what the Immanuel Oasis Thanksgiving series will look like. But first, take a moment to read this Philippians text:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

I know it's a question you've been asked many times before,

but I'll ask the question anyway, what does Thanksgiving mean? What does it mean to be thankful in a world that is chaotic? A world where you may see less to be thankful for than ever? A world that has you anxious and wondering what's next? This November on Thursdays on the Immanuel Oasis Podcast we will explore through devotion the question, what is there to be thankful for really? You may be surprised what there is to be thankful for. And it's always a good month to remember to actually stop, turn back, and thank God. We are great at asking God for things, but sometimes we struggle with thanking God for the big and little things in our lives. "In every situation, with prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

I pray that during the start of the craziness of the Holiday Season, you pause for a few moments and stop by the Immanuel Oasis and become refreshed, refocused, and thankful in the arms of the one who loves us so much, Jesus Christ. That's one big thing to always be thankful for, not just in November, but every day! THANKS JESUS!

See you in worship one way or another interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson



Worship on the Radio

Sunday morning worship over KLOW 107.3 FM airs at 11am. We have many open dates in the next four months. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$100 of this important radio ministry.

Available dates:

Dec. 11, 24, 25 Jan. 8

Feb. 5, 12 Mar. 12, 19, 26

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).

Have any of these items you would like to share with Waldorf International students?

Winter items: coats, gloves, scarves (clean and in good condition); twin bedding or throw blankets; fans (helps with air circulation in old dorms); kitchen stuff, especially pots & pans (with cafeteria closed during the breaks, they need to cook in the dorm kitchens).

Items may be left at the church office.

Thanks from Mission & Outreach Board and Megan Gabriell, Waldorf's Director of International Student Services.

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY September 2022

	September Actual 2022	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 75.00%	September Actual 2021	YTD Actual 2021
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	33,246.49	40,712.50	321,790.59	488,550.00	65.87%	35,587.61	321,304.54
Other Income	5,390.13	10,490.50	84,499.69	125,886.00	67.12%	8,215.48	78,705.71
Total Income	38,636.62	51,203.00	406,290.28	614,436.00	66.12%	43,803.09	400,010.25
Expense							
Staff Support	32,567.62	32,867.58	293,218.17	394,411.00	74.34%	31,352.97	292,210.41
Administration	8,471.25	11,152.67	93,789.79	133,832.00	70.08%	7,503.80	74,977.42
Ministry Areas	7,475.52	7,182.75	64,498.71	86,193.00	74.83%	8,817.99	72,420.82
Loan re-payment/contingency	-10,000.00	0.00	-10,000.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	
Total Expenses	38,514.39	51,203.00	441,506.67	614,436.00	71.86%	47,674.76	439,608.65
Income Less Expense	\$122.23	\$0.00	(\$35,216.39)	0.00		(\$3,871.67)	(\$39,598.40)

Library News Nov 2022



Promiseland Students

The Library has again had the privilege to meet with the Promiseland students to give them time to browse the library and play some Bible games.

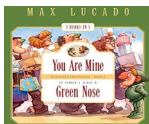


Pictured is the winning team from the 3-and 4-year-old group playing Points for Jesus with the Library Committee. Left to Right: Asher Determann, Hannah Walker, Noah Thorson, and Eloise Lohry.

Library's Children Section

You Are Mine and If Only I Had a Green Nose (2 books in 1)

By Max Lucado



Just like Punchinello, we all want to fit-in-to be accepted by the crowd. But at times that may mean either looking and acting like others or risking being rejected.

God's truth is simple and unchanging, reminding us that it's not what we have that counts, but whose we are. This is a truth the lovable Wemmick, Punchinello, hears again at the knee of Eli, his creator. Punchinello's hard-learned lessons show us how important it is to be who we were created to be, and why that matters. Let the two wonderful tales *You Are Mine* and *If Only I Had a Green Nose*—as 2 Books in 1—help you remember these important things: you were made the way you are for a reason, and there is Someone who will always help you be you—wonderfully you.



Pax

By Sara Pennypacker

From bestselling and award-winning author Sara Pennypacker comes a beautifully wrought, utterly compelling novel about the powerful relationship between a boy and his fox. *Pax* is destined to become a classic, beloved for generations to come.

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox. Meanwhile Pax, steadfastly waiting for his boy, embarks on adventures and discoveries of his own. . . .

Library's Adult Section

The Library Committee invites you to meet someone new.....Read a biography. We have many great biographies on Immanuel's shelves for you to choose from. Here are a few:



Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust

By Immaculee Ilibagiza

Immaculee Ilibagiza grew up in a country she loved, surrounded by a family she cherished. But in 1994 her idyllic world was ripped apart as Rwanda descended into a bloody genocide. Immaculee's family was

brutally murdered during a killing spree that lasted three months and claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans. Incredibly, Immaculee survived the slaughter. For 91 days, she and seven other women huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor while hundreds of machete-wielding killers hunted for them. It was during those endless hours of unspeakable terror that Immaculee discovered the power of prayer, eventually shedding her fear of death and forging a profound and lasting relationship with God. She emerged from her bathroom hideout having discovered the meaning of truly unconditional love—a love so strong she was able seek out and forgive her family's killers. The triumphant story of this remarkable young woman's journey through the darkness of genocide will inspire anyone whose life has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss.

The Color of Rain

By Michael Spehn & Gina Kell Spehn



Matt Kell and Cathy Spehn had known each other since grade school. As adults, they each got married, lived in their hometown, and attended the same church. Their kids even attended school together.

Matt died at home on Christmas Day after a three-year battle with cancer, leaving behind his wife, Gina, and two young boys. After attending Matt's inspirational funeral and reaching out to Gina with offers of support, Cathy was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. She died only 17 days later, leaving behind her husband, Michael, and three young children. In her final hours, Cathy instructed Michael to call Gina Kell.

The Rescue

By Dave Anderson



October 2, 2022 Dave Anderson spoke to Immanuel Lutheran congregation about his experience which is documented in his book and DVD "The Rescue" about the daring rescue of seven missionaries against impossible odds. If you missed hearing him in person, you can check out his book or DVD from the library.



Menu

Wednesday Meals

FREE Community Meal offered every Wednesday serving 4-6pm in the Fellowship Hall; take outs available. Come eat and enjoy a meal with others.
Happy Thanksgiving to all! Thank you for supporting Immanuel's Wednesday Night Meals!
Be thankful to the Lord every day,
Dawn Craig, Hospitality Specialist

November Menu:

Nov. 2	Beef enchiladas, corn, ice cream
Nov. 9	French toast, sausage, brownies
Nov. 16	Soup Night-chili & chicken noodle, bread, chocolate pudding
Nov. 23	No meal ~ Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 30	Chicken noodle hotdish, peas/carrots, applesauce

Blessings & Prayers

Prayers

Family and friends of Betty Soderling, of Brooklyn Park, MN, formerly of Forest City

Family and friends of Leo Durant of Las Vegas, formerly growing up of Forest City

Kris & Ed Linder and family on the loss of Kris' mom, Linda Coonrod of Northwood

Carolyn Thompson, Nicole Ochoa, family and friends, in the loss of son-in-law/stepfather, Marvin Hickman of Forest City

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir, Fireside	2 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- Whirl Wed./ MS Youth 6pm- Worship, Kids sing, communion 6:45pm- Choir 7:30pm - HS Youth	3 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	4	5 SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
6 9:15am- ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Promiseland	7 2:30pm - Forest Plaza Communion w/pastor	8 7am-8pm - GENERAL ELECTION DAY, FH polling location 3:30pm - Intercessor Prayer Group 4:30pm- Education board, kitchenette 5:30pm- Bells, Fireside	9 4-6pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O Board 5:30pm- Whirl Wed./ MS Youth 6pm- Worship 6:45pm- Choir 7:30pm - HS Youth	10 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom 6:30pm- Parish Life board, Lounge	11	12
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20 9:15am- Worship, communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Promiseland	21 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	22 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bells, Fireside	23	24 10:30am - Thanksgiving Day Worship 11am-1pm - THANKSGIVING DAY BUFFET, FH	25 Church closed	26
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Volunteer November 2022

Assisting Ministers

Nov. 6.....Olivia Banta
Nov. 13.....Patti Strukel
Nov. 20.....Cindi Lehmann
Nov. 27.....Kathy McEnelly

Scripture Readers

Nov. 6.....Ken Korth
Nov. 13.....Scott Bertelsen
Nov. 20.....Mary Kingland
Nov. 27.....Julie Damm

Song Leaders

Nov. 6.....Scott Bertelsen, Elizabeth May
Nov. 13.....Mark & Joy Newcom
Nov. 20.....Steve & Audrey Olmstead
Nov. 27.....Kathy Jerome, Renae Hopp

Altar Care

Nov. 6.....Joan Beebe
Nov. 13.....Julie Damm

Nov. 20.....Kathy Leuwerke
Nov. 27.....Marla Betz

Sunday Communion Servers

Nov. 6.....Sandy Lillquist, Julie Damm, Mary Kingland

Ushers

Nov. 6.....Josh, Silas & Alaina Banta
Nov. 1.....Chad, Marcy & Keaton Hanson
Nov. 20.....Beenken family
Nov. 27.....Tina Berg, Mary Kingland

Offering Counters

Joyce Goranson, Sandy Lillquist, Jan Buffington, Marj Anderson, Ellen Olson

Laundry

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Sunday Coffee Fellowship

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