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Count Your Blessings

I believe it is very important to pause to count our blessings, and to give God *thanks* for those blessings. That is the true purpose of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. That is what turns it into a *holy* day, not just a day off.

In 1863, Lincoln set Thanksgiving as an official holiday to be celebrated the fourth Thursday of November every year. He did it in the midst of the Civil War, calling on people to recognize the many blessings God continued to bestow on them and to pray for the healing of the nation. 2020 has been a turbulent year and we need more than most years to pause, count our blessings, give thanks, and pray for our healing of our nation.

As a church we should pause and reflect on how God has blessed this congregation. One of the great blessings came through Pastor Bob Onkka who passed October 9th at the age of 98. He brought the three churches together, Valders LC, Our Savior's LC, and Gjerpen LC, which were merged into one congregation, Faith Lutheran Church and in 1963 our beautiful building was finished and dedicated. I have heard many stories from our older members about Pastor Onkka's ministry here that touched and changed lives for the Lord. *Count your blessings and give thanks!*

Paul wrote to the Philippians from prison, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now... It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me."

Paul was focused on his blessings, not just his present circumstances, being in prison because of his faith. It was with a heart of thanksgiving that he wrote, and with *joy*. I'll bet Pastor Onkka had that same heart of thanks and joy as he would remember the partnership in the Gospel that he had with you here at Faith Lutheran Church.

May we all count our blessings this Thanksgiving season and always. I certainly give thanks for the partnership we have in the gospel. It brings me joy as we serve the Lord together.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
Psalms 107:1

Serving Christ better together, Pastor Jim

IN THE LIFE OF FAITH

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

Join us for the Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 24 at 6:15 p.m.

Please bring *non-perishable food items*
to worship to help feed the needy
in our area. Place them in the bins in the
Gathering Space labeled Faith's Pantry.

The church and office will be closed
Thursday, November 26 and Friday,
November 27.



Faith Lutheran Church is again sponsoring the "Sharing Tree" and due to COVID related concerns it has become a Fall project. The tree is located in the Gathering Space. On the tree are tags that represent gift items for two families. A spending suggestion for each tag is

\$20.00. All gifts need to be returned to church unwrapped no later than Tuesday, November 24th.

Your support in the past has been tremendous. I am confident these families will see God's love made real through your generosity. Any questions can be directed to Julie Endries at 920-973-9881.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

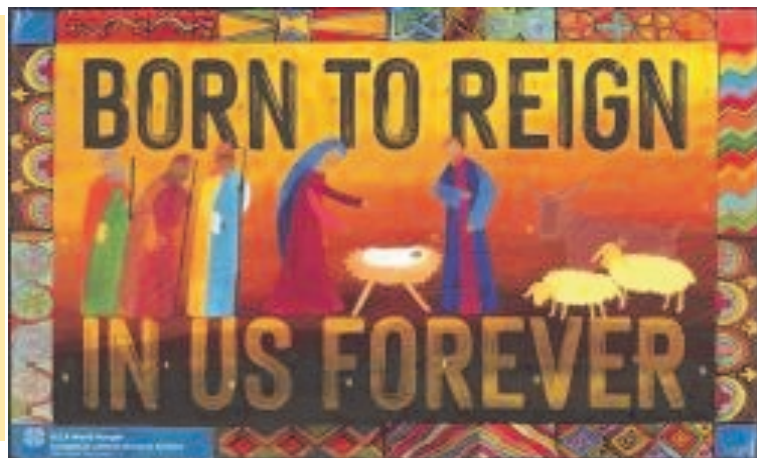
Do you like to decorate? Do you need an extra boost to get in the Holiday Spirit? Or maybe you just enjoy the beauty of the church at Christmas time.

Join us **November 28 at 9 am** in the Gathering Space for Christmas decorating. We will be decorating the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and the Chrismon tree in the Gathering Space.



Celebrate the excitement, anticipation and wonder of the birth of Christ with this Advent calendar. Each day is a reminder of the reason for the season with hymns, prayers, Bible verses and information about how ELCA Good Gifts make a difference in the world.

Calendars can be found at the Information Desk. Please take one.



The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright Elected Bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin

On September 26th the East Central Synod of Wisconsin gathered virtually for the 2020 Synod Assembly. The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright was elected Bishop of the synod on the 5th ballot with a total of 151 votes. The entirety of the synod assembly proceeding along with the complete results of the election for Bishop can be found on the synods website at www.ecsw.org

Bishop-Elect Anne Edison-Albright currently serves as the Director of College Ministries and College Pastor at Luther College in Decorah, IA. She has served the Luther College community since 2016. She previously served as pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stevens Point, WI, her first call, from 2010-2016. Her pastoral ministry in both Wisconsin and Iowa have been marked by passion

for ecumenical and interfaith collaboration; community organizing; faith formation for all ages; collegiality and joy in bringing congregations together; and encouraging and equipping lay and rostered leaders.

The Rev. Edison-Albright has also served as a hospital chaplain, a pastoral intern at the international congregation in Bratislava, Slovakia, and a summer missionary/English teacher in Chu Zhou, China. Before becoming a pastor Anne was a high school English and English as a Second Language teacher in Houston, TX. Anne received Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and journalism from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI (2003) and an MDiv from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT (2008). She's married to Sean Edison-Albright and mom to Walter and Sally. She enjoys gardening, baking, embroidery and listening to podcasts to refresh and renew her. Following her election as bishop she stated, "Coming back to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin feels like coming home, and I am looking forward to reconnecting and also getting to know the synod in a very new way. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you as bishop; to encourage and equip you as leaders and to be part of the good and vital work you are doing every day. I am deeply thankful for the ministry and leadership of Bishop Mansholt, and pray for transition blessings for him and Anita and the whole family. I ask for prayers for me, Sean, Walter and Sally, too!"



Finances

Income - September 2020

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 17,748.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 294.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 18,042.00	\$ 24,983.50	\$ 215,296.69	\$ 224,851.50
Dedicated Income	\$ 360.00		\$ 7,091.00	
Total Income	\$ 18,402.00		\$ 222,387.69	

Operating Expenses - September 2020

Benevolence	\$ 1,249.49			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 4,285.11			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 11,944.21			
General Fund Expense	\$ 17,478.81	\$ 23,976.54	\$ 201,700.18	\$ 215,788.86
Dedicated Expense	\$ 360.00		\$ 6,832.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 17,838.81		\$ 208,532.18	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$13,596.51

Capital Appeal

8/31/2020	BANK FIRST			\$95,236.89	
Payment Amount			\$1,000.00		
Additional payment			\$1,360.00		
Total August Payment		\$2,040.31	Principle paid	319.69	Interest paid
09/30/20	BANK FIRST			\$93,196.58	

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptism McKenzie Brielle Ott
 Marriage Alyssa Meidl & Shane Erskine
 Funeral Ramona Madson

Membership

Baptized 805
 Confirmed 598
 Families 113

Received into membership October 18 were the Spindler families. Please join us in welcoming Mark, Gretchen, Lucas, Addison and Ethan Spindler and Tommy, Nicole, Hunter, Gage and Mikaela Spindler.

Confirming their Faith on October 26 were Emily Schwoerer and Rhys Wilker. May God always be with you on your life journey.

Worship Attendance

	Sunday		Wednesday
9/20	Worship—97	Video—67	18
8/30	Worship—70	Video—50	24
9/6	Worship—59	Video—50	24
9/13	Worship—74	Video—60	24

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

November **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*
 December... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*

Lectors

11/1 Stefanie Kaderabek
 11/4 Julie Endries
 11/8 Ron Jones
 11/11 Matt Berge
 11/15 Stacy Wilker
 11/18 Carol Ulness
 11/22 Jenniffer Zutz
 11/24 Connie Kimmes
 11/30 Tiffany Jandrey



Communion Servers

11/1 Stefanie Kaderabek
 11/11 Terry Haupt
 11/15 Stacy Wilker

Head Usher

Scott Reinertson

Acolyte Schedule

11/1 Makenna Kaderabek
 11/8 Mollie Junk
 11/15 Whitney Ulness
 11/22 Mitchell Zutz
 11/30 Tristan Teuke

Greeters

11/1 Cheryl Domrath and Pat Christianson
 11/4 Tim and Julie Endries
 11/8 Dennis and Marlene Evenson
 11/11 John and Kerry Schnell
 11/15 Paul and Jill Franz
 11/18 Scott and Angie Zucchi Family
 11/22 Ron Jones
 11/24 Tom and Janice Behnke
 11/30 Richard and Linda Menza

Ushers

11/1 Steve and Ginny Schwoerer, Don Schreiner
 11/8 Austin and Stetson McCulley
 11/15 Mark and Angie Ulness Family
 11/22 Mark and Jenniffer Zutz Family
 11/24 Steve Ahrens and Wayne Huske
 11/30 Brian and Tammy Brill

Sound Operator

11/1 Erin Lenzner
 11/4 Kai Meyer
 11/8 Loren Ulness
 11/11 Kayla Hildebrandt
 11/15 Jackie Shimek
 11/18 Shelia Kalies
 11/22 Bill Riesterer
 11/24 Terry Huske
 11/30 Lyle Roehrig



Video Operator

11/4 Kai Meyer
 11/11 Kayla Hildebrandt
 11/18 Shelia Kalies

Projection

11/1 Carter Lenzner
 11/4 Maranda Simons
 11/8 Ethan Ulness
 11/11 Otis Berge
 11/15 Judy Harris
 11/18 Lauren O'Leary
 11/22 Bill Riesterer
 11/24 Terry Huske
 11/30 Lyle Roehrig

News and Pleas from the Faithful Quilters

The Faithful Quilters will be displaying some of the 485 quilts they made throughout the year. These quilts will be displayed on the pews during the month of November.

This has been a difficult year as quilts were not shipped because of the closing of the distribution center with lack of volunteers due to Covid-19. Many of these quilts are already boxed and ready for shipping next October 2021.

In the meantime, the women decided to continue quilting but making these quilts warmer and distributing them locally to Faith's Pantry as well as the Salvation Army, The Crossing, Hope House, The Haven and InCourage. To make them warmer, we will need YOUR help in donating clean mattress pads, clean sheets, blankets, fabric, or monetary gifts so we can purchase bolts of batting or fabric. (checks can be made to Faith Lutheran Church Quilter Fund or place money in envelope found in the pew mark it Faithful Quilters and place in the offertory box in the back of church. Thank you in advance for SERVING GOD'S WORLD.

This fall we did not meet each Thursday due to the Covid scare. Women continued to make quilt tops and masks at home. A special quilt was made for Dorothy Ulness in celebration of her 100th birthday. We were able to mail 125 masks to Lutheran World Relief, another 50 were given to local schools and churches. Thank you Hands On Mission for covering the postage as well as the Thrivent Action Team gift card for replenishing supplies.

Blessing Mix

Bugles: Shaped like a cornucopia or Horn of Plenty, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

Pretzels: Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

Candy corn: Sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Nuts or seeds: Promise of a a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

Dried fruits: Harvest gifts of our bountiful land.

M&Ms: Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.

Hershey's Kiss: The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.



The Synod invites you to take some time to send a note of appreciation for the ministry of Bishop Mansholt to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin as he prepares for the next place where God is calling him.

Please send your cards, notes, or letters directly to the synod office at:

ECSW

**16 Tri-Park Way
Appleton WI 54914**

**(attn: Jeanne Jerks) before
November 15th!**

Health Care Needs List

It's that time of year again when the Elves are preparing for the holiday season at the Manitowoc Health Care Center. Below is a list of suggested gifts that may be purchased to help out the residents. Please have all items back to the stewardship cabinet by Sunday, November 29. Leave all gifts unwrapped.

Jewelry

Ladies cologne, lotion, body spray
Men's cologne/aftershave/body spray
Nail polish (light shades) and remover
Lipstick and blush
Sweatshirts and Sweatpants (L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
Under T-shirts for men and women (L, XL, XXL)
Pajamas and Lounge pants (L, XL, XXL)
Robes (L, XL, XXL)
Cardigan sweaters (L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
Profession Teams Sportswear (L, XL, XXL)
Slipper Sox with grips on bottom (L, XL)
Body pillows and Fleece blankets
DVD musicals, Lawrence Welk, family movies, relaxation
CD's (old time music, polka's sing-a-long)
CD players
Alarm clock radios (large numbers)
Music boxes
Wall calendars
Razors for men or women
Postage stamps (Forever stamps)
Assorted greeting cards, stationary and pens
Large print word search/puzzle books
Individual snacks (chips, cookies, crackers, diet pudding)
Soda (diet or regular)
Crayola markers, crayons, color pencils, water color paints, paper, adult coloring books
iTunes gift cards
Gift Certificates from Wal-Mart, Game Stop, Salon 1325, MHRC's Café and Gift Shop.



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—September 21, 2020

****Housekeeping Items****

Call list: Purpose of these member calls mainly to make sure members are doing okay during this Covid-19 time, to connect, and let them know they are not forgotten. We have a list of about 120 names of members who have not been here in months. The list was passed for Council members to choose about 10-15 people to contact.

Pastor's Report

Topics discussed from his handout: Visits to homes and hospitals. 3 Funerals this past month. Meetings: Interim Pastor meeting, boards, synod meeting.

****OLD BUSINESS****

* Hiring of Youth Coordinator: We have recommendation from the Personnel Committee to hire Stacy Schwoerer in Youth Coordinator position; 20 hours/week, paid hourly, @ \$14.00/hr; with the requirement of completion of on-line courses: Youth and Family Ministry Certification Training. Introduce her to congregation and install her on Sunday, October 4th. Motion made and carried to hire Stacy Schwoerer in Youth Coordinator position as of October 1, 2020.

* Joining of Youth and Family and Christian Ed committee meetings. Discussion was a follow up from last meeting.. Boards themselves are not being combined; but sometimes will *meet* together. This is being tried.

****NEW BUSINESS****

Follow up on new windows for offices (Christine's & Pastor's). Bill reported from Mark that 2 contractors are coming to take a look. One already says they are swamped, and it will take a while to get the work done.

****Council Representative Reports****

Stewardship – Stephanie Mitnacht

We are sending out Stewardship letters this week. Letter basically reviews goals set last year; they have been accomplished. Also, to say thank you for continuing help. The goal for next year is to pay down our Capital Debt with the forethought that it would be preferable to have it finished and non-existent when a new pastor is called.

Lay Ministry – Joyce Sorenson

Planning for upcoming holiday schedule is being discussed, though decisions are not easy due to considerations of Covid-19 precautions. BOLM is open for suggestions. Discussion about Christmas Eve service options. Attendance at 3:00 service is largest, nearly 300+ without social distancing; with distancing 100-125. There will be no communion, as it would be too difficult. We'll add a service.

Evangelism – Julie Endries

A suggestion was made that maybe Faith could "adopt" someone (we become the senior center) from church, do something with them (like make a meal, cookies...play cards...) show them care, concern.

Fellowship – Cheryl Domrath

They made chicken rice soup during Gods work our hands. From the Quilters: LWR not accepting those on the stage. Christian quilts not wanted, so it is their idea to give them to the Salvation Army; the Crossing, a pregnancy care center; our parishioners in nursing homes; The quilts would be given out with a label saying "Made for you by quilters from Faith Lutheran Church". It would be a positive outreach to these people. This idea was received positively by the Council members.

Youth and Family Ministry – Bobby Jo Robley

Joint Meetings with Board of Christian Ed. This is being tried.. Will plan on a joint September meeting. Discussions regarding events for the upcoming holiday season: Walk through Bethlehem- will be done but with social distancing. Pumpkin Patch- held outdoors, so okay to do this. Possible Lefse making? No - too many difficulties due to Covid-19.

Personnel Committee – Ron Jones

Hired Youth Coordinator; will be looking at health costs for staff next.

Call Committee – Ron Jones

Update Ministry site profile, just housekeeping updates

Adjourn

Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:26 pm.

Next meeting on October 19 at 6:30. Devotions by Mark Zutz
Judy Harris,
Secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

NOVEMBER

1. Sandra Lemberger
Judith Voss
Dominic Gorgas
2. Donald Gilbertson
Amber Meidl
3. Janice Behnke
Peggy Madson
Darlene Posey
Tanyia Sorenson
Blake Bergel
4. Donald Schisel
Aaliyah Williams
Mollie Junk
Damon Erskine
Ryah Sabourin
5. Chelsea Reinertson
6. Anderia Frank
Janet Persinger
8. Julie Jeske
Craig Johnson
9. Jeanne Wenzel
10. Joyce Lodel
11. Tammy Brill
12. John Thews
Angelina Junk
13. John Robley
Jodi Goehring
Peter Robley
James O'Leary
Thomas Pope
14. Keith Johnson
Bennett McCulley
15. Richard Menza
James Ahrens
16. Travis Boll
17. Future Bast
18. Desirae Behnke
20. Daniel Meyer
Michelle Bratt
Katelyn Mulhaney
Cassandra Zutz
23. Norma Argall
Thomas Voss
Jennifer Jeske
24. Roger Pingel
Kimberly Johnson
Aubree Haberman
25. Gladys Hansen
Luna Tan
26. Erin Schwoerer
Janet Reinertson
27. Dennis Gordon
Henry Bubolz
Bjorn Kalies
29. Abbey Zutz
Paisley Loucks
30. Gary Olson

DECEMBER

3. Carter Lenzner
5. Dayton Goehring
John Obias
6. Quinten Robley
Jomarie Obias
7. Carol Nelson
Landen Pinkerton
8. Elizabeth Robley
10. Marlene Evenson





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 All Saints Sunday 8:00 Boards of Education & Youth Ministry 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i></p>	<p>2 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Board of Evangelism, Jazzercise, Televised Worship</p>	<p>3  Election Day</p>	<p>4 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>5 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school</p>	<p>9 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation </p>	<p>12 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school <i>Newsletter info due</i></p>	<p>16 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>19 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry</p>
<p>22 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school <i>Christ the King Sunday</i></p>	<p>23 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship</p>	<p>24 6:15 Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>25 No worship or confirmation</p>	<p>26 Office closed</p>	<p>27 Office closed</p>	<p>28 9:00 Decorating for Christmas </p>
<p>29 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>30 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship</p>					

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Eliza Wilker and DJ
Schad recently enjoyed
Otto's Pumpkin Patch.