

November 2018-The First Word

All Saints Day 2018

On All Saints Sunday we remember loved ones who have gone before us. We know the grief of Mary, Martha, and Jesus. We know the reality of death that lies so close. We know that at any moment the phone call could come with news we dread.

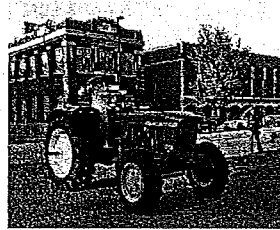
We live forever in the shadow of death. We also know the little deaths that take place every day. We know the daily disappointments, the betrayal of a friend, a failure at work, a difficult and tumultuous marriage, the loneliness and pain of one longing for something more from life.

Like Lazarus, we are bound tightly in death's clothes: grief, disappointment, hopelessness. Jesus speaks the last word for us: "Unbind him, and let him go" This promise is bursting with resurrecting life.

In the waters of the font, we hear our God speak this word to us. Lifting us out of the waters, God frees us from the binding rags of death and dresses us in the royal clothing of Christ. At the table, we feast with the God in whom we have waited, the God who swallows up death forever. The last word is not death, but life as a beloved child of God.

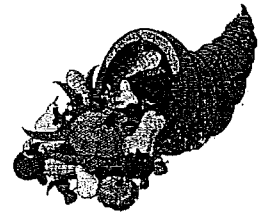
All Saints Day worship is at 9 AM on Sunday, November 5th. This year we remember June Schreiber, Mavis Tungland, Wally Aase, George Langemo, Miriam Bjelland, Barbara Beresford. And we remember all your loved ones who rest in God.

Pastor Julie



**Congratulations
Brian Danielson -
retires from the
Navy**

Brian drove this rare tractor into town the day of his retirement. It is John Deere's first front wheel drive, it was shipped to Nez Pierce Idaho Jan. 2, 1970. Dave and Carol Baker say, "It was a honor to have him ask to use it for his special day. We have some great photos of Brian here at the farm when he was 3 years old and through the early childhood years".



Thanksgiving Worship and Fellowship

Tuesday, November 20,
at 7:00 at First Lutheran.

Confirmation Class of 2018 Congratulations



Tanner Allan Angelstad
Lukas Michael Berg
Caroline Rae Doehling
Tyler David Haasnoot
Jonathan Wayne Kirchmann
Samuel Francis Lee
Michael Anthony Pliscott
Logan Richard Thompson
Madison Rose Thompson
Daniel Kenneth Van Epps
Katherine Gale Van Epps



Bells will ring 11 times on
November 11 to honor Veterans Day.

First Lutheran Church Council
October 17, 2018, 8:00 pm in Joy Room

Welcome and Call to Order: Bill Lewis

Present: Bill Lewis, Wayne Spidahl, Candy Herrlich, Don Herrlich, Kevin Kruger, Cora Lee Monroe

Devotions: Bill Lewis

Adopt Agenda with additions: Motion to approve: M/S Wayne/Cora Lee. Carried.

Addition to agenda: Stephanie Schumacher

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve as printed: M/S Don/Kevin. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: M/S Don/Amy. Carried.

Bank balance as of October: **\$8,661.40**

Tuck pointing balance: **\$1,000.00**

Motion to accept the report: M/S by Don/Wayne. Carried.

Continuing and New Business:

Pastor Julie continuing to work with Jim Braaten on the website. www.flckenyon.org

Tuck point update- money coming in so there should not be any balance left to pay.

Nominating Committee-will be starting to seek officers and committee members. Current committee chairs are asked to check with their current members to see if they are interested in staying on.

Don and Kevin will head up the 2019 budget.

Worship Assistant Schedule: There was a request to send out this list quarterly.

The meeting time and date for the next council meeting will be **Wednesday, November 14th, 8:00 p.m.**

Committee Attention Items:

Worship/Evangelism: no rep present

"Friendly Visits" by lay people. Carol and Pastor Julie will meet to set the procedure and training for volunteers.

Time and Talent sheets have been turned over to Tammy so she can put together a list that reflects current interest and availability for Readers, Greeters, Communion Helpers and Coffee Servers. In 2019, list will be sent out quarterly.

Fall Festival went well. Silent Auction and meal profits totaled approximately **\$3,000.00.**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 6th at 5:30 at Gunderson Gardens, (election day)

FLCW: Candy

The FLCW board met on October 1st at 7:00 pm.

Checking account balance on Sept. 30 was **\$2,161.22** Donations received at the Wedding Extravaganza will be in the October report. It was a success and enjoyable evening for all.

The Fall Donation Drive has collected about **\$1900.00.**

Cindy L and Jackie have just a few positions to fill on the board.

Lefse Making will take place on **November 8th, 9th, 10th** approx. 9:00 am-1:00 pm each day,

Feed My Starving Children—**November 3rd**, sign up on line.

Altar Care Meeting will be at 6:15 pm prior to the **Wednesday, November 7th** FLCW meeting, which is on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Note change of meeting date due to elections.

Thank offering Service is **November 11th**. Envelopes will be mailed out to the women.

SS Christmas Shopping will take place on **December 9th**. Donations of new items can be dropped off at the church. We need men's items.

Pastor Conference at First Lutheran on **January 3rd, 2019.**

Next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00**, Altar Care at **6:15. Note change of date.**

Property and Management: Don

Items worked on this month:

Frontier phone contract updated

Called upon Steve Johnson to readjust the internet

Moved the garden units
Fixed the plumbing under the sink by the kitchen stove
Helped in church, janitor on vacation

Stewardship: Wayne

No meeting this month due to Fall Festival on October 7th.

Marlene Gustafson served the meal in the Fellowship Hall with auction tables set up along the south wall. Marcy G. decorated the tables. Free will offering for food was **\$720.00**, meal costs were **\$570.00**, raffle was **\$308.00**, Silent Auction took in **\$1,390.00**. The committee suggested that **\$1,500.00** go to tuck pointing and the remainder of the money be divided between the food shelf and disaster relief fund.
The cost for the Bencke family visit on September 16th was **\$375.00**.

Ed Youth Committee: no rep present

Sunday School update:

PK-K, 2 classrooms? Have gathering at the end of class? Bev will talk to teachers.

Music is still a need.

Globe offering? Each class selects where to give the offering. Use at Sunday School gathering too?

Coming events:

FLCW Christmas shopping date is **December 9th**

Christmas Program is **December 16th**. Bev will get CD's and can practice in the classroom. Use students as readers, greeters, ushers. Will have a planning session on **November 7th**. When to put up the Creche?

Christmas Shoe Box – have ordered brochures. **November 18th** is the last day.

Feed my Starving Children: **November 3rd, 9 – 11 sign-up**. Will open to KNW too.

Name change? Family and Youth. We reviewed the committee structure and responsibilities. Family and youth is the main focus.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 7th at 4:30 pm**. Sunday School Christmas program planning at the regular meeting at **5:00 pm**.

Kenyon Area Intern Committee: no rep present

Information from Sara Martin in the October newsletter.

Additional Agenda Item:

Stephanie Schumacher sent a letter requesting the use of First Lutheran's Kitchen and Fellowship Hall for a Dad's Belgium Waffles Event on **Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 2019** during the Carriage and Cutter Days as a fund raiser for the K-W Choir. The board granted this request dependent on the kitchen having the correct electrical outlet. Rather than renting the facility, a donation would be acceptable.

Next First Lutheran Church Council meeting will be **November 14th at 8:00**. Note date change.

Devotions: Wayne

Adjournment/Lord's prayer m/s Don/Candy

Submitted by Cora Lee Monroe

For Church Council Secretary

FLCW Board met on Monday, October 1, 2018 .

Meeting was called to order by co-president Cora Lee Monroe. Secretary's report was accepted and placed on file as read. Treasurer's report was accepted as read and placed on file. Balance to September 30th is \$2,161.22. Donations received at the Wedding Extravaganza will be included in the October report. Correspondence included a letter from Hope Lodge. Candy reported high lights from the Council Meeting that 700 # of food was donated by the area churches this fall for the Food Drive. First Lutheran phone line has been updated. Constitution has been approved by the synod. We will have a joint service with Holden Lutheran on Christmas Day.(possibly other churches will join)

Old Business: Wedding Extravaganza was on Sunday , September 30 with several members and guests attending. Fun evening of viewing the past to present bridal attire and fellowship during lunch. A thank you will be sent to all participants. Donation Drive: Approximately \$1900 collected to date. FLCW booklet update: Cindy and Jackie (nominating committee) reported they have just a few positions left to fill for the upcoming year. Fall Festival: Sunday, October 7th at 9:00 AM with brunch and silent auction to follow in the church basement. Feed My Starving Children: November 3 Lefse Making: Nov 8-9-10 in the mornings. Price will be \$10 for 6 rounds. Thank Offering Service: November 11th. Envelopes will be mailed. FLCW members will participate in the service. Altar Care Meeting: Prior to the November FLCW Board Meeting at 6:15 PM. SS Christmas Shopping December 9th. Donations (new items) can be dropped off at the church. Also need Christmas bags and boxes, tissue paper and always a need for men's gifts. SS program will be December 16th.

New Business: Pastor Conference at First Lutheran January 3 , 2019. Date and Program ideas for end of year quarterly meeting were discussed. Will check for available dates. Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 PM. Respectfully submitted
Jan Ashland, Secretary

Ladies Clubs & Bible Study News

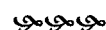
*Morning Circle Bible Study
First Tuesday of the month in the
Joy Room. Everyone is welcome!
November 6th meet at 9:30 a.m.
September-November 2018

This three-part Bible study by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni will explore how we as Lutheran Christians understand the role of repentance in our faith, especially as we understand God's grace to be *unearned* and *freely given*.
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## The Monthly Bible Study is found in the "Gather" magazine.

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## \*Christian Mission

Thurs., November 1st, 1 p.m.  
Thurs., November 15th, 1 p.m.



## \*Priscilla Club

Tues., November 13th, 1 p.m.  
Bev Nesselth is the hostess  
Tues., November 27th, 1 p.m.  
Kayo Kirchoff is the hostess

*From the Intern Sara Martin*

It's hard to believe I've already been on internship for two months! The months have gone by so fast, even though some days it feels like the days are going by so slowly. Since I finally feel as if I have a handle on things, I am finding my rhythms, finding the spaces and times that I am most productive, and finding resources that are helpful for preparing sermons, prayers, and Bible studies. Thank you for being patient with me as I learn names, learn each context, and learn how I fit into this specific internship.

Join me for Merry Makers on Wednesday, November 7 from 2:30-4:30 for a chance to get to know each other better, as well as to work on projects that we may have set aside. If you can't make it in November, be on the lookout for our date in December!


Oh, and families with children going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade through coming out of 12<sup>th</sup> grade (as of next fall), put the dates July 8-11 on your calendar for a mission trip! More details will be coming out soon!

It's such a joy to learn with and from all of you, and I look forward to what the next month has in store!

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**Good News from Sole Hope, Uganda.**

**Thanks to caring people, this quarter,  
July-September**



-1,920 people went home wearing sole hope shoes and are jigger free

-1,920 people were shown that they are valuable

-1,920 people felt loved

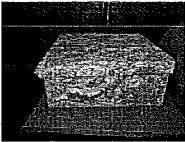
-1,920 people learned how to live jigger free forever.

-1,920 people now have the chance to live healthy & productive lives

-5,199 pairs of shoes were made.

Other diseases were treated: 60 cases of Malaria, 6 cases of Bacterial Diarrhea, 30 cases of Skin Infections, 4 cases of Malnutrition, 2 cases of Anemia, 15 Respiratory tract infections, 5 Urinary tract infections, 4 cases of Measles, 5 cases of HIV/AIDS, 6 cases of Hypertension, 9 cases of Epilepsy were diagnosed and connected to local resources.

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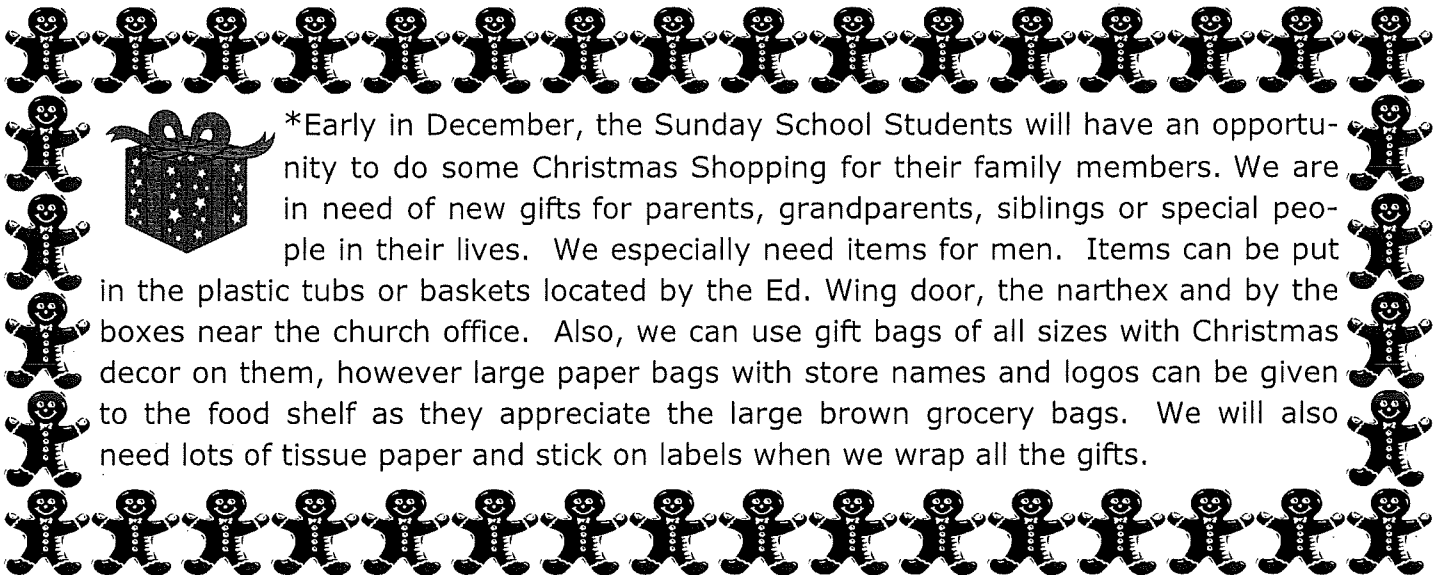



**Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be located around the church for your donations. A complete list of items needed is in various places around church or stop in the office and get a brochure. The price per shoebox has increased this year to \$9 each. Monetary donations are also welcome.**

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**FLCW will be making Lefse on November 8th, 9th and 10th at approximately 9-1 each day. All are welcome to help. Bring any equipment you may have or let us know if your would need some. Sign up sheets to purchase lefse will be located around the church and Fellowship Hall or call Candy 789-6369 or Cora Lee 789-6399**

\*Early in December, the Sunday School Students will have an opportunity to do some Christmas Shopping for their family members. We are in need of new gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings or special people in their lives. We especially need items for men. Items can be put in the plastic tubs or baskets located by the Ed. Wing door, the narthex and by the boxes near the church office. Also, we can use gift bags of all sizes with Christmas decor on them, however large paper bags with store names and logos can be given to the food shelf as they appreciate the large brown grocery bags. We will also need lots of tissue paper and stick on labels when we wrap all the gifts.

## Lyn's Line or So....Kathryn (Kathy) Erslund 1936

**Born:** Family Farm in Gilby Township, ND. Youngest of 6 children

**Parents:** Das was a wheat and potato farmer. Mom helped on the farm, raised kids, mowed the old fashioned way and had a big garden. We had cows, pigs, chickens, family dog and farm cats. No pets in the house.

**Baptized and Confirmed:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Honeyford, ND, population 30. (less people know). The minister had 4 county churches so services were every other week and communion was once a year. (don't recall which Sunday).

**School:** Country School, District 36 until 8th grade, 9 through 12, Grand Forks Central, ND. Stayed with an aunt who lived 25 miles away and took the train home on weekends.

**Activities:** Choir, 4H (county president), LDR (Lutheran Daughters of Reformation), Rainbow (sponsored by the Eastern Star). Also drove the wheat truck for her dad in the summer.

**College:** Concordia-Moorhead approximately 100 miles south of home. Graduated in 1958 majoring in Education and Domestic Science (Home Ec.)

**Kenyon Connection:** None, didn't want to teach in the big city. Had a sister in the Twin Cities. Lived with Lola Erickson, High School Librarian above the Strandemo house on Forest Street for \$20 a month each.

**Left Town:** Became a County Extension Agent in Wilken County, Breckenridge, MN

**Marriage:** Bob worked on her 1954 Ford Fairland at Glen Broin's Texaco Station, Kenyon. It's a sweet and personal love story. They were married in a private ceremony in Sisseton, SD in the fall of 1960.

**Children:** Two step daughters, Linda a retired nurse at St. Mary's (dialysis). LaVae, retired from the IRS. Pete, born in the fall of 1961, married, Littleton, MA, computer chip Engineer, two children. Becky, 1962 (lost husband Keith, 54, two years ago, he suffered a massive heart attack while hunting), 3 children and 3 great grandkids, she teaches 1st grade in Arlington, SD. Tom, 1963, married and works at Maple Island, Wanamingo as a trainer, various part-time jobs, two children and 4 great grandkids.

**Employment:** In those days (Harapat era) teachers couldn't be pregnant and teach. That took care of that. Until the 70's was a part time substitute at KHS. Bob rented from Amos Stolee, after 4 years he bought the farm and in 1973 Maus and Buckingham built their home, where they still reside today. Bob & Kathy were school bus drivers for many years. Kathy was Don Gifford's (Bonnie Rapp's father) substitute mail route carrier and went full time in 1982 until 2000.

**Why First Lutheran?:** Oscar Jorstad Sr. asked them to join in 1961. Faithful members since.



**Church Duties:** Many committees, too many to name. Ladies Aid, at the time, almost 60 years ago there were 12 Bible studies, now we are down to one. Sunday School and Bible School teacher, washing dishes at funerals, setting up for communion with Sharon Rechtzigel, also Thanksgiving Décor with Deb Maki and John & Lila Cole.

**Retirement:** I was told you are going to be bored. It's been 18 years and I am not bored yet. I love to read and study the Bible and my granddaughter says I make great cookies.

**Hymn's:** It's like picking a favorite child. I like some new ones like "Eagle's Wings" and "Borning Cry". Love the classics "Beautiful Savior" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

Kathy told me a cute story. In her youth at church she told her brother "I'm the only one I can hear singing" her brother said "Well then, don't sing so loud".

We concluded our visit as Kathy is convalescing at the Sunset Home. I told her I wasn't familiar with the song "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings". Without missing a beat, she sang that song to me as a college girl would so long ago, it brought a tear to my eye. Kathy, my friend, you still got "IT". Wishing you the best of health. **See you in church. Lyn Cole Clarke**

| Sun                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                            | Tue                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                                  | Thu                                                                                                                            | Fri                                                                    | Sat                                                |                                                         |
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|                                                                   |                                                                |                                                                                          | <h1>November</h1> <h1>2018</h1>                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                | <b>1</b><br>1:00 Christian Mission Society Love Day<br>7:00 AA Meeting | <b>2</b>                                           | <b>3</b><br><i>Feed My Starving Children</i><br>9-11 am |
| <b>4</b><br><i>All Saints Sunday</i><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:00 Coffee<br>7:00 AA Meeting                                     | <b>5</b><br>6:00 U of W Women's Concert<br>Chorale @ First     | <b>6</b><br>9:30 Morning Circle<br>Bible study<br>5:30 Worship/Evang @ Gunderson Gardens | <b>7</b><br>4:30 Ed/Youth<br>6:00 Worship<br>6:15 Altar Guild Committee<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>7:00 FLCW Board<br>7:00 Senior Choir | <b>8</b><br>6:30 Scouts<br>7:00 AA Meeting<br><br>—FLCW                                                                        | <b>9</b><br><br><i>Lefse</i>                                           | <b>10</b><br><br><i>Making —</i>                   |                                                         |
| <b>11</b><br><i>Thankoffering Service</i><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:00 Coffee<br>10:15 Stewardship Committee<br>7:00 AA Meeting | <b>12</b><br>1:30 Literary Guild<br>5:30 Property & Management | <b>13</b><br>1:00 Priscilla Club                                                         | <b>14</b><br>5:30 Ed Youth Committee<br>6:00 Worship<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>7:00 Senior Choir<br>8:00 Church Council                | <b>15</b><br>1:00 Christian Mission Society Love Day<br>6:00 Sons of Norway<br>6:30 Scouts<br>7:00 AA Meeting                  | <b>16</b><br>5:00 Wedding rehearsal                                    | <b>17</b><br>4:00 Heidi Rossow/Beau Winden Wedding |                                                         |
| <b>18</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:00 Coffee<br>7:00 AA Meeting                                                                | <b>19</b><br><br><i>Newsletter Information Deadline</i>        | <b>20</b><br><i>7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at First</i>                         | <b>21</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>22</b><br><br><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> | <b>23</b><br><br><i>Offices Closed</i>                                 | <b>24</b>                                          |                                                         |
| <b>25</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:00 Coffee<br>7:00 AA Meeting                                                                | <b>26</b><br>1:00 Spiritual Direction Group                    | <b>27</b><br>1:00 Priscilla Club<br>7:00 Internship Committee                            | <b>28</b><br>6:00 Worship<br>6:30 Confirmation<br>7:00 Senior Choir                                                                  | <b>29</b><br>6:30. Scouts<br>7:00 AA Meeting                                                                                   | <b>30</b>                                                              |                                                    |                                                         |

## The First Word

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### First Evangelical Lutheran Staff

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| Pastor              | Julie Rogness                                                     |
| Intern              | Sara Martin                                                       |
| Secretary           | Debbie Eggert                                                     |
| Accountant          | Julie Dyrdaahl                                                    |
| Custodians          | Dave & Betty Redfield                                             |
| Keyboardists        | Annette Thunhorst,<br>Tammy Hanson                                |
| Choir Director      | Carol Lozon                                                       |
| Bell Choir Director | Tanya Short                                                       |
| Missionaries        | Stephen Deal,<br>Patrick &<br>Jacqueline Bencke<br>Karen Anderson |

### Mission Statement of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Through God we are creating a vibrant, welcoming faith community, embracing all, providing harmony among generations, while lending compassion locally and globally.”

#### Volunteers for November - Ushers

Don Herrlich, chr.  
Steve Johnson, chr.  
Steve Alger  
Greg Canton  
Jeff Ellingson  
Fred Barsness  
Tom Dodds  
Dennis Monroe

#### Altar Care

Rhana Olson  
John & Debi Maki  
Linda Barsness  
Marcy Gaasedelen

#### Communion Set-up

Nov. 4: Don & candy Herrlich  
Nov. 21: Tammy Fletcher  
Pat Schreiber

#### Communion Helpers, Acolytes, Coffee Servers:

##### November 4:

Reader-Short Family  
Greeter-Short Family  
Com.- Jackie Mortensen, Anna Bauer,  
Tanya Short  
Coffee-Short Family  
Acolyte-Ben Short, Mason Thompson

##### November 11:

Reader-Bill Lewis  
Greeters-Bill & Cindy Lewis  
Com.-Bill & Cindy Lewis, Tammy  
Fletcher

Coffee-Bill Lewis

Acolyte-Dakota Temple, Norah  
Rechtzigel

##### November 18:

Reader-8th graders  
Greeters-8th graders  
Com-John & Lois Estrem, Troy  
Estrem  
Coffee-John & Lois Estrem  
Acolyte- William Van Epps, Jakob  
Kirchmann

##### November 25:

Reader- Doehling Family  
Greeters- Doehling Family  
Com.-Doehling Family  
Coffee-Doehling Family  
Acolyte-Alex Lee

**A Huge Thank You  
to everyone who made the  
FLCW Wedding Extravaganza  
event a Success!!**

