



November

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:1-2



Scripture reminds us how the Garden of Eden will be restored. **Trees are in the paradise of God.** In Revelation 22, we learn that the tree of life bears fruit crops 12 times a year, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. There are many trees with healing properties, which is a sign of God's forethought for us.

Dan and I are blessed to have one Honeycrisp and two Golden Delicious, 20-year-old apple trees in our new backyard. This was their year to be generous with this fruit of life. We didn't want to waste a single apple. So I jokingly said, "I have apple fatigue". And someone asked what is that? That is when God is so good you don't want to miss out on any of the goodness.

The wasps and bees joined in the goodness as well as a two young, 4 and 6-point bucks, birds of the air and squirrels of the ground. None want to miss out on this goodness of God. And God doesn't miss out on daily inviting us into the paradise of trees. God's trees are for the healing of all the nations. May November be a healing month as we remember the saints who have gone before us, the generosity of life in God as we celebrate Thanksgiving and the wisdom of God to wrap us all in the rhythms of our church year. We will celebrate Christ the King on Sunday November 20th as This Church Year comes to an end and we begin a New Church Year. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary time between Pentecost and Advent. The truth of Christ the King!

Pastor Julie

ADVENT 2022

"Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation." LUKE 1: 48B-50

This year, as we read through and studied Mary's song of protest and praise, one line in particular gave us pause: **from generation to generation.**

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[ADVENT 22 CONT'D]

Despite the challenges and vulnerability she faced, Mary could glimpse the scale and scope of the good news she was part of bringing forth. This good news transcends time and space—it was and is bigger than just her. Christ is coming for collective liberation: God's redemption is at work for years to come. Therefore, the promise is meant to be lived out and passed on from generation to generation. ***From Generation to Generation*** reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding— in and through us. This Advent season, how will we carry it forth?

Students Confirmed in Faith October 30, 2022

Elsie Braaten, Patricia Hoffman, Emilie Jarvis, Ryan Rechtzigel, Lindsey Short

"YOUTH LEAD" OPPORTUNITY

High School and Middle School Youth are invited to join us for A One Day Leadership Conference – Led by Youth for Youth. Date & Time: **Saturday, November 5 - 9 am to 4 pm**. Talk to intern Kris if you would like to attend. Learn more about peer ministry leadership at: PEERMINISTRY.ORG

All Saints Sunday, November 6

During All Saints worship you are invited to remember and light a candle. This year we toll the bell in remembrance of: *Dennis Craig Nerud — Lester Thomas Johnson — Charles Conrad Gaasedelen — Raymond Berge — Elizabeth Ruth Groth — Janice Ann Bauer — Faye Marie Marcuson*

Ed You Committee - Sunday School & Youth Highlights

Starting Oct 30 Sunday School will be 45 minutes long: 10-10:45

Sat. 10/29 9 am-10:30 am Fall Fun Activity: PreK-6

Operation Christmas Child: Consider donating supplies, completed boxes, or a donation of \$10 per box to cover shipping and handling. Checks to First Lutheran Youth. Last day to donate is **11/13**. Will finish packing boxes during intergenerational Sunday School.

Sun. 11/13 Third Graders receive Bibles at Worship. Arrive 8:45 to Greet. After worship: Inter-generational Sunday School-Thankful Theme.

Sun. 11/20 10 am to 10:45 Grades 3–6 "Get to Know Your Bibles" with Intern Kris. *(PreK-2 will have a different activity this day)*

Sun 12/11 Annual Christmas Shopping. Gift Donations Requested—See Box in Narthex.

Sun 12/18 Christmas Program during Worship

First Ev Lutheran Church Council Meeting ---- October 19, 2022 @ 6:45 pm

Present: Carmen Nesseth, Chris Cordes, Bill Lewis, Brad Nesseth, Candy Herrlich, Jim Fountaine, Tammy Fletcher, Intern Kris Kincaid, Pastor Julie and Jill Paulson

Welcome and Call to Order: Carmen

Devotions: Brad N. God keeps promises, Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Approve Agenda: M/S Chris / Jim Approved

Secretary's Report: M/S Bill/ Brad Approved:

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance \$ 8,066.00 Memorial Balance \$ 147,641.68

M/S/Approved: Jim/ Chris Approved

Pastor's Report: Worship: 1 Sunday Morning, 4 Wednesday Evening, 1 Blessing of the Animals, 1 Funeral Wedding. Phone calls and in person visits & Communion Calls, Weekly meetings with Annette & Kris, 2 Pre-marital meetings (working w/2 couples for next year), Internship Cont. Ed Retreat October 6 & 7 w/ Kris, a "check-in" with Emily from the Seminary.

What does it mean, that I am working reduced hours? I am working reduced hours to allow Kris a chance to lead in all areas of worship. Please call the office to see if I am available.

Continuing & New Business:

Bill Lewis proposed establishing a Finance committee to spread the workload and responsibility. Ideally 6 people to share the responsibilities and Xcel spreadsheet experience would be a plus.

Committee Reports:

FLCW – Sent out Donation Fund postcards. Nov. 13—Thank offering Sunday (Third Graders to assist with Greeting). Nov. 20—Christ the King. Nov.10/11—Lefse Baking, 9 am start, lunch provided. Orders can be submitted to Coralee Monroe or Candy Herrlich. 6 rounds for \$10. Sole Hope Quilt Raffle raised \$200.

Youth Co-Reps – Fall sports are wrapping up. Volleyball is #3 Seed and Football Sectional is Tuesday against Randolph. Sunday is a 5K for Rachal Nesseth. Proceeds are going to commission a song about her.

Worship/Evangelism – Worship/ Evangelism Committee: 10/11/22 1. Tech Team Update: Pastor Julie will meet with Jim Braaten to create a list of technical equipment the church may need to purchase for online streaming and compile a list of duties. 2. Communion Options: Discussion on the option of returning to intinction. Committee recommends continued use of individual plastic cups. 3. Retreats: Intern Kris Kincaid will be outlining and organizing upcoming retreats. 4. Friendly Visitors: Pastor Julie updated the committee that she will be activating those who have volunteered. 5. Fall Festival Recap: Positive feedback received. 6. Upcoming Worship Notes: The series Generation to Generation will be used in Advent to tell the Christmas story. Discussion on incorporating the Feast & Celebration service. Next meeting: Nov 10th at 6:00.

Property and Management –Windows for the north wall of the fellowship hall have been ordered, watering trees and scrubs around church prior to winter, boilers were started up for the winter season.

Stewardship- 1. Fall Festival: Went well. Potato meal was well received. 2. Aiming for a Winter inter-generational gathering: a youth and family-based event, that includes worship, meal and Intergenerational activities. 2. Seeking several Testimonials from church members on how participating in church activities has impacted their life. 3. Stewardship is reviewing an ELCA educational program on Generosity for use at First Lutheran. It includes 5/one-hour sessions.

Youth and Education- Meeting 10-11-2022. Past events: 10/9 Fall Festival and Bingo; 10/16 Care Packages for Graduated Seniors (Kris Kincaid) - 14 boxes sent! Upcoming events: Fall Activity/PreK-6 grade, Saturday 10/29, 9 AM-10:30; Starting 10/30 Sunday School will be 45 minutes (10-10:45); Sunday 11/13: Third graders Greet, and receive bibles during church. Sunday 11/13: Intergenerational Sunday School/Thankful/gratitude theme (Decorate cookies, gratitude tree, cards for homebound, operation Christmas child, games, etc.); 11/20

“Get to know your Bible” Gr.3-6 with intern Kris Kincaid (during Sunday School, 10-10:45). Parents encouraged to attend and kids should bring bibles. Operation Christmas Child: Consider donating supplies, completed boxes, or a donation of \$10 per box to cover shipping and handling. (Checks to First Lutheran Youth). Last day to donate 11/13, will finish packing boxes during intergeneration Sunday School that day. Sunday 12/11 Christmas Shopping.

Long Range Planning/Endowment/Personnel/Committee/KAIC – Did not meet.

Intern Kris-October Report: Opportunities to preach and/or preside at Sunday and Wednesday worship services, as well as Janice Bauer’s funeral. Attended church committee meetings and coordinated two events. Taking the lead on Confirmation. New this year, high school youth are volunteering to serve as mentors to 7/8th graders and will gather with them one Wednesday night per month. Other areas of ministry include: Pastoral Care; Leadership; Special Ministries; Blessing of the Animals; Fall Festival; Care Package & Pizza Party (A Thrivent Action Grant supported expenses). Attended internship cluster retreat with Julie 10/6-7. Meet monthly with internship committee. Will attend collaborative church committee meeting 10/27.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 @ 7:45

Devotions: Tammy Fletcher

Adjournment: M/S/Passed. Chris Cordes/Brad Nesseth

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted
Jill Paulson, Secretary

Stewardship Committee - Thank You Received from the Benckes

Dear Friends at First Lutheran,

We just wanted to say thank you for inviting us to worship together with you. It was such a pleasure to re-connect with so many people after these years of separation. We pray that your ministries to the community continue to be led by and blessed by the Lord. Until next time - Jackie & Patrick Bencke.

FLCW NEWS

❖ LEFSE MAKING. Join us to make lefse on Nov. 10th and 11th at First Lutheran. We will be making lefse for sale at 6 rounds for \$10.00. We invite first timers and those with experience to help us with this FLCW Fund Raiser. We will start about 9:00. Give us a call to order lefse or to help-out making or doing the packaging or help by providing a simple lunch for those working. Gratefully, Candy 507 330-0640, Cora Lee 612-756-4687



❖ THANKOFFERING SERVICE – *Notice the Change of Date!* Thankoffering Sunday has been moved to one week earlier: **Sunday, November 13. Thankoffering envelopes** are available in the Narthex or on the mail table near the office.

❖ DONATION FUND CONTRIBUTIONS During this month of November we welcome your gifts to our Donation Fund. Gifts are requested by November 30 as the Board meets in early December to disburse the funds to various charitable organizations.



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			6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	7 AA		Youth Lead Event
6 ALL SAINTS 9 Worship 10 Sunday School 7 AA	7	8	9 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	10 9 am to ?pm <i>Lefse Making</i> 5 Sons of Norw 6 Worsh/Evang 6:30 Stewardship 7 AA	11 9 am to ?pm <i>Lefse Making</i> & <i>Clean up</i>	12
13 <i>After Pentecost</i> 9 Worship <i>Thankoffering Sun.</i> <i>Gr.3 Bibles</i> 10 Intergenerational Sunday School 7 AA	14	15	16 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation 6:45 Council	17 7 AA	18	19
20 Christ the King 9 Worship 10 Sunday School 10 Gr.3-6 " <i>Get to Know Your Bibles</i> " 7 AA	21	22 *** Possible Thanksgiving Service	23	24  THANKSGIVING	25	26
27 Advent 1 9 Worship 10 Sun School 7 AA	28 10-12 Stockettes	29	30 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation			



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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!
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