

## GOOD TIDINGS

November 2018

### Special points of interest:

- Remember the Sabbath

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In each of our worship services for the past few years we have concluded our “Prayers of the People” with the petition, “Finally, Lord, we lift up Shepherd of the Hill. Continue to reveal to us your purpose and your vision for this ministry.” Knowing God’s purpose for Shepherd of the Hill is critical. Without purpose we have no vision. And, as the old King James Bible tells us, “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18). At times in the history of the Church (as well as is the history of nearly every congregation like Shepherd of the Hill) we have assumed that the purpose of the congregation was . . . the congregation. We too often have presumed that God had called and gathered us and enlightened us with His Holy Spirit only for our own salvation.

Jesus was consistently confronted with that same near-sightedness in His discussions with the Pharisees. The Pharisees interpreted God’s vision as only that which would benefit the Jews. But Jesus had an infinitely greater vision, which He borrowed from Isaiah: “On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for ALL peoples a feast of rich food” (Isaiah 25:6). Jesus didn’t come just for the Jews, He came for ALL humanity. SOTH does not exist just for SOTH; we exist for the sake of a broken world. God wants to use us to redeem and restore a world in need of redemption and restoration – starting right here in our neighborhood. There are three things that I want us to focus on as congregation:

1. Our area of responsibility is not just 925 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street and the seven acres our church sits on. Our area of responsibility is the neighborhood that surrounds us.
2. Our mark of faithfulness should not be just how many people come to worship on a weekend or how much money is given. Our mark of faithfulness should be the faithful service and love we give as individuals and congregation.
3. We are ALL ordained by virtue of our baptism. We all have a call to be ambassadors for Christ.

Each of these three points reminds us that church is not a destination but rather a jumping off point; church is a place of God’s healing, education, and nourishment from which we jump into mission and ministry in the world that surrounds us.

Where do we begin? We begin by listening. Next weekend, November 9-10, Jamie Koziol, principal of Milne Grove Elementary will come and help us to get to know our neighborhood from the perspective of our closest school. Also, Rev. Robin Brown, Associate Director for the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal will be with us sharing some of the wonderful work the ELCA is doing to alleviate hunger both nationally and internationally. Through these two women, our understanding of this world around us can deepen and we can be reminded that what we do can help. Remember the points of focus!

We have been called, we have been gathered, we are being equipped, and we are being sent.

Here we go.

Pastor Jon



## On Sunday, October 28th 8 Young Adults confirmed their faith, Congratulations!

Jessica Rennae Barth  
Allison Michelle Bobek  
McKenna Lynn Ganser  
Connor Grist

Julia Habas  
Joshua Paul Krueger  
Michael Wiersema  
Jake Edward Zacharias

*Creator Spirit, strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.*  
*Amen*

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Bible Quiz

After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

- A. Seth
- B. Enoch
- C. Shem
- D. Lamech

Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)

## Sacred Celebration of Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 18th at 3:00pm  
First Congregational Church  
700 E 9th St, Lockport



## The genius of generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands – figuratively speaking – to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.



Greetings,

This month baptism has been on my mind. The first weekend in October my niece was baptized. Rachel and I were asked to be her baptismal sponsors, there we stood at the baptismal font of my sister's church, with this little 2 month-old baby, oblivious to the world. The baptismal vows that were read were not too different then my own, the ones that my parents made some 27 years earlier. And I think of our eight newly confirmed students, who 14 or 15 years ago were held in front of a baptismal font by their parents and sponsors. The baptismal vows are found in our hymnal:

To live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
Care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

For many of us our parents lived these promises for us for fifteen years. Then in our confirmation we took ownership of these vows, when we affirmed our baptism we took ownership of these vows. These promises we own for ourselves come from the confirmation service in our hymnal:

To live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

These are our calls. These are the promises we made at our confirmation. Confirmation is not graduation. At graduation we are recognized for the work that we have done. Confirmation is a commissioning, we have made promises to carry moving forward. Promises that are not just for when we are young, or when we are old, but promises that we live out every single day.

As congregation we promise to pray for and support parents and youth in baptism and we promise to pray for and support youth in their confirmation. But we must also remember that we are to model and live out our own baptismal calls. Whether our confirmation was last week, 15 years ago, or 70 years ago we have all made similar vows.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who affirmed their baptism this past week, may the holy spirit lead and guide them as they continue to serve you, and we lift up all of those who have affirmed their baptism before them, we pray that the spirit continue to ignite in them a passion and a drive to serve you. Amen.

Mike Markwell  
Youth Ministry Coordinator





## Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes Tuesday, October 16, 2018

President Steve Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**Present:** Pastor Jon Pedersen, Steve Kirk, Amber Gayhart (Nickel), Nell Pieper, Tom Gustafson, Phil Sleezer, Pricie Rogan, Tim Houseward, Ken Bobek

**Absent:** Rick McManis

### **Special Order of Business / Guests:**

- Troy Siewert (SOTH member and Orland Park Police Officer) shared insight on the following:
  - o Oversees the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.), which handles mental health crisis and responses.
  - o Works with a network of stakeholders (i.e. law enforcement, advocacy groups, mental health providers, community members) to build community connectedness.
  - o Shared statistics such as: 1 in 5 people suffer from mental illness, 60% of those experiencing mental health do not seek assistance.
  - o Mental Health First Aid trainer and is willing to provide a free one – eight hour or two – four hour training for those interested at SOTH.
- Dr. Jill House (share library restoration project)
  - o Assisting Dr. Caneva with renovating and utilizing library room
  - o Presently there are five volunteers for the library restoration but looking for more volunteers.
  - o Will be putting together a bulletin flyer to share in the coming weeks
  - o Church members can view the library any time before, between, and/or after Sunday services. The library restoration group members will be available for questions.

The Council shared personal “highs/lows” and prayed for one another.

Minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were approved prior to the meeting, via email.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Houseward shared the monthly financial reports, developed by Ken Franz, for the following months: July, August, and September.

**Pastor’s Report (Highlights):** Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

- October 4<sup>th</sup>: First Men’s Study Group – The Importance of Mercy
- October 11<sup>th</sup>: First Women’s Study Group led by Sonya
- October 28<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation – 8 will affirm their Baptismal Faith: A motion was made by Phil Sleezer (2<sup>nd</sup> by Nell Pieper) for approval.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>: All Saints Sunday – Mike Markwell is preaching. There will be a change in tolling of the bell (refer to email sent on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:23pm).
- November 10<sup>th</sup>: Workshop on communicating with people with dementia – open to the entire congregation
- November 11<sup>th</sup>: Welcoming New Members (date TBA) – Savannah Waldvogel (Caden), Mike & April Cole (M.J. & Mia), Alice Pritchett, Mike & Audrey Bjerum, Christine Wallace, Eric & Susan Krause (Charlie & Otto), John Ahrens, and Julie Lingl. A motion was made by Tim Houseward (2<sup>nd</sup> by Pricie Rogan) for approval.



- November 18<sup>th</sup>: Community Thanksgiving Service at Congregational Church in Lockport at 3:00 p.m. called Sacred Celebration of Thanksgiving, together with Muslim and Hindu communities.

**Youth Ministry Coordinator's Report (Highlights):** Mike Markwell shared his monthly report. The following updates are:

- Church services for beginning of November are November 3<sup>rd</sup>- Saturday service with meal shared beforehand / November 4<sup>th</sup>- Sabbath Sunday / November 7<sup>th</sup>- Faith Night (continuing to evaluate Sunday School versus Wednesday night children's ministry).
- Twenty spots reserved for 2019 mission trip to Middletown, Ohio (a Cincinnati suburb) on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Beginning planning process for fundraising.
- Part time office hours are: Mondays from 8am-4pm and Wednesdays from 8am-8pm.
- Shared Ministry in Context aspects, goals, and evaluation process, which started in September and ends in April. A committee will be formed.
- No recommendations to council.

**President's Report:** President Kirk's mailbox is empty (meaning no information to share or report).

**Council discussion of Ministry teams:**

- Communications (Pricie):**
  - Concern with getting notes from committees to promote and share on website (i.e. Alter Guild, Evangelism, etc.).
  - Will be working with committee leaders on developing a better organization system of taking and sharing committee notes.
  - No recommendations to council.
- Community Builders aka Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring (Rick/Amber):**
  - Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Bags of Hope donations continuing until day of event and Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> will be the rain date.
  - Tutoring Update: SOTH tutoring are continuing to organize and develop to provide tutoring at the school.
  - Future Events/Programs: Amber working on monthly Family Dinner Nights (Profit Nights with percentage back to congregation) at Panera Bread (date and time-TBD) and Sizzles will be tentatively Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and time frame is TBD.
- Stewardship (Pastor):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- Learning & Youth (Amber):** continuing to work closely with Mike Markwell, no recommendations to council.
- Preschool (Nell):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- Property (Phil Sleezer):**
  - Total rebuild of the exhaust fan in the kitchen.
  - Mowing is finished for the year.
  - In progress: Preschool lighting humidity issue, cost of fixtures and responsible party to purchase will be identified.
  - HVAC: Brian Rauworth will have figures together soon to identify best option with hot water pump, specifically purchasing new or repair current.
- Worship (Pastor):**
  - Beginning work for holiday season.
  - All Saint's Day correction with tolling of the bells.
  - No recommendations to council.



### Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

- a. **Finance/Audit (Tim)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- b. **Memorial Gifts (Nell)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- c. **Personnel (Ken)** – Overview of September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting is as followed:
  - o Office Administrator benefits discussed and revised, effective January 1, 2019. Motion to approve recommendation made by Tim Houseward (2<sup>nd</sup> by Nell Pieper).
  - o Recommendation to change the SOTH Chain of Command for the Custodian to be evaluated by the Property Committee. A motion was made by Nell Pieper (2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Houseward) for approval. Personnel Committee will need to review job description and update to reflect change.
  - o In preparation for Mike Markwell's reduced role at SOTH, the Personnel Committee is recommending ratifying Pastor Pedersen's salary recommendation for Mike of ½ his current full-time salary. A motion was made by Tim Houseward (2<sup>nd</sup> by Nell Pieper) for approval.
- d. **Nomination (TBD)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.
- e. **Endowment (Tom)** – \$35,000 was forwarded to our ELCA investment fund, discussion of Special Gifts received and fund allocation to Memorial Gifts or Endowment, no recommendations to council.

### Old Business:

- a. Mike's replacement beginning Summer 2019: refer to timeline developed by Judy Lake, Personnel Committee member, below for tentative process in place when Mike does step into an internship.
  - October – November: Meet with Pastor and Mike to review/update job description.
  - December: Notify Lutheran Synod and ELCA that we are seeking/recruiting a Youth Pastor.
  - January: Provide notice in SOTH bulletin, on webpage and Facebook. Contact Lutheran Theological Universities, seeking interns for the Youth Pastor position. Also contact Olivet, Lewis, Concordia, LinkedIn, Illinois Small College Placement Association.
  - March – June: Interview potential candidates for the open position.
  - June – July: Extend offer
- b. Conjoining of Evangelism, Fellowship and Caring Discussion and renaming: Community Builders is new name, but all elements are under this Committee.
- c. Budget Process: Executive Board will meet in coming weeks to begin process

### New Business:

- a. Giving Tree - Tom
  - a. Working with social worker at Milne Grove to identify certain family and specific student needs.
  - b. Introduce at services starting on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and have tree ready with gift ideas by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 8:42pm and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Amber Nickel-Gayhart / Secretary



# Remember THE SABBATH DAY

OUR NEXT 24-HOUR DEEP-BREATH IN-HOME RETREAT WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st , THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.

One of the reasons we are hosting this event is to help people experience Sabbath time in your own ordinary life. To that end, we invite you to block out a full, 24-hour day beginning at 5 pm Saturday, December 1st until 6 pm Sunday, December 2nd - and that you guard this time as you would guard a family vacation that you've driven three hours away to attend. In other words, don't schedule anything overlapping and think about how you might "pack" for such an event.

## 1. Consider what you would like to "leave behind" when you begin this experience.

- Would you bring your work laptop or papers to correct to a Sabbath retreat?
- What about your cell phone, Facebook, or the laundry?
- Would you want to spend that time away doing your taxes, preparing for your mother's visit, or fretting about a coworker conflict?

*A question to ask is: What would feel like a huge relief to leave behind for 24 hours?*

## 2. Consider what you would like to "bring" to this experience.

What activities give you joy or bring you rest? Knitting, napping, drawing or dreaming, reading, or relaxing in the bath? What do you need to do in advance to be ready to follow your heart if the moment arises - a good book? Some new yarn? A puzzle? "Bring" those things to your Sabbath retreat.

Food is part of your day. Would you love a day not to cook? What can you get or do in advance to allow that? Would you love the chance to linger in the kitchen and create a lavish meal? What can you get or do in advance to allow that?

Who in your life will be sharing this experience with you? Children? Spouse? Friends?

How can this day be a different kind of day for you all? If you are alone a lot, consider spending part of the day with someone whose company you enjoy. If you're around people a lot, consider finding a pocket of time each person in your house can do something alone, or plan an hour when everyone is quiet together (this CAN work with kids! - we'll talk about how, if you'd like!). If you will be with a partner and/or kids, what do you enjoy doing as a family that you don't often make time to do? What can you look forward to together?

*A question to ask is: What would feel like a huge gift to be able to bring into your experience?*

## 3. When the bus leaves for camp...

The Jewish Sabbath begins right at sundown - not by a time on a clock or by someone's to-do list or when everything is finished and everyone is ready for it. When the sun drops below the horizon, the Sabbath has begun. What's done is done, what is undone remains undone.

The important thing is that everything gets set down, so that space may be opened up within us and between us, to be met by God just as we are.

### **Sabbath is a day for *being*, instead of *doing*.**

This means that if the time comes and you have done no preparing, *do not worry*. Get on the bus anyway - this day will be a blessing to you. It really will! And even if you look ahead and think that while you "intended" to participate, some super important things came up and you simply do not have time, *all the more reason you keep to the boundaries of your day set apart*. Get on the bus anyway - this day will be a blessing to you. IT REALLY WILL.

Finally, as the day comes to a close on Sunday evening, we will provide you with a closing blessing to mark your transition back to ordinary time. We will also provide a means online for participants to share about their experience with each other for those of you who would enjoy this. We will get you this information (along with a recipe or two) later in the week.

See you at:

5:00 – Saturday, December 1st for worship

6:00 – Saturday for a communal Sabbath meal in our narthex.\*

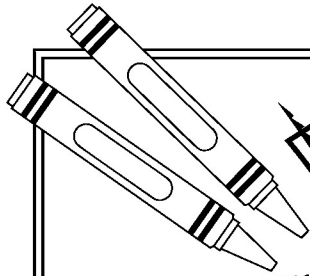
Then the next 24 hours are your Sabbath.

There will be the normal worship at 9:00 and 10:35 on December 2nd. However, there will be no Sunday school on Sunday, December 2nd. We don't want you to feel guilty.

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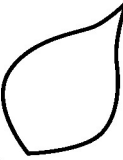
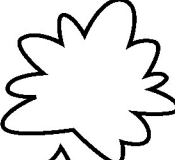





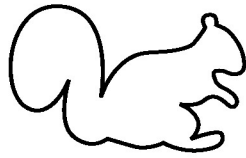
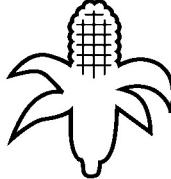

## PUZZLE

### HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

*Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.*

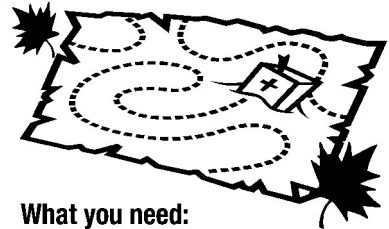


“The  will    
 what is , and   
 will  its  .”  
  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

## FALL SCAVENGER Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



#### What you need:

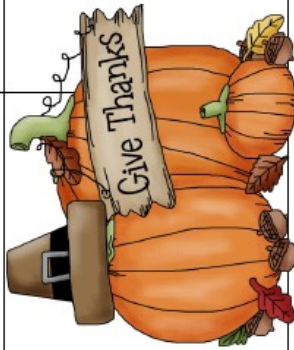


- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

#### What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.



# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>4</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—NO Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7pm—Dartball</p>	<p><b>6 VOTE!</b> <b>No Preschool</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg. 7:00pm—Worship Comm.</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Chancel Choir 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30pm—HS Youth Group 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Executive Committee 7pm—Women's Small Group</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9am—Dominoes 4:30pm—Mead G/S</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10am—NO Visitation Gr. 10am—Dementia Work-shop 5pm—Worship</p>
<p><b>11</b> 9am—Worship New Member Welcome 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship Community Bldg. Meeting 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7pm—Dartball</p>	<p><b>13</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7pm—Preschool Board</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Chancel Choir 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30pm—HS Youth Group 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5pm—Soderstrom G/S</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9am—Dominoes</p>	<p><b>17</b> 5pm—Worship</p>
<p><b>18 Return Shoeboxes</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 3pm—Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 1st Congreg. 5:30pm—Allegro Bells</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7pm—Dartball</p>	<p><b>20</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Church Council 7pm—Ruth Circle</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Chancel Choir 6:30pm—NO 6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30pm—NO HS Youth Group 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir</p>	 <p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 9am—Dominoes</p>	<p><b>24</b> 5pm—Worship</p>
<p><b>25</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7pm—Dartball</p>	<p><b>27</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7pm—Deborah Circle</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Chancel Choir 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30pm—HS Youth Group 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12pm—Caregiver Group</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9am—Dominoes</p>	



Date	Assisting Minister 9am Only	Communion Assistant 9am	Lay Reader 9am Only	AV Operator All Services	Counters Weekly
10/6-10/7	Gary Witnersteen	Tina Baker Jeri Rigoni	Jan Sleezer	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Sally Unmisig Don Lawler
10/13-10/14 Oktoberfest	Jim Forbes	Harold Sager Nancy Baumgart	Susan Mead	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston Sun. 9:00am Aiden Grabenhofer Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	Ed Grabenhofer Chris Toso
10/20-10/21	Kirstin Mack	Bill Bunting D. Rothlisberger	Linda Bunting	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
10/27-10/28 Confirmation	Dave Helfert	Jan Rauworth Kirstin Mack	Gary Flink	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston Sun. 9:00am Phil Sleezer Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski	Sally Unmisig Don Lawler
11/3-11/4 All Saints	Susan Mead	Gary Haut Nancy Baumgart	Donna Woods	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Ed Grabenhofer Chris Toso
11/10-11/11	Linda Bunting	Harold Sager Tina Baker	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
11/17-11/18	Gary Witnersteen	Susan Mead Donna Woods	Tina Baker	Sat. 5:00pm Paul Toso Sun. 9:00am Jerry Liston Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Sally Unmisig Don Lawler
11/24-11/25	Jeri Rigoni	Lynn Reed Jan Rauworth	Gary Haut	Sat. 5:00pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9:00am Aiden Grabenhofer Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	Ed Grabenhofer Chris Toso
12/1-12/2	Dave Helfert	Nancy Baumgart Dan Gaddis	Kirstin Mack	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
12/8-12/9	Gary Wintersteen	Kirsten Mack	Dan Gaddis	Sat. 5pm Chris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:30am Aiden Grabenhofer	Chris Toso Ed Grabenhofer
12/15-12/16 Christmas Program	Not needed Only 1 Service	Bill Bunting Gary Haut	Not needed	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9:00am No Service Sun. 10:35am Phil Sleezer	Sally Unmisig Don Lawler
12/22-12/23	Susan Mead	D. Rothlisberger Bryan Rauworth	Carole Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Ed Grabenhofer Chris Toso
12/24 Christmas Eve (Tentative)	Dave Helfert	Tina Baker Lynn Reed	Heidi Habas	5:00pm Bryan Rauworth 5:00pm Nathan Helfert	Counters????
12/24 Christmas Eve	Linda Bunting	Jan Rauworth Bill Bunting	Jeri Rigoni	10:30pm Bryan Rauworth 10:30pm Jerry Liston	Counters???



## Executive Committee Members

Steve Kirk ..... President  
Rick McManis..... Vice President  
Amber Gayhart ..... Secretary  
Tim Houseward ..... Treasurer

## Council Member

Ken Bobak                      Nell Pieper  
Pricie Rogan                  Tom Guftafson  
Phil Sleezer

Council Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the  
Month at 6:30PM

## Monthly Financial Report Sep-18

### Income

General	\$	35,574.49	
Loose Offering	\$	1,864.00	
Simply Give	\$	445.00	
SG fees	\$	(14.75)	
Venco	\$	600.00	
V Fees	\$	(6.00)	
Special Env			
Income	\$	-	\$ 38,462.74
Preschool	\$	6,662.46	
Preschool -utilities	\$	350.00	
Fish Pantry	\$	290.00	
Special Property Projects	\$	150.00	
Endowment	\$	10,000.00	
Flowers	\$	125.00	
Parking Lot	\$	2,000.00	
Pastor Appreciation	\$	100.00	
			\$ 19,677.46
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$ 58,140.20</b>

### Expenses

Salaries/Taxes	\$	15,811.11	
Portico/Benefits	\$	3,569.05	
Preschool-wages	\$	6,662.46	
Mortgage	\$	2,571.00	
Child Care/Hospitality	\$	110.00	
Fish Pantry	\$	290.00	
Building & Grounds	\$	3,524.00	
Maintenance	\$	1,437.03	
Utilities	\$	2,585.61	
Ni Synod ELCA	\$	3,461.65	
Office Expenses	\$	619.07	
Worship & Music	\$	605.43	
Learning/Youth	\$	361.43	
Endowment Fund	\$	10,000.00	
Advertising/Audio	\$	103.95	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$	-	<b>\$ 51,711.79</b>
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$ 6,428.41</b>



11/1	Carol Bolton, Zachary Glowczynski
11/2	Faye Wheeler
11/3	Kris Retusnic, Jeffrey Rigoni
11/4	Charles Anderson
11/5	Robert Barwa
11/6	Cean Magosky
11/7	Bill Butler
11/8	Maggie Hillenberg, Carole Ziemke
11/10	Nancy Monken
11/12	John Teerling
11/17	Emily Hernandez
11/18	Jill House
11/20	Alan Meurer
11/21	Harry Garrett, Alicea Toso
11/22	Matthew Fisher, Abigail Neil, Jeremy Peterson
11/24	Sherry Aoyagi, Kyle Dicksen, Janet O'Grady
11/25	Julian Marolda, Daryl Stanger
11/26	Joe Cavanaugh
11/27	Remington Hillers
11/28	Dominica Calderaro
11/29	Fred Grabenhofer Jr., Jordyn Grabenhofer, Joshua Krueger
11/30	Richard Oltmanns



11/5	Brandon & Stephanie Jones
11/10	Scott & Nell Pieper
11/12	Dan & Karla Otis
11/14	Deborah & Michael Fisher
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### Mission

"To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

### Vision

"Transforming Lives, Families And Our  
Community Through Jesus Christ"



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:00AM and 10:35AM

### Saturday

5:30PM

### Sunday School

10:30AM

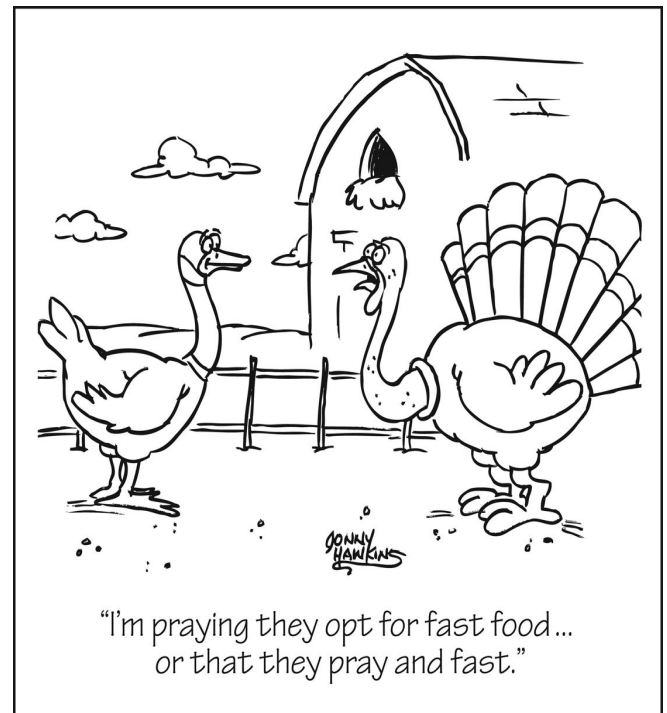
Childcare Available



Beth Lewis, CEO of 1517 Media, blogged about a favorite holiday tradition: inviting over people who'd otherwise be alone. Her grandchildren prepared hand-made place cards, wrapped small gifts for the guests and helped cook the meal.

Then one year, Thanksgiving happened to coincide with a cross-country move for Grandma and Grandpa. Chaos and stress almost buried the tradition — until Lewis's 9-year-old granddaughter asked nonchalantly, "Who's joining us for dinner this year?"

Lewis writes: "In the busyness of moving, it hadn't even occurred to me. But, for her, it is simply what our family does!" So they extended some invitations, ate on paper plates among moving boxes and had a joyous time. Lewis was proud of her granddaughter for the reminder that hospitality is a value worth practicing and modeling — and even turning into a holiday tradition!



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"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie."

—Jim Davis