

## *All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 4*

All Saints' Sunday will have special moments. New Memorial Stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden. We will do this every All Saints' Sunday.

We will remember, by name, all those Saints of Christ who have entered the Church Triumphant since our last All Saints' Sunday.



## *Thanksgiving Eve*

### **Thanksgiving Service Schedule and Change from Previous Years...**

This year's Thanksgiving service will be on **Thanksgiving Eve**, which is Wednesday, November 21st with service time at 6:30 pm. There will be a Chili soup meal before the service beginning at 5:00pm, but come when you are able, lasting until 6:15.

Meal will be served by the Pastors. The meal is followed by a hymn sing at 6:15.

The hymn sing is followed by service at 6:30. **THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, ONLY THE EVENING SERVICE THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING DAY.**

So again, Wed. Nov. 21st – Meal @ 5; Hymn Sing @ 6:15; Service @ 6:30. Hope you and all your family can make it!



**November 21st** – Thanksgiving Eve worship at 6:30pm.  
**December 5th** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:30pm.  
**December 12th** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:30pm.

**December 19th**– Midweek Advent worship at 7:30pm.  
**December 23rd** – Sunday worship at 8:20 & 11:00 am  
**December 24th** – Christmas Eve worship at 5:00pm and 7:30pm.

**December 25th** – Christmas Day worship at 9:00am



*By One Hour  
Saturday, November 3*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***"...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Phil 4:6)***

This verse from the fourth chapter of Philippians has some good advice. You see, at times, we take even the everyday blessings God gives (food, clothing and shelter) for granted. Yet, God in His immense love, continues to give. He is always faithful even though, at times, we may be ungrateful.

Here at Faith there are many blessings for which to be thankful to God. He has blessed us with a dedicated staff who work tirelessly to ensure that things run smoothly. He has blessed us with people who share their many talents with the church (even I was amazed to see all the booths at our recent Time and Talent Fair event). As your pastor, I try to remember to show my appreciation to all these people. (Yet, even I fail to give thanks as I ought).

I guess that's why we need a national day of thanksgiving! On Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> people all across the country will gather to give thanks for all the blessings of life. As part of our thanksgiving remembrance, we will again gather for a **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>)**. **A dinner will be served at 5:00 pm (served by your pastors and their families), followed by a hymn sing at 6:15 pm, and worship service at 6:30 pm**, to thank God for all of His marvelous blessings. I hope you'll come and join us.

To be sure I will have all of you on my mind, giving thanks to God for each and every one of you. And I would encourage you all to do the same. But don't stop there. Think about other ways in which you can be a blessing to another person and then put those thoughts into action. Think of it as your way of thanking God for all that He has blessed you with this past year. (By the way, if you feel comfortable sharing some of your thoughts on how to be a blessing to another person, I'd love to hear them!)

And so, this Thanksgiving season; don't forget to give thanks to God for all His blessings. And then, I would encourage you to go and be a blessing to another person. As Luther was once quoted as saying, "God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbor does." So, be that blessing and thank God for His indescribable gifts given through the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Come, ye thankful people, come!

How can I be  
a blessing  
to others today?

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

*Pastor Coy T. Rji*

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## “This is the Word of the Lord”

In these articles we have explored the parts of the Divine Service. Last month we discussed the “Service of the Word,” especially its first section. It begins with a Scripture reading from the Psalms, called the “Introit.” This introduces the theme of the day. The Collect further explores this theme. In the discussion for this month, the theme of the day becomes clearer. The three readings, Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel, focus upon that theme.

As the one covenant people of God, Christians remember God’s deeds of old. He worked through the nation of Israel to accomplish mighty acts. Their history is your history, since you are grafted into God’s tree (see Romans 11:11-24). God’s work is a single continuous line of salvation history. It was foreshadowed in Israel and made clear in the work of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament reading shows this continuity. God makes promises in the Old Testament, completes them for the people then, and then utterly completes them in Christ.

The second reading is from a letter written by one of the apostles. The name for this group of letters is “Epistle.” The Epistle reading varies between following the theme of the day and reading through an epistle (called “lectio continua” or “continuous reading”). The Epistles were written after Jesus had died, risen, and ascended. They look back on the events of Jesus’ life and what it means for believers.

After the Epistle reading, the Church joins together in singing the “Alleluia.” Also spelled “Hallelujah,” the word is taken directly from the Hebrew language. Both spellings have the same meaning: “Praise the LORD.” The Alleluia song focuses on this point: Christ alone has the words of eternal life, and he is worthy of praise with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Out of honor for Christ’s work and words, the Church stands for the Alleluia and the Gospel reading.

The Gospel reading is the fulfillment of the theme of the day. Christ is the total completion of all of God’s promises. These words and actions of Christ are precious to his Church. God has hinted at the theme in the Old Testament reading and Introit. He shows the impact of the theme on believer’s lives in the Epistle. Now, the actual works of Christ are heard. The Church connects them all into a cohesive whole. Christ has made plain what was hidden or obscure before.

But the “Service of the Word” is not quite finished. The hymn of the day and sermon will drive this point home both in song and in the modern lives of the Church. After that, the Divine Service turns to the second segment, the “Service of the Sacrament.” But I am getting ahead of myself. Next month we will explore how the “Service of the Word” concludes the day’s



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## Rhythm: Movement, flow; characterized by regular recurrence of beat

In musical terms, rhythm is broadly defined as everything pertaining to the duration quality of musical sounds. Rhythm is metrical. Its values are multiples or divisions of a temporal unit, the beat. In most compositions the beat is represented by the quarter note and the eighth note; also the half note on occasion. These beats are generally arranged in groups of two, three, four, six, etc., according to the meter established by the composer.

Rhythm is a regular pattern of long and short sounds. Certain styles of music, such as jazz, blues, marches and waltzes – even hip-hop – have a very characteristic rhythm. Rhythm is the one indispensable element of all music. Rhythm can exist without melody, but melody cannot exist without rhythm.

We refer to the regular beating of our hearts as cardiac rhythm. The beats occur at regular intervals.

Rhythm also can be defined as an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs. We are all familiar with “the never-ending cycle of the seasons.” Spring, summer, fall and winter all form a cycle – according to the calendar, each one is a definite length of time.

Poetry is rhythmic. It is characterized by the arrangement of alternating stressed and unstressed words.

If you’ve ever stood on the shore by the ocean, you can hear the rhythmic rise and fall of the tide. It never slows down, speeds up, or stops.



Our lives follow a certain rhythm. Our Creator is the

timekeeper, the Great Conductor. Herb Brokering, a prolific songwriter and poet of our time, has summed it up beautifully in the following:

### God of Rhythm

God of rhythm, God of sound,  
Music is your grace.  
Singing is your miracle;  
Prayer is your embrace.

Keep the meter of the waves  
For our wondering eye.  
Wake us when we sleep too long,  
Stir us with surprise.

Raise our silence to your ear  
Till it rise to sing.  
Join each voice to nature sound,  
Soaring wing on wing.

Talk to us in every tongue,  
Meter, cadence, rhyme;  
Set all seasons, eons, hours  
To eternal time.

Mark the beating of the waves,  
Keep the birds on wing.  
Raise us with the Easter dawn  
While your angels sing.

Listen to each tiny sound,  
To each melody,  
Let your mercy still abound,  
Grace your symphony.

Karen Lind-



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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Love One Another

God's nature is love. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Jesus tells us to love others as He has loved us (John 15:12). Love is the heart of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul, who wrote much of the New Testament, wrote again and again about Christ's love for us and our need to love Him by loving others. In his letter to the people of Corinth, Paul devotes a whole chapter to describe love (1 Corinthians 13).

When Sir Ernest Shackleton, an Irish-born British explorer of the Arctic, was asked to describe his most terrible moment in the Arctic, he said it occurred one night when he and the other members of his expedition were huddled together in a barren hut, trying to sleep. They had divided up the last of their food rations. There was nothing more to divide.

Then in the cold darkness, Sir Ernest heard a quiet movement. He turned and saw one of the men reach over and pick up the provision bag of the man beside him. Shackleton said he lived through an eternity of suspense the next few moments. He would have trusted his life to this man. Was he now turning out to be a thief who would steal his comrade's last morsel of food? Then Shackleton saw the man open his provision bag, take out his last biscuit, and place it in the bag of his sleeping friend. Shackleton said, "I felt I had witnessed a secret moment between that man and God."

Because God has first loved us (1 John 4:19), each of us can be that person who gives away the last of our food. We can show love to one another in such a way, openly or in secret, that we

are raised above the level of mere mortals to become more like our Creator. That is truly the imitation of God. As Jesus loved without expectation of that love being reciprocated, so we can learn to love not caring if we receive love in return. We can demonstrate our love by what we say and do. As we love others, we become "little Christ's." As Paul tells us: *"Love one another with brotherly affection"* (Romans 12:10). May Christ's love in us overflow to others.

### Becoming Successful God's Way

We may be willing to put an inordinate amount of time and effort into being successful because we value success too highly. Many have climbed the ladder of success only to find when they get to the top, that all they have is money, sorrow, and loneliness. Looking down the ladder, they see destroyed marriages, broken homes, and no happiness.

*Webster's New World Dictionary* defines success as: "A favorable result; the gaining of wealth, fame, etc.; a successful person." Scripture does not give a precise definition, but we know that it is God who grants success. *"As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success"* (2 Chronicles 26:5 NIV). We can climb the ladder of success, but we are to climb it God's way. As God's people our success in life begins when we acknowledge that God created us for His benefit, understand that He loves us beyond our comprehension, accept His love, abide with

Him in reverence and obedience, and faithfully serve Him and others.

C. S. Lewis wrote, "It is not your business to succeed, but to do right. When you have done so, the rest lies with God."


### Being Content

Accumulating more will never be enough because money and things cannot buy contentment. Being satisfied with less and using what we have in a God-pleasing way makes us more content. We can't become truly content by the acquisition of more possessions. Unfortunately, for many of us, our focus tends to be on our present state whereas Jesus is concerned about our eternal state. *"Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world"* (1 Timothy 6:6-7).

### Giving Proportionately

A woman tried to teach her son the meaning of proportionate giving. She took ten pennies from her son's bank and laid them in a row. The mother said, "These are your ten pennies." She then put one penny aside and said, "This is for Jesus." The boy looked at the nine pennies, then at the one. He looked up at his mother, and glancing at the one lonely penny, said, "Poor Jesus." From the observation of this boy, we can begin to realize how little God asks of us as we consider all the gifts He showers on us every day.

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**“I will praise God’s  
name in song and  
glorify him with  
thanksgiving.”**



**Psalm 69:30, NIV**



# Veterans Day Breakfast & Appreciation



Our Men’s Club will be sponsoring and serving a Pancake & sausage breakfast on Sunday, November 11, 2018 between services. Join us in the Christian Family Life Center for the breakfast and also to say **THANK YOU** to all our service veterans. Proceeds will go to help veterans in need.

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Noah Matthew Vasilie  
Hendryk Jameson Thompson

### Weddings

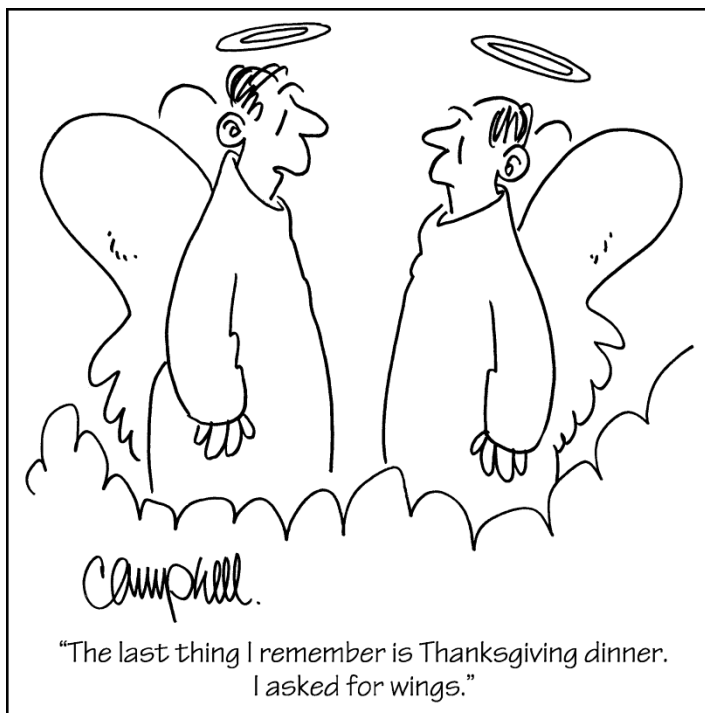
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### Funerals

Carol Hamann



Deadline for the December newsletter is November 9. Any articles submitted after this date will not be in the newslet-



# Commitment Cards



Enclosed with your newsletter you will find a Commitment Card and envelope. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment for next year, fill out your card and return it to the church in the envelope provided. ***Please do not put money or checks into this envelope as they will not be opened.*** This is a commitment just between you and God.

Please return the sealed envelopes to the church office or you may put them in the offering plate.

The Commitment cards will be dedicated on Sun-



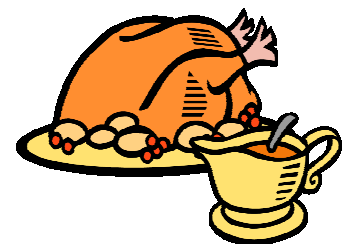
## Thanksgiving Feast

Please join us November 15th at high noon for our Annual Forever Young Thanksgiving Meal.

The turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

We will enjoy some thanksgiving songs as well as our monthly birthday and anniversary songs.

**November 15**



**Sunday School Children's Christmas program** will take place on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45 am. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for Nursery – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10

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## *Faith Lutheran Daycare News*

Hello from Faith Lutheran Daycare!

The month of November is bringing us right into the holiday season. As a daycare we have been very grateful to our wonderful Pastors, who have been sharing God's word with our preschoolers during the week at circle time. The staff is also feeling very thankful for the members of church and community who have been donating time and materials to help us make some structural improvements to

the daycare; we are excited to see what God has in store for us in the upcoming months!

This month's Bible story for both the preschool and toddler groups will be "Jesus Feeds 5000". We will also be talking about Thanksgiving, traditions, and different things that we can be thankful for.

This month the daycare will be hosting a Scholastic Preschool Book Fair that will run from November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are hoping that

as a result of this fundraiser, we will be able to purchase new scholastic books for each age group in the daycare.

As always, we love having volunteers. The gift of time means so much to the staff and children. If you are ever interested in joining the kids for lunch, reading a story for circle time, or helping with an activity, please contact Shelby, we would love to have you!



## *Faith Lutheran Preschool News*

A blessed Thanksgiving to each of you! I hope and pray that you are able to give thanks for the many blessings in your life. My work and the staff that I work with are some of my many blessings, as well as the children who send so much joy into our lives.

During the month of October, Faith Lutheran Preschool had several community helpers visit us and tell us about their work. Pastor Rajek, Pastor Handschke, Helen and Jay visited with the children about their jobs at church. We had many other parents and community helpers who came and talked about their jobs. To all these people we say a big THANK YOU!

We also carved a pumpkin in each class. Instead of candy, we gave each child a book, shared goodies and told about our costumes for Halloween. We encouraged the children to attend "Trunk 'N' Treat" and/or to stop by our homes for a sweet treat.

During the month of November, we are continuing our study of trees and bears. We are having "Bear Day" when each child brings a bear from home and we do all sorts of activities such as sorting and counting with them. It will be fun for sure!

We visit the Rawlins library for

our first field trip in November. We will have our Christmas tree in the Narthex again this year. Watch for our special ornaments! Our shape for November will be rectangle, brown is our color, our letters are G, H, I and the number is 2. Our Bible lessons will be all about prayers.

It is great to be able to tell the children the story of the first Thanksgiving and the real reason for the holiday—thanking God for all that He gives us. God's richest blessings



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## FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH PAGE

**\*Reminder\*** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Midweek student should be completing sermon outlines – 20 are required for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 15 are required for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Yellow sheets are available out in the Narthex and on the website. Please hand them in to the church office or to your Pastor during Midweek class.

### LYF High School Group

The high school students are excited to attend the National Youth Gathering next July in Minneapolis, MN. We will have another informational meeting for students and parents during LYF on November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00-9:00 pm. We hope to begin registration during this meeting. The youth will be raising money to help cover the cost of this event. Look for their announcements throughout the year. Please come and support the youth as they work toward the gathering, a major milestone in their Christian lives and a wonderful bonding opportunity.

**Bi-Mon-Pa-Ga-Ni** (BI-MONthly-PASTor-GAME-Night) A big thank you to the students who came for pizza, soda, and games at Pastor Handschke's house. We will have these nights throughout

## November Acolytes



### November 4

Early: Casey Keller and Cassidy Miller  
Late: Ladd Kramme and Lane Kramme

### November 11

Early: Megan Pease and Brillie Schulz  
Late: Ain Peterson and Kaylie Rathbun

### November 18

Early: Emily Rajek and  
Dayna Martinmaas  
Late: Samantha Axtell and Ellie Smith

**November 21** (7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve)

Paige Brandt and Christopher Schultz

### November 25

Early: Molly Neyhart and



### Advent Services and Midweek Class:

This year, the Advent Worship services leading up to Christmas will occur from 7:15 to 8:00 pm on December 5<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and December 19<sup>th</sup>. Students will attend Midweek classes from 6:30-7:15 and then also attend the Worship services with their family.

**Christmas program:** Students in Nursery – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be participating in the Christmas program. They practice as needed during the Sunday School time for Nursery-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and also as needed



during Midweek for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The program will take place on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45 am. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for Nursery – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Advent Wednesday Services:** Students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be assisting with various parts of the Wednesday service. Serving in worship replaces the upper grade Christmas program. Each grade is assigned a certain Wednesday for serving. The students will be able to sign up for different roles, which include usher, playing music, or writing a part of the prayers. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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