

A message from Pastor Dan: *Giving Thanks to God*

As we approach Thanksgiving and then, shortly thereafter, the end of 2020, we are reminded of the many blessings that God has given to us. The question that we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things to thank our Heavenly Father for should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated His awesome love for us by sending His only Son to the Cross on our behalf. We certainly will also thank Him for our families as well as our material blessings, and we can be confident that God will bless us with a cure for this Pandemic that is plaguing the world. How blessed we are that God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith that He provides, He will give us life forever with Him.

I want to suggest another wonderful blessing for us that we should always give thanks for and that is God's faithfulness to us. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we vacillate in our faithfulness to Him.

Because of God's faithfulness to us,

God has blessed us so we can be a blessing to others. Recognizing our blessings are so freely given to us causes us to want to share our blessings. Through faith, we willingly *"share with God's people who are in need"* (Romans 12:13). *"Christ's love compels us"* (2 Corinthians 5:14) to respond to the needs of others, both physical and spiritual needs. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become channels through which God works.

Those who are a blessing to others reflect and live with an attitude that is described as "an attitude of gratitude." To live with "an attitude of gratitude," means we truly understand that God is the source of all blessings. Understanding God's grace, love, and mercy, we are motivated to live lives which reflect our gratitude for what God is doing in our lives.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, family gatherings may be smaller than in past years but hopefully it won't prevent you from having a wonderful day with your family, enjoying some turkey, and possibly watching some football. Happy Thanksgiving!



SUNDAYS:

8 AM - Traditional Worship
8:45 AM - Sunday School
(ages 3 through Grade 6)
9 AM - Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM - Contemporary Worship
(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

WEDNESDAYS:

6 PM - Blended Worship
(Communion 1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7 PM - Confirmation Class

Sermons available via



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Prayers

- * Dane Michael Kries, son of James & Meghan Kries, grandson of Becky Kries, and great-grandson of Harold & Shirley Aamodt, who was baptized on 10/25.
- * Those in need of healing: Margie Buckner, Stan Davidson, Rick Denning, Lisa Hackler, Jayne Hasmuk, David Johnson, Martha Jaenke, and Jean Simmerman.
- * Those who mourn: The families of Ruth Hurtgen, Ed & Betty Solin, Marv Schroeder, and Lena Thompson.

Minutes from Mission & Ministry Council - October 12, 2020

Opening Prayer: Pastor Dan gave opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2020 meeting: Motion by Lyle Hackler to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded Mark Erickson motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor received a transfer in from Terrence and Alisha Klemish, along with their children, June and Bow. Pastor will be starting a grief support group this month and they will meet on a monthly basis. Elders will meet on the 29th of this month. The campfire gathering was very successful with the Youth. Pastor is thinking of doing another one the last Friday of this month, October 30. Pastor was inquiring about gas cards and how this is handled as we need to get a charity program started. November 8th during the late service is designated as a "new member" Sunday.

Capital Fund Drive: Pastor states they are getting started, has had a Zoom meeting with Mark Firth. He mailed out information to him on what the Vision Committee has done thus far.

Virtual Church Services: We started to look into this back in June or July, gotten estimates from professionals versus doing it ourselves and doing research on this project. We believe that we want folks to come to church, to partake in Holy Communion, to bond with members, and not become too complacent in attending virtually. Bill Musser states there have been

some bugs with the current "Listening to Church" program, but states they will be working on it.

Spirit of Christmas, Turkey Drive and Christmas Bazaar? Do we do these?

Spirit of Christmas: Bob Normand states this is something we could do as this is less contact.

Turkey Drive: Laura from Social Services has contacted us and states there is a real need for this. Again this would be a low contact event that we could sponsor.

Christmas Bazaar: Kathy Butak suggested that we hold this for members only and have the table set up for folks to look at after services, start after Thanksgiving rather than open to the public due to Covid-19. Bryan suggested that the youth could also get involved with this.

Nominating Committee for Council

Positions: Bill Musser has started working on the list.

Budget for 2021: Just starting the process, giving members a "heads up" that this is approaching.

M&M Council Responsibilities:

Finance/Budget – Larry Bohl, Bob Normand: Addressed earlier this evening.

Human Resources – Elders have met. *Stewardship/Time & Talents* – Pastor is addressing this in newsletter and services. Kathy Butak: Updated bulletin board completed by the rest rooms.

Facilities – Mark Erickson: Rick is going to be out for another week, Bob and Sandy Luloff have been filling in. Church Mutual has a water sensor that we can get for free. Rick agreed that he would be the contact person for this sensor. Smoke alarms still need to be installed, perhaps check

with another company to do this, maybe H & R. Bob Normand states if it's under \$2,000 – that would be fine. If it's higher, this will need to be addressed at another meeting. *Evangelism* - No report *Pre School/Christian Education/Sunday School* – Tresa Juedes states preschool is going well. Sunday School attendance has been about 26 students per week and they are doing a drive for folks overseas. *Ministry Support – Worship Assistance Team* – Bill Musser, Bryan Vogels: Pastor has approached a couple of folks to join the Elders. *Youth* - Bryan Vogels: Campfire went well, members brought friends also and they had lots of fun. Want to do another Campfire event later this month, and after the weather turns cold, perhaps do a board game night.

Other: Sharon Volrath & Peggy Denning want to start a knitting and crocheting group.

Scouts and NA Group will be using the fellowship hall and designated restrooms only.

Bob Normand asked the Council if anyone has volunteered to attend the District Convention. To date, no Council members have been contacted.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Dan.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Butak.

Next Meeting – **Monday, November**



Early Communion Training: Pastor Dan will be offering Early Communion Training to all 5th and 6th graders who have not previously had this training. The three training classes will be on Thursday evenings, **November 5, 12, and 19**, from 6-7 PM. Please contact the office if you have a child who will be attending this training class.

Turkey Drive 2020: Our annual turkey drive campaign will kick-off in early November. Items needed include: 10# potatoes, boxes of stuffing, cans of beans, cans of cranberries, brown & serve buns. Please bring donations to the church kitchen by **Wednesday, November 18**. Complete turkey packages will be distributed to the less fortunate of Chippewa County the week of Thanksgiving. Praise God by sharing in His goodness! **Please sign up in the Narthex.**

Thanksgiving Eve Service

On Wednesday, **November 25** at 6 PM a service of Thanksgiving will be held. Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon all of us!

Decorating the Sanctuary: Come on Saturday, **November 28** at 8 AM to adorn the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. The more hands to help, the easier the task!

Screen Helpers Needed! We are in great need of screen helpers at the **Sunday 8 AM** service. Contact the office to volunteer.

“Reader’s Theater” Readers Needed: If you would like to be a reader during our special Wednesday services in Advent, please contact the church office ASAP. Dates are **Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16** at 6 PM.

2020 Christmas Bazaar: More information forthcoming.

Spirit of Christmas: We will again be participating in this project. Gift tags will be **due in early December**. More information forthcoming.

Would you like to crochet or knit scarves and mittens for area children in need? If so, please contact Peggy Denning.

Thank You to everyone who donated items to the recent Sunday School project for Veterans. A large quantity of items were gathered and will be shipped soon to Justin Scheidler and his fellow soldiers serving our country overseas.

Mission & Ministry Council is accepting nominations for officers and two at large positions for 2021. If you would like to put your name in nomination for any of these positions please contact Bill Musser at 715-944-6499.

Quilts & Dresses for Lutheran World Relief: Thank you to all the ladies of Faith and one from Zion for making the 47 quilts and 10 dresses for LWR! And special thank you to Clarence Glamann for delivering them to the semi in Eau Claire!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **LWML 2020 Giving Tuesday challenge!** Because of you, \$75,985.74 was given for mission work this past September 15th Giving Tuesday! This means LWML, through your generous gifts, greatly exceeded the matching amount of \$10,000 made possible by a generous family. That brings the total to \$85,985.74 given to support the 2019-2021 LWML Mission Goal. Thank you for making this a September to Remember!

Seeking Donations for Gas Cards: People sometimes contact our church looking for help. One way we can help is by offering prepaid gas cards. We

are currently out of these cards and would like to purchase more. If you feel led to help, simply indicate "Gas Cards" with your monetary donation, which can be placed in the offering box. Thank you!

Thank You! David Johnson, son of Faith member Lyle Johnson, would like to thank everyone for their prayers in regard to his fight against pancreatic cancer.

LWML Sunday: Thank you to those of you who made donations of \$443.67 to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) on LWML Sunday! And thank you to those who continue to collect coins, etc. and fill the LWML mite boxes to continue this important mission work of the women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod! If you need a mite box, they can be found in the library in a purple basket or in the stand where the newsletters, bulletins, etc., are kept. You may turn them into the church office when full. Any questions, you may contact Barb Glamann (president), Carla Kleinheinz (vice-president), Lorraine Benner (secretary), or Pam Pfankuch (treasurer), officers of the Women of Faith/LWML. God Bless!

Memorials & Special Offerings (Sept. 27 – Oct. 18):

Memorials for Merle Quale Sr.: Pam Pfankuch

Memorials for Marv Schroder: Marcia Goettl, M/M Dell Braunberger, M/M Lloyd Benner, M/M George Flint, M/M John Pederson (Loan).

Memorials for Ed Solin: Sandra Larson (worship via phone), M/M Dell Braunberger (live-video of worship), M/M George Flint, M/M John Pederson, M/M Rich Wirth (Sunday School), M/M Richard Turner, Lucille Yauch (Loan), Marcia Goettl

LWML Mites: Lucille Yauch

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**Return Service
Requested**



1—Mason Chittendon &
Diandre Fisher
5—Brett Schaefer
6—Liam Scheidler
7—Char Grafstrom
9—Craig Hoepner
10—John Carlson & Allison Vogels
11—Audrey Andersen, Bill Miller &
Kathleen Turner
13—James Butak & Steve Raether
15—Barbara Wucherpfennig
16—Charlotte Kern
17—Lois Raether
18—Randy Missfeldt
20—Sarah Schultz
24—Lizzy Dallas
26—Bryon Petz

29—Peggy Denning &
Mark Erickson
30—Cody Juedes &
Carla Kleinheinz



1—Bill & Lynn Musser
8—Adam & Bridget Ericksen

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Is there an error in your information? Please help us by submitting your corrections to info@faithlutheranconf.org. Also, if you have had any contact information change, please remember to update the church office.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM, M-F**

***FAITH EXISTS SO THAT
EACH DISCIPLE WILL KNOW
JESUS,
GROW IN HIS WORD, AND
SHARE HIS LOVE WITH
OTHERS.***