



Dear Friends,

Grace to you from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

With the days shortening and the air growing colder, November is a time for remembering. To remember in the Christian sense is more than engaging in nostalgia. To remember is to make a person or event present in the here and now. Remembrance is powerful.

We begin the month by remembering those among our family and friends who have gone before us, especially those who have died in the last year. On Sunday, November 4, the congregation will do this in a special way as we celebrate All Saints Day. Remembrance is powerful.

Later in the month, our nation celebrates Thanksgiving. To give thanks (Eucharist) is to remember the many gifts we have been given as well as the giver of all good gifts. Remembrance is powerful.

On the last Sunday of November we will remember that Christ is, as the hymn says, “potentate of time” when we keep the festival of Christ the King. Past, present, and future exist in God’s eternal now. We remember that Christ has not only come, but will indeed come again. Remembrance is powerful.

In the same way that we remember, God also remembers. It is, we believe, in that constant act of divine remembering that God holds us and all of creation in being. We exist because God remembers. Remembrance is powerful.

Pax, P. Austin



A  from David

November begins with All Saints Day, November 1. The following Sunday, All Saints Sunday, is the day we remember those who have passed away in the past year. They are now memories in our hearts and minds. We sing the beloved hymn *For All the Saints* (ELW 422). We also remember our baptism, which brings us the promise of life eternal after our earthly life ends. Then we have the final two Sundays in the Time After Pentecost. November ends with Christ the King Sunday, the day we celebrate Christ not as a king on the earth, but as an eternal king bringing life everlasting. It is also the last day of the Christian Year or Liturgical Year. On this day, we celebrate the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos. The loving, merciful, and just King of the universe is praised and glorified.





November Birthdays

- 11/3 Larry Askins
- 11/9 Robert Lawrence
Brady Aleck Spetz
- 11/12 Brandon Schneider
- 11/13 Theresa Schneider
Merritt Gill
- 11/25 Elise France
Wanda Gephart



The Secretary will be out of the office the week of Thanksgiving (11/19- 11/23). She will be visiting her daughter and family in Virginia!



Remember our Veterans on November 11. That is the official date for Veterans Day. If you see a Veteran in uniform, tell them "Thank you for serving our Country." It's always nice to be recognized and our veterans have given their all for their country .



- 11/23 Jay & Sharon Lillie
- 11/25 Pastor Austin & Darrin Carr



A Great Big 'Thank You' to Bill & Wanda Shaffrick for the beautiful landscape they provided in front of the church. It really spruces it up and looks wonderful!

COUNCIL NEWS

First Lutheran Council Minutes October 21, 2018

Old Business

- a. 2017 Audit update- Reported as started after all and may be complete by Dec. 31, 2018
- b. Status on the HVAC heat pump for winter months - so far it is working O.K.

New Business

- a. Church work/spruce up day scheduled for November 12. Congregation to be informed.
- b. New council members for 2019- Patsy Heck will step down and she is seeking a replacement for her.
- c. Budget for next year-will include a 3% raise for church employees. Suggested a separate line in budget for stipend for guest musicians. Other suggestions welcome from congregation.
- d. Discussed and approved revision of sexual harassment policy to include volunteers as well as employees.
- e. A Thank you card will be sent to Bill and Wanda Shaffrick for the wonderful landscaping in front of church.
- f. Alexis Wartschlager gave a report about her experience at Youth weekend in Indiana.

Areas of congregation:

Worship and Music - new robes for acolytes and deacons will be paid from the Willman bequest when purchased.

Christian Education - Pastor Austin will lead an adult Bible study on the birth of Jesus on the first 3 Sundays in Advent. The sessions will be Dec. 2, 9, and 16 from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Membership Committee - Planning a potluck in November. At least a three-week notice will be given to our congregation for this event.

Property Committee- Gutters at back of church need repair. One bid was received and determined it was too high. More bids will be accepted before deciding who will get the job. Also, we need to have Corrigan Electric re-check the altar lights as there could possibly be a short in them since one side of the altar is not lit.

Next meeting will be November 18 with Lori Caron bringing the snacks for the meeting.

Adjournment with prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie McCoy,
Secretary



We received a check from Kroger in the amount of \$65.73! Way to go!



A Spruce-Up of the church is planned for November 12th. More info to follow!



**Pot Luck Lunch
November 18
(After Church)**

***Bring your favorite dish to share and
join in the fun and fellowship***



It's great to see Lori Sorensen back in church.
Welcome back Lori. We missed you!



Pastor Austin will offer an Adult Bible Study Class on the 'Birth of Jesus,' the first three Sundays in Advent (Dec 2, 9, and 16). Classes are from 9:30 - 10:15 am.



This year, we remember those who have gone to their eternal rest in 2018.

*Betty L. Askins August 26, 2018
(Larry Askins Mother)*

*Walter James Paris, Jr.
(Jennifer Dempster's Brother)*



*"For flowers that bloom about our feet;
for tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
for song of bird, and hum of bee;
for all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!"
Ralph Waldo Emerson*