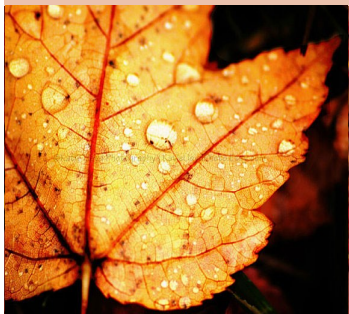


# Here and Now!



## Happy Thanksgiving!

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of  
God in Christ Jesus for you."  
1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV

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### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL**

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Giving thanks is a daily occurrence. However, there is one day where we traditionally celebrate the action of being thankful with family and/or friends. This year we, at First Presbyterian Church, are hosting a special occasion where the community is being invited to share a thanksgiving meal in our Ramstad Hall. A few years ago this was such an annual event at our church and the coordinating agency was Aid, Inc. That organization moved to Mandan and has provided a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Mandan First Lutheran Church. Bismarck has not had a community Thanksgiving Meal since that move.

We are so happy to be working with Ministry on the Margins as the coordinating agency. If you are alone on Thanksgiving Day and would like to give thanks with others, this meal is promoted as the place to come. **The meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Turkey with all the fixings will be served buffet style.

Many other churches, organizations and volunteers from the community are coming together to make this special day possible. We'd like you to know that members of our church family have volunteered to represent our church as all around hosts and helpers during the event. Probably over 100 volunteers will help prepare and serve the food, set up, take down and clean-up. We are preparing for 350 guests.

If you are interested, you should consider joining Sue Sorlie, Dick Weber, Vic Sonneman, Lynn Dodge, Ella & Tedd Gutzke and Gladys Cairns in the adventure of being First Presbyterian Church helpers. Call Gladys Cairns at 255-6911 if you are interested or want more information.

Is it okay to be prideful that our church is hosting this special happening?  
Sending Thanksgiving Blessings!

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## CHILD CARE CENTER

The First Presbyterian Church established the Child Care Center as a mission to the community in 1994. It was founded to utilize the church's blessing of abundant space and resources in the service of infants and toddlers, especially those of low-income and at risk situations. The CCC is a "mission" in the sense of embodying the love of God rather than explicitly teaching children the faith and practices of this church.

The Child Care Center is a wonderful, happy place for the children attending. Soon, however, there will be a fundraising drive for the children's outdoor classroom. Take a look as you come into church from the east side. The kind of playground equipment needed for this new venture is very expensive. Perhaps you noticed the amounts of some pieces if you attended our very successful Open House in September. The sort of items to be purchased have a very long

life necessary for our climate. Weather-beaten pieces in the playground now have been there for 40 years. Take a look at our bulletin board for examples as you consider helping the children.



## NOVEMBER OUTREACH

First Presbyterian Church will again be collecting canned and non-perishable food items to assist the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry in their service to our Bismarck-Mandan Community. The need is so great for providing food for the many needy children and adults. The pantry shelves need to be restocked. Please bring your items to the church anytime from November 1st thru November 21st and place them in the donation box located in the Narthex. We can make a difference in the lives of the hungry in our community.

Thank You!

### **Any Non-Perishable Food**

Canned Fruit  
Canned Fruit Juice  
Raisins  
Oatmeal  
Graham Crackers  
Other Snack Crackers  
Peanut Butter  
Canned Tuna/Salmon  
Canned Meats  
Beans/Lentils  
Chili  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Ketchup  
Dry Cereal  
Vegetables  
Pork & Beans/Other Beans  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Potatoes  
Rice/Rice-a-Roni  
Dry Pasta  
Soup

Hamburger Helper  
Sugar  
Tea/Coffee  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Toilet Paper  
Toothpaste  
Diapers  
Baby Wipes  
Razors

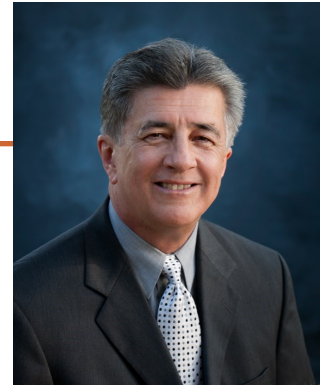


## PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

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*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, **give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

This month we will celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. All of us have our own unique styles, traditions, and preferences for how we celebrate this classic holiday. And yet, we also have certain commonalities—usually including: food, football, and family, all in some combination or variation.



What memories come to mind for you as some of your most memorable Thanksgivings? Of course, “memorable” can be true because of being wonderful, or unfortunate, or just quirky. In my memory:

Quirky—was the year our three young (at the time) children and I took Brenda to the airport for a necessary trip to her home in South Carolina, and on the drive home we hoped to stop for some thanksgiving food, only to find absolutely nothing open! Later that night I “carved” the “Thanksgiving Pizza” that we made at home.

Unfortunate—have been those Thanksgivings immediately following the loss of a family member or loved one, whose life had ended since the last Thanksgiving celebration. Such absence, of course, is especially felt by us all at holidays.

Wonderful—have been about 99% of Thanksgiving celebrations! For no matter what combination of friends or family have gathered, the opportunity to pause and be *thankful* is a completely positive and blessed experience by its nature. To be *thankful* is healthy in every way—mentally and emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

I’m convinced that that is exactly what Paul the apostle had in mind when he wrote the sentence above in his letter to the Christian church in Thessalonica. “Rejoice...pray...give thanks...” is Paul’s advice and exhortation to them.

That—he says, is nothing less than “God’s will.”

That—he writes, is what Christ Jesus makes possible for us, in a world otherwise filled with challenge, and sadness, and quirkiness.

That—Paul declares, is what God intends for us personally—for each of us as individuals, and for us as families and in groups of folks who are important to us.

Sure, there are those times when it is not easy or natural to feel *joy*, but when instead sadness or anger or just feeling blah is our reality. And, yes, sometimes there may be, let’s say “gaps” in our *praying*—when we feel we’re too busy, we’re “doing,” we’re distracted. And there also are those times when *thanks* may be the last thing we feel—due to life not going too well at the moment, or I’m feeling sorry for myself, or we’re just resentful, whether justifiably so, or not.

And yet, “*giving thanks in all circumstances*” just may turn out to be the pathway and the energy needed to regain our health, and focus, and spirit.

Here’s an idea: Why not start now at the beginning of this Thanksgiving-month by creating a “List of Thanks” on which you will list every day one additional reason (person, circumstance, happening) for which you are thankful. Add something new every day (more than one entry per day is acceptable, and may be frequent!)...and then when you get to Thanksgiving Day, try: 1) Sharing your list with another person (if they have done this also, share with each other); or 2) Offering your list to God in a time of personal prayer; or 3) Do both!

Yet another direction to go with this—is creating a list of all of the reasons you are thankful for...this church and its people. Then, share that list with another person, and offer it in prayer. You can see that “*giving thanks in all circumstances*” literally has no limits to its possibilities, its energy, and its blessings.

Have a glorious experience of Giving Thanks!

David

# WE NEED YOU TO KEEP THE FESTIVAL GOING



As our season comes to an end for another year, we are uncertain of the future of the Fine Arts Festival. Those of us on the steering committee know this is a valuable contribution to the church and the city of Bismarck. However, it is very difficult to organize and present this type of event with a skeleton crew. We are losing some vital players on the committee. Therefore, we are looking for a few key players to come forward so we can carry on this great tradition.

Our main position to fill is that of High Tea chair or co-chairs. As you all know the High Tea has been an extremely popular activity during the Festival. The Tea not only draws many people within the church but also from the community at large. High Tea tickets usually sell out well before the Festival doors open.

We would hope that someone from the congregation would come forward to assume responsibility ; it's hard to imagine seeing next fall roll around without our traditional events: the Festival and High Tea. For the past nine years we have been able to pull this together for all of you plus the city of Bismarck to enjoy. We have provided an outlet for artists of all ages and have just begun to plan a scholarship program to encourage young people to pursue a career in the arts. We would sincerely like to develop this idea and continue this worthwhile endeavor. Please consider getting involved so we can continue our mission.

Sincerely,

*Your Fine Arts Festival Steering Committee*

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Thanks for helping to build a strong church

Working to wrap up the 2017 Stewardship Drive

Thank you to all who helped build a strong First Presbyterian Church by completing their 2017 estimates of giving during our recent Stewardship Drive. If you have not completed your 2017 pledge, please do so as soon as possible and turn it into the church office.

Pledge amounts so far have increased by \$12,854 over last year. Many others have made a pledge for the first time. We have also seen a few decreased pledges.

As of publication date of this newsletter, we had 135 pledges turned in for a total of \$275,229. The committee is still hoping to meet the church's goal of \$333,000. Last year, 167 "giving units" turned in pledges of \$324,216.

Thank you to all who helped move the Pony Express bags along to wrap up our drive. You can watch the Stewardship Drive's progress toward its goal in a puzzle display in the Narthex.





## ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION

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We are planning our second annual St. Andrew's Day celebration. The feast day of Saint Andrew, patron saint of Scotland, is a national holiday in Scotland where Scots culture is celebrated with traditional food, music and dance.

Once a year, with a special Sunday worship service, many Presbyterian churches observe St. Andrew's Day as a means of celebrating their Scottish roots. This year we are celebrating November 13th.

Following a form of worship ceremony that dates back to 1564, various traditions are observed, most notably the "Kirkin' of the Tartan" - Kirk being the Scottish word for church. Kirkin' is a "symbol of freedom" that dates back to the defeat of Scottish highlanders by the British in 1746. English penal laws banned all thing Scottish, including wearing clan plaids, speaking and singing in their native Gaelic tongue and the playing of bagpipes. Although unlawful kirkin' was punishable by death, Scots would sneak a bit of their tartan under their clothing on St. Andrew's Day and when the minister said a certain phrase, they would clutch their cloth and silently say a blessing in Gaelic.

Nowadays members, guest, and visitors are invited to present pieces of their heritage/tartan for blessing during the service. The blessing is open to everyone, whether of Scots heritage or other.

Music will be Celtic in flavor. Our service will include traditional clarsach (Gaelic wire strung harp), Highland bagpipes, Celtic hymns and songs sung in Gaelic.

In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, all are encouraged to wear plaid and bring a fabric of your heritage for the special "Kirkin' of the Tartan" blessing.



## 2015 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

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About a year ago, the 2015 Steering Committee for the Fine Arts Festival voted to use some of their existing profits to make some improvements to the church parlor...and a committee was formed to make the necessary decisions. With \$10,000 to work with, the group met several times, worked with decorators from 2 local businesses, considered how the parlor is used, looked at a lot of samples while keeping in mind the lighting and wooden paneling throughout the room, and unanimously decided on carpet and kitchen flooring choices! The new carpet is bright and colorful, durable, easy to care for, and very user friendly. As is the new flooring for the small kitchen. So, look for the new installations in November. All of us on the committee hope you will like the new look of the Parlor! The committee consisted of Pastor Reiter, Les Hornbacher, Gladys Cairns, Sandra Cofell, Donna Richter, Nanc Skaret, Lynne Bigwood, Sue Sorlie and Ella Gutzke.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



We invited youth from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains to enjoy Badlands of Medora this past October. We brought ten youth together to travel to a Bible Camp in Medora to experience God's Creation, and try to have some fun. Well, it didn't take long for our youth to connect, start laughing and have *tons* of fun!

Our event started out at a Lutheran Youth Convention held every year during the Teacher's Break. Our youth were invited by the ELCA Synod, and graciously welcomed as we heard from an inspirational speaker and rocked out to a band of Bible Camp Directors. Our youth quickly meshed and had an incredible time together.



This night of fun led us into a great trip further South West to Medora. We explored the Badlands, making sure we saw the prairie dogs, bison, wild horses, and even pheasant before we made our way to camp. It was there that we “hiked the butte”. If any of you have visited Badlands Ministries, old or new, they have a large cross nestled high on a butte overlooking the camp. I remember hiking every summer growing up, and taking my kids there when I worked as a counselor. Never did I think the hike was a challenge, or was concerned kids wouldn't be able to make it. Our kids immediately thought differently! After a late night of too much laughter, a long car ride, and hiking the badlands—a hike up the butte seemed impossible...but we made them do it.

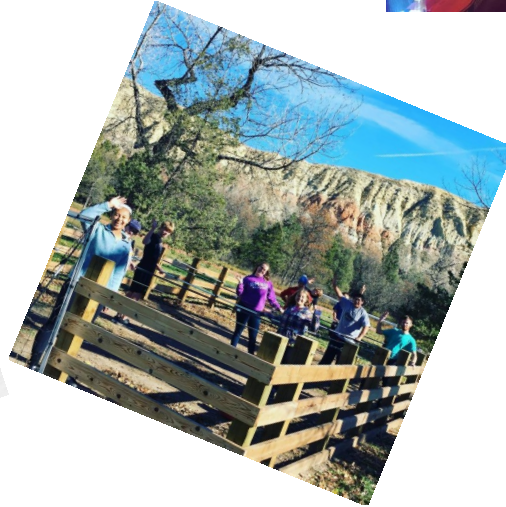
The youth were instructed to carry their Bibles and a water bottle, but nothing else. Some kids gave great speed to their hike, some took their time—some began exploring once they got there, and some sat and looked out at the incredible view. Once all the youth joined together on top of the butte, we spent some time in meditation. Our youth from Bismarck, Fargo, Glencoe and Mandan stared quietly looking out miles ahead of them. The sun was about to set and the day had been perfect. We then read from the Book of Psalms: Chapter 8...

*“O Lord, our sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens...When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?”*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Our youth spent a good amount of time with the word of God, climbed down and enjoyed the rest of their night. Games were played and riddles were shared around the campfire with Confirmation youth from Belfield. Who knows how much of this beautiful sight struck our 8th—12th graders, and how many of them realized how perfect they are in the eyes of the Lord, but either way, our kids bonded together for a beautiful weekend, making some new friends. I call that a success!



## **YOUTH EVENTS:**

### ♦ **Game Day! ~ Sunday, November 6th**

Grades 1-6 are invited to an afternoon of fun after Worship, Sunday, November 6th. We will take over the church with fun games and great times. PresbyTeens and adults are welcome to join us as leaders, and we ask that you bring your own lunch (drinks & dessert will be provided).

### ♦ **City-Wide Youth Lock in Friday, November 18th**

Our 6th-12th grade youth are invited to a multi-church Lock-In, Friday, November 18th at 8:00 p.m. We will meet at Lord of Life Church at 8:00 p.m., enjoy time at Midway Lanes Bowling, and enjoy the night with new friends! Please, invite your friends. Drivers and adult chaperones are needed (bowl with us for FREE!). The event costs \$15.00 and will be super fun! Sign-up with Ashley as soon as possible.

### **Announcement:**

You may have noticed our Library bookshelves emptying out this November and December. We are working to make room for NEW books, exciting books, and books that have made a difference in our lives. Stay tuned to hear more, and keep in consideration which books have made a difference in your life!

# THANKSGIVING MEMORIES

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Thanksgiving is a chance for families to gather, to feast and to enjoy being with one another. But the day can also be a meaningful time to reflect on our blessings and remember how God has been faithful in our lives.

Many families have special traditions they use to show gratitude to God and each other. I asked some of our amazing church staff to share a cherished family tradition, or favorite Thanksgiving memory.

## ***Les Hornbacher ~ Custodian***

Coming from a large family of 12 children, Mom and Dad, all holidays were great. Seven sisters helping mom prepare the food and getting together with family—there was nothing better. Now my one son has it every year, and although it is much smaller, its just as powerful in meaning to be with my family.

## ***Shawn Stettner ~ Child Care Center Director***

The Thanksgiving Day holiday was rather low-key at the Stettner household when I was a child because there were only eight family members in the state. Mom would cook an amazing, old fashioned turkey dinner for our family of five and Grandma, Uncle George and Uncle Charlie would join us. After the meal was eaten, Grandma and mom would put away the leftovers while my sister and I washed the dishes. Uncle George would lie on the couch and “rest his kidneys”. Once the dinner table was cleaned and the dishes done, we would start the board games or card games. Grandma always cheated! Good times!

## ***Charee Linton ~ Administrative Assistant***

Thanksgiving and Christmas are major holidays in my family. I have a small family, but we always made the holidays big! From early on, it was instilled that family, happiness and tradition are very important. As a child, we would gather at either grandparents house or our house. Traditional turkey stuffing and mashed potatoes were served, and my grandmother would have sweet potatoes and jellied cranberries just for the two of us, as no one else ate them. The more I got to eat the better. Both my grandmothers would fight over the turkey carcass and who was going to get to eat the meat off the bone. I even have a picture with both of the picking from the roaster! After dinner we would ALL help with clearing the table and washing and drying the dishes, because the sooner we got those done, the sooner we could all play Pinochle. As I got older, I was informed I was old enough to host Thanksgiving at my house. My first attempt turned out amazing, except the part the pot holder slipping, me burning my hand badly, and the turkey and roaster all ending up on the floor. Luckily, the turkey stayed in the roaster and my Nana still served it on the table. Was quite tasty I might add. Now our family has gotten smaller. But my Mom does not break tradition and we are always together, enjoying this holiday as family!

## ***Vanessa Hein ~ Assistant Child Care Center Director***

My favorite tradition would be all of my family gathered together for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Once lunch is finished and all the dishes are done, out comes the newspaper. We all look at the “deals” for Black Friday. We spend more time looking at sale ads and discussing the next holiday then actually shopping for those deals. I personally wait for and do my shopping online.



# THANKSGIVING MEMORIES (continued)



## ***Vickie Haas ~ Finance***

My favorite memories are when we had Thanksgiving at Mom's house. All kinds of food was cooking or baking and it smelled wonderful. The windows would be steamed up from all the cooking and it was noisy because everyone had to talk at the same time. After we finished eating and cleaning up sometimes Mom, my 2 sisters and I browsed through the newspaper looking for fun coupons to cut out for our early morning shopping the next day.

## ***Ashley Tangen ~ Christian Education Director***

### **Tangsgiving**

Thanksgiving is no longer Thanksgiving in my family—it's Tangsgiving (with props to my maiden name: Tangen). Our entire family meets in Bemidji, Minnesota as my grandparents, aunt and uncle live there and host each year. We spend Thursday enjoying each other's company, and feasting on a delicious meal. We enjoy the "Parade of Lights" Friday evening in the town of Bemidji. The parade celebrates the beginning of Christmas and ends with Santa Claus riding on top of a fire truck. There is an annual "Turkey Trot" 5K on Saturday morning and spend time together throughout the day. We used to enjoy board games and dance parties, now we're busy entertaining our "mini-cousins", and catching up on life.

This is a very special event, as organized after our uncle passed away. His family was the only family not living nearby in Minnesota or North Dakota, so we decided to make Tangsgiving our annual time to get together. It's a very big deal: T-shirts are made, and family is teased endlessly if they cannot attend. Our family had grown very close throughout this holiday, and each year is just as exciting as the last. We have been celebrating Tangsgiving for over 10 years and each year is a celebration of the love of our family, and the many blessings God has granted us.





## Session Highlights ~ October 2016

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### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 25, 2016

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Session approved the request for membership transfer of Kate and Ferdinand Addo to the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church in Kensington, MD.

Session approved the request from Maren and Josh Stokka to have Canyon Paul Stokka baptized on December 4, 2016.

An email was read from Marco Grimaldo from Bread for the World thanking Pastor Reiter and church members for the warm welcome during his visit to worship service October 16.

The clerk reported that the Session Records were read on Oct. 1 at Casselton Presbyterian Church.

#### DEACONS' REPORT

Co-chair Lynne Bigwood thanked Worship and Music Committee for putting a microphone near the choir so that the music may be recorded on the CDs that are provided to church members unable to attend. Deacons will be purchasing a CD duplicating machine and gift cards for the Child Care Center.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$340,629	Budget	\$351,629
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$341,776	Budget	\$352,621
NET Income	-\$1,116	Budget	-\$991.
Unrestricted General Fund	\$182,541		

#### ELDER TRAINING

Session members discussed Chapter 6, "Working with Others" of *Spiritual Leadership*. Four leadership pairs, their pros and cons were reviewed: reactive/proactive; task-oriented/people-oriented; directive/democratic; managerial/initiative-based.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (from minutes and actions taken)

**Business and Finance-** Session accepted a check for \$810.92 from a Presbytery grant to help defray the increased pastor medical insurance. This is the last year of that grant. The budget will be presented to Session at the November meeting.

**Administration and Personnel-** Session recommended a new contract for Pastor Reiter for the last 6 weeks of the year (his contract expires Nov. 12) and discussed the pastor's 2017 contract. The terms of the new contract will be sent to Business and Finance for the 2017 Budget.

Evaluations for all staff will be done in November.

Work on the Church Operations Manual and Procurement Task Force continues.

**Stewardship-** October 30 is the Celebration dinner for the end of the campaign. \$560 was received for the Peacemaking Offering.



## Session Highlights (continued)

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**Property and Equipment-** The committee will review a proposal to install new laminate countertop in the parlor kitchen. Lloyd Fisher will be hired to work as custodian two hours a day, \$12.00 per hour, when Les takes vacation. Installing new parlor carpet and small kitchen tiles will begin November 9.

**Membership-** The committee is discussing its role in the church's mission and is looking for new members to join the committee.

**Worship and Music-** Ads for a new organist have been placed in the paper. Repair was done on an amplifier.

**Christian Education-** Confirmation will begin in January, meeting twice a month. Presbytery sponsored a Badlands Retreat for teens Oct 20-22. Alisha Wohl will be joining the committee.

**Outreach-** Volunteers have agreed to help with Ministry on the Margins Thanksgiving dinner. A Food Pantry food drive will be held in November. \$200 worth of food was donated to Bismarck High School Food Bank.

**Nominating**—The following have agreed to serve on the 2017 Nominating Committee: Vic Sonneman, Dick Weber, Ron Carlisle and Paul Ronningen. One more member is being contacted.

### REPORTS OF RELATED GROUPS

**Child Care Center Board-** There will be a \$10 increase in 2017 in the supply fee for families of infants and toddlers. There was a drop in enrollment of 4-5yr. olds.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Reiter stated that he has met with all staff members to update their position descriptions. Annual staff performance reviews will be done in November. Pastor Reiter attended the Presbytery meeting in Rolla on October 14. He will be taking MN time: Oct 26-28; Nov. 9-11 and Nov 23-26. Church visitors included Rev. Roger Grussing, a form FPC pastor, and Marco Grimaldo from Bread for the World.

Elders have finished their discussion of the Designated Pastor Call and Covenant question: "To help the congregation examine their journey together and work through whatever feelings may have been generated by recent events." Elders will craft a statement to share with the congregation during a worship service.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



~ Josh & Maren Stokka, along with McKinley, gladly announce the birth of Canyon Paul Stokka!



~ The Bellringer's Bakery will be open for business again on November 13th with a caramel roll sale. The fresh-baked rolls will be offered in the Parlor after the St. Andrew's celebration worship, so anyone wearing a kilt gets one for free! Proceeds go to the Handbell Event Travel Fund.

## This Month's Anniversaries & Birthdays

### BIRTHDAYS

Betty Sprynczynatyk	2nd
David Massey	3rd
Vern Johnson	4th
Valerie Sturlaugson	6th
Dan Halvorson	11th
Parker Ronningen	11th
Janet Gilchrist	12th
Corby Svihovec	13th
Emily Johnson	15th
Emily Ehrens	16th
McKinley Stokka	17th
Lynne Bigwood	17th
Geraldine Morrison	20th
Ann Lynch	20th
Doug Bradford	21st
Shari Orser	25th
Jeff Schafer	26th
Jon Thomson	30th
Brady Wohl	30th

### NOVEMBER

### Anniversaries

Jodi & John Bjornson	Nov. 2nd
Kim & Gail Christianson	Nov. 3rd
Darren & Denise Gratz	Nov. 18th
Jerry & Priscilla Wilson	Nov. 23rd

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*All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from membership forms filled out by the congregation. If we made a mistake, or missed you or a loved one, we apologize and ask that you please let us know so we can update our system. If you do not want your birthday listed in a bulletin or newsletter, please let us know that as well. Thank you!*







| Sun                                                                                                                 | Mon                                                                                                                                       | Tue                                                                                          | Wed                                                                                                                            | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fri                                                                                                                     | Sat                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>6</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Worship<br><b>10:30am</b> Sunday School<br><b>11:00am</b> Kid's Game Day                 | <b>7</b><br><b>6:00pm</b> OEA Group<br><b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts<br><b>7:00pm</b> Christian Ed. Committee                                  | <b>8</b><br><b>5:30pm</b> Yoga<br><b>5:30pm</b> CCC Board Meeting                            | <b>9</b><br><b>12:00pm</b> Munch & Mingle @ Ramkota Hotel<br><b>5:30pm</b> PAC/PresbyTeens<br><b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>11</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b> Newcomers A.A. Meeting                                                                      | <b>12</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Yoga<br><b>10:30am</b> Women's Step Study                                                 |
| <b>13</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Bellringer's Caramel Roll Sale<br><b>10:00am</b> Worship<br><b>10:30am</b> Sunday School | <b>14</b><br><b>5:00pm</b> Admin & Personnel Comm.<br><b>5:30pm</b> Worship & Music Comm.<br><b>6:00pm</b> OEA Group<br><b>7:00pm</b> Boy | <b>15</b><br><b>12:00pm</b> Business & Finance<br><b>5:30pm</b> Yoga<br><b>7:00pm</b> Bridge | <b>16</b><br><b>5:30pm</b> PAC/PresbyTeens<br><b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir                          | <b>17</b><br><b>7:00pm</b> Deacons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>18</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b> Newcomers A.A. Meeting<br><div> <b>Youth Lock-In at Lord of Life Lutheran Church</b> </div> | <b>19</b><br><b>9:00am</b> Yoga<br><b>10:30am</b> Women's Step Study                                                 |
| <b>20</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Worship<br><b>10:30am</b> Sunday School                                                 | <b>21</b><br><b>6:00pm</b> OEA Group<br><b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts                                                                          | <b>22</b><br><b>7:00pm</b> Session                                                           | <b>23</b><br><b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir<br><b>*No PAC/PresbyTeens*</b>                            | <b>24</b><br><b>*Office Closed*</b><br><div> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>25</b><br><b>*Office Closed*</b>                                                                                     | <b>26</b><br><b>10:30am</b> Women's Step Study                                                                       |
| <b>27</b><br><b>10:00am</b> Worship<br><b>*No Sunday School*</b>                                                    | <b>28</b><br><b>6:00pm</b> OEA Group<br><b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts                                                                          | <b>29</b>                                                                                    | <b>30</b><br><b>5:30pm</b> PAC/PresbyTeens ~ Pageant Rehearsal<br><b>6:30pm</b> Westminster Chimes<br><b>7:30pm</b> Choir      | <div> <b>** Please be advised...there are outside groups that meet at the Church throughout the week/weekend that <b>ARE NOT</b> on this schedule. If you have questions regarding room availability, please call the office at 223-6091. Thank You! **</b> </div> |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                      |



## **NOVEMBER FACTS**

The 11th month of the year brings us Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and every 4 years, the US Presidential Election.

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, November is the eleventh month of the year. November is right between fall and winter. Almost all leaves are gone from the tree and lost their colors. The month is referred as the wind month and the bloom month by Anglo-Saxons. It is because November is the month where they killed their animals for food. Those have been harvested in the previous months are either put inside the storage or sent to processing plants or mills. In this month, the farmers will know whether that particular year was successful or not. Because of its beautiful weather, football is the main sport of the month.

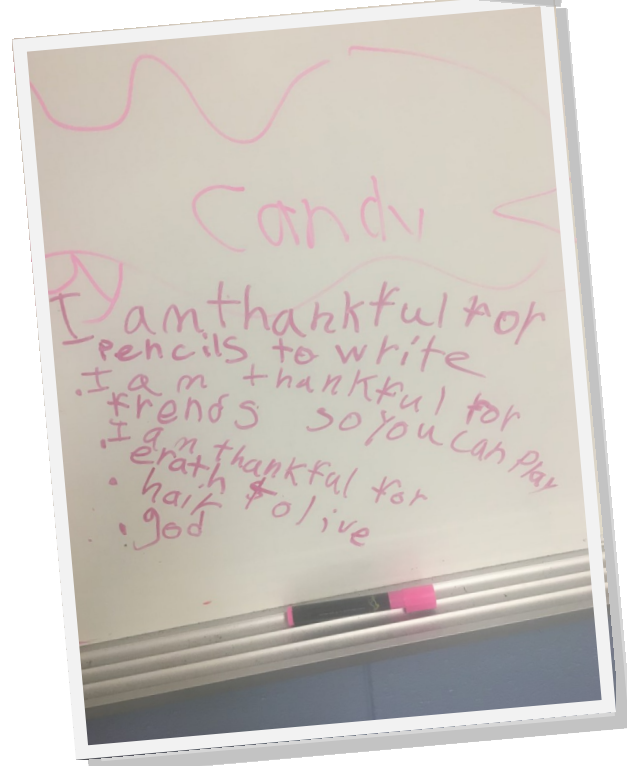
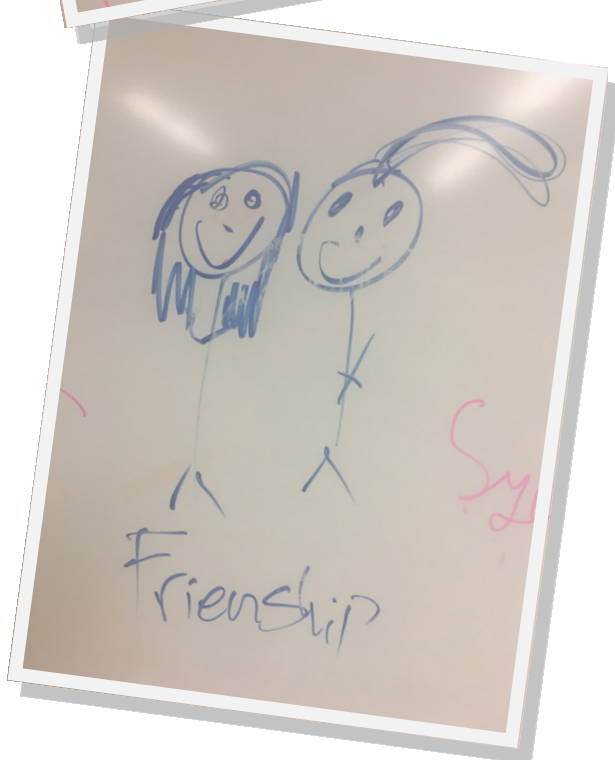
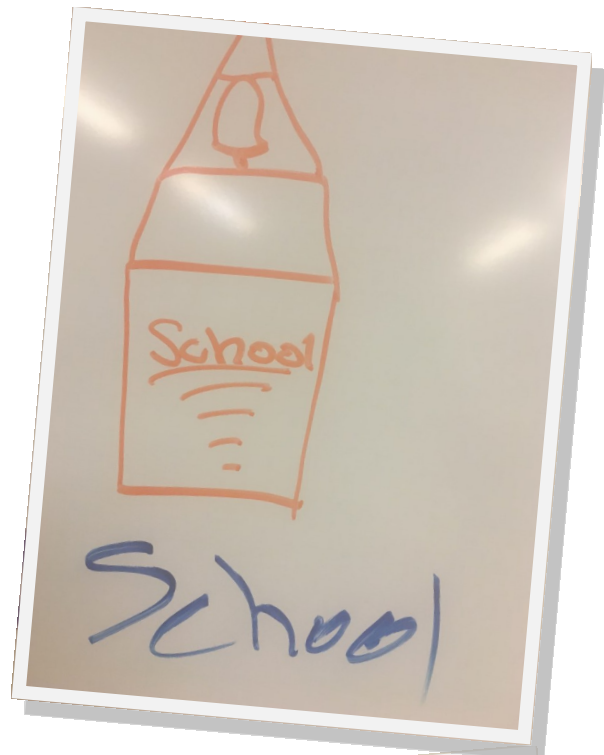
Below are some fun facts about November:

- ◆ The birthstone is topaz.
- ◆ The zodiac signs are Scorpio (10/23-11/21) and Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)
- ◆ The birth flower is Chrysanthemum
- ◆ Nov. 2nd, 1769, a Spanish expedition reached San Francisco Bay
- ◆ Nov. 2nd, 1889, North Dakota became the 39th state of the United States, and South Dakota became the 40th state
- ◆ Nov. 6th, 1869, the first intercollegiate football game was played in the U.S. between Rutgers and Princeton
- ◆ Nov. 18th, 1883, standard time began in the U.S.
- ◆ Aviation History Month
- ◆ Election Day—1st Tuesday after the first Monday in November
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day—4th Thursday of November
- ◆ Nov. 11th—Veteran's Day

# KIDS BRING LOVE AND HUMOR TO THANKSGIVING



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I asked Ashley, our Christian Ed. Director, to ask the kids what they are thankful for. There's nothing more adorable than asking a child a serious question to see what their candid response will be. Here are some photos the kids had written or drawn of what they are thankful for:







### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

(Closed over Noon Hour on Friday ~ 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

### **Church Staff**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pastor                   | Rev. Dr. David Reiter |
| Administrative Assistant | Charee Linton         |
| Finance                  | Vickie Haas           |
| Organist                 | Jan Candee            |
| Choir Director           | Debi Rogers           |
| Bell Choir Director      | Lael Hoerauf          |
| Custodian                | Les Hornbacher        |
| Child Care Director      | Shawn Stettner        |
| Ass. Child Care Director | Vanessa Hein          |
| Membership Services      | Judy Lentz            |
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