

# Here and Now!



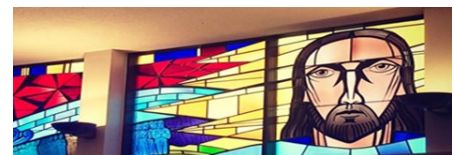
## **FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL**

### *Thanksgiving Day 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.*

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, you are invited to attend our Community Thanksgiving Dinner starting at 11:30 a.m. in Ramstad Hall. We, along with Ministry on the Margins, will serve over 300 guests with turkey and all the trimmings. This will be our fourth year for this Mission and Outreach activity. An activity which brings joy to our guests. Church family members have signed up to serve our guests. If you missed the sign-up, you can still volunteer at [www.ministryonthemargins.com](http://www.ministryonthemargins.com). Enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Come and be with friends and neighbors.



**AND**



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## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE...

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On behalf of your Stewardship Committee, I want to thank all of you who have so generously pledged to our Consecration Sunday Campaign. We are still receiving pledges as I write this and have sent letters and pledge cards to those church members who could not attend our Consecration Sunday service and lunch on October 13th. Many have increased their pledges over their 2019 pledge giving us a 15-20% increase in pledges for 2020 and for that we are most grateful to support the work of our church and its many programs and mission work in the Bismarck community. We are continuing to contact all church members about pledging over the next month or so to complete our work. Again, a big thank you for your support through your resources and talents to continue the growth of our church and its works in Bismarck and beyond.



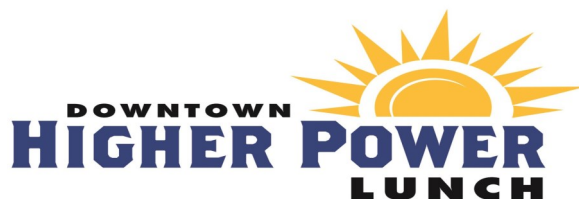
May God Bless you all,  
**Dick Weber**, Chair  
Stewardship Committee

## DOWNTOWN HIGHER POWER LUNCH...

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On November 20th, our eighteenth Higher Power Lunch will happen. Amazing how time flies! Our speaker will be Gladys Cairns. Gladys is the former Administrator of North Dakota's Administrator of Child Protection Services. Her journey with the First Presbyterian Church started in the mid 1980's and continued in this loving church family. Gladys will share her story with our guests as a way to show her appreciation for the elements of the journey and lessons learned.

Join us and bring a friend. We start servicing at 11:45 a.m. with the program beginning at 12:10 p.m., closing at 1:50 p.m. Please register for the lunch at [www.fpcbismarck.com/higherpowerlunch](http://www.fpcbismarck.com/higherpowerlunch).



## PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...



A few years back, pastors' circles shared their alarm about the news that well-known Pastor "came out" as an atheist. He hadn't begun that way; he started his journey in ministry like the rest of us: idealistic, excited, inspired and determined. But, over the years, something changed. Ministry became a job and only a job, theology became performance calculation, and church health transmuted into formulaic approach to membership, attendance, and giving metrics. Something in his soul dried up – he experienced himself as inauthentic – trapped by a theological education that could not be easily re-packaged for secular employment. Apparently, he functioned like this for years, before he decided he had to make the break. It was, for most pastors, a disturbing story, as many of us have had pivotal times when our faith gripped us and called us back from inauthenticity and performance to one simple value that sustains us all: "Jesus loves me... this I KNOW. But more disturbing than that was the response of his congregation. A few had suspected for a long time and didn't mind, they wanted the pastor to stay on *as pastor*, knowing he did not believe. Others felt incredibly betrayed and hurt, understandably so – it made them question their own faith. There was a lot for us to ponder as we looked at the deterioration of his calling and used it as a lesson by which to examine our own.

When it became known, folks were quick to point out that his reading material would "make anyone an atheist." Jung and Nietzsche were blamed, which to my mind, having sampled Jung and Nietzsche was a pretty bogus reason. I almost never believe that education creates a loss of belief – the crushing of true faith is a complicated matter, only part of which is intellectual. Admittedly, I did not know this man, but by his own account, I gathered that his slow slide into disbelief started in a tender place of his soul where his passion lived, not in his pursuit of psychology or philosophy. First, he lost his love.

The temptation for pastors is not so different from the temptation of lay-people. Service to Christ through the church can actually backfire on faith if one does not nourish a personal prayer and devotional center and stay attached to one-on-one relationships who share and encourage love for the person of Christ. We give ourselves on committees and to activities, we sacrifice the most precious thing we have – TIME – and spend our energy for this community – and in so doing the temptation for rote disinterest to set in is palpable. Add to that frustration with how things sometimes function, or the feeling of being unappreciated, and the malaise that can set in when those things happen alongside a job that is dissatisfying, or a life that has significance challenges... well, I am not being judgmental at all, just honest... to stay authentic in love takes extra attention, extra energy, and extra Christ-devoted time. Sometimes, we are just too tired. And that's when the slide begins.

The bottom line – at least for me – is to recognize the importance of worship and a personal devotional life. I often feel blessed that I am able to truly *worship* while on the platform, instead of "lead worship" as a job – some pastors find that difficult. Prayer, confession, and especially, *the music* are intimate reminders of why this journey is worth it, and how this calling is about a relationship to Jesus that transcends responsibilities. My love is renewed in worship. But even as I do, I am aware: that many who lead and serve in our congregation are also serving, and this is my firm hope: that the scurrying that must be done to keep things running smoothly is not being allowed to smother the genuine love of Christ. I pray that we are not using the passing of the peace as a time to make sure our committee emails were acknowledged, that our minds are not fixed on a leaky pipe in some corner of the church as we sing out our praises, and that we are not missing out on the WORD among us, because we are busy serving. Scripture, the sacraments, prayer, music, the encouragement of like-minded believers – these are the resources provided to us to help us keep our true and authentic purpose healthy, passionate, and joyful. To what purpose am I referring?: Q. What is the chief end of man? A. To glorify God, and to *enjoy* him forever. **ENJOY!**







## PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE (cont.)...

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This is just a little musing – mixed with a lot of hope and respect for the people who really keep things together around here. And perhaps a reminder: don't forget your love. Don't forget to enjoy. Don't forget to be nourished even as you are giving nourishment.

*"Oh, make me thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee."*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
*by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676*

*Leanne*



## TREE OF LOVE...

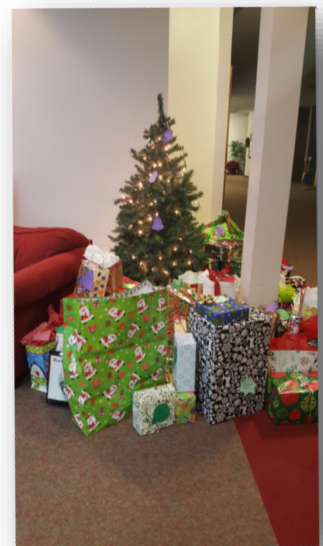
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The Tree of Love is an Outreach Committee project that provides the congregation with an opportunity to support the children and families who attend our Child Care Center. The Child Care staff nominates families to receive these gifts. The nominated families usually have limited financial resources and/or are facing challenging circumstances that limit their ability to provide their children with a joyful Christmas. This year, because Thanksgiving falls during the last week of November, the Outreach Committee will set up the Tree of Love on November 17th in the Narthex. Each ornament on the tree contains a gift request from a family. Feel free to take one or more ornaments from the tree.

**Please wrap the item or items (or use a gift bag) with the ornament or ornaments taped on the wrapped gift or gift bag.**

Should the ornament request ask for a gift card, please place the gift card and the ornament taped to it in the blue box at the base of the tree.

Please return the items to the church by **Thursday, December 12th.** The Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity.





## NOVEMBER MISSION AND OUTREACH...

First Presbyterian Church will again be collecting canned and non-perishable food items to assist the Emergency Food Pantry in their service to our Bismarck-Mandan community. ***Please bring your items to the church anytime from November 1st thru November 17th and place them in the donation box located in the Narthex.***

In 2018, food was given to 1,956 families to feed 5,194 people. One item makes a difference.

Thank You!

### Any Non-Perishable Food

- \* Canned Fruit
- \* Canned Fruit Juice
- \* Oatmeal & Cereal
- \* Snack Crackers
- \* Canned Tuna/Chicken
- \* Canned Meats
- \* Chili
- \* Macaroni & Cheese
- \* Ketchup
- \* Vegetables
- \* Pork & Beans/Other Beans
- \* Spaghetti Sauce (no jars)
- \* Potatoes
- \* Rice/Rice-a-Roni
- \* Spaghetti/Macaroni

- \* Soup
- \* Jell-O
- \* Ramen Noodles
- \* Hamburger Helper
- \* Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate
- \* Pancake Mix & Syrup



## CHURCH DECORATING...

The Worship and Music Committee will be decorating the Advent Season on ***Sunday, November 24th*** immediately following Worship. Everyone is invited to participate in this annual tradition.





## NURSES NOTES...

**The Flu season is here.** According to the WebMD, you can have cold symptoms like a stuffy nose or sneezing that start slowly and gradually get worse. Flu symptoms typically hit your body all of a sudden — and they'll probably feel a lot stronger. Chills occur when you shiver due to body temperature changes; this is an early sign of infection and high fever. Chills are signs of pneumonia or flu. Fever is a sign that your body is trying to fight an illness or infection, but it's rarely caused by a cold. Flu, bronchitis, and pneumonia are more common causes of fevers. You may have some slight body aches with a cold, but stronger ones are usually a sign that you have the flu. This is because short-term achy muscles often

happen along with a fever. Wheezing occurs when your breathing sounds like a whistle. If you wheeze, it's a sign of a more serious infection like pneumonia or bronchitis, especially if it happens when you lie down. Wheezing can also be a sign of anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction to something you ate or an insect bite. If you cough up mucus — slimy stuff from deep down in your chest — this is a sign of bronchitis or pneumonia, especially if there's any blood in it. Flu causes fatigue and lack of appetite. It can also be a sign of pneumonia or a sinus infection, which is common but more serious than a cold. Sore throat is a typical symptom of a cold and sometimes the flu. It should clear up once your cold or flu does. But a very painful sore throat that comes on quickly can be a sign of strep throat. That's a bacterial infection that should be treated with antibiotics. Headaches are not usually common with a cold. It's a common flu symptom and can be a sign of a sinus infection. But painful sinuses (the spaces above and around your nose), can also be caused by hay fever, or rhinitis. Chest tightness or chest pain is a symptom of a more serious respiratory infection, like bronchitis. That can also make your chest feel tight, and you may have a hard time taking a deep breath. Sharp chest pain that feels worse when you cough can be a sign of pneumonia, and chest tightness is also a common symptom of asthma. Seek medical attention if any chest tightness or pain occurs without cold or flu symptoms. Colds can cause a very stuffy nose, which make breathing a little harder, but real shortness of breath is a sign of something more serious. It's common symptom of asthma or a flare-up of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and it also can be from a serious infection, like bronchitis or pneumonia. If you feel pressure in your ears, it may mean you have a sinus infection. That also causes pain and pressure around your eyes, cheeks, or forehead that gets worse when you bend over. And if you feel fullness in one ear, it may be a symptom of an ear infection. Flu symptoms may be bad, but they usually get better within a few days. A cold can last up to 10 days. But pneumonia symptoms can stick around up to a month or longer. And bronchitis can last several months in some cases. To help prevent serious complications of the Flu contact your private medical provider to determine if you should receive the Flu vaccine.

### **JOKE OF THE MONTH:**

*After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed two \$500 bills in the offering. She was so excited that she immediately shared her joy with the congregation and said she'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. A very quiet, elderly and saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The Pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. She told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns. The saintly woman's eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three handsomest men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him."*



## ***NURSES NOTES...(continued)***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ♦ Next Blood Pressure Clinic will be **Sunday, November 17th, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon** in the Conference Room
- ♦ Senior Exercise Class every **Monday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. downstairs in Ramstad Hall.**
- ♦ Nurse's Office Day: Every **Wednesday from 8:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.** in Wanona's office at FPC.  
Come with your questions and concerns or to have your blood pressure checked.



## ***ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION***

We are planning our fifth 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, many Presbyterian churches observe St. Andrew's Day as a means of celebrating their Scottish roots. This year we are celebrating November 10th. Music will be Celtic in flavor, including traditional Highland bagpipes, Celtic hymns and songs.

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 things 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 or tartan for blessing during the service. The blessing is open to everyone, whether of Scots heritage or other ethnicity.

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





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...



What a great start to our Christian Education Season! Our church and it's members have been so involved in so many things, and the vision and planning has more to come.

October brought the CROP Walk for Hunger where we had 14 FPC members and youth that were able to join us for the walk that day. The group raised over \$400 in its helping effort. YAH FPC!!!

The last weekend in October, Dennis Rosenkranz and I took 8 of our Confirmands to a Confirmation Retreat at Badlands Ministry in Medora. We had a great time learning about the Reformation, worshipping, playing games, getting to know other youth from North Dakota and Montana, and enjoying God's beauty of the Badlands. It was unanimous, that the best part of

the retreat was hiking up to the cross atop the VERY tall hill in the dark, taking a moment of silence to enjoy the beauty created, and saying a prayer.

Our Annual Halloween Fun night was another great success! Our PresbyTeens helped with games for the PAC kids and everyone had a great time. We had a Halloween Costume Contest, runners up included Hailee Bitz for the PresbTeens and Brianna Engel for PAC. Grand Prize winners were Conner Svihovec for PAC, and Drew Henriksen for PresbyTeens. Congratulations to all. A special Thank you to our PresbyTeens, our parent volunteers for helping make this night special, Olivia Backmeier and Emily Ehrens for coming back to help out with the fun, and to Mark Jensen for the planning and games for all to enjoy.

First Presbyterian Church is very lucky to have such involved, interested and fabulous youth. We look forward to many more great adventures together!

Charee

Youth Christian Education Director



### Christian Education November Events:

- ♦ **Wednesday, November 13th, 2019:** PAC/PresbyTeens Potluck and Pajama Party; Please bring a main dish, side dish, or a salad for all to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex or you may contact Charee to let her know if you are able to contribute.
- ♦ **Wednesday, November 20th, 2019:** 1st Christmas Pageant Rehearsal during PAC/Teens.
- ♦ **Sunday, November 24th, 2019:** All Ages Movie Day and Pizza Party from 11:00—1:00 p.m. Movie is Yet To Be Determined.
- ♦ **Wednesday, November 27th, 2019:** NO PAC/PresbyTeens for Thanksgiving Break! Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

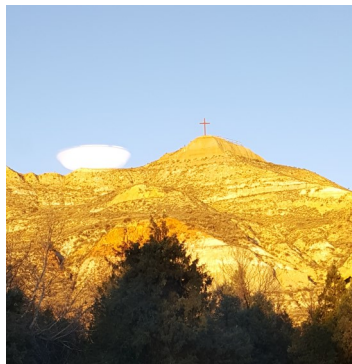
*There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.*

- ♦ **Wednesday, December 4th, 2019:** 2nd Pageant Rehearsal during PAC/Teens.
- ♦ **Saturday, December 7th, 2019:** Pageant Dress Rehearsal at **10:00 a.m.**—YES, donuts will be involved!
- ♦ **Christmas Pageant ~ Sunday, December 8th, 2019**  
Please let me know if your child(ren) will be able to attend or not so I can make sure all the parts are filled.





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (cont.) ...



Confirmation Retreat—Badlands Ministry  
Medora



Halloween Fun Party  
2019



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS October 22nd, 2019

#### CELEBRATION

Gladys Cairns will be moving to Nevada. Elders celebrated her dedication to the mission of the church with cake made by Ella Gutzke. Gladys received an angel as a remembrance. She will be missed.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Membership remains at 364. Clerks from four area Presbyterian Churches met and read Session Records on October 14th.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL INCOME YTD ACTUAL	\$371,279	Budget	\$371,250
TOTAL EXPENSE YTD ACTUAL	\$374,357	Budget	\$382,781
NET INCOME	- \$ 3,078	Budget	- \$ 11,531
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND	\$180,969.63		

Jim Skaret stated that there is some historic evidence that the current deficit might be erased by the end of 2019.

#### MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Leanne thanked the Stewardship and Business and Finance Committees for all their efforts on the most recent pledge drive and budget process. She expressed appreciation to Worship & Music Committee for organizing the Blessing of the Pets on October 19th. Special thanks to Charee, Vickie and Nathan who are the best staff a church could have!

In 2020, Pastor Leanne plans to offer new classes/seminars and hold meetings with the Visibility Team.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administrative and Personnel**—Session voted to approve a Board of Deacons with 17 members beginning 2021, rather than 15 as approved by Session in September. A new church manual policy for Child and Youth Protection (at the request from Christian Education), including background checks, was approved. The yearly fee of \$144 will be paid by the A & P Committee.

**Business and Finance**—Joe Bachmeier and Keith Magnusson reviewed the 2018 church financial records and found no problem. An official audit was budgeted for 2020.

**Christian Education**—Third-graders will receive Bibles on November 24th. Confirmation students are required to complete a service project; 4 participated in the CROP Walk. More volunteers are needed to help teach Sunday School and PAC lessons.

**Membership**—Chili cook-off was held October 16th. Book club continues each month.

**Mission and Outreach**—Higher Power Lunch will be November 20th. 192 jars of peanut butter and 107 jars of jelly were donated by FPC for the backpack program. Church members will help with the Thanksgiving dinner.



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...(continued)

**Property and Equipment**—Sandbags at the northwest corner of the church have prevented rain from entering the church. A more permanent fix will happen in the spring. An engineering firm will provide a detailed report concerning a new heating/cooling system. Duemeland's Outdoor Services was contracted to provide snow removal. The stained glass cross will be hung once braces are in place.

**Stewardship**—Thanks to all those who have returned pledges and helped with the campaign. Possibly 82 more pledging units will be contacted.

**Worship and Music**—A new, larger handbell table will be ordered. St. Andrew's Sunday is November 10th.

**Nominating**—There will be one less Elder and one less Deacon nominated for the class of 2022.

**Board of Deacons**—Deacons approved \$100 for a member in need. Money comes from the Crisis Ministry Fund. \$300 was given from the Gift of Giving Fund to the Child Care Center to help purchase new walkie-talkies.

**Child Care Center Board**—The number of children has been reduced because there are staff positions unfilled. The center currently has a net income of \$29,845 largely due to the transfer of Endowment funds of \$26,000. Donations will be accepted for the CCC staff dinner.

### NEW BUSINESS

**CCC Budget**—Session approved the proposed 2020 budget based on \$3.00 per child per week increase. Total income \$633,856 with \$46,000 coming from Endowment and Memorial transfers, total expense \$596,646.

**General Fund Budget**—Session approved the proposed 2020 church budget with pledged income of \$340,000 plus other income for a total of \$556,085. Total expenses \$566,390. Employee wages increase 1.5% with pastor's increase of 2.6%. C. E. Youth Director's hours increased from 780 to 850. The budget provides for the Parish Nurse hours to be extended to full-time (40 hours) after July 1, pending review. A formal audit was budgeted at \$6,100. All committee budgets were approved as submitted.

Session discussed the need to raise money for the Parish Nurse fund if the position becomes full-time.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>Meeting/Event</b></u>	<u><b>Location</b></u>
Friday, November 1st, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, November 2nd 2019	8:30 a.m.	Circle	Parlor
Sunday, November 3rd, 2019	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship— <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, November 4th, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Senior Strengthening Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Meal Planning	Conference Room
	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	Parlor
	5:15 p.m.	Suzuki Music Classes	205; 207
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee	Conference Room
Tuesday, November 5th, 2019	12:00 p.m.	Adult Book Study	Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
	5:30 p.m.	Property & Equipment Committee	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Lay Ministers	Parlor
Wednesday, November 6th, 2019	9:30 a.m.	ECMC—Suzuki	202
	12:30 p.m.	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 p.m.	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, November 7th, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Senior Strengthening Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Membership Committee	Conference Room
Friday, November 8th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, November 9th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Sunday, November 10th, 2019	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship— <i>Kirkin' of the Tartan</i>	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 a.m.	Farewell Celebration for Gladys	Parlor





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Monday, November 11th, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Senior Strengthening Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Suzuki Music School	205
	5:30 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee	Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, November 12th, 2019	12:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
	5:30 p.m.	Child Care Center Board	Conference Room
Wednesday, November 13th, 2019	9:30 a.m.	ECMC—Suzuki Music School	202
	12:00 p.m.	Munch & Mingle	Ramkota Hotel
	12:30 p.m.	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 p.m.	PAC/PresbyTeens Pot Luck & Pajama Party	Downstairs
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, November 14th, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Senior Strengthening Class	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee	Conference Room
Friday, November 15th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, November 16th, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Sunday, November 17th, 2019	9:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	Conference Room
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	<b>Chapel</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, November 18th, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Senior Strengthening Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Business & Finance Committee	Conference Room
	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	Parlor
	5:00 p.m.	Administrative & Personnel Comm.	Conf. Room
	5:15 p.m.	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 6	Downstairs



<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>Meeting/Event</b></u>	<u><b>Location</b></u>
Tuesday, November 19th, 2019	12:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	5:00 p.m.	Breakfast with Santa Meeting	Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
Wednesday, November 20th, 2019	9:30 a.m.	ECMC—Suzuki Music School	202
	11:30 a.m.	Downtown Higher Power Lunch	Parlor
	12:30 p.m.	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 p.m.	PAC/Teens Pageant Rehearsal	Downstairs/Sanc.
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, November 21st, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Senior Strengthening Class	Ramstad Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons	Parlor
Friday, November 22nd, 2019		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, November 23rd, 2019		<i>No Events Schedule</i>	
Sunday, November 24th, 2019	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 a.m.	All Ages Movie Day & Pizza Party	207
Monday, November 25th, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Senior Strengthening Class	Ramstad Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, November 26th, 2019	12:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	2:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Friends	Touchmark
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
	6:00 p.m.	Session	Parlor
Wednesday, November 27th, 2019	12:30 p.m.	Innovation School Classes	202
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	Sanctuary
Thursday, November 28th, 2019		<b><i>Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Church</i></b>	
	11:30 am— 1:30 p.m.	<b><i>Thanksgiving Community Meal</i></b>	Ramstad Hall
Friday/Saturday, 11/29-11/30		<b><i>Church will be closed</i></b>	



## ***VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES...***

### **NOVEMBER USHERS/GREETERS/RECEPTION HOST**

- November 3rd:**      **Captain:** Joe Satrom  
                         **Ushers:** Letha Lewis, Dave Nix, Alice Nix, Ron Carlisle, Neva Carlisle  
                         **Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*
- November 10th:**      **Captain:** Peggy Hoge  
                         **Ushers:** Nanc Skaret, Don Bigwood, Ella Gutzke, Linda Strandemo, Joe Satrom  
                         **Reception Host:** Donna Arneson
- November 17th:**      **Captain:** Wendy Skager  
                         **Ushers:** Peggy Hoge, Donna Richter, John Richter, Cindy Cross, Don Cross  
                         **Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*
- November 24th:**      **Captain:** Vic Sonneman  
                         **Ushers:** Nanc Skaret, Ella Gutzke, Karen Ehrens, Dave Nix, Alice Nix  
                         **Reception Host:** JoAnn Hodny

### **LAY READERS**

**November 3rd**  
*Karen Ehrens*

**November 10th**  
*Damita Engel*

**November 27th**  
*Donna Richter*

**November 24th**  
*Becky Liedtke*



### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

***Sunday, November 3rd***

Dennis Rosenkranz	Kim Wassim
Ron Carlisle	Neva Carlisle
Allen Hoberg	Dale Hoerauf
Bob Tonolli	Becky Liedtke
Steve Adair	Jim Skaret

*Communion is available to be served at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation. Please call church office to schedule time.*

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### *New Baby Announcement:*

***Quinn Elise Blair*** was born on October 11th, 2019 to Beth and Tanner Blair.

Grandparents are Larry and Peggy Hoge,  
Great-Grandparent is Grace Hoge



## This Month's Anniversaries & Birthdays

### **BIRTHDAYS**

### **NOVEMBER**

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

### **Anniversaries**

<i>Jodi &amp; John Bjornson</i>	<i>Nov. 2nd</i>
<i>Kim &amp; Gail Christianson</i>	<i>Nov. 3rd</i>
<i>Roberto &amp; Hanna Luciano</i>	<i>Nov. 8th</i>
<i>Les &amp; Tammy Gallup Lelm</i>	<i>Nov. 11th</i>
<i>Darren &amp; Denise Gratz</i>	<i>Nov. 18th</i>
<i>Jerry &amp; Priscilla Wilson</i>	<i>Nov. 23rd</i>

*All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from information previously gathered. 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 the newsletter, please let us know that as well. Thank you!*

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# Good Bye

*Please join us for a  
farewell celebration in honor of*

## *Gladys Cairns*

*Sunday, November 10th, 2019  
In the Parlor following Worship*

*We would like to take this opportunity to Thank her for all of her contributions to the church and all of the church family members.*

*She has been a part of the Fine Arts Festival, Downtown Higher Power Lunch, Thanksgiving Day Community Meal, Administrative & Personnel Committee, an Elder, and a HUGE part of our Outreach Committee, and office volunteer...just to name a few! We invite you to come and celebrate Gladys with us as we wish her well in her travels to Henderson, NV to be near her family.*

*Cards are welcome, but please, no gifts!*

*How lucky we are to have friends, who make saying goodbye so hard!"*





## **FUN FACTS**

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- ◆ November Birthstone is Topaz
- ◆ Flower is Chrysanthemum
- ◆ Zodiac Signs are Scorpio & Sagittarius

### **HOW TO CELEBRATE NOVEMBER**

- ◆ No-Shave November (Men's Health Awareness)
- ◆ National Adoption Awareness Month
- ◆ National Pepper Month
- ◆ Aviation History Month
- ◆ Peanut Butter Lovers Month

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- ◆ Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3th
- ◆ Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11th
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 28th

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as the national day of Thanksgiving. Congress made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941. Unlike today's feast consisting of turkey, stuffing, cranberry, etc.; the original Thanksgiving menu probably consisted of Seethed Lobster, Roasted Goose, Boiled Turkey, Fricase of Coney, Pudding of Indian Corn Meal with dried Whortleberries, Seethed Cod, Roasted Duck, Stewed Pumpkin, Roasted Venison with Mustard Sauce, Savory Pudding of Hominy, Fruit and Holland Cheese.



# Praying the Scriptures for Thanksgiving

1. 1 Thess. 5:18 May we learn to be thankful in all things for this is Your will for us.
2. 1 Chron. 16:34 Thank You for Your enduring love.
3. Psalm 7:17 Lord, thank You for Jesus' righteousness.
4. Matt. 26:26 Thank You for the Body of Christ.
5. Matt. 26:27 Thank You for the blood of Christ.
6. Ezra 3:11 Lord, we praise You for Your goodness.
7. Psalm 9:1 Lord, thank You for Your wonderful deeds.
8. Rom. 7:25 God, we praise You for the deliverance You give us.
9. 1 Cor. 1:4 We thank You for grace.
10. Psalm 100:4 We enter Your presence with praise and thanksgiving.
11. Dan. 6:10 Teach us to give thanks all day long as Daniel did.
12. Eph. 1:16 We thank You for our brothers and sisters in Christ, the Body of Christ.
13. Psalm 106:47 We praise Your Holy Name.
14. Rev. 4:9 We worship the One who sits on the throne.
15. Thess. 1:3 Thank You for a growing faith.
16. Lam. 3:22-24 Thank You for new mercies every morning.
17. 1 Cor. 15:57 Thank You that we have victory in Jesus.
18. Col. 3:15 Thank You that in Christ we have peace.
19. Heb. 12:28 We praise You because Your kingdom cannot be shaken.
20. Psalm 118:21 Thank You for hearing and answering my prayers.
21. Phil. 4:16 Help us to always pray with thanksgiving.
22. Psalm 119:62 We give You thanks at all hours of the day and night.
23. James 1:5 We thank You for the wisdom You so graciously give
24. Col. 1:12 Because of Your Son we have an inheritance, we are blessed.
25. Psalm 50:14 We bring You a sacrificial offering of thanksgiving.
26. Isaiah 51:3 Thank You for the comfort we find in Christ alone.
27. Joel 2:25 Thank You that in Christ we can have true restoration.
28. Psalm 95:2 We praise You with music and song.
29. Rev. 11:17 We worship the One who is, who was and who always will be.
30. 2 Cor. 9:15 Thank You for this indescribable gift.

*We Thank You, Lord!*

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Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 am

**Office Hours:**  
Monday—Friday  
8:00 AM—5:00 PM

**Staff**  
**Pastor**  
*Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons*

**Administrative Assistant/Youth  
Christian Education Director**  
*Charee Linton*

**Finance Assistant**  
*Vickie Haas*

**Parish Nurse**  
*Wanona Goetz*

**Organist**  
*Arvy Smith*

**Choir Director**  
*Debi Rogers*

**Handbell Ensemble Director**  
*Lael Hoerauf*

**Maintenance**  
*Nathan Peterson*

**Membership Services**  
*Judy Lentz*  
*Shelli Peterson*

**Child Care Center Director**  
*Shawn Stettner*

**Child Care Assistant Director**  
*Vanessa Hein*

**Nursery**  
*Mary Jones*

**Christian Education Interns**  
*Mark Jensen*  
*Emily Ehrens*