

A SEASON OF THANKS

August 22, 2021 many gathered for a meal of homemade chicken noodles over mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, fruit salad, and dessert. Not only was this to fill our stomachs and nourish our bodies, but it was also to help raise money to purchase groceries and assemble food boxes that will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving to families in need in our community. The groceries purchased will be all the fixin's for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be the fourth year of this Mission Project and every year the need is great. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time. Just write "Thanksgiving" in the memo line of your preferred donation method. Also, if you know of a family in need that would benefit from a box, please let Becky know. All recipients remain confidential.

Please join us on Sunday November 7th for a special service where we will remember the Saints that have gone before us this past year. This will happen during our worship service at 9:30 am. This year we will be remembering, Sheila Jobman, Alvin Geiken, Gene Johnson, Irvin Williams, Evelyn Bartlett, and Carolyn Peterson.



**Top: Amber Burge
as a Penguin.
Right: Devin
Brundage as a
Minion.**



TRUNK OR TREAT TALES

Family Matters took a different twist on October 27 as we hosted our annual Trunk or Treat for Halloween. We had 10 activities of fun and treats sponsored by amazing volunteers from our church. A face painting group from Gothenburg Schools also provided fun for the kids. Chicken noodle soup, chili, and cookies were provided for the visitors to our church. Fun, fellowship, and food were provided to about 125 people.

FACTS AND FIGURES

General Giving Thru Oct. 31 Actual: \$144,067
Budgeted: \$162,354

Percent of Budgeted: 88.7%

General Expenses Thru Oct. 31

Actual \$140,859

Budgeted \$159,283

Percent of Budgeted 88.4%

Paid Apportionments Thru Oct. 31

Actual: \$15,947 Budgeted: \$15,947

Percent of Budgeted: 100%

Budgeted Checking Balance \$6,559

Furnace Fund Balance \$5,979

Furnace Fund Goal \$10,000

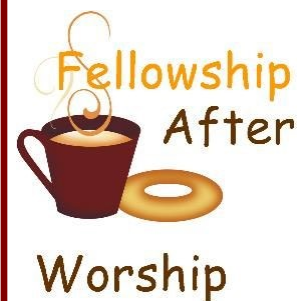
College Student Addresses

If you have a student in college, PLEASE let the office know. We would like to get your students address so that we can continue to be in contact with them while they are at school. We will be sending them newsletters monthly and also they will periodically be getting a care package from their church family!! Please call or email the church office with your students college addresses as soon as possible!



Fellowship Time

Fellowship Coffee following the worship service has been a great success. As a result, several people have indicated that they would like to see it continue. This is strictly done as a result of people volunteering to make coffee and furnish a light refreshment. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex if you would like to be a part of this. We will continue as long as people are willing to be a part of this event. BIG thanks to all who have generously provided the wonderful refreshments. It has been a blessing to be able to fellowship together!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

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| 1– Karla Bartruff, Kully Harrison | 25– Mike Wilson |
| 2– Lael Greenlee | 30– Jenna Anderson |
| 5– Paul Advey | |
| 6– Becky Dishman | |
| 7– Alice Peters | |
| 11– Karina Kelly, Samantha Stevens | |
| 13– Molly Logemann | |
| 14– Perry Loostrom, Andrew Davenport, Jeff Morris | |
| 16– Kiley Porter | |
| 18– Ruth Walla | |
| 19– Braeden Brundage | |
| 21– Barry McDiarmid | |
| 24– Ardith Davenport, AJ Boson | |





From the Pastor's Desk

November greetings to all,

I like November for various reasons. One of those reasons is that it sets off the holiday season. Thanksgiving holiday also gives me an opportunity to reflect on and count my blessings. As Christians we are supposed to be aware of those blessings every day of the year, but Thanksgiving holiday reminds us to do just that. I am aware that many of us have gone through trials and hardships in the past months. But even in the midst of those challenges there are blessings to count.

A story is told of a man who owned a small property and wished to sell it. Sending for a real estate agent, he asked him to write an advertisement describing the house and land. When the ad was ready, the agent took it to the owner and read it to him. "Read that again," said the owner. The agent read the description of the property once more. "I don't think I will sell it after all," said the owner. "I have been looking for a property like that all my life, and I did not know that I owned it!"

Even when we are blessed beyond measure, it is possible to dwell on the negatives and hardships of life and fail to notice and enjoy the blessings. Many times, we take those blessings for granted. We cannot count blessings if we do not recognize them. This Thanksgiving season let us begin by asking God to open our hearts and eyes, so we recognize the many blessings in our lives. Only then will we be able to properly count our blessings.

As we count those blessings let us also remember to give back to the one who is the source of all those blessings.

Yes, it is important that we develop a habit of counting our blessings because as John says, "From the fullness of His grace, we have all received one blessing after another" (John 1:16)

With a thankful heart,

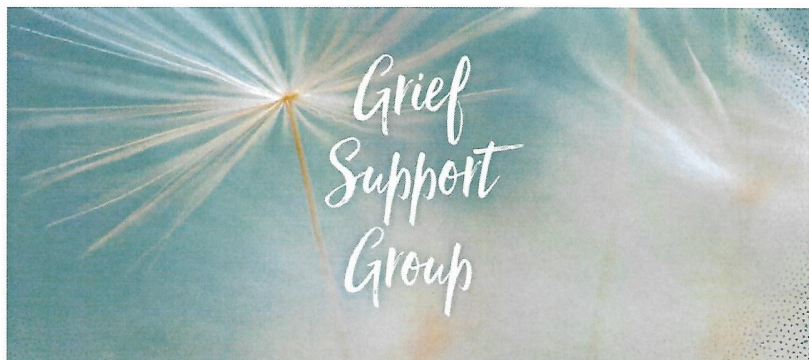
Pastor Grace.



You are invited to a 40th Birthday Open House for Andrew Davenport. Sunday November 14th from 2-4 pm at the Community Room at Hilcrest. Stop by and bring some Happy Birthday wishes along!!

Retired Persons Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch Retirement Group will be celebrating Thanksgiving this month as we gather for our annual turkey dinner on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, stuffing, and gravy are furnished. If you were unable to sign up for a side dish last month or need a reminder of what you signed up for give Carol a call at 537-2173. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating a thankful harvest.



*HOSTED BY: Unchained Ministries
Celebrate Recovery*

*WHEN: Every Thursday at 8:00pm-9:00pm following
Celebrate Recovery Program*

*WHERE: United Methodist Church
Gothenburg Ne*

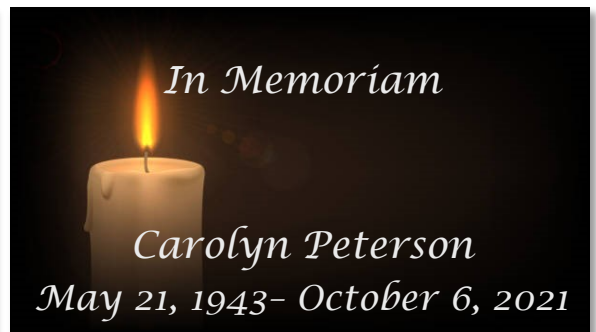
Come in through the North Doors

Any Questions please call:

Jodi: 308-440-0896

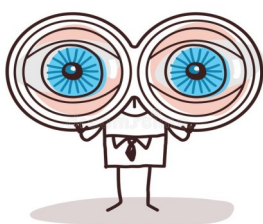
Kevin: 308-529-8557

Susan: 308-529-1740



Operation Christmas Child collection week is November 15-22, 2021.

You are invited to pack a shoebox with toys, school supplies, and items for a boy or girl. We can share many things with a child, even introducing that child and their family to Jesus. It's not too early to get started. Boxes are available at the church but can also be filled anytime online at samaritanspurse.org/build online. Checks may be written to our church. Please write Samaritans Purse in the memo line. Please bring your filled box by November 14th or you can deliver it to Cornerstone Church on November 15. Contact Alice Peters or the church office if more information needed.



KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN for more information coming out soon about the Gifts From the Heart Sale. This is an opportunity to donate gently used items or new items for others to shop from. We will need donations, and volunteers to set up and work the sale. Tentative date will be December 4th.
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!!!