



MESSENGER



First English Lutheran Church

November 2018

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8am & 10:30am 1st & 3rd
Sundays w/communion

Televised...

Tuesday @ 9am
Sunday @ 11am from the
previous Sunday

Wisconsin Rapids
Community Media,
Charter 985 & Solarus
Channel 3

From Pastor Cheryl

Dud Month?

November. It's always seemed like a dud month to me—just sitting there, waiting for more exciting things to happen. It's a month when we turn back the clocks so that we can eke out just a bit more light in the morning, but the evenings are dark and increasingly cold. November means we're done with the color of autumn and on to the white and brown of winter.

In the church, we're winding up the church year and heading toward Advent when it starts again. That'll be fun! But right now, not so much...

UNLESS... unless we use this entire month to rejoice and be glad. To be thankful. To count our blessings and figure out ways we can bless the lives of others.

So, in that spirit, I'd like to list a few things I'm grateful for here at First English.

I'm incredibly grateful for all of you. Often, when I'm leading worship or serving Communion, I feel a rush of joy, and my heart praises God that God has called me to a generous and kind congregation. You serve faithfully and with giving hearts. Thank you!

I'm grateful that God is calling people into leadership positions here who have not served in that way before. They bring new ideas, fresh enthusiasm and energy and lighten the loads of those who have led for years.

I'm grateful for our youth and children who are growing in Christ. They are eager to serve others, willing to do good, and glad to be part of this Body of Christ. They are a gift to this congregation.

I'm grateful for the number of folks who volunteer in countless ways—from the maintenance of grounds and building to the maintenance of the altar to participation in worship to the faith formation of our children and adults to providing food and hospitality to reaching into the community to attending worship to leading the congregation to managing the finances to visiting shut-ins, to...

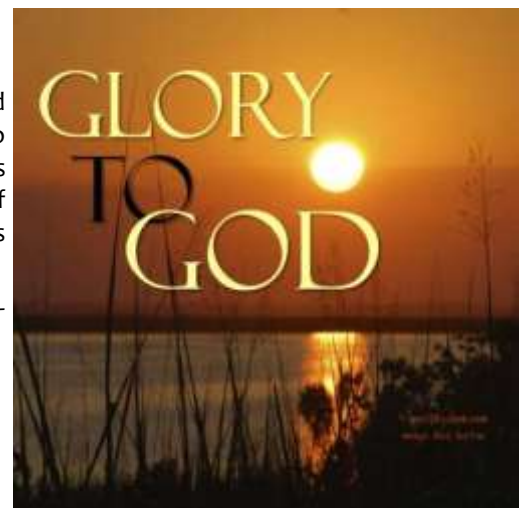
To the glory of God!

We exist to live our lives to the glory of God. God has put us on the earth at this time in history to do God's work with our hands. We build up God's kingdom by using our abilities to bless the lives of others. Others experience God's love through us every day.





That means there are no dud months. Not November. Not ever.

With joy and gratitude,

Pastor Cheryl



NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h2 style="font-size: 2em;">Count your blessings</h2>						
4 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time Ends	5 9am Walk in the Word Pastor Off	6 7am Yoga	7 10am Bible Study w/Pastor 7pm Choir 8pm Praise Band	8 7am Yoga 1pm Welcoming & Hospitality Mtg.	9	10
11 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:15am Education Hour	12 9am Walk in the Word Pastor Off	13 7am Yoga 12pm S&F 6pm Property 6:30pm C.O. & Y&F	14 9am Quilters 7pm Choir 8pm Praise Band	15 7am Yoga MESSENGER DEADLINE!	16	17
18 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour "Noisy" Offering for Bikes for the Needy 	19 9am Walk in the Word Pastor Off	20 7am Yoga	21 10am Bible Study w/Pastor 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/pie social to follow 7pm Choir 8pm Praise Band	22 Happy Thanksgiving! OFFICE CLOSED 	23	24
25 8 & 10:30am Worship NO Education Hour	26 9am Walk in the Word Pastor Off	27 7am Yoga 6:30pm Council	28 9am Quilters 9:30am Decorating the church for Christmas 7pm Choir 8pm Praise Band	29 7am Yoga 6pm Seasonal Worship	30	

Financial News and Attendance

October	Attendance	General Fund (Checking)	Special Funds (Savings)	Memorial Funds	Building Capital Fund	Endowment Fund
9/30/18	134	4,387.00	6.00			
10/1/18 Faithful Giving	-	4,897.67			120.00	
10/7/18	150	3,043.00	203		350.00	
10/14/18	150	2,151.46	1.00		20.00	
10/15/18 Faithful Giving	-	2,974.50			105.00	
10/21/18	160	2,877.10	1123.00			
10/21/18 "Noisy" for Quilters	-	253.14				
10/28/18	191	1,987.00	206.00			

Checking Account Balance September	
2018	YTD Actual
Beginning Balance	\$87,984.85
Income	184,543.68
Transfers from Savings	(50,000)
Expense	201,195.67
Non-Profit Savings	30,627.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$51,959.86

Financial Quick View

September		Year-to-Date	
General Income	\$24,631.85	General Income	\$184,543.68
General Expenses	20,408.26	General Expenses	201,195.67
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,223.59	YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$16,651.99)

Council...

Budget: Kathy indicated that the 2019 budget discussion will likely begin next month. Projections for the end of the year are in a deficit range of near \$28,000. Portico (insurance) is asking for our recommendation for the sponsorship plan for Pastor Cheryl. Currently we subscribe to the gold plan. The projected cost for the upcoming year is \$24,370 which is about \$1,000 less than last year. **MSP** to approve the gold level sponsorship plan for Pastor Cheryl in 2019.

Ministry Review:

- * **Property** - Elevator—A replacement for the elevator is needed.
- * **Hospitality** - Agreed to purchase sticker name tags for the year for communion Sundays.
- * **Discussion** - Regarding the information shared by the reps from the Helping Hands Gospel Mission. Rhonda shared info about the upcoming banquet for HHGM.
- * **Sue** - shared info on a meeting with a council rep from Grace Lutheran Church. He is interested in sharing calendars and possibly working together on activities.
- * **Confirmation Classes on Sundays** - are going well per Pastor Cheryl. There is good participation and parent help.
- * **Project Revitalize** - Will proceed, but slower than anticipated due to unforeseen issues and expenses requiring attention.

Mission Statement Review: Mission statement ideas from other churches were shared and discussed by Council. We generated some beginning ideas for a new mission statement for FELC. These include...

- * Connected in Christ. Live in Hope (or Grow in Faith). Share God's Love.
- * Connected in Christ, we Live in Hope, (or Grow in Faith), and Share God's love with others.
- * Connected in Christ, we are Strengthened in Faith and Share God's Love with Others.

Council members reviewed websites from other churches and liked several. The reasons they were liked was the appeal and ease of use, access to information, and they offered video/audio of sermons on site. Dave connected with some people at Mid-State to inquire about creating/updating our website.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30pm.

Education Hour - November Information

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

- Nov 4 Hero's Café - Service Project
- Nov 11 Angel's Visit
- Nov 18 Jesus is Born
- Nov 25 **No Sunday School - Thanksgiving Break!**

Bible Bucks Store OPEN!
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1ST ~ 6TH GRADE

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

- Nov 4-18 Regular classes
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30pm
- Nov 25 **NO Sunday School - Thanksgiving Break!**

ADULT FORUM:

- Nov 4-18 Regular classes
- Nov 26 **NO Adult Forum - Thanksgiving Break!**



Every year the **Quilters** of our church make Quilts for LWR to be distributed around the world. **They do this out of the goodness of their hearts!**

On October 21st the "Noisy" offering of \$253.14, plus \$320.00 in donations/quilt offerings went to the Quilters!

If you would like to help them, come in on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 9am, bring in fabric or sheets that are in good condition, or make a donation to the Quilters so they have money needed for batting & supplies!

This year the **Quilters** made **142** Quilts and **Sarah Circle** put together **42** personal care kits!

Thank you for your support!



Property Work Day was a Success!

Thanks to all who participated...

Mark & Mary Umnus
 John Lory
 Bernice Ormstead
 Chris Grimes
 Dave Laspa
 Harold Long
 Bob Zimmerman
 Mark & Karen Kienert

The "pit" is neatly trimmed and all clear of dead shrubs, among other areas around the church yard. **Thank you!**





*Christmas Eve Worship
Monday, December 24th
with Holy Communion*

1:00pm, 4:00pm & 6:00pm



FELC's Youth Christmas Program
will join the Choir this year for

"Sing Christmas"

By Mary McDonald and Joel Raney

A thrilling and complete re-telling of the
Christmas Story

Sunday, December 16th

at 10:30am

(Choir Cantata (only) at 8:00am)



Christmas Poinsettias...It's that time of the year again to start thinking if you would like to provide a Poinsettia for our sanctuary at all Christmas Eve services in honor or memory of loved ones. The cost per plant is **\$13.50 from Wunrow's** or bring in your own. If you are interested, please fill out and return the form provided below with your check or cash.
PLEASE USE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR FLOWERS – DO NOT INCLUDE WITH OFFERINGS OR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR THE NEEDY.
Thank you.

The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 12th.

We would like to order _____ Poinsettia/s through First English Lutheran Church. _____ Red or _____ White (Please check one)

Please pick up your flower after the last Christmas Eve Service or pick up within the next few days after the Christmas Eve Services.

*****Also note that one plant cannot be split into both a "memory of" and an "honor of" – it must be one OR the other. Thank you.**

This plant is in memory of: (Please print clearly)

OR

This plant is in honor of: (Please print clearly)

From: (Your name)

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



Please keep our Members in Special Circumstances in your thoughts & prayers, send them a card, or give them a call...

- Marlene Chesebro - 715-421-3275, 2950 16th Street S, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Margaret Haferman - 715-421-1400, 1400 River Run Dr, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Sigrid Kahoun - 715-423-3846, 1400 River Run Dr. Apt. 119, W.R. 54494
- Lora Lien - 4602 Barbican Ave #132, Weston, WI 54476
- Norman & LeeAnn Pearson - 715-424-4721, Arborwood Lodge, 1175 Blue Iris Court, W.R.
- June Swanson - 715-741-1616, 2922 Swanson Rd, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
- Viola Rapacz - 715-421-1400, 1400 River Run Dr, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494




Butter Braids are back!

Sr. High Youth will be selling them for a summer mission trip.
Sales through Sunday, November 18th, pick-up December 3rd



Don't miss out!



All Saints Sunday - November 4th

God give peace & strength to those left behind.

In remembrance of...

Shirley Randall	LaVerne Allen
Emily Klopotek	Ray Mollen
Carol Placek	Vivian Rasmussen
Margaret Klein	Kay Pryor
Annette Hendrickson	Duane Nygaard
Matthew Kohlman	Jaunita Wilson
Jonathan Smith	

In loving memory of the Saints we have loved.

S . w . e . p . s .

SWEPS~ South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf provides food to families in the community to meet emergency hunger needs.



Each month I will be calling SWEPS and asking them what their needs are.

For the month of *November...*

The pantry is in need of canned veggies, pasta & rice mixes, sugar, flour, laundry & dish soap, Whatever else you'd like to contribute will be fine!

THANK YOU!

November Birthdays

11/1	Joe Fraundorf Cindy Killebrew
11/2	Rochelle Grossbier Leanne Pearson
11/4	Roberta Kelnhofer
11/5	Edythe Gukenberger Barb Hartman
11/6	Dale Tracy
11/7	Kelly Heiman Trent Waltenberg Ellie Look
11/9	Ainsley Barnett
11/11	Fred Perryman
11/12	William Swarick Marilyn Herzberg Amy Hafermann
11/13	Nathaniel Koch
11/14	Grace Hartman
11/16	Jean Leslie
11/18	John Englien Harlan Arndt Susan Ulrich
11/19	Karen Brewer David Alft
11/20	Ashlea Dhein Luke Hafermann Jacob Barnett
11/22	Robert Kublank Rhonda Kehrberg
11/23	Mary Beth Richardson
11/26	Ashley Joosten Keith Olson
11/27	Sheila Swarick Tim Richardson
11/29	David Ulrich
11/30	Linda Moskonas Craig Thurber Josh Hafermann

Children's Baptisms

11/13 Ainsley Barnett

November Anniversaries

11/14	William and Sheila Swarick
11/27	Ronald and Joan Klebs
11/27	Scott and Lisa Machotka



What's happening at FELC...

Nov	Every Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 7am - YOGA
Nov	Sunday 9:15 - 10:15am Confirmation Classes
Nov	Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10am Bible Study with Pastor Cheryl
Nov 4	Daylight Savings Time - turn your clocks back one hour!
Nov 18	"Noisy" Offering for Bikes for the Needy
Nov 21	Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30pm with Pie Social to follow.
Nov 22-23	Happy Thanksgiving! OFFICE CLOSED!
Nov 25	No Education Hour
Dec	Every Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 7am - YOGA
Dec	Sunday 9:15 - 10:15am Confirmation Classes
Dec	Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10am Bible Study with Pastor Cheryl
Dec 2	Advent by Candlelight at 5:30pm
Dec 15	Rogers Cinema Movie at 10am, then FELC for lunch at Noon & practice for Christmas Program.
Dec 16	"Noisy" Offering for Children's Miracle Network
Dec 16	Christmas Program at 10:30am
Dec 21	Winter begins!
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship at 1, 4, & 6pm w/Holy Communion & Candlelight.
Dec 24-25	Merry Christmas! OFFICE CLOSED!
Dec 31	Happy New Year! OFFICE CLOSED!
Jan 1	Happy New Year! OFFICE CLOSED!
Jan 12	Y&F Movie Night, more info to come.
Jan 20	"Noisy" Offering for Empty Bowls
Jan 20	Budget meeting in the Sanctuary at 9:15am
Jan 27	Annual meeting in the Sanctuary at 9:15am

God bless you and peace in the New Year!

**November 4th
Daylight Savings Ends!
Set your clocks back!!!**



Count your blessings...

Join us on
Wednesday, November 21st for
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

At 6:30pm
With a pie social to follow!

*Congratulations 2018
Confirmands
Gracie Look
&
Luke Hafermann
God bless you!*

