

THE NOVEMBER MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Reformation Unity Sunday



Being a Christian is
like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)
Then He washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.
(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)



Reformation Sunday began with John Love blessing
the Sunday School class with a great “pumpkin
analogy”.



“Reformation Unity
Sunday”
was spent with
Faith Inspired Services,
Food,
Fun,
and Fellowship.
Thank you for attending!

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Prayer Ventures for this month can be found:

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>
These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

RESOURCES

**ELCA: www.elca.org
800-638-3522**

**Nebraska Synod: www.nebraskasynod.org
402-896-5311**

**Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry:
www.nelcm.com 402-391-1144**

**Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries:
www.nlom.org 402-944-2544**

**Lutheran World Relief: www.lwr.org
800-597-5972**

**Lutheran Disaster Response:
www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response
800-638-3522**



Prayers of Comfort and Peace for...

- Blair and Cole Peterson and family on the death of their brother-in-law, Greg Thull
- Greg and Linda Sue Jensen on the death of their friend, Norrine Rockwell
- Michelle Garth and family on the death of Michelle's grandmother, Dixie Boell
- Harold and Joyce Sheen on the death of Harold's brother-in-law, William Spellman
- Nathan & Kenna Puls on the death of Kenna's grandmother, Mary Kay Price
- Doug and Sally Ferguson on the death of Sally's mother, Eunice Warner

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

S.A.F.E. Center Donations for November:

NEW
*Hats, Gloves, and Scarves for
women and children.*



Please set items on the
sharing shelf in the narthex.



The S.A.F.E. Center's mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.

Counties served: Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Phelps

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am - 5pm Address: 620 E. 25th Street Suite 14
Kearney, NE 68847 308-237-2599/Crisis line: 877-237-2513

After a fire forced us to close the doors of our emergency shelter in April, The S.A.F.E. Center never stopped showing up. We continued to answer calls, place families in safe spaces, and provide the support survivors deserve.

Now, through our S.A.F.E. Tomorrow Campaign, we're preparing to purchase and ready a new emergency shelter, a secure, healing space where survivors can take their next step forward.

This month, you can help open that door:

♥ Buy a Comfort & Joy Raffle ticket (\$20 each — only 250 available). Can be purchased online only at: <https://safecenter.ejoinme.org/comfortandjoy>. Don't wait they are going fast!

Every action makes a difference.

Every voice helps open the door to safety.

Because for some, this door means everything.

👉 Learn more and donate at: <https://safecenter.org/shelter-campaign/>

Jubilee Meals

First Lutheran will host the Jubilee meals January - March
on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays only.

Our church will provide food on January 8th & 22nd.
Menus & signup sheets for food will be in the Narthex at
the beginning of December.

MISSION OUTREACH



We would like to start off by saying "Thank You" to the group from Saturday, October 11th - not only did they get trusses put up, but they also got all the sheathing on, as well as hurricane clips. We will be installing sub-facias and blueboard soon and the roof will be ready for shingles. Weather-providing, houses one and two continue to be worked on. Appliances are being installed and touch up painting has started. I think most, if not all, the trim and molding have been installed in the second house.

The yards have been mowed a couple of times and fences are all in place.

We are starting the process of getting ready to dig a foundation for next year with the batter boards already installed for this.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

THANK YOU FIRST LUTHERAN members!

Due to your generosity we were able to exceed the goals we set for each of the Lutheran World Relief kits. These kits will make a difference for people in Third World countries who are experiencing poverty or who have been driven from their homes due to war. In the United States personal care kits have been given to people who have experienced natural disasters. Our totals for this year are:

Quilts - 37

School Kits - 134

Personal care kits- 53

Infant care kits - 30

Even though we have sent the kits off for this year, donations made throughout the year get us off to a good start for next year.

THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!



Faithful Lutherans have a long history of rushing aid to the front lines — near and far — when crisis strikes. From sending emergency supplies to delivering LWR Mission Quilts, your love has been reaching children, women and families in the direst situations. With your support, together, we will not abandon these neighbors now.

Thank you for putting your faith in action and sharing
God's love with your neighbors.

WOMEN'S ELCA

Happy Thanksgiving and God's Blessings to you!

Women's ELCA has had many changes in the past months. We now have new officers and Bible Study groups. The directories for all women involved have gone out.

"Thanksgiving - in everything give thanks for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". 1 Thessalonians

The blessings received this past month have given us much to be thankful for. The homecoming of Israel hostages, the peace agreements and the avoidance of war. We continue to pray for our government and those who are dealing with job loss. Let us all remember to count our blessings and be there to help others. We are also thankful for the Women's ELCA First Lutheran Volunteers and the North Carolina Volunteers.

We used our last board meeting to give donations to our local community and elect officers as listed in this newsletter. We will continue to serve FLC Women ELCA missions and activities: Safe Center, LWR Shipping, LWR kits, Jubilee Center, Campus Lutheran, Katie's Fund, and NLOM total given \$1,750.

Sept 26 - 28, Biennial NSWOC Convention at Carol Joy Holling was an informative talk on foster care and Dana Village with many donations including First Lutheran's Women's ELCA .

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Workman,
Women's ELCA President

Upcoming Events

November 4th - Women's ELCA Board Meeting 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

November 22 & 23rd - All Services Thanks Offering

December 13th - 9:00am Christmas Coffee



David Pinkston, Program Director of Nebraska Synod's Seeking the Spirit Within was the main speaker at the NSWOC Convention.



Biennial NSWOC Officers
Nebraska Synodical Women's
Organization,
Women of the ELCA



Fall entryway decorations made possible from
Mike and Judy Workman, on behalf of the Women's ELCA

STEWARDSHIP

Hello First Lutheran Family,

The Stewardship Committee thank you for your generosity and participation in our campaign this year: Embracing the Light! We have looked through our past and seen many places where God has challenged us to Embrace the Light! From a small congregation making outreach decisions through language, to our modern era partnering with community resources, we have been led to new means of ministry. We are looking forward to discerning where God is calling us to move forward. We have made a survey available both physically and digitally to help us collectively recognize important ministries to our identity, and new places where God's guiding light is shining. We believe that everyone together is the body of Christ, and that everyone's discernment helps to build a consensus to how we witness God's work.

There is much to celebrate now.

- We did not have to take out a loan for our recent renovation, and we are moving closer to the completion of the new office construction and remodel project.
- We sponsored a multi-church team of 19 people to participate in a weeklong mission trip to North Carolina.
- We are observing growth in new and exciting ways through the formation of new groups like the Parents of Young Kids Group, to the renewal of previous groups like the Grace Bible Study.

All of this celebration is possible through the generosity of our family inspired by God. We are thankful that He has called you to this place, to be part of our family.

The road ahead provides a different challenge for us. While previous years' focus had been on various projects and split decisions, this year we have been given freedom to explore and pave new roads of ministry. As this campaign continues, we hope to hear your voice and share the results of our collective discernment. May we continue to Embrace the Light that God gives to us.

Stewardship Committee;

Pastor Logan Ellis, Randy Hinrichs, Scott Darveau, CJ Sabah, Annette Schwartz, Sharon Liljehorn, Mark Kottmeyer, Pastor Rick Carlson



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

A special “THANK YOU” to our
Volunteers of the Month!

Our Volunteers of the Month for November are:

Trench Digging Crew



We're grateful the flooding in the
basement has come to an end!



**Nielsen Kids U-Pick
Pumpkin & Sweetcorn
Patch**

First Lutheran Church
& Preschool would like
to send a huge Thank
You to Nielsen Pumpkin
patch in Minden for
donating 40 pumpkins!
These will be displayed
at the church entrances
and given to the
Preschool kiddos!

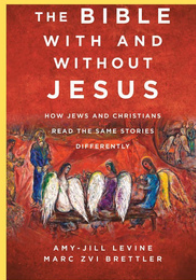
Veteran's Day, November 11th



Thank you for all
of your service
and dedication
to current, past
and present
service
members.



ADULT MINISTRY



**An Adult Bible Study
meets Wednesdays,
now through -
November 5
at 10:30 am
In Fellowship Hall.
Join them anytime!**

✨ Looking to grow deeper in your faith and connect with others? Join us for Adult Bible Study! It's a welcoming space to dig into God's Word, ask questions, and encourage one another as we walk through life together. We'd love for you to come be a part of the conversation!

Ladies, you're invited! Join us each month for Grace Bible Study—a time to grow in God's Word, share in fellowship, and encourage one another in faith. Come as you are, bring a friend, and be refreshed in His grace!



**Grace Bible Study
will resume
November 10th in
Classroom 17**

- *All women are welcome!*
- *Inspiring materials chosen by members*
- *Group Led*
- *Informal*

**Contact Marty Wilcox
with any questions:
402-469-7065**

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Rick

**God's Spokespersons
The Prophets and Their Books**



- **Sundays, November 9 and 16**
- **9:50am**
- **Centennial Hall**

**God's Spokespersons:
The Prophets and
Their Books
Amos, Hosea, and
Micah**

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Bells

Rehearsals: Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm
Plays for worship once a month
Natalie Radcliffe, director

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
Sings for the 8:45 service
CJ Sabah, director

Praiser Bells (grades 3 thru 8)

Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 5:15
Plays once a month
Angela Wright, director

Sound Offering Praise Band

Provides music for contemporary service
Stacy Bean, director

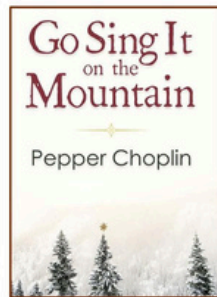
Children's Choir (elementary music)

Rehearsals during Sunday School and Wednesday evenings during F.R.O.G.
Amanda Lewis, director

Heavenly Treble Makers (Middle School)

Rehearsals: Wednesday @ 6:15
Sings once a month
Angela Wright, director

Singers Needed



All singers invited to join the Chancel Choir for their Christmas Cantata.
Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:00 pm in North Hall

Fall Children's Choir Dates & Times

- Nov. 16th - 11am service – Amanda will call you forward when it is time.

Christmas Program Practices

- Practices for the Christmas Program will be during Wednesday F.R.O.G. and Sunday School AND:
- Sun. November 30th 2-3pm - Cast only
3-4pm All Preschool - 5th Grade
- Sun. December 7th 2-3pm - Cast only
3-4pm All Preschool - 5th Grade
- Sun. December 14th 2-3pm - Full Dress Rehearsal for Cast;
3-4pm All Preschool - 5th Grade

Christmas Program

- Saturday, December 20th at 6:00pm - Arrive at 5:45pm in Room 9
- Sunday, December 21 at 8:45am - arrive at 8:30am in room 9. We'll have a party in the gym between services.
- Sunday, December 21 - 11:00 am service - We'll sing a few songs at the beginning of service, then head out or stay for service.

Questions? Call or text Amanda Lewis at 308-240-0872. Thanks!

Three & Four Year Old Class

Hello from the 3-4-year-old preschool class,

We had our school pictures taken on the last day of September and can't wait to get the photos back and show our families all our adorable smiling faces!

October has been a very busy month packed full of fun fall activities! We enjoyed learning about transportation and all the different vehicles we can use to get around, insects and the different things that make up an insect, space and the different planets, and how pumpkins grow.

Our class made many fun Halloween crafts, and we had a great time at our Halloween party! We also spent time writing and recognizing the letters L, T, I, A and P. We worked on writing and counting numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

We had a wonderful time participating in the UNK Homecoming Parade! We received 1st place in the Non-Profit Division!

These kids are getting good at listening, sitting still and their hands are getting stronger at holding a pencil! They have also started to write a couple letters of their name!

This month we are looking forward to having our dad's visit our classroom for our Donuts with Dad's Day!

We are learning more about animals and their habitats, which animals will be hibernating, and which will be migrating for the winter weather that is on its way.

We will be talking about what we are thankful for this year and enjoying the Thanksgiving feast in our classroom.

We will have Parent Teacher Conferences in November to show what we have been learning and how we have been growing!

God's Blessings,

Ms. Marissa, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Deb, Mrs. Linda, and Mrs. Sonya



PreSchool

Happy November!

The Pre-K room has reviewed letters A- H and is working on numbers everyday during calendar time. They learned 13 sight words and are learning how to write a sentence using those sight words. They are also drawing something that goes with the sentence. Each week they begin a new book that goes with the letter. They learn lots of things that start with each letter and begin to be early readers. They have a box that they painted and it was sent home with a few of their first books. We continue to read and color these books. Then after we have read them for a week or two, they go home to be put in their box to read or sing every night.

One theme "D is for dig". Students brought items we could smell, touch and see. Then they draw one thing and write at least the first letter it starts with. They played with dominoes, dice, dot-to-dot pages, dug for dinosaurs on our playground, played with dough mats and made beautiful faces. They also learned a lot about dinosaurs and dogs.

Next was "B is for bounce". They brought bouncy balls to try to keep them up in the air, but gravity keeps bringing them down. They also balanced with bean bags, tried to keep balloons from hitting the ground. Students brought things to our science center that starts with B. They draw an object and write the first letter it starts with. We also did some art with colored bubble solution. They have a Big Box in the reading center to look at books and draw on.

Then it was "I is for insect". Friends were to bring dead or alive insects to look at in the science center. We learned a lot about insects. We also did an experiment with ice. The students predicted if the ice would melt faster with water, salt, sugar or baking soda. Then we did the experiment to find out if our predictions were correct. We also discussed solid, liquid, and gas. We let the ice melt and eventually evaporate.

We had a blast at the UNK Homecoming parade. Many families helped decorate and was part of the float. We handed out frisbees that looked like records and lots of candy! We are so blessed with caring families! We are so amazed that we WON for being the best non-profit float!!!!

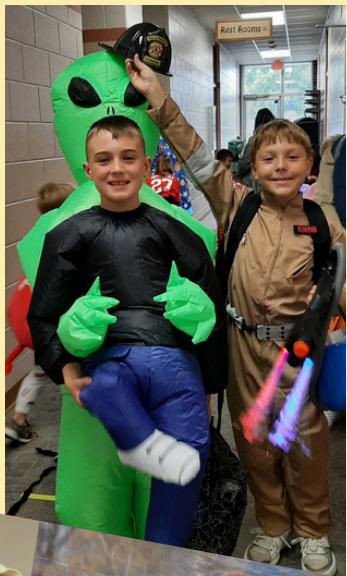
Lastly, we will be celebrating "H is for Halloween" with fun Halloween stories, carving pumpkins, singing songs and playing games. Plus we have made some fall decorations and having a blast in Pre-K!

November means we will be talking about how thankful we are for everything that God has provided us!

Have a blessed November!

Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Sonya





YOUTH MINISTRY - FLY



Hello First Lutheran Family!

FLY thanks all who participated in our Chili Cook Off. It was an exciting night filled with good food and great conversation!

We had many great recipes and tables. Our honor table enjoyed all the food and had a very difficult time picking winners. Stan Clouse,

our seasoned honor table representative, helped the others pace themselves during the night. We are thankful for our restaurant partners this year, as they allowed a for a new category and game for all who came. Wendy's, Runza, Sonic, and Culvers all provided some great additions! Our youth group tried their hand at chili, with a notable recipe being Midnight Chili. The secret ingredient is the time of creation: 12:00 a.m. and hold the restful sleep.

We raised \$958 for FLY's future missions and activities. FLY thanks all who donated and came to our yearly celebration of community and chili! We set up 6 more tables than last year, and all were full.

Thank you for a memorable night of family fun!

October has been a month of great activities for FLY. We helped the Safe Center move a couch, prepared for the Chili Cook Off, helped with games at F.R.O.G., and we'll carve pumpkins at the end of the month. This upcoming month we will have more opportunities for service and conversation! We will have some Presbyterians over for a CrossRoad Conversation, create prayer beads for the Preschool students, and continue our many adventures.

FLY is blessed to have your support, and continues to explore faith and community.

Pastor Logan

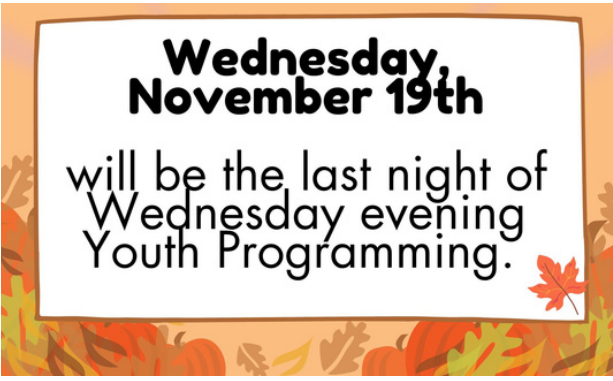
Thank you to all of the Special Judges, Nebraska State Senator, Stan Clouse, Runza Representative, Mike Vollmer, Synod of Nebraska Representative, Gretchen Ahrens for being a part of the "head table". Also, a special thank you to all of the chili and cinnamon roll participants. Your food was all incredible! Finally, thank you to everyone who came out and supported FLY we raised \$958.



EVENTS



**NOVEMBER 16TH WILL
BE THE LAST DAY OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**Wednesday,
November 19th**
will be the last night of
Wednesday evening
Youth Programming.

Advent is a special
time of preparation
and joy!
Join us for our Annual
Advent Fair — a
wonderful event for
families to gather,
create, and celebrate
the coming of Christ
together.

Save the Date for the **Advent Fair**

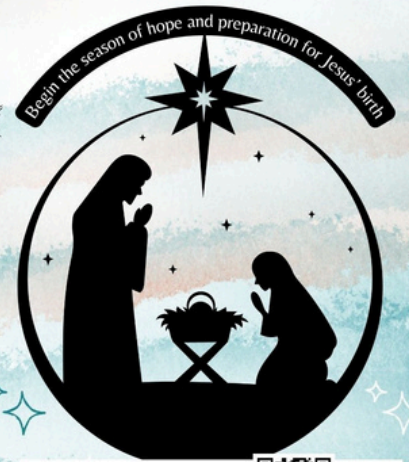
Join us for this annual event where we
enjoy various crafts, a hot cocoa bar,
cookie decorating, and mission outreach!



Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025
9:30am-11:00am
in Centennial Hall



DONATION BOARD CAN BE FOUND IN THE NARTHEX



Volunteer here:



Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service



**November 22nd and 23rd
All Services**



**First Lutheran Church Office will
be closed on Thursday and Friday,
November 27th and 28th in honor of
Thanksgiving.**



WORSHIP THEMES

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

DANIEL 7:1-3, 5-18; PSALM 149;
EPHESIANS 1:11-23; LUKE 6:20-31

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints, “who from their labors rest”. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

JOB 19:23-27a; PSALM 17:1-9; 2
THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17; LUKE
20:27-38

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

MALACHI 4:1-2a; PSALM 98; 2
THESSALONIANS 3:6-13; LUKE 21:5-19;
ISAIAH 65:17-25; ISAIAH 12:2-6

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s tests is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime.

The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

CHRIST THE KING

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PSALM 46; COLOSSIANS 1:11-20; LUKE
23:33-43; JEREMIAH 23:1-6; LUKE 1:68-
79

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PSALM 122; ISAIAH 2:1-5; ROMANS 13:11-
14; MATTHEW 24:36-44

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor the hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

FROM THE COUNCIL

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation,

On November 2nd, between services, a Congregational Meeting will be held to determine what course of action we will be taking regarding the property at 3206 H Avenue. On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank the Property Task Force and the Property Committee for their efforts in identifying the options available and associated costs in dealing with this property.

An update regarding the Capital Campaign Pledges: Of the \$1,029,114 pledges received, \$940,334 has been received, with \$88,780 remaining to be received.

Important Dates:

November 2 - Congregational Meeting

November 9 & 16 - Adult Bible Study with Pastor Rick

December 3, 10 & 17 - Advent Services

Yours in Christ,

P. J. Bartels
Council President

On behalf of Scott Darveau (VP), Deb Schauer (Secretary), Lisa Parish (Treasurer), Christine Fisher, Jay Kuecker, Shirley Smalley, Tyler Schwartz,

FINANCIALS:

SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT			
Ministry Budget:	SEPT 2025	YTD '25-'26	YTD '24-'25
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$ 59,822	\$ 213,439	\$ 178,562
Budget Related Expenditures	\$ (58,947)	\$(259,587)	\$(234,038)
Total 2025-2026 Ministry Budget: \$790,816			
Facilities Budget:	SEPT 2025	YTD '25-'26	YTD '24-'25
Revenue	\$ 4,625	\$ 18,205	\$ 17,418
Expenditures	\$ (2,962)	\$ (13,035)	\$ (4,292)
Total 2025-2026 Facilities Budget: \$28,100			



FIRST LUTHERAN
Church of Kearney

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please review the calendar on our website for updates.

November Upcoming Events

Laying on of Hands at First and Third weekends

Sat/Sun, November 1/2 Sunday	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am 9:50 am - Sunday School FLY 9:50 am - Congregational Meeting 2:00 pm - Brookestone Gardens Worship service
Wed/November 5	Wednesday night Activities
Sat/Sun, November 8/9 Sunday	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am 9:50 am - Sunday School FLY Adult Sunday School with Pastor Rick
Wed/November 12	Wednesday night Activities
Sat/Sun, November 15/16 Sunday	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am 9:50 am - Sunday School FLY (Last day of Sunday School) 9:50 am Adult Sunday School with Pastor Rick
Wed/November 19	Wednesday night Activities (Last night before break)
Sat/Sun, November 22/23 Sunday	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am Women's ELCA Thank Offerings at all services. 9:50 am - Advent Fair - / Centennial Hall
Wed/Thur, Nov. 27/28	Church office closed / Thanksgiving
Sat/Sun, November 29/30	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am

December upcoming Events

Wed/December 3	6pm - Advent Service
Sat/Sun, Dec 6/7 Sunday	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am 2:00 pm - Brookestone Gardens Worship Service
Wed/December 10	6pm - Advent Service
Thur/December 11	6pm - Preschool Christmas Program - Sanctuary
Sat/Sun, December 13/14 Sunday	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am Christmas Cantata - all services 9:30 am - FLY Brunch / Silent Auction - Centennial Hall
Wed/December 17	6pm - Advent Service
Sat/Sun, December 20/21 Sunday	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am Children's Christmas Program 2:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service - Sanctuary
Wed/December 24	5:00 pm - Christmas service (Children's) 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm - Christmas Candlelight Service
Thur/Fri, December 25 & 26	Church office will be closed for Christmas.
Sat/Sun, December 27/28	Worship Sat. 6 pm Sun. 8:45 am and 11:00 am

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Sunday mornings can be found on our website:

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