
First Congregational UCC "AT FIRST"

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November 2018

New Members Received

We received **LaDonna Brinkman, Christina Ochs, Tyler Plihal, Cecily Smoldt, Lilian Krueger & Dakota Pulley** into our church membership during our **Worship Service on Sunday, October 28th**. Please be sure to welcome them into our church family.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone is welcome, whether you're a senior, a single, or a family for a **Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 22nd**.

A free dinner with all the traditional Thanksgiving fixin's will be served at **12:00 (noon) at First Congregational**. Doors will open at 11:30 am This event is sponsored by Glencoe Area Churches. There will be no charge – a freewill offering will be taken to support our local Food Shelf.

RSVP is requested, but not required. **Please call the church office at 864-3855 by Wednesday, November 14th.**

P.S. Watch for Food Donation tickets.

Adult Bible Study

We only have 2 more Sunday for our Adult Bible Study done by Max Lucado called "Unshakable Hope". Please join us in the Historical room on Nov. 4th and 11th right after church for our final 2 sessions of this excellent Bible study.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

A Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held this year at **Church Of Peace, Glencoe** on **Wednesday evening, November 21st beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

Come and join with others as we tender thanksgiving to God for having our needs met and for watching over us from day to day.

White Christmas Gifts

As been our tradition for years, we will receive **"White Christmas" gifts on Sunday, November 18th**. Gifts will go to **St. Peter Regional Treatment Center** and the cash will go to the **McLeod County Christmas Fund**. Your gifts are given to approximately 400 mentally ill individuals and that means a great deal to these clients at SPTC.

Donations of hygiene, socks and underwear (male & female, L-5X), shoes (esp. men, 9-14), art activities, and more is needed. Please take a moment to visit a Target kiosk to print a list that is compiled from client wishes. We use Gift Cards and cash donations

To see their program, the MSH Elves at <https://youtu.be/acMELKP1ASQ>. It is about this program and our elves!

All gifts must be new, please, do not gift wrap items, so they can determine who to give items to.

Thanksgiving

Is first "Thanks" and then "Giving"

Baptism

Eliza Elizabeth Pulley was baptized on **October 7, 2018**. Parents are Rebecca Forcier & Dakota Pulley.

Wedding

Congratulations to **Clara Hinojosa and Arturo Cruz**. They were married here at First Congregational Church on October 20th. Rev. Penny Entringer officiated.



Happy Birthday!!

1. Jim Benson
2. Randy Warner
3. Shania Olson'Neely
4. Susan Winn
6. Kenneth Jones
8. Dan Kottke
9. Andrew Jungclaus
12. Tricia Schimmelpfening
Andre Chornuk
16. Bill Curtis
19. Ashley Forcier
23. Barb Magnuson
Alyson Winn
25. Chad Kottke
26. Linda Landon
28. Clara Cruz, Emily Forcier
Emily Forcier
29. Jean Marsh,
30. Charmaine Picha
Pam Gould

Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday morning, November 25th following worship. Please plan to stay and help!

Mission Trip Thanksgiving Pie Sale

We are still selling pies for Thanksgiving. However, due to the Thrivent grant that Jan wrote for us, we needed to purchase the baking items earlier than usual. You can still preorder pies if you want specific ones but we will have only 100 pies to sell of the 5 different kinds – **Double crusted apple, Apple with crumb topping, Pumpkin, French Silk, and Pecan**. We will be baking these pies on Nov. 10th and freezing them. The crusts will still be made from scratch. **We will be selling the pies that are not preordered on November 11th and 18th.** See any of the Mission trip kids to order your pies in advance.

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On the Job for November

Deacon: Duane Mathews

In Charge of Altar – Ann Wangerin

Deaconesses in charge of Communion

At church on Nov. 4th: Claudia Thunstrom
At Long Term Care on Nov 7th: Claudia Thunstrom

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Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, November 7th @ 6:00 pm

Card Shower

The Deaconesses are having a Card Shower for Mickey Beltz's 100th Birthday. Please shower Mickey with messages and remembrances. **On Sunday, December 9th, Mickey's family will be celebrating Mickey's 100th birthday during coffee hour.**

Church Employee Evaluations

It is once again time for the Church Council to complete evaluation surveys for our church employees. Those employees include Pastor Michael, Wendy, and Kari, the custodian.

If you have any input you would like to give us prior to their evaluations, please contact Dan Biederwolf or Pam Gould either by text or email with your positive remarks and work suggestions. We will be completing these evaluations early in November.

Meals On Wheels Is Looking for Winter Drivers!

Many of Glencoe's Meals on Wheels drivers are snowbirds and the organization is looking for volunteers to help with their routes while they are away. Drivers receive a route which starts at Millie Beneke Manor and deliver lunch to seniors on the day or days they sign up for.

If you have questions you can ask Pastor Michael and if you'd like to ask about volunteering call 864-5282 and ask for Karen Pagel in senior dining.

Women's Fall Gathering

Christ Lutheran Women invite all women to their 4th Annual Women's Fall Gathering on Saturday morning, **November 3rd**. The event "God, Grace, and Girlfriends", **begins at 8:30 am with treats and coffee with the program beginning at 9:15 am.**

It is a morning filled with fellowship, the "word" shared by our keynote speaker Tera Elness, and our own Pastor Katherine Rood, inspirational music, laughter, and more fellowship over lunch being served after. Tera is a speaker coming to us from Windom, MN where she is a non-denominational bible study leader of large groups of women of all ages, including teens.

You can preview her by going to her facebook page, **Tera's Online Christian Journey**, or follow her on Instagram at terajean.

Tickets are available beginning Oct. 7th. Contact the Christ Lutheran Office to purchase at 864-4549. Ticket price is \$12.00.

What is Advent?

It is the first gleam of Christmas;

it is the promise of his coming.

"Get Ready. He is coming!"

Pastor's Page:

Dear Friends,

Happy November. Once again we've reached the month that we associate with gratefulness, togetherness, and giving back. The holidays tend to come with a lot of traditions in our lives and families, and FCUCC has a lot of November traditions as well.

On November 18th, we'll take in and bless our White Christmas gifts. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit by remembering folks who otherwise might feel forgotten. Many of the recipients of these gifts receive nothing else for Christmas, so this is a great opportunity to make a real difference for someone at Christmas time. It's something that I'm proud that FCUCC takes on.

On Thanksgiving Eve (the 21st) we will once again gather with our UCC partner churches for a joint Thanksgiving worship service at 7:00 pm. This year's host is Church of Peace right here in Glencoe. I hope that the shorter travel distance means that more of us can attend. It's nice to reconnect with our partner churches on a day that should be bringing folks together.

Thanksgiving Day will once again bring our free community meal at noon. This is one of our church's biggest annual service projects for the community. Scores of our neighbors, who may not have had a place to go otherwise, will come to our church for a good Thanksgiving meal. One of the things that our church has always understood is that giving a person something to eat and someone to eat it with is ministry. It's one of the ways we can be Christ-like to those who are sent to us. This holy project is made possible by the effort and the willing hearts of our own church members as well as volunteers from other churches. You can help by taking a food ticket and donating that food item, by signing up for shift to cook, serve, or clean, or just by showing up and adding your energy and support to the event. We are taking RSVP's to help us plan.

And then it will be time to start thinking about Advent decorations, Rosettes, and Carols. Oh boy. Here we go!

With you on the Journey,
Pastor Michael

**Don't forget to Turn your Clocks Back
Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 4, 2018**



**First Congregational Church's
Christmas Bazaar
December 1, 2018 10-1pm**



Mark your calendar!

It's time for the annual Christmas Bazaar!

This activity is our church's largest fundraiser. The bazaar opens at 10 am with sales of rosette krumkake, Christmas cookies, candy, baked goods and crafts made by our members. There is a second-hand area and a luncheon until 1 pm along with live Christmas music to get everyone in the holiday spirit!

Have you thought about what you can do? We need volunteers to help arrange donations, set up and package on Friday and staff the different areas on Saturday. Can you help? If you would like to enjoy fellowship, laughs and fun together with your church family, please volunteer! If you get a call to help, please say "YES!" Your help is much appreciated!

- **Cookies:** Bring your bulk Christmas cookies to the church by 9 a.m. Friday, November 30 for special packaging. In addition, Paula Bulau (864-6510) will need people to help with packaging the cookies at 9:30 a.m. that morning.
- **Baked goods, crafts:** These items need to be delivered to the church by Friday, November 30 so that they can be displayed and arranged. **Please mark the price on your own items.** We will need people to help check out, take money, bag and carry out.
- **Candy:** Bring homemade candy to the church on Friday, November 30. **Please label the type of candy and any pricing guidelines you have.** The candy will be packaged in clear containers for sale.
- **Santa's Attic:** This is an area for gently used items. Do you have items you don't need any longer but are still in great condition? Please take the time to look about and see what you might find. Bring items to the music room for marking. Ann Wangerin (864-637
- **Rosettes:** Made at the church as a group project. Come join us for fun! The scheduled dates and times are: Sunday, **November 25** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, **November 26** and Tuesday, **November 27** at 8:30 a.m. Questions? Call Linda Landon (864-5384) or Chris Marsh (864-3577).
- **Luncheon:** The luncheon is prepared in our church kitchen. We use donations of food items including pies and volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up. Watch for food donation requests! **Please come and eat with us!** Cash donations are always welcome!

Questions? Ask Chris Marsh (864-3577) or Linda Landon (864-5384).

**Merry
Christmas**

Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, December 1st!

The bazaar opens at 10:00 am when guests rush inside to buy up rosettes, krumkake, Christmas cookies, candy, baked goods and crafts made by our members. There is a second-hand area and a luncheon until 1:00 pm. Plan to make some goodies to be sold, work in a group, bring in some gently used secondhand items, and then volunteer to work that day in sales or the kitchen. There are many ways everyone can get involved and have fun too! Have you thought about what you can do? If you are snowbirds leaving for the south before the bazaar, we would still appreciate your contributions. Cookies and foodstuffs can be sealed, marked and placed in our kitchen freezer. Other items can be brought to the church, marked and stored for the bazaar day. **Questions? Ask Chris Marsh (864-3577) or Linda Landon (864-5384).**

The secondhand area known as "Santa's Attic" will be going strong again! We all have things we don't need any longer but are still in great condition. These items could find a home and usefulness with someone else at Christmas time. Please take the time to look about and see what you might find to donate and bring it anytime to the choir practice room. Treasures have been found and customers leave knowing they have found a great deal! **Ann Wangerin will be heading up this area if you have questions.**

Have you **woodworking skills** or do you know your way around a sewing machine? Do you like to do crafts such as making jewelry or table runners? Maybe you're good at shopping and can put together fun baskets. Are you a good gardener and have extra vegetables for sale? All these talents can be utilized to make some lovely items to be sold at the Bazaar. Home crafted items are always fun and your donations make it all possible. **These items should be delivered to the church by Friday, November 30th so that they can be displayed and arranged. Please mark the price on your own items.**

Rosette Making. We need many hands to help with this project right in our own church kitchen! These special delicate treats are made close to bazaar day to keep them fresh. It is not hard to do and everything will be set-up for you. We just need women, men and youth to volunteer their time to come and learn to make them. **Mark your calendar! Sunday, November 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Monday, November 26th from 8:30-11:30 am and Tuesday, November 27, 8:30-11:30 am.** Plan to come one day or all three days! No children please, as we will be working around hot oil.

The luncheon is made in our own church kitchen with homemade vegetable soup, pork loin sandwiches and pie. We will need donations of food items including pies and folks to help prepare, serve and clean up. Again we will have **live music by Creekside Jazz!** Please come and eat with us! Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteer workers are available. Cash donations are always welcome! Take-outs are available.

We need **homemade candy!** Do you have favorite caramel, truffle, toffee, peanut brittle, fudge, divinity, snack mix and caramel corn recipes that you enjoy and make each Christmas? **Please whip up a few batches, bring in bulk and deliver to the church on Friday, November 30th.** The candy will be packaged in clear attractive containers for a quick sale

Would you help by baking some **Christmas cookies?** Paula Bulau is heading up the cookie area this year and our mixed Christmas cookies are well known as being the best in town! If you can bake cookies, the smaller specialty cookies work best. **Please bring these in bulk to the church before 9 am on Friday November 30th.** Paula will be recruiting persons to come and package cookies and rosettes on Friday morning. Please say "**Yes!**" to helping by calling Paula Bulua at 864-6510.

Our buyers really love the **homemade baked items** that you are so great at making! From yeast breads to kolaches and yummy sticky rolls to muffins, pies, cakes and quick breads. Whatever you like to make is great! **Please mark your own price on these items and bring to the church on Friday or very early Saturday morning!**

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All Saints Day! 8:00 pm A.A.	2	3
4 9:15 am Communion Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult Bible Study Benevolence/Mission Committee Meeting Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 5:30 pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7 10:15 am Communion @ GRHS Long Term Care 6:00 pm Women's Fellowship Meeting 6:30 pm Christian Ed Board Meeting 6:30 pm Confirmation	8 8:00 pm A.A.	9	10 Mission Trip Group making pies
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18 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School Thanksgiving Pie Sale Collecting White Christmas Gifts	19	20 10:00 am Bible Study	21 Peace Circle Meeting Noon-Trustee's Meeting @ Gert & Erma's Thanksgiving Preparation - Confirmation Helping 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Church of Peace	22 Happy Thanksgiving! Noon-Community Thanksgiving Dinner 8:00 pm A.A.	23	24
25 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School Deacon's Meeting Hanging of the Greens 1:00-4:00 pm Rosette Making	26 8:30-11:30 am Rosette Making	27 8:30-11:30 am Rosette Making 10:00 am Bible Study	28 6:30 pm Confirmation @ City Center	29 8:00 pm A.A.	30 All-Day Setting Up for Bazaar	
		Deacon in Charge: Duane Mathews Altar: Ann Wangerin	Coffee Hosts: Nov 4th: Open Nov 11th: Bryanna Paul & Anthony LaPlante Nov 18th: Evon Draeger & Ramona Nagel Nov 25th: Open	Deconesses in charge of Communion @ church on Nov 4th & Long Term Care on Nov 7th: Claudia Thunstrom		

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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Abundant Table Community Meal

The **Abundant Table Community Meal** is **FREE** and open to **everyone**-families and children, elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand.

When: (the first Wednesday of every Month)

Where: Christ Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall, 1820 Knight Avenue, Glencoe

Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM for Fellowship; Meal served at 5:00 PM.

Notification: Let us know to prepare for you by calling Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549.

Remember there is a place for YOU at our Abundant Table.

**Our young people will be serving at the
Abundant Community Table this month**

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Feeling Stretched?

Let's Face It...

Caring for someone with a chronic illness such as Alzheimer's disease, dementia, diabetes, heart disease, Parkinson's, chronic pain, or stroke can be stressful physically, emotionally and financially.



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Powerful Tools
FOR Caregivers

Who takes care of **YOU** when you are busy taking care of others?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself. Whether you provide care for your family member or friend in your home or at a distance, this class can help you!

You will learn to:

- Reduce stress
- Improve self-confidence
- Better communicate your feelings
- Balance your life
- Increase your ability to make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources

Classes consist of 90 minute sessions held every Thursday for six weeks, beginning November 1st and ending December 13th.

When: Thursdays, 1 pm – 2:30 pm

Where: Christ Lutheran Church

1820 Knight Ave N, Glencoe

Pre-Registration Necessary

Contact Information:

Sarah Doering (LSS) – 320.221.4513 or

Barb Alsleben (LSS) – 320.221.3747

***Offered by Lutheran Social Service of MN
and MN River Agency on Aging***

Glencoe Caregiver Support & Discussion Group

Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Ave N, Glencoe



You don't have to do it alone. Join the conversation!

We always meet at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Thursday of the month.



Thursday, Oct. 11th



Thursday, Nov. 8th



Thursday, Dec. 13th

Questions: Call Sarah Doering @ 320.221.4513 or Email sarah.doering@lssmn.org

This project is made possible in part, under the Federal Older American's Act through a contract with the MN River Area Agency on Aging under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.



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Hello

The Glencoe Study Club is sponsoring a program with a very important subject. Everyone is invited.

We would like to ask if you could include the following information about this program in your bulletin and/or newsletter sometime or times before the November 19 date.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PRESENTATION:

The public is invited to hear Presenter Marc Chadderlon, an investigator with the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office. This important presentation will provide information on how we can help fight sex trafficking.

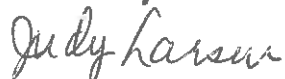
Date: November 19, 2018

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Avenue, Glencoe (sponsored by the Glencoe Study Club)

Refreshments will be served.

Sincerely



Judy Larsen 320-296-6300