
“At First”
First Congregational UCC
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November 2021

Thanksgiving Eve Service

A joint Thanksgiving Service will be held at **Freiden's UCC Church** on **Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm.** 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.

*Thanksgiving is first "Thanks"
and then "Giving"*

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Fellowship News!

Women's Fellowship will be operating as an **Executive Team** in order to accomplish the tasks that were often done by our previous President Linda Landon. **If you have specific questions about something, please contact Chris Marsh at 320-316-1370 or JoAnne Biederwolf at 612-819-7026.** If you are using supplies from the kitchen, please don't take the last one without leaving a note on the cupboard or contacting the WF Executive Team so we can replenish supplies. If you are doing coffee hour or a church event, please use the supplies on hand. If you are using the church for a family event, meal, reception, baptism, etc...), please furnish your own supplies and wash and return any towels or dishcloths used as soon as possible.

White Christmas Gifts

We will be receiving "White Christmas" gifts on **Sunday, November 13th.** Gifts, cash and checks (please make out checks to **St. Peter Treatment Center**) will go directly to the **St. Peter Regional Treatment Center.** *If you cannot be in church on Nov 13th, you can drop off your gifts, cash or check at the church office on Wednesday afternoon, Nov 9th.*

This program, is for the Forensic Mental Health Program and Forensic Nursing Home in St. Peter Treatment Center. Your gifts mean a great deal to these clients. Donations of hygiene products, socks and underwear (male & female, L-5X), shoes (esp. men, 9-14), and gift cards. They are totally supported by churches and community for donated items and funds. ***All gifts must be new, please, do not gift wrap items, so they can determine who to give items***

A special thank you to **Ken & Karen Stenzel** for delivering the gifts every year!



"Hanging of the Greens"



We can use your help decorating the church for the Holidays on **Sunday, November 27th** following worship. **Please plan to stay and help that morning!**

On the Job for November

Deacon: Dūane Mathews

Pastor's Office Hours:

Sunday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday: Noon - 8:00 pm

Wendy's Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm



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

For Sale

Women's Fellowship has dishcloths and knives for sale. If you or a friend need any, please contact **Chris Marsh or JoAnne Biederwolf.**

**Don't forget to turn your Clocks
Back to Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 6, 2022**

Winter Weather Closings

We would like to have the congregation use common sense when the roads are impassable since there is not a BEST way to call off church, not everyone is on face book and not everyone has a phone number. So if not advised by the state patrol – we do not want anyone injured trying to come to church.

Confirmation Students

will be taking part in service project in the coming weeks for the local mission of Adopt a Senior through CHAP Ministries. CHAP stands for "Caring, Helping, and Providing" and was founded in 1990 by Greg and Carol St. Hilaire and the Adopt a Senior program was designed to ensure the Joy of the Christmas holiday is brought to those in long-term care and currently serves Glenfields, Harmony River, and Cedar Crest. The confirmands are going to be preparing the Christmas cards that will used in the gift giving process. As we get closer to Christmas, we, as a congregation will have an opportunity further engage this mission...stay tuned.

Fellowship @ First

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1: community of interest, experience, or activity

*a community interested in
experiencing God's activity...together.*

Join us **November 9th** from 5:30-7pm
for fellowship through food*, music, and faith!

***No matter who you are or where life's journey
finds you, YOU are welcome here!***



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**No Charge - Freewill offering accepted*



What is Advent?

It is the first gleam of Christmas;
it is the promise of his coming.

"Get Ready".

He is coming!

Pastors Page

An Attitude of Gratitude

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I felt that gratitude would be a fitting theme for this month's newsletter. We have a Thanksgiving tradition in my family to share what they are grateful for. But it's not that simple, first 25 people have to scrunch and scootch in around one long table that stretches from the kitchen, through the dining room, and end just short of the fireplace in the living room. Once everyone is seated, we begin with a blessing. Then, after the champagne, or wine, or sparkling apple cider has filled the glasses, and the turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes,... you get the picture, once that's all been passed, which feels like hours, the gratitude games begin.

The first part is pretty low pressure, Amanda, my wife, starts us out with what she is most grateful for and then calls on someone else, there is one rule, however, you can't say "family", too easy. It goes on like this till all 25 have said their gratuities. Then things get more interesting, while setting the table, Amanda selects several random plates to place a "Gratitude Card" underneath to which some unsuspecting turkey lover will be asked to respond. The cards and lucky contestants are revealed once the dishes are cleared and the responses are then digested along with the meal, all in preparation for dessert.


Gratitude is one of those things that most people don't think about enough but there are little things we can do to practice being grateful. It may be something like I described above, but I think gratitude deserves more attention than a once-a-year go-around-the-table. Studies show that practicing an attitude of gratitude improves sleep, builds healthy relationships, and reduces depression to name just a few things. So, what's a gratitude practice you might be wondering, here are a few examples:

- Gratitude Journaling**-Simply writing down what you are grateful for in that moment, in that day, or in your life. Type it in your notes on your phone, or a journal, or of course there's an app for that.
- Gratitude Letters**-Write a letter, type an email, or send a text to someone for whom you are grateful for no other reason than to say, "I am grateful for you!"
- Gratitude Jar**-Keep a jar out where it's easy to access along with a bunch of strips of paper. Each time you feel grateful, write it down and put it in the jar. Then, when your feeling blue, pull out a strip of paper to remind you of what you're grateful for.
- Gratitude Walk**-Go for a walk and think only of what you are grateful for, friends, family, pets, that butterfly over there, the cloud that looks like a cheeseburger, oh I'm grateful I have food.

The idea is to get into the practice of being grateful for everything that God has given to us. "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18 As for me, I am grateful for all of you,

Pastor Adam

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Confirmation Christean Ed Brd Mtg	7	8	9 5:30-7:00 pm Fellowship @ First	10	11	12
13 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School Confirmation Receiving White Christmas Gifts	14 Stenzel's Delivering White Christmas Gifts	15	16 Noon - Trustee's Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	17	18	19
20 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School Confirmation	21	22	23 7:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Service @ Freiden's UCC	24 Noon - Community Thanksgiving Dinner	25	26
27 9:15 am Worship Service NO Confirmation Hanging of the Greens Deacon's Meeting	28	29	30 5:30-7:00 pm Fellowship @ First			
		Deacon: Duane Matthews Deaconesses: Barb Magnuson Altar: Ann Wangerin				5 Noon-6:00pm reserved Fellowship Hall for Salmela Baby Shower



Community Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving Meal is funded in part, by a grant from Thrivent Financial, Michael's Foods, Priority One, along with Christ Lutheran, Good Shepherd, & First Congregational Churches.

Everyone is welcome, whether you're a senior, a single, or a family.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
serving @ noon

First Congregational Church
1400 Elliott Avenue, Glencoe, MN

NO CHARGE - a freewill offering will be taken to support the local food shelf. RSVP is required by Wednesday, November 16th by Calling 864-3855. For your safety you are welcome to wear masks, although not required.



2022 Living Nativity

Saturday, Dec 10th – 5 to 7

This Christmas come and visit a “Living Nativity” presented by Glencoe area churches and community volunteers. Drive-thru Oak Leaf Park and view six different scenes depicting the Good News of Jesus’ birth on earth. Hand crafted scenery, live animals, biblical characters, and music will provide a memorable Christmas experience for the whole family!

Saturday, December 10th

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe, MN

Enter from Southern-most Entrance and turn left at Vollmer Field

FREE ADMISSION

Boy Scouts will accept Donations for MEFS (McLeod Emergency Food Shelf)

Event support provided by Thrivent Financial Action Team program

(If inclement weather, event will be postponed until Sat, Dec 17)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUNCH, BAKE & CRAFT SALE

Hosted by LWML & Quilting Ladies

SAT. DEC. 3RD | 9 AM - 1 PM

(Lunch until 12:30 pm)

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM EVENT



Baked Goods, Quilts,
Wall Hangings,
Art, Gnomes,
Holiday, Dish Towels,
Table Decor,
Handmade Crafts,
and more!



925 13TH STREET E. GLENCOE

PASTRY & COFFEE - \$4
LUNCH MEAL - HOT TURKEY
SANDWICH, SALAD,
PICKLE, COOKIE OR PASTRY,
COFFEE - \$10