
“At First”
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November 2023

Thanksgiving Eve Service

A joint Thanksgiving Service will be held at **First Congregational Church on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm.** Pastor Scott Siefert-St. John's/Bongards will be preaching and Pastor Brian Broze-St. Paul's and Pastor Al Fiene-Frieden's will also be joining us.

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"*



We can use your help decorating the church for the Holidays on Sunday, November 19th following worship. Please plan to stay and help that morning!

White Christmas Gifts

We will be receiving "White Christmas" gifts on **Sunday, November 19th.** 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 19th, you can drop off your gifts, cash or check at the church office on Wednesday afternoon, Nov 15th.

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), sweatpants M-5XL), sweatshirts (Men's M-5XL), 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!



On the Job for November

Deacon: Duane Mathews

Altar: Ann Wangerin

Happy Birthday!!

1. Jim Benson
2. Randy Warner
3. Shania Olson'Neely
4. Susan Winn
8. Dan Kottke
9. Andrew Jungclaus
11. Cecily Smoldt
12. Tricia Kottke; Andre Chornuk
16. Bill Curtis
19. Ashley Forcier
23. Barb Magnuson; Alyson (Winn) Lagergren
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 5, 2023**

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.

Common Cup:

The **Weekend Backpack Feeding Program** has begun. We have 119 children registered. Food bags are also available at the Common Cup office. Churches are encouraged to collect individual containers of applesauce and fruit cups.

"**Coming Together in Song**" will be presented on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Austin Willhite is directing the mass choir this year. There's still time to join the choir – call the Common Cup Office for details.

Did You Know?

- * Common Cup continues to collect full size personal care products. These products are delivered each month to schools, family and senior housing throughout McLeod County.
- * **NAPS (Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors)** is a free monthly nutritional program for MN residents age 60 or older. Eligibility is determined by gross income and household size. For more information please call the Common Cup Ministry office at 320-587-2213.
- * Did you know that **Common Cup provides short term lodging** at the Custom Stay and Queen motels in Hutchinson? If you know of someone temporarily homeless you can have them call the office.
- * Does your **medical insurance** have an option to purchase health and wellness products quarterly each year? Don't let this benefit go to waste if you have any extra dollars to spend! Purchase personal products that could be given to recipients of Common Cup or the Food Shelf. Don't let your dollars be wasted.

Pastors Page

Giving Thanks

November has arrived and with it comes the anticipation of the chilly weather and the warmth of Thanksgiving. While Thanksgiving is the main attraction for this second to last month of the year, the giving of thanks happens all year round. But, since we are drawing closer to the holiday, I wonder what this holiday means to you. I'll start... Thanksgiving, to me, is an incredibly meaningful and heartwarming celebration that encompasses so much more than just a delicious meal. It's a time when we gather with our loved ones and reflect on the countless blessings we've received throughout the year. It's about gratitude, not only for the material possessions, but for the intangible treasures that bring us true joy: our friends, family, and the unwavering love and support they offer.

When the autumn leaves fall and the air turns crisper, it serves as a beautiful reminder to slow down and appreciate the changing seasons of life. For me, Thanksgiving also has a strong link to faith and spirituality, a reminder of the many ways God has provided all that we need. It's a day where we collectively come together to express our thanks to God for His abundant grace and mercy. It's a day of reflection and gratitude, where we take the time to learn from the challenges we have faced throughout the year and find strength in our faith.

Thanksgiving teaches us the importance of sharing, not just the delicious spread of food, but also the love and warmth, which we do in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. It's a reminder that our blessings are meant to be shared with others, especially those who may not be as fortunate.

So, as November rolls around this year, my heart overflows with gratitude for the beautiful gift of Thanksgiving, a day filled with love, reflection, and the joy of coming together with the people who matter most. Through this reminder, my hope is we can carry the spirit of giving thanks until we find ourselves, once again, in November. Thanks be to God!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Adam





Community Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

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

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

*THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
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 15th by Calling 864-3855.

For your safety you are welcome to wear masks, although not required.

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the Month: Duane Mathews Alter: Ann Wangerin			1	2	3	4
5 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Confirmation	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:15 am Worship Service Sunday School Confirmation	13	14	15 Noon-Trustee's Meeting 7:00 pm Church council Meeting Write Christmas Gifts Deadline	16	17	18
19 9:15 am Worship Service Sunday School Confirmation Receiving White Christmas Gifts Deacon's Meeting	20	21	22 7:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Service @ First Congregational Church	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Noon-Community Thanksgiving Dinner	24	25
26 9:15 am Worship Service No Confirmation	27	28	29	30 		