

# Faith UP

November 2019

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## Pastor's Pen

November is the month we set aside to give thanks, although every day is time to give thanks. But, we set apart a special time to intentionally give thanks for all the things we have in life, in the church, in family, in creation. And so, in the spirit of thanksgiving, I would like to take a minute to speak of things I am thankful for.

I am thankful to and for God, who makes life and living in it possible, who makes forgiveness and well being and faith possible even to a sinner such as I who does not deserve such things. I am thankful for and to Jesus Christ, whom God sent into the world to show us how deep God's love really is for us and for creation, a love so deep that in Christ, God took on the depths of our sin and buried it with Jesus in the tomb, only to arise into new life and bury the power of that brokenness forever. I am thankful that a sinner such as I has a daily reprieve from my brokenness to live into this new day, and every new day, and have the chance to be and do in a new way. I am thankful for the love I have received from my family, my wife and children, AND NOW GRAND CHILDREN!! I am thankful for the church family that has loved me beyond anything I could have imagined, even when I have failed you all in my missteps as the pastor. I am thankful for the relationships I have been blessed to form with you all, who I would not have had opportunity to know in another life. I am thankful for the sweet music of the organ and the piano and the choir that we are so blessed to hear every Sunday, and for the musical gifts of so many in our congregation that sing praises to God. I am grateful for the work of Teri who keeps the place running as it should, for the work of Lindy who keeps the place in great shape, for the work of Ellen and Pat and Mary and Eleanor who make a joyful noise around here, for the work of all those who volunteer to lead circles and men's club and WFAM activities and Scouts and who put budgets together and who plow and mow and scoop and trim, and for those who cook and clean and prepare. I am thankful for your commitment to the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through your active participation in the life and ministry of our congregation, and the church in wider circles in the community, the Presbytery, and the world. And this includes your financial pledges and gifts as well. I am grateful for those saints who blessed us with their presence but have now joined the Church Eternal this past year: Gene Doran, Betty Hejhal, Arlo Herbold, Fern Herbst, Charlene Nuzum, and Francis Quintard. I am grateful for a loving congregation and Board of Deacons who helped to make the death of loved ones not so bad. I am grateful for a Session who is compassionate and concerned and who leads by example. I am grateful for a home and roof over my head, clothes in my closet, food in my pantry, freedom to come and go as I please, the opportunity to disagree and raise my voice when called for, the possibilities that even when we don't agree with one another we can still be in relationship with one another, that you and I don't have to agree to still respect one another, that we worship in freedom of conscience because God alone is Lord of the conscience, for Sabbath rest, for Starbucks (oh well, we aren't all perfect), for physical and emotional health and wellness, for those who struggle in these situations yet still offer to me healing and wholeness, for new friends and old friends, for new members and old members, for new faces and old faces, for new ideas and old ideas that inform and model and are strong enough to be ok when the new comes around. There are so many things and people that I am thankful for; it would take pages and days to list them all. I encourage all of us to begin writing down all the things that we are thankful for, the people we are thankful for, to raise them up to God in praise, because it is by God that these things and people come into our lives and we are able to process that gratitude sense about us.

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If you do not have a place or people to spend Thanksgiving Day with, there is a place for you to be, right here at Faith United PC, as we will again hold a Thanksgiving Day Dinner. If you would like to be here for dinner, please call the church and make a reservation. If you would like to volunteer to help with preparations, set up, clean up, or providing a pie or dessert, please contact Sally Lingle and let her know. More will be coming our soon for the Thanksgiving Dinner. And, there will be a Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 26, 7 pm, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, an ecumenical service of the Morningside Ministry Partners. 'Tis the season for giving thanks. May that continue throughout the year, and be reflected in our grateful and joyful response to God who makes life and living a good thing. Amen.

## Christian Ed News

# Lectionary Scripture Lessons in October

### **November**

#### **All Saints' Day—November 1**

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18; Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11–23; Luke 6:20–31

#### **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26)—November 3**

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4; Psalm 119:137–144  
2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 2; Luke 19:1–10

#### **Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)—November 10**

Haggai 1:15b–2:9  
Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; Luke 20:27–38

#### **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)—November 17**

Isaiah 65:17–25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13  
Luke 21:5–19

#### **Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 24**

Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79  
Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43

### **November**

Come join us for Sunday School starting at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. We have a great Sunday School staff.

3 years - 1st grade the teachers are Mary Daniels, Carol and Michele Butler.

2nd - 4th grades the teacher is Beth Lindgren.

5th - 8th grades (and High Schoolers who want to join) teachers are Peggy Reid and Ellen Osborn.

Adult and any one in High School who would like to participate is led by Pastor Dave.

The 5th - 8th grade are learning how to play the chimes, so watch for the youth to play for us during church.

The youth Christmas program will be Sunday December 15 during church, listen for more details.

**LIVING NATIVITY** While we all enjoy the Living Nativity every year, we will unfortunately not have it this year. Our plan is to take the extra time to "retool" the event for next year. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions please let the Christian Ed committee know. Thanks for everyone's support.



*Please direct ideas, articles and questions to  
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# MISSION NEWS



Written by Harriett Marsh

## Spotlight on Missions!!

Many thanks to all the walkers and contributors to Crop Walk. We had one of our best turnouts for a long time! Will keep you posted as soon as our totals come in. Remember, one half the Crop Walk proceeds stay right here in Siouxland.

Coming up in November is our annual Sock, Hat, and Mitten drive for the Goodwill Shoe Party. We will have most of November to bring items to the church. Please have them in by Tuesday, November 26th -- thanks!

Dates to put on your calendars:

Christmas Joy Offering - Dec. 24

Soup Kitchen - Dec. 30

Backpacks - Jan. 6

Watch your bulletin for further announcements of mission activities.

P.S. Final accounting from Chicken Dinner - \$2106 to be divided between WFAM and Pres. Women for their mission program. Congratulations everyone for a job well done!

Committee members: Becky Bainbridge, Karen Juhl, Harriett Marsh, Kelli McWilliams, Peggy Reid

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** We will be serving a traditional turkey dinner at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. All our church family are welcome to attend. Please call Teri in the church office with your reservations by Wednesday Nov 20. We will need pies for the dinner and volunteers to help prepare and clean up after it. The Thanksgiving meal hosted by Faith United is an opportunity to provide fellowship to many in our community. Please review the dates and times below when your assistance would be appreciated; even an hour of your time is welcomed. Please call or text Sally Lingle at 712-202-3272 to volunteer or with any questions. Thank you.

Tuesday Nov. 26th-

2 people are needed from 9:30am to 10:30am

2 people are needed from 1pm to 2:30pm

Wednesday Nov 27th -

4 people are needed from 9am to 2pm

Thursday Nov 28th -

4 people are needed from 9am to 4pm

4 people are needed for clean up starting at around 1pm

## Treasurer's Report from September

Income	\$16,804.66
Expenses	\$15,794.72
Excess/(Deficit)	\$1,009.94

## Sunday Attendance

	<u>10:30</u>
September 29	89
October 6	94
October 13	83
October 20	??



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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### November

#### **Circles will meet:**

November 5, Naomi Circle, 2:00 pm  
November 6, Rebecca Circle, 10:00 am  
November 14, Esther Bible Study, 9:30 am  
November 15, Coordinating Team, 10:00 am  
November 15, PW Gathering at noon  
with dedication of Thank Offering  
Open to all the women of the church. Enjoy a nice luncheon and see a little skit by the PW Board members.

November 19, Lydia Circle, 7:00 pm

*Vina Rodecker*

### **CARD MAKING GROUP**

will NOT meet during November and December. See you next year. Cards are still for sale.



Cards are for sale for --\$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00.

Nov/Dec UPPER ROOM  
DEVOTIONALS ARE  
HERE!



## **Kitchen Crew for November is Faith Together**

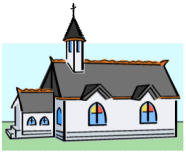
The Quilting Group will meet on Tuesdays, at 9 o'clock. We would invite anyone who enjoys sewing and some fellowship to join us in the quilting room on the third floor.



Christmas will be here before you know it. PW will be sponsoring a Santa's Warehouse for kid's to come in to shop and purchase little trinkets and gifts for their family. Santa's elves will be here to help the kids shop. Santa's Warehouse will be open December 1st before and after worship.

*Faith United Presbyterian Church is on a pilgrimage to resurrect and expand our church community and to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ. We worship as an authentic expression of our gratitude to God for grace unimaginable and love unconditional. We strive to be God's heart, hands and voice to all ages as we grow in faith and engage in mission locally, nationally, and globally.*

# November - OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



## Prayer Families for November

3 - Bryon Wertz, Clayton & Leanna Whipple & family, Hermine Windle, John Winqvist, Roger & Marilyn Winter, Michael & Michele Wolfe & family

10 - Tony & Mary Andersen & family, Renea Anderson & Garrett, Kathy Angerman, Elgerd & Marlyn Arnett, Jeff Arnett, Jeff & Becky Bainbridge

17 - Al & Donna Baustian, Cory & Kelly Berkenpas & family, Jay Berkenpas, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Bill & Susan Blatchford & family, Marilyn Blatchford

24 - Roxanne Bobolz, Elizabeth Boyer, Tom & Dawn Braddy & family, Barb Brienzo(Pittman), Vivian Busse, Eric Butler

## Ushers

10:30 Service

3 - Bob\* & Vina\* Rodecker, Marilyn Erickson, Anthony Osborn

10 - Carlotta Fox\*, Karen Lien, Helen Lehnertz, Mary Stokes

17 - Skip Trout\*, Dick Pruehs, Sheryl Collins, Bill Strawn

24 - Jeff Arnett\*, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Eric Butler

Usher Captains! Please remember to get a head count every Sunday.



## Greeters

3 - Bob Mesmer  
10 - Bobbie Mesmer  
17 - Donna Baustian  
24 - Renea Anderson



## Liturgist

Harriett Marsh

## Communion Servers

3 - Don Stokes, Connie Sponder, Kelli McWilliams, Zach Gould



## COFFEE SERVERS

November - Bell Choir  
December - Faith Together & PW Board



## Offering Counters

Nov - Renea Anderson, Andy Gottsch



The deadline for newsletter submission is the **3rd Wednesday** of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to  
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## Birthdays

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Carlotta Fox     | 25 - Nicholas Becker |
| Bev Hanson           | Janet Ross           |
| Linda Puttmann       | 27 - Lois Hoover     |
| 7 - Marguerite Dahl  | David Miller         |
| 13 - Greg Puttmann   | Hermine Windle       |
| 19 - Kelly Berkenpas | 28 - Reta Johnson    |
| 23 - Alicia Lingle   | Noah McWilliams      |
| 24 - Casey Graves    | Lauren Osborn        |
| Lillian Stokes       |                      |

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Anniversaries



- 2 - Bob & Janet Ross
- 28 - Jeff & Rhonda Dahl

### EMPTY NESTERS

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday November 12 at Chili's. Please let Bob Mesmer know if you will be going. You can still come even if you don't let him know, but he needs an approximate count to reserve a big enough table.

**LUNCH BUNCH** On Wednesday, November 6 the Lunch Bunch will meet at Applebee's at 12:30 pm

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS**  
Has decided to stop meeting.

### These Days

We have many copies of "These Days" available. We get new ones every quarter. Please take one for yourself, a family member or friends.

### FAITH TOGETHER

FAITH TOGETHER will meet November 26 for sack lunch and fellowship at noon.

Our program leader will be Mary Jorgensen with a very interesting program intitled: 'What it means to "Pump and Blow".' A very timely topic with very interesting stories!

Our business meeting will be election of new officers for 2020.

Thank you to Eleanor Tasker for her support and helped with suggestions and willingness to lead devotions.

Thank  
you

**THANK YOU** to Lydia and Rebecca Circles for the new pots and pans. And thank you to Helen Lehnertz for the new paint and flooring in the kitchen.

**THANK YOU** very much for the lovely cards and well wishes during my hospital stay. Special thanks to Pastor Dave for his concern. Sincerely,  
*Betty Ludwig*

# November 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1  8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon	2
3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service COMMUNION  1-4 pm Girl Scouts  7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	4  5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	5 9:00 am Quilting Group  2:00 pm Naomi Circle	6 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch @ Applebee's  5:30 pm WFAM 6:30 pm Choir practice 7:00 Gambler's Anon	7 8:30 Men's Club  5-7 pm Just 4 Kix 7:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Women's AA	8  8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm AI-Anon	9
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We're also on Facebook



## Worship Schedule

### Service times

10:30 Worship Service

Staffed Nursery Available

### Faith United Presbyterian Committees

#### Building & Grounds

Andy Gottsch  
Don Stokes  
Ben Miller

#### Christian Education

Tina Hansen  
Becky Bainbridge

#### Finance

Renea Anderson  
Zach Gould

#### General Administration

Skip Trout  
Don Stokes  
Tina Hansen  
Kelli McWilliams

#### Investment/Endowment

Gary Hacker

#### Membership

Skip Trout  
Kathy Angerman  
Kelli McWilliams

#### Memorial

Becky Bainbridge  
Renea Anderson

#### Mission

Becky Bainbridge  
Kelli McWilliams  
Kathy Angerman

#### Worship

Kelli McWilliams  
Zach Gould

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Carolyn Daniels	Dick Pruehs
Angie Irwin	Harvey Stokes
Sally Lingle	Lorman Vilhauer
Julie Mesmer	Sally Vilhauer
Bonnie Oliver	

### THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session-- Connie Sponder

Renea Anderson	Tina Hansen
Kathy Angerman	Kelli McWilliams
Becky Bainbridge	Ben Miller
Andy Gottsch	Don Stokes
Zach Gould	Skip Trout

### FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum - Music staff: - Sonja Floyd, Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn, Eleanor Tasker  
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Tina Hansen