

November Newsletter



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Pastors Ponderings

Rejoice in God's Saints!

On Sunday, November 5th we celebrate All Saints Sunday at 9:00 (and Wednesday the 8th at 7:00). We will be lighting many candles and giving thanks to God for those faithful witnesses who died over the past twelve months. That said, I like this hymn *Rejoice in God's Saints* (ELW #418) because it calls on us to rejoice not only in God's Saints that are now in heaven *but also* the many living saints that inspire us and model the faith. Fred Pratt Green, one of my favorite hymn writers states, "In loving, in living, they prove it is true: their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you." How might you expand *your* way of self-giving in this month of thankfulness?

On November 12th we will have two opportunities to worship – 9:00 and 11:00 – with the later worship service being for our ninth grade students who will be affirming their faith. See the related article for their names and please consider coming to celebrate with them and their families this special day! Our reading for this day is from the prophet Hosea 11:1-9 who expresses God's passionate love for God's children.

On November 19th we will hear from another prophet, Isaiah 5:1-7 and 11:1-5 – here the nation of Israel is portrayed as a vineyard. God looks for the fruit of righteousness but only finds injustice. How might you expand your way of bearing fruits of righteousness and denounce social injustices that take advantage of the poor and outcast? Verse 16 of chapter five says, "The Lord of hosts is exalted by justice."



On Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 we are hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

This is a delightful tradition that brings fellow Christians from Glen Hill Parish UMC and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church together with us to give thanks to God for all of the blessings of the past year. Our worship will be followed by a time of fellowship with delicious treats.

On November 26th we will hear about a profound time in the life of God's people from 2 Kings 22 and 23. After far too much division and plenty of evil kings that did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, King Josiah leads the people into a time of renewed engagement with scripture which fosters reform and renewal. What is especially striking about this is that irrevocable judgment has already been declared because of the people's prior abandonment and rejection of God. Therefore, Josiah's actions are a sign of his willingness to obey God's teachings *even though obedience will not bring future benefit*. This causes me to wonder. What is your/our motivation for following God's ways? Do you/we act from a place of faith *no matter what the future may hold*? Or do you/we act in righteous ways only when there's some promised reward?

We hope to see you frequently in November as we rejoice, celebrate, reflect, and give thanks!

Grace Place

Salvation Army Grace Place, located at 505 W. 8th Street, New Richmond, Wisconsin, offers shelter to homeless families and single individuals in the St. Croix River Valley, including residents of St. Croix, Pierce and Polk Counties. They are staffed 24 hours a day to ensure all folks receive the services they need.

Family Meals and Fellowship at Grace

Place: Evening meals are a time for fellowship and giving thanks for all of our blessings. Volunteer organizations and church groups provide residents with nourishing dinners each week Monday through Thursday. Residents are required to attend and upon leaving the shelter, many shared with staff that the nightly meal was one of their favorite experiences at Grace Place. It's the first time many of them enjoyed

family dinners on a regular basis.

Holy Cross Confirmation Class will be serving the dinner meal at Grace Place on November 22nd.

We are asking the congregation for food/monetary donations for our dinner consisting of tater tot hot dish, buns, tossed salad, scotcheroos, and milk. Students will make and deliver the meal. Sign up info in the bulletin and on the kiosk in the narthex.

In addition, The Salvation Army of St. Croix County needs bell ringers. Please go to www.registertoring.com to volunteer your time. Thank you for supporting Grace Place!



Fall Supper

Thank You

We are truly grateful to all those who contributed to the success of our Fall Supper. Thank you for all the contributions of food, your time to work, and expenses. We appreciate the help of the men who graciously worked with us from beginning to end. This supper has helped fund many unbudgeted projects over the years, as well as allowing us to donate to worthy charities, youth events, and kitchen maintenance.

God's Blessing to All,
WELCA

WELCA News

At this writing, everyone at church are all involved with the Fall Supper, one way or another. It's great to see everyone is working together. So many have volunteered their help with everything. That is so much appreciated.

We hope that our meal will draw a good crowd and the weather will cooperate. I just listened to the weather report and rain is in the forecast.

Jeannie Jeske has graciously accepted to be my co-chair for Circle 2. So, she will be doing some calling

for our next event or funeral. Her help has been so welcomed and appreciated. The other Circle Leaders are looking for someone to help them also.

Our next meeting is on November 9, 1:00, at church. Right after Quilting and lunch.

God Bless all and stay warm, with colder weather coming up.



November Birthdays

11/1 Tom Knox	11/15 Stephanie Johnson
11/2 Gabriel Hoffman	Angela Jeske
11/3 Johnathon Logghe	11/16 Jean Anderson
11/4 Dean Teigen	Bill Wold
11/5 Janice Rasmussen	11/17 Laura Lee
11/6 Amber Hoffman	Brent Brahmer
Douglas Hill	Olivia Brahmer
Owen Swenby	11/19 Anaka Eliason
11/10 Robert Carlson	11/20 Orville Jeske
11/11 Katie Drinkman	11/22 Keith Larson
11/14 David Anderson	Marlene Kerr
	Barbara Eliason



11/23 Allexis Rassbach
11/26 Betsy Glenn
Nelson Polen
11/30 John Cassellius
Jordan Logghe

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30pm-JAM 5:30pm-Confirmation 7:00pm-Worship	2	3 9th Grade	4 Retreat
5 All Saints Day 9am—Worship 10:10—Fellowship 5:30pm Veterans Program	6 11:00am Bible Study	7	8 3:30pm-JAM 5:30pm-Confirmation 7:00pm-Worship	9 8am Quilting 1:00 WELCA	10	11
12 9am—Worship 10:10—Fellowship Confirmation Sunday 11:00—Worship	13 11:00am Bible Study 7:00 pm Faith & Life / FUN Team Meeting	14 10:30 Glenhaven Worship	15 3:30pm-JAM 5:30pm-Confirmation 7:00pm-Worship	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
19 9am—Worship 10:10—Fellowship	20 11:00am Bible Study 1:30 Resource Meeting 7:00pm Council	21 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 9am—Worship 10:10—Fellowship Christ the King Sunday	27 11:00am Bible Study	28	29 3:30pm-JAM 5:30pm-Confirmation 7:00pm-Worship	30		

Quilters Corner

So far for the year, with our September work day, we have completed 69 quilts. Our numbers are down a little, but our group has been smaller several different months. A thank you goes out to Lorraine Ross, who recently donated several boxes of fabric. And also to Karen Stoner



& Luanne Flick who donated items for our quilting projects. With these additions, it will help us keep on with our projects. It's always fun to be remembered.

It's hard to believe but we are nearing the end of the year and in November & December we will be meeting 2 weeks earlier on the second Thursday. We hope that more of you may be able to join us. We can find something for everyone. Hope you can join us. Again, thank you to everyone who has donated.

Mary Ann Ross



Giving Tree — Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is back. Bless those that are less fortunate with the warm gift of Love and Giving. Hand Made or purchased mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves will be donated to Grace Place and WestCap. The tree will be up in the Narthex November 19th-December 20th at which time the items collected will be delivered. Thank You Sue Kahler for setting up this drive. Let's completely cover the tree this year!!

National Lutheran Choir

The National Lutheran Choir is based in Minneapolis and is excited to welcome their new director, Jennaya Robison for this 2023-24 season. This is a 65 member choir that Pastor Jonathan's wife, Anne Zielske has sung in for more than twenty-five years. Under the title of "All Things New" you are invited to attend their All Saints Concert on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Saint Paul or on Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina. The Sunday concert will also be livestreamed. Individual tickets can be purchased by visiting NLCA.com or by calling the NLC office at 612-722-2301

**GLENHAVEN
AUXILIARY
ANNUAL FALL
BAKE SALE**

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 3
At Holy Cross Lutheran
Church Hall
9:00-2:00

LEFSA, TURNOVERS
AND MORE

Coffee and treats
available



October Church Council Meeting Minutes 10/16/2023

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Attendance: Amber Hoffman, April Goodwin, Ned Hahn, Dave Anderson, Jill Logghe, Pastor Jonathan, Derrick Oberle

Motioned to approve the agenda M/S/C Ned, April

Approval of Secretary's report M/S/C Ned, Dave

7:20 Faith and Life Team

- Bible Study continues, JAM on the 29th kids can dress up,
- Confirmation class will help with fall supper.
- Mentor Meet-up on Sept 27th was successful.
- 9th Grade Confirmation Class meeting upcoming on Oct 25th. October 11th was successful.
- 3rd Grade Bible presentation on the 8th was successful.
- Senior high "first meeting" on Wednesday, Oct 4th was attended by kids from all senior high grades.

7:40 FUN Ministry Team

- Hosting of Uncommon Conversation on Monday, Oct. 2 at 7:00 – a success!
- Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 10:30 to Noon
- Grace Place Meal, confirmation class will help.
- Christmas in the barn December 2nd and 3rd
- November 5th is the veteran's meal.
- The choir is going to sing on All Saints Service November 5th.
- Bells will play on confirmation Sunday November 12th.

7:50 Property and Management

- Fairstand Work Meeting discussion rescheduled.
- Fiber Optic install before end of October.
- Collecting bids for snow plowing

8:05 Resources

- Financial Report approval with caveats M/S/C Ned & Dave
- Funds for the Guatemalan trip need to be moved from the General fund.
- Staffing is going well - Wanda is fantastic!

8:22 Council Business

- Will have sign-up for the 3rd Sunday for serving coffee hour.
- Next Meeting: November 20th @ 7pm

8:30 Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Confirmation Corner By Jill Logghe



Our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Students got a break from their learning about key stories in the Old Testament as they helped with the

Holy Cross Fall Supper on October 18th. By helping with the setup, hosting tables, and dishwasher duties they were awarded the delicious meal!

Eli Oberle presented his service project to the church council and treated them to mouth watering chocolate chip cookies! He explained that the “cookies were his service project”! He along with the help of ‘Master Chef Sister Jaycie’ made and sold cookies over the summer. Proceeds



help him and his family adopt a local family during the holiday season. They continue to sell cookies (5/\$1.00) at ejbakeryorder@gmail.com. Creative idea Eli and congrats on completing your service project!

November is a busy month.

Please take note of the following dates/times:

Friday/Saturday November 3rd - 4th 9th Grade Confirmation Class Fall Retreat will be held here.

Sunday, November 5th, 5:30pm Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Program

*Students will need to arrive at 4:30 to help with meal and rehearse program

Sunday, November 12th, 11:00am 9th Grade Confirmation Worship Service

Tuesday, November 21st, 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - we are hosting this year.

No Confirmation Class Wednesday, November 22nd

We thank God for the members of our 2023 Confirmation Class

- Kirah Marie Krueger**
- Eli Jerald Oberle**
- Tori Elizabeth Ohman**
- Jaxin Allen Lee Olson**
- Addisyn Morgan Petersen**
- Max Danny Peterson**
- Clayton Joseph Thayer**
- Langston Charles Walz**

May Jesus bless you as you reach this milestone in your faith journey!

Lastly, please be sure to mark your calendar for **Christmas in the Barn December 2nd and 3rd** – hosted by Dean and Jennifer Teigen at Topline Equine!

JAM By Bruce Kelm



Glenhaven Residents enjoying JAM performance.

Jesus And Music has been well attended by grades 1-6 on Wednesdays. They have been learning about Creation, Abraham and Sarah, and the generations that followed them. JAM starts with snacks thankfully provided by Peder and Anna Mewis this year. This is followed by story time, games, crafts, worship and music. The JAMmers will be attending Glenhaven on October 18th to pro-

vide a craft and music to the residents. Please note that they will be performing some of the new songs they have been learning at a worship service on October 29th prior to Trunk or Treat. They children can come in costume or bring their costume to the church.



Third Graders Receive Bibles

Holy Cross third graders got a “letter” from God on October 8th. The letter was in the form of His Word, the Bible. They learned that God tells us how he wants us to live by his messages in the Bible. Hopefully, it becomes a “letter” they will open frequently and become familiar with in the future.



Those receiving Bibles were :
Camden Brahmer
Logan Brahmer
Harper Hoffman
Gracelin Krizan
Jacob Thompson.
Following the presentation service, these students and their parents attended a brief class to become familiar with their new Bibles. A second class was October 22nd.

High School Youth By Melanie Hill

The new year for the youth group is officially underway. We had our kick off meeting in October and had a great turnout. We welcomed several new students! We always welcome anyone who would like to join our group, whether it is every so often or all the time. We have some fun days planned and would love to see you and your friends come. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. We strongly encourage you to come at 7pm for our worship service. It is a shorter version of our Sunday service.

We moved our high school room to the kitchen wing. It's smaller but much more cozy than the larger room we were in. All our couches have been moved as well. Go check it out.

We have several events planned for November and December, but they will be a lot of fun. Please mark your calendar.

Events

November 1st: 7:00pm worship and 7:00 meeting.

November 5th: Veterans Day program. 5:30pm We will participate in the program.

November 12th: 11am - Our freshman members are being confirmed. Come celebrate with them.

November 19th: Noon - Our fun day!

December 2nd: 9am to 2pm we will make and decorate sugar cookies for Christmas in Barn.

December 2nd and 3rd: Christmas in the Barn.

The high school and confirmation youth will perform the Christmas story. Dean and Jennifer Teigen will be hosting us once again. We will need actors/singers/stage hands this year. If you or your friends want to participate please let me know.

December 6th: Advent Supper. More details to come. We start setting up at 4:30. Invite your friends to any or all of our events.

Congratulations to our Boys Cross Country team on Winning Conference this year!

Shoutout to Eli Oberle, Riley Krueger, Ilan Anderson, Ben Standaert, Alex Anderson, and Tyler Harrington!
Shoutout to senior Riley Krueger!



And Congratulations to our All - Conference Runners.
Shout out to Ilan Anderson and Elsjia Meijer!

Our football team!

Shout out to our seniors Zach Hill, Brett Peterson, Eli Nerby, Will Standaert.



Our Volleyballers for 2023!

Shout out to Jenna McCarthy, Kirah Krueger, Addisyn Peterson, Anaka Eliason, Tori Ohman .

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Honoring our Veterans

In our Lutheran tradition we have a prayer that honors men and women who have served in the armed forces for our country. It is as follows: *Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



With these thoughts in mind, our Confirmation Students and their mentors will be hosting a dinner with a short program on Sunday, November 5th for Veterans. Please contact Jill Logghe at 715-977-2092 if you have any questions.

