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From our Pastor: November 2024 Newsletter Stuff

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" - Psalm 107:1

From the Pastor: A Season of Gratitude

As November arrives, we enter a season of gratitude, reflecting on the many reasons we have to give thanks. This month, we are invited to look around us and notice the blessings of God's faithfulness, the people in our lives, and the opportunities to share that gratitude with others.

We begin the month with **All Saints Sunday**, a time to remember and give thanks for the saints—those faithful followers who have gone before us and whose lives have shaped our own journeys of faith. We give thanks for their witness, their love, and their commitment to passing down the faith through generations. As we remember the saints, we also reflect on how we are called to be faithful in our time.

On November 10, we will be having a special **Veterans Recognition Sunday**. This will be a time for us to express our deep gratitude to the veterans in our congregation and community. We honor their service and sacrifice, recognizing the freedoms we enjoy because of their dedication. It's an opportunity for us to offer prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for all who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces.

Later in the month, on November 24, we will celebrate the **WELCA Thankoffering Service**, where we recognize the powerful work of women in ministry. The Thankoffering is a chance to reflect on the ways we are all called to give, not just from our abundance, but from our hearts. It's a day to remember that gratitude is not just a feeling—it's an action, a response to God's blessings through generosity and service to others.

And, of course, we come to **Thanksgiving**, a day that prompts us to gather around tables with family and friends, reflecting on the bounty of God's provision. While Thanksgiving is just one day on the calendar, it serves as a reminder to carry an attitude of gratitude with us every day. Whether in small things or big moments, we are invited to continually give thanks to God, whose goodness never fails.

November is a month filled with opportunities to pause, give thanks, and respond to God's love with grateful hearts. As we remember the saints, honor our veterans, participate in the Thankoffering, and celebrate Thanksgiving, may we each find ways to express our gratitude through our actions, words, and relationships.

May this season of thanksgiving bring you joy, peace, and a renewed sense of God's presence in your life.

In Christ,
Pastor Rebekah Tarras

P.S. One of the many things for which I am thankful is you and the opportunity to serve along with you here in this church.

November Office Information

Pastor: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Office: Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

11/18 & 11/25 Michelle is out of the office

11/19 Michelle in office

Times may change and they will be noted when possible in the Sunday bulletin.

Bulletin Deadline

Information should be turned into the church by 9:00 Wednesday to ensure adequate time to process the information into the following Sunday's bulletin.

The First Edition

Please provide the church office with new items for the newsletter by 20th of each month. You may email your news in a Word Document format to firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com

WE NEED YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS

With the rising cost of postage, our database system allows emails to be sent out to our members. This is a great way to communicate with you all. If you could please let Michelle know your most current and correct email, she will then update ICON. Please email it to firstluthpoysippi@gmail.com or call 920-987-5151

Worship Services in November

Date & Time		Reader	Communion
Nov 3 10:30 am	All Saints Sunday Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Karen or Steve	At the rail Communion Assistant: Joan Everson Bread Baker: Jim Laird
Nov 10 10:30 am	Veterans Recognition Sunday Guest Speaker: Pastor Chaplain Peter Muschinske	Colleen H	In the pew
Nov 17 10:30 am	26th Sunday after Pentecost Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	Dar C	In the pew
Nov 24 10:30 am	Thankoffering 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 107:1-9 Philippians 1: 3-11 Matthew 26:6-13	Kim H	In the pew
Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 pm at First	Psalm 100 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Luke 17:11-19	Joan E	None

Save the Date for several special worship services in December

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent and Deck the Halls

December 15 - featuring the Grace Choir Cantata

December 22 - The Doorway to Christmas program

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service

Remembering the Saints

In our worship on November 3, we will be remembering friends and loved ones who died in the past year. If you have someone you would like us to remember on that day, please submit the name to the church office by October 28.

Mens Breakfast

A Sign-up sheet has been started, so please sign up if you would like to participate in the breakfast. The date is November 9th and will be held at First.

Veterans Recognition

On Sunday, November 10, our congregation will recognize and honor our members who are living veterans or active military. This year we will be creating a display to honor our veterans. We invite all members who are veterans or active military to complete an information form. Please submit completed forms with a picture by November 4th.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

First Lutheran will be hosting a Thanksgiving service this year on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 pm. We'll gather to give thanks for God's many blessings, celebrate the goodness of God, and share in a time of worship together. All are welcome—bring your family and friends as we lift our hearts in gratitude this season!

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

Join us for a **Pie Social** immediately following our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 27! After we gather to give thanks during the 7:00 PM worship service, we invite you to stay for a time of fellowship and delicious pies in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite pie to share and enjoy a sweet time of community as we reflect on God's goodness together. Let's celebrate with gratitude and pie! Please sign up on the clipboard if you are bringing a pie or able to help with serving.

Deck the Halls & Soup Lunch

Sunday, December 1 After Worship

We invite everyone to stay after worship on Sunday, December 1, for our annual Deck the Halls event! Let's come together to decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season. Whether you're great at hanging wreaths, stringing lights, or just lending a hand, your help will be much appreciated as we make our space beautiful for the holidays.

After we finish decorating, everyone is welcome to enjoy a soup lunch in the fellowship hall—a warm and delicious way to celebrate our time together. Bring your Christmas spirit, and join us for this joyful tradition!

Sunshine Bag Collection

Help Spread Joy This Holiday Season! The M-team is preparing Sunshine Bags to bring a little extra cheer to our older members and those in need this December. These bags will be filled with treats and gift items and delivered to members of our community as a gesture of love and support. The M-team will be assembling the bags at their meeting on December 9. If you would like to bring any items for the bags, please bring them to church by December 8. We anticipate packing 2 dozen bags this year. Items may be placed on the table in the pastor's office. If there is someone you think we should add to our list of recipients, talk to Georgia Lee or Jim Laird. Your generosity will help brighten someone's day during the holiday season!

Preparing for Christmas

Our Christmas Worship service will be Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30 at First Lutheran

November Mission of the Month: Old Glory Honor Flight

This November, we are excited to support Old Glory Honor Flight as our Mission of the Month through our Noisy Bucket Collection. Old Glory Honor Flight is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring our nation's veterans by flying them to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials built in their honor. These flights give veterans the opportunity to reflect, share their stories, and connect with fellow servicemen and women.

Many veterans who participate in the Honor Flight experience this journey as a life-changing event—a time to heal, remember, and receive the recognition they deserve for their service. It's a profound way to show our gratitude for their sacrifices.

Throughout November, we will be collecting donations to support Old Glory Honor Flight through our **Noisy Bucket Collection**. Each gift helps cover the costs of flights, meals, transportation, and the entire experience for these veterans, ensuring they have a memorable and meaningful trip.

We encourage you to give generously by placing your donations in the noisy bucket at the back of the church. Every coin and dollar helps send a veteran on this special journey of honor and remembrance.

Let's come together as a congregation to support this important cause and show our veterans that we appreciate their service and sacrifice.

Thank you for your generosity!



Reminder that the First Sunday of each month we will be celebrating this month's Birthday's by the M-Team providing cupcakes, coffee and fellowship following church. A great way to start off your Birthday month!



Special Veteran Recognition Service

Honoring Those Who Served

Join us on Sunday, November 10 at 10:30 am, for a special Veterans Recognition Worship Service as we come together to worship God and honor and thank the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces. Our guest speaker this year will be Pastor-Chaplain Peter Muschinske, Deputy Chief of Chaplains with the U.S. Navy.

A native of Wisconsin, Peter's grandfather was a pastor and Peter's father, George, after serving in WW II ("Battle of the Bulge"), became a Lutheran Pastor and US Air Force Chaplain. After several early childhood moves, Peter grew up in Rice Lake, Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (Bachelor of Arts). As a seminarian at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, Peter was commissioned an Ensign, as a Chaplain Candidate Program Officer (CCPO) in 1990. Peter earned his Master of Divinity and was ordained as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on June 28, 1992. He completed a certificate of Advanced Theological Studies in 2012, at Eden Theological Seminary, St Louis, MO.

After beginning pastoral ministry as Associate Pastor of at Grace Lutheran, Dodgeville, WI in 1992, he superseded to the Reserve Component and was assigned as a Chaplain of the Marine Expeditionary Force Religious (MEFREL) 713 (3d FSSG). Following pastoral calls in Orange, CA and Marshfield, WI, with reserve duty with Marines and then Navy Seabees, he deployed to Iraq in 2006. In 2007, he entered full-time Chaplaincy service headquartered in St Louis, MO, and recruiting Chaplains and Chaplain Candidates of all faith traditions across a 14 state area. Since completing that assignment in 2012, Peter has served interim pastorates at a UCC congregation (a Full Communion Partner of the ELCA) in St. Louis, Lutheran Campus Ministry (students from St. Louis and Washington Universities). Since moving back to the Rice Lake in 2020, he has served in an interim role at Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake, and Living Water Lutheran Church, Cameron.

Pastor Peter is a member of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin's Council and serves as Treasurer; given a robust travel schedule in this his final Navy position, he does not currently serve a civilian call. Chaplain Muschinske's Navy tours after recruiting included U.S. Pacific Fleet, NORAD-US Northern Command, U.S. Third Fleet and Navy Region Hawaii. Since October 1, 2023, he serves as the Deputy Chief of Chaplains for Reserve Matters, and as the senior Reserve Component Chaplain, holds the rank of Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

Veterans Recognition Service Potluck

Sunday, November 10 Following the 10:30 AM Service

We invite everyone to join us for a **potluck lunch** immediately following our Veterans Recognition Service on Sunday, November 10. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship as we come together to honor and celebrate the veterans in our community. Please bring a dish to share—whether it's a favorite family recipe, side dish, dessert, or main course. We kindly request that all desserts be cut in advance. All are welcome, and we look forward to sharing this meal with you as we give thanks for our veterans. Let's come together in gratitude and community! We are in need of help with setup, serving, and clean-up. If you are able to help out, please sign up on the clipboard.

The M-team and Worship Committee are working on plans for several upcoming events. Mark these dates on your calendars so that you can be part of the celebration.

Nov 10 - Veteran's Recognition and Potluck

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Worship

Dec 1 - Deck the Halls

Feb 1, 2025 - Bingo Charity Event to support the Food Pantries

Aug 10, 2025 - First's 150 Celebration



5th Norah Deppe

10th Hermie Schwebs

16th Tara McPeak

17th Patrick Nelsen

19th Tim Andersen

21st Georgia Lee Laird & Jerry Strehlow

24th Deb Smith

25th Megan Olsen

29th Makenna Jewell & Chris Monroe

30th Joel Beine

03rd Patty and Lenny Langkau

29th Jaci and Gary Boening

Please keep the following people in your continued prayers

John Latshaw

Lee Nelsen

Dick Turner

Carolyn Holz

John Trockinski

Pastor Rick Rieten

Shannon McPeak

Mark Bongart

Darwin Larson

Gen Everson

Larry Clark

Judy Button

Diane Holz

Bill H

Alice Wrage

Doris Koepke

Hermie Schwebs

Julia Hansen

Phyllis Jenks

Marcella

Duane & Sharon Hoover

For those battling cancer: Tom, Dave L., Danan, Barbie, Vill, Vicki and Donna



POLKA SUNDAY

The lively music, infectious rhythms, and vibrant energy brought everyone together in a way that was both fun and spiritually enriching. It was heartwarming to see so many faces, young and old, dancing and celebrating our faith in such a unique and lively manner.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed—musicians, organizers, and participants alike. Your enthusiasm made this event a memorable one! Let's carry this spirit of joy and community into our future gatherings.



The Removal of the Tree happened in October

Removing a tree often signifies a shift in life. Just as trees grow and change, so do we. It can represent the necessity of letting go of the past to make way for new beginnings. Trees have life cycles, and their removal is a reminder of nature's processes. Just as a tree's life ends, it also paves the way for new life, illustrating the cycles of existence and the interconnectedness of all living things.

For many, trees are sacred, serving as a bridge to the divine. Their removal can prompt reflection on our relationship with nature and spirituality, reminding us of the balance we must maintain in life.



NOVEMBER

Nov 2024

October Highlights

3rd - Remembering the Saints
 10th Veterans Worship and Potluck
 27th Thanksgiving Worship

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