

CHRIST LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR

On Thanksgiving - What Are We Thanking God for? Pastor Paula Geister-Jones



This year the gospel reading for Thanksgiving Eve is John 6:25-35. Jesus has just fed the 5,000 men (not counting women and children) and the following day a few people approach him following him looking for another free lunch. You can't blame them. There were a lot of poor people in Jesus' day and each day they struggled to find enough food to fill their stomachs. Their physical hunger had distracted them from what Jesus was offering them the day before. Jesus was offering them bread from heaven. Bread that would feed their souls. Jesus was offering them himself.

What happened in this text is still a reality today in our world – in our community. Children in our schools are given free breakfasts and lunches because you can't learn when your stomach is growling. If your focus is on the pain and you cannot hear what the teacher is saying.

At the end of this month we will once again sit down and feast on turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, numerous side dishes and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. We will leave the table stuffed and ready to fall into a comfortable chair and watch some football. It is easy to get distracted by all that food and think that is all there is to Thanksgiving. Or maybe getting stuff when the sales start on Black Friday. We gather to thank God for our many blessings and those blessings are food and getting more stuff. Black Friday is just hours away. But there is more to it.

I googled "What do Americans name as their most valued blessings in 2025?" Nearly half of Americans (49%) rank family as one of their top three most important values. Friends and the support they offer are right up there as well. After family and friends came freedom with 30% of adults selecting it. 27% named health as a significant blessings. The same percentage of people listed integrity and faith. And many Americans are thankful for their memories, which can include both the good and the bad and the personal growth they brought. And don't forget personal freedom. This has always been a highly valued blessing. We are Americans and we are grateful for the personal liberty and freedom to make choices that living in this country give us.

I'm looking more forward to that Thanksgiving Feast now. Realizing what I am truly thankful for will make all the preparation truly worth it.



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Sunday Worship is available to Livestream on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheraChurchStoughton>

NOVEMBER WORSHIP NEWS



Worship News

**Traditional Worship – 8:00 a.m. Worship Express – 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, November 30 – ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.**

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

In today's gospel reading, Jesus encourages his disciples to shower radical love, blessings, forgiveness, generosity and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Is that what a saint is? Today in worship the Men's Choir will provide special music, Sophie Geister-Jones will proclaim the good news and candles will be lit as we remember CLC's saints who have passed from this life into the next this past year.

Guest Preacher: Sophie Geister-Jones

Special Music: Men's Choir

Sunday, November 9 – Worship

Today in the gospel reading some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. That man thought well on his feet. Their attempt fails.

Preacher: Pastor Paula

Sunday, November 16 – Worship with Holy Communion – New Member Sunday

In today's gospel lesson, we are reminded, that when all is lost and the world seems to be falling apart, God is there with us. Do not be afraid! New Members will be received into our community of faith during the announcements.

Preacher: Pastor Paula Geister-Jones

Special Music: First Class Ringers & Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 23 – Christ the King Sunday – Worship

Jesus is a King unlike any the world has seen. He comes to serve, not to be served. He comes to reach out to the poor and forgotten. He comes to give his life so all may be saved.

Preacher: Pastor Paula Geister-Jones

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday in Advent – ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

In today's gospel reading, we are told to "Stay awake, be aware and wait expectantly" because the Son of Man will come when you least expect him.

Preacher: Pastor Paula Geister-Jones



**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
United Methodist
Wednesday, November 26
7:00 p.m.**

Each year the community holds an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service. This year Methodist Church is hosting. We encourage you to attend. It is a beautiful service with members from many of the congregations participating in the Ecumenical Choir and Bell Choir. The preacher is usually the

newest preacher in town. This year it is the Methodist Pastor. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. The offering goes to the local Food Pantries to feed those who are hungry in our community. Everyone is also encouraged to bring an item for the Stoughton and Methodist Food Pantries.



New Member Sunday – November 16

New members will officially be received into our faith community on Sunday, November 16 at both services. If you know anyone who is interested in joining or if you are that someone, please contact the church office so Pastor Paula can arrange a visit.

New Member Orientation will be on Sunday, November 2 or November 9 immediately following the 9:15 a.m. Express Service. We meet in the Conference Room right off the narthex. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee and snack. We ask that people come prepared to have your photo taken. It is an informal time to get to know one another and to share information about the congregation.



Mark your calendars! We will have a welcome informational meeting for all ushers and those who might be interested in ushering on Sunday, December 7th following the 9:15 worship service. Grab a refreshment and a snack from the café and we will meet in the **Conference Room next to the Sanctuary**. You do not need to have experience in ushering, nor do you have to join a team. We welcome anyone who would be interested in ushering! We will discuss teams, alternates, what we do during worship service, and most importantly, get to know each other. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant this Christmas Season, they are available for \$19.00 each. Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and return to the church office by December 12.

Price and deadline may change as we are waiting for final numbers and dates from the florist.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Stewardship 2026 Join the Journey

*"Trust in God from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God's voice in everything you do,
everywhere you go." Proverbs 3:4-6*



Ways to Give to Christ Lutheran Church

Bring your offering to church and place it in the offering plate when passed around.

Log onto your personal bank account and initiate a bill pay – to the church. It can be a one-time payment, or you can set it up to occur every month! Simple, no fees to you or the church!

ACH withdrawal with Vanco (formally Thrivent Simply Giving). Vanco will withdraw from your savings or checking account and deposit it into the church's account! Jean in the office will set this up – all you have to do is fill out an authorization form and turn it in to Jean! CLC will pay a processing fee and a per transaction fee for this type of giving.

You can log onto the Church's website, www.clestoughton.org, and donate with your debit or credit card. You will enter your card information yourself. Choose a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation. CLC will pay a processing fee and a per transaction fee for this type of giving.

Use CLC's QR code. You will see it in the bulletin and around the church. It's a picture. You hold your phone up to it with the camera on and it takes you to the giving page of the Church's website. You fill in the amount you want to give and which fund you want it to go to, fill in your credit card info, and check out! Kind of like online shopping! CLC will pay a processing fee and a per transaction fee for this type of giving.



Thrivent Choice® Dollars. Thrivent members may be eligible to donate Thrivent Choice® Dollars based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Visit Thrivent's website <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/files/28339A.pdf> to see if you are eligible to make a Thrivent Choice® Dollar donation to Christ Lutheran Church. Choice Dollars® designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year.

Thrivent Seed Action Grants. If you have certain Thrivent policies, you may be eligible to apply for a seed action grant for the church. These funds help purchase supplies and food for many of the activities here at Christ Lutheran. Contact Pastor Paula or Jen Hoffman for more information.

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November Stewardship Update

With 75% of the year past, Christ Lutheran is – as of the end of September - \$35,475 short of budget. We did pass a \$68,000 deficit budget. 75% of \$68,000 is \$51,000 so we have made up roughly \$15,000 of that.

In August, Brian Swain our Treasurer, reported a \$28,500 deficit. Why such a large increase in one month? Expenses were higher. That is to be expected in September when everything gets started up after the summer months.

Please do whatever you can to make up the deficit. We realize that may be difficult with everything seemingly becoming more expensive.

THANK YOU



Pig Roast/Harvest Fest

Thank you to all who helped and participated. We hope you all had a great time. The food was delicious. About 35 pumpkins were painted. And the hayride was once again a big hit. It always is. Some of you really worked hard and we want to thank you again – and again – and again.

The Pig Roast was once again a fundraiser for the Organ Repair. We made almost exactly the same amount as last year - \$3449.

Advent Beginnings



Sunday, November 23

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 P.M.

This is a wonderful event. Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas. It is spent preparing for the birth of Jesus. Let's do it together on the Sunday before Advent begins. The Youth and Education Ministry Teams are hosting this event for the entire congregation - youth and adults. We will make homemade Christmas Cards, Christmas Decorations and of course – frost and decorate Christmas Cookies. We will put up the Christmas trees and food will be served.

On the menu that day will be both kid and adult favorites like Homemade Mac and Cheese and Potato and Bacon Chowder. A free will donation will be taken to cover the cost. **Check out the crafts! They will be on display in the narthex Sunday, November 9th and 16th. Kids, instead of buying something for mom and dad and grandpa and grandma, how about making them a gift?**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION NEWS



Parents' we have many special events each year for our kids. These events are called **Milestone Ministries**. These are special occasions meant to help link parent, child and the Christian faith with our Church. **Here are the milestone events this month:**

-1st Graders- Make an Advent Wreath (On **November 23** during 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Pastor Paula will talk to the 1st graders and their parents about the traditions of advent and the 1st graders will make their own advent wreath.

During a special service on **Sunday, October 26th**, we had ten 9th graders affirm their baptism in front of their family and friends. Those included were: Adelaide Borchert, Charles Brabender, Elaine Conant, Elizabeth Gross, Beckett Horswill, Jackson Kojo, Lucas Peterson, Brady Swain, Addalyn Swain and Lila Yellowbird. We will share pictures in our December Ambassador.

Reaffirmation
of **Baptism**



On **Wednesday, November 26th** there will be **no Confirmation** and **Sunday, November 30th** there will be **no Sunday School and only one service at 9:00 a.m.** On the 30th the kids can come and help decorate the tree for 7th and 8th Graders this is considered a service hour. We will decorate the tree immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service.

Christmas Program 2025- "The Animal's Tale"

This year the Sunday School Kids will be telling the story of Jesus' Birth through the stories passed down by the animals that were present at Jesus' Birth. Do you ever wonder what the animals would say? Join us on **Sunday, December 14th at the 9:15 a.m. Service**. Kids from 3 year's old through 8th grade will share the story in this fun, funny and surprising rendition of the traditional Christmas Story.

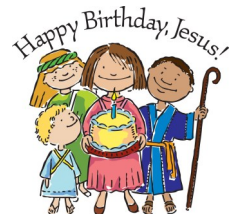


Sunday School
Program Rehearsals

For Kids who have speaking parts we will have several practices in both November and December: **Sunday, November 2nd and 16th we will run through scenes 1-3** and **Sunday, November 9th and we will run through scene's 4-6**. Kids with speaking parts will meet in the Narthex immediately following Sunday School at 10:50 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. And on the Sunday, **November 30th our kids in scenes 4-6** will meet immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service from 9:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Important Christmas Program Dates for our entire group of Sunday School Kids to remember. On **Sunday, November 16th**, during Sunday School kids with non-speaking parts will be fitted with their costumes. On **Sunday, December 7th all kids will be part of the dress rehearsal from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** This will mostly take place during our normally scheduled Sunday School time. On Sunday, **December 14th, the Christmas Program will take place at the 9:15 a.m. Worship Express service. Please make sure that your child is here no later than 8:30 a.m.** There will not be a Sunday School Class that day and we will have refreshments in the Café to celebrate.

The following **Sunday, December 21st** we will have an **all school class** celebrating the birth of Jesus with **Jesus' Birthday Party** during Sunday School from **10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** All children in Pre-K through 8th Grade are welcome even if you are not enrolled in Sunday School! .



Open Gym here at CLC - Coffee, Chaos and Community.

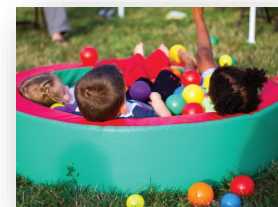
(Families with little ones, we will also have the nursery open and staffed)

What: Free Open Gym for kids and families

When: Thursday, November 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Who: This is open for kids from birth through Pre-K. Nursery is available

We have snacks including coffee and treats for the parents/grandparents/caregivers. We read a story, do a craft and play games in the gym. Perfect opportunity for your kids to get some exercise and playtime in a new environment with new toys and new friends.





**Food and Fellowship
Wednesday Evenings
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

A minimum donation of \$8.00 is requested to help cover the cost of food.

This year all meals will have a gluten-free option. Confirmation students and their families, God and Game participants and their families, Seniors, Chancel Choir, Uke Fellowship, Bell Choir Members, really – anyone and everyone – is invited to sit down and break bread together. Enjoy an hour of good food and fellowship.

If you are interested in helping out for meal preparation, serving or cleanup you can sign up to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094BADA72AAoFC1-58551832-wednesday>

Wednesday, November 5

Homemade Chicken Spaetzle and Potato Bacon Soup
Grilled Cheese or Egg Salad Sandwiches
Green Salad
Cookies and Ice Cream
Coffee, White or Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

Wednesday, November 12

Baked Chicken
Cheesy or Baked Potatoes
Green Salad
Swedish Rye Bread
Brownies and Ice Cream
Coffee, White or Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

Wednesday, November 19

Lasagna – with and without gluten
Buttered Noodles (for the children)
Lettuce Salad
Garlic Bread
Rice Krispies and Ice Cream
Coffee, White or Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

Wednesday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve

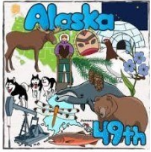
NO FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, GOD AND GAMES OR CONFIRMATION



**God and Games on Wednesday nights , November 5, 12, and 19.
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Grades 3rd – 6th**

It doesn't matter if you are a regular or not, you are always welcome. Alani Estervig and Libby Conant would both love to meet you. The evening starts out with a short devotional and continues with fun and games.

Mission Trip 2026 for Youth 8th Grade - Adults



Alaska – South of Anchorage

Friday, June 19 – Sunday, June 28

Cost: \$2500 estimate

Breakdown of Cost...

\$1,000 for flight to Anchorage.

Group rates are always about \$200 more than for an individual.

\$800 for six nights of lodging and food. (We will sleep in a church on the floor with air mattresses.)

\$300 for two adventures – hiking a Glacier, kayaking in the ocean, etc. We will decide as a group which adventures interest us the most.

\$200 – van rental and gas per person

\$200 – additional food and lodging

DO NOT LET THE COST SCARE YOU. There are numerous opportunities in the coming year to take bring your cost down a big chunk (Mail Order Bake Sale, Garage Sale, Lenten Luncheons, etc.) and we have some extra funds in the youth account for people who work hard to help raise the funds and there are people in the congregation who will help you pay for your trip.

You can earn money towards your trip by volunteering. You can go to our Sign-up Genius's to select times when you are available to volunteer. You can find links to different opportunities on the Youth page of our website: <https://clcstoughton.org/christian-edyouth/>.

Here is what Praying Pelicans says about mission trip to Alaska....

A land of immense natural beauty in its land and people, Alaska is an incredible place to serve on a mission trip. Approximately 730,000 people call Alaska their home, sparsely populating an area twice the size of Texas. Approximately half the population lives in the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. The remaining half live across vast landscapes, many of which are not reachable by the road system. Planes, boats, ATVs, and snow machines are common modes of transportation for the many who live in these rural regions of Alaska.

Despite Alaska's rugged beauty, mystery, and alluring fishing tourism during the long summer days, Alaska is not without great need. Poverty, homelessness, teenage suicide, seasonal affective disorder, drugs, and alcoholism plague every region of the state. The long winters and many hours of darkness take a great toll on the Alaskan people and their mental/emotional health.

On your Alaska mission trip, your team will have the opportunity to partner alongside local churches, as well as colleges, nonprofits, and Christian camps. These established ministries are targeting the struggles listed above and working together to make a much-needed difference.

The summer season, however short, yields long hours of daylight - hours spent hustling to treat building exteriors, paint, build, maintain, and accomplish whatever can only be done during the warmer days. Much help is needed, and our ministry connections have opened their arms wide to visiting mission teams who are ready to work hard and share the Gospel. Alongside service projects, many other ministries are in need of volunteers. Alaska mission trip teams will have the opportunity to host sports camps, park ministry, VBS, home visits, prayer walks, construction projects, and more.

Come experience the land of the midnight sun. The Church is active and ready for your partnership!

What do I know? I have told Justin we would like a mission trip that gives the group a variety of work to do because we will be bringing a group of people with a variety of gifts. So we discussed children's ministry, repair work, building, food pantry, soup kitchen, etc. We are expected at the site between 2 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 20. If we catch the flight from Madison to Anchorage on Friday, June 19th we will have time to explore the city. Hopefully we will have the energy. We leave from Madison at 6:00 a.m. and arrive at 11:30 a.m. but have actually been traveling for 8 1/2 hours (1 1/2 hour layover in Minneapolis). We leave our site on Friday, so we have Saturday to add another adventure to our trip. How many times are you going to go to Alaska: we need to do this.

What we need from you is to commit now, so we can start raising the funds. Registration forms are on the Information Desk and they will be mailed out to youth.



Boundary Waters Canoe Trip 2026
Monday, July 20 – July 26
Youth in Grades 7-12 and ALL INTERESTED ADULTS
Cost: \$500 \$450 after \$50 campership

The trip is in late July. We will be home before football starts.

As always, to keep our costs down, we pack out our own food and tents and provide as many of our own Duluth packs as possible. We have 15. The Outfitter provides the canoes, paddles, life jackets, a few Duluth packs, bunkhouse accommodations for Monday, July 20, breakfast the following morning and a shower when we come off trails

We leave early Monday, July 20. By early I mean at 6:00 a.m. That means you need to be at the church by 5:30 a.m. to pack. Why so early? We have 500 miles to travel. Bring food to snack on in the vehicles. We stop at Duluth harbor for lunch. Bring a packed lunch if you like, but food MAY be purchased there. We arrive in Grand Marais around 4:00 p.m. We hang out for a while and have pizza at Ole and Lena' around 5:30 p.m. After eating we finish the trip up the Gunflint to Voyageur Outfitters. The cost of that meal is part of the trip.

What do you do in the Boundary Waters? You paddle, portage, cook your meals over an open fire, swim, fish, enjoy the wilderness and the people you are with. Bring a book to read and some small portable games. We come off the water between 7 - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, shower, pack up and leave for home. The cost of the trip also covers breakfast/lunch at the Mid Trail Cafe about 30 miles south of the Outfitters on the way home. We usually arrive home about 10:00 p.m. For youth who can drive, parents may want to leave a car in the church parking lot. Once you have signed up, We will share with you a list of items that you will need to pack out.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON THE INFORMATION DESK



High School Open Gym
First Sunday of the Month – 10:45 a.m. - Noon

Here is a chance for our high school students to enjoy the gym or just hangout. Enjoy yourself! The space is yours.



SENIOR PROGRAMMING FOR NOVEMBER



Senior Luncheon

Tuesday, November 18

Cost: \$12

Program: Paul and His Missionary Journeys

11:00 a.m. – Optional Bible Study on Acts

There will be a quick slide review of the first 13 chapters of Acts leading up to Paul's ministry. Bible Study takes place in sanctuary.

11:30 a.m. – Lunch

12:30 p.m. - Program

After lunch we return to the sanctuary for a half hour look at the places the greatest Apostle of all spent time at; Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens, Ephesus, Patmos and other interesting places.

Menu

A Sample of Greek Cooking and...

Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans and Squash, Swedish Rye, Pumpkin and a Variety of Pies with Ice Cream, Coffee and Milk



Senior Luncheon

Tuesday, December 16

11:30 a.m.

Program: Madrigal Singers

Cost: \$12.00

This has become a tradition at CLC. They have been singing for us for over ten years. The Madrigal Singers have provided us with wonderful programs

in the past. I am sure they will do the same this year. Come, sit back and listen to some beautiful Christmas music.

Menu

Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Raspberry Jell-o with Raspberries, Bananas and Whipped Cream, Krumkake, Lefse and Swedish Rye Bread, Rommegrot and Christmas Cookies, Coffee and Milk



**This year for our December Excursion
we will go to the Dells
and enjoy their Christmas Show and Dinner.**

Friday, December 5

Legacy Theater

Cost: \$71.95 (includes dinner, show and gratuity)

We have never been here before, but I have heard from others that they put on a good show. We would leave from the church at **12:10 – arrive by 1:15 p.m.** – enter the dinner theater to be seated to enjoy dinner. The Legacy Theater's Christmas program serves a four-course dinner featuring roasted turkey and honey-glazed ham, alongside traditional holiday sides like mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, seasoned green beans, and cranberry fruit salad. The meal also includes a starter of creamy vegetable soup and a dessert of pumpkin pie. Following dinner comes the **show at 2:30 p.m.** The show last 1 hour and forty minutes with a 15 minute intermission. **By 4:30 p.m.** we will be on the road to return home.

The sign-up sheet is on the information desk. Please sign up by Friday, November 21st. Please pay when you sign up. Write the check out to CLC with “dinner theater” in the check memo. If you can drive please let Jen or Pastor Paula know.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING NOVEMBER (CONTINUED)



Rebranding Our Senior Programming

For years our Senior programming has gone under the names “Senior Luncheon” and Senior Excursions.” We need to come up with something different. Something more fun. We have...

GOD AND GAMES – time in the gym for 3rd – 6th graders on Wednesday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP – meals on Wednesday evenings

BOOKS AND BREAKFAST – Book Study on Thursday mornings

Sunrise at 9:30 a.m.

PINTS AND PARABLES – Bible Study at Viking Brew Pub the second Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

COFFEE AND CHAOS – Toddler ministry at CLC the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

I think you have already picked up on the pattern we are using – alliteration. Both words – Seniors Luncheons or Seniors Excursions – need to start with the same letter. Hand your ideas into Pastor Paula or Jen and we will vote for the best at the December Senior Luncheon.

GO AND TELL BY ROGER SLACK



The past few months have been trying times for almost everyone not knowing what the future holds for us as individuals and as a nation. Jobs, in some fields, are uncertain if not gone. If not permanently, then at least temporarily. There are times like these that make it hard for a person to remember and realize that God does love them and still is in control. I think I get caught up in the times when God was not adverse to letting me fall on my head when I “challenged gravity” in some form only to find out “Yep, it still works”. I would come away thinking that was really a dumb idea and if I think it was dumb, God probably thinks it was really dumb and I end up apologizing for being stupid. My confidence was shaken and I was embarrassed in front of God when I wanted Him to be proud of me.

Sometimes we blame ourselves for things that are not our fault: a lost job, an investment that lost money and countless other things that we can kick ourselves for and make us feel alone. One of the early churches greatest attributes was that of helping to take care of each other. That was impressive to the peoples of that time. You may know of a job possibility for someone or a cheaper source of health insurance for someone without. That is a tremendous boost to a persons self esteem to know that someone else cares and is looking out for their best interests. Letting someone know that you will be praying for them and their situation is a boost as well. Matthew 18:19- 20 say “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything they may ask, it shall be done for them by my Father who is in Heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst”. We need to remember the power we have access to and that we can build each other up with a prayer on their behalf.

“Christ in Our Home” daily devotional booklets for September, October, November in small and large print are available for pick up.

Hymn Nerds November

Robert Lowry, a minister who served in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey wrote “Shall We Gather at the River”. It was a very hot summer day in 1864 when he sat in his study in Brooklyn, New York, thinking of parishioners who had recently died. It was a time when an epidemic was sweeping through the city. All around friends and acquaintances were dying. The question began to rise in his heart with unusual emphasis: “Will we meet again? We are parting at the river of death; shall we meet at the river of life?”

This reminded Pastor Lowry of the book of Revelation, Chapter 22, where John describes the saints and angels gathered at the river of life. That afternoon he sat at the organ and both words and music began to flow. ***Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

Bethel Circle Fundraiser



Bethel Circle will be selling dish cloths on **Sunday, November 16th** and **Sunday, November 23rd** in the Narthex. The dish cloths are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All Proceeds will be donated to either the CLC Scholarship Fund or the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In addition, check out the Christmas Cards on for sale in the Narthex. These are beautiful handmade cards done by Sandy Grant and at \$3.00 each are a steal. Custom Cards are also available on request. Contact Sandy Grant for more information at tipitime@yahoo.com.



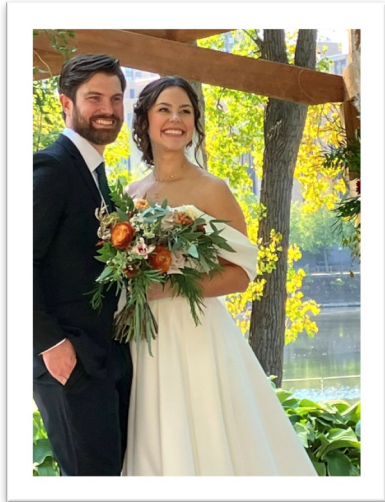
Apple Peeling by the confirmation students.



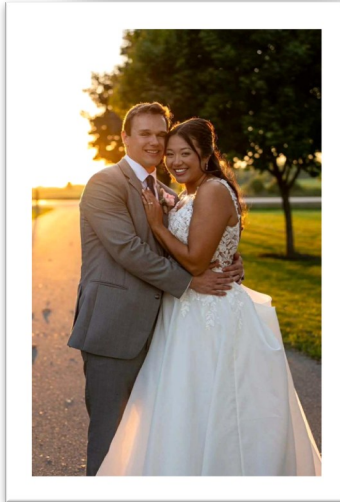
Lefse Baking has begun! Getting ready for the Holiday Youth Bake Sales



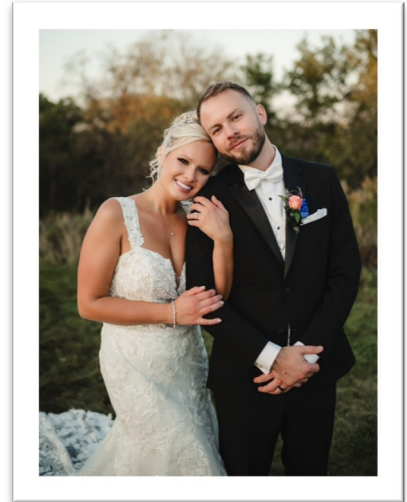
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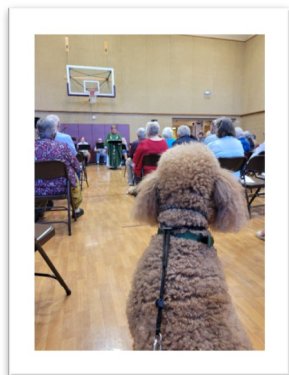
October 3: Matt Geister-Jones and Jacie Ihinger



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