

CHRIST'S MESSENGER

Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool, Eagan MN

November 2018

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Christ Lutheran Church
is a growing body
of believers in Jesus Christ,
sharing the love, word,
and grace of God with our
family, community, and world.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters of Christ Lutheran Church,

I am beginning by repeating some of what was written in the October Newsletter to emphasize the importance of being in the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures. Studies show that there is a direct correlation between attendance in church Bible Study and the spiritual health of the congregation. The greater the attendance, especially by the leadership of the congregation, the healthier the church. I believe this to be very true here at Christ Lutheran Church.

There is a Sunday Morning Bible Study and the Tuesday Evening Bible Study (which is the same study as Sunday morning just offered at a different time) every week. Only a few of our CLC brothers and sisters have been taking advantage of this time of building up the church and each other in Christ.

Our first study was "Identity". It focused around the verse from I John 3:1 **"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."** Thank God that He has adopted us and called us His children. This makes clear that we are precious in God's eyes. As a child of God we are enabled to walk in newness of life.

Our second study was "Confession". The focus verse was I John 1:8-9 **"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** Expressing Godly sorrow in confession reflects true contrition. It is the fruit of repentance! However, we are so accustomed to self-justifying that our words often serve to avoid taking responsibility for our sin. Instead, our words seek to blame others or explain away our guilt. This is not pleasing to God.

Rather we are to trust in Christ's forgiveness. Whether or not the other person forgives you, remember that you are forgiven in Christ based on the promises in His Word!

Our third study is "Forgiveness". The focus verse was I Peter 2:24 **"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed."** It is important that we remember God's forgiveness for us so that we might forgive others as we have been forgiven in Christ. Even though we are sinners God forgives us so completely that we are considered holy, fully righteous in the sight of God. Remembering that you are forgiven is key to living as a child of God, including forgiving others. We are enabled to do the impossible (forgiving as God forgives us) when we focus on our forgiveness in Christ.

Please join one of the Church Bible Studies as we move onto "Love Others", showing love even when it is hard.

Love in Christ!

Pastor Hahn



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Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm

Join your CLC brothers and sisters in Christ in worship, giving thanks to the Lord, prayer, and praise for all He has done for us and all that He gives us daily.

The Worship Service begins at 7:00pm followed by a dessert reception to help raise money for the victims of the uprising in Ethiopia and to support our CLC brother in Christ Dr. Magn Nyang who is imprisoned in Ethiopia at this very moment.



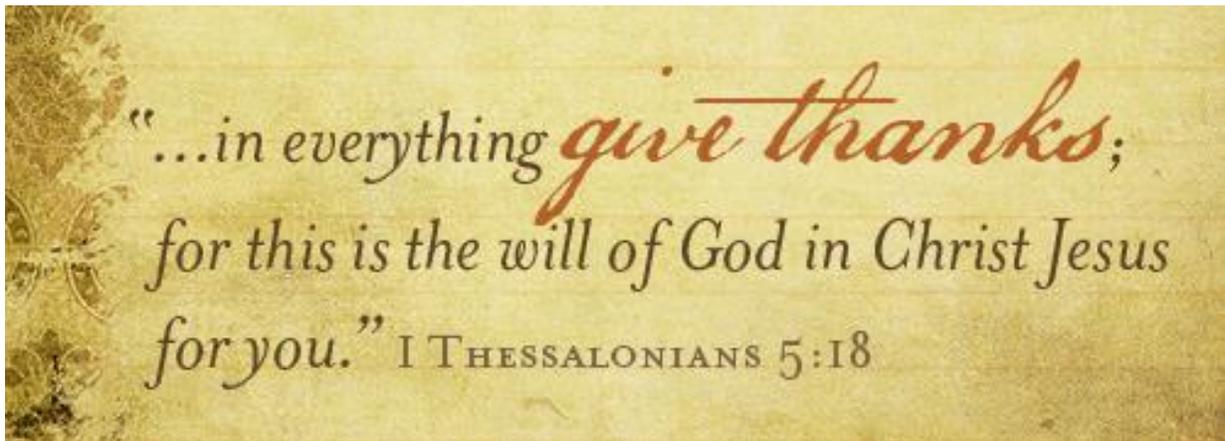
There will also be a **Free Will Door Offering** on both Saturday and Sunday November 24th & 25th. Please come and join us in an evening of thanksgiving.



BOARD OF HUMAN CARE

Christ Lutheran has received a certificate of recognition from the American Red Cross for their commitment and dedication to the American Red Cross Premier Blood Partner Program for 2017. Our location donated 73 units of blood last year. Please join us on Nov. 8th from

12:00 – 6:00PM to donate blood in honor of our veterans. Thank you for donating blood to save lives!





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The Peacemakers

As part of the Elder's goals for 2018, we are working our way through the book, *The Peacemakers* by Ken Sande. Each Elders meeting has time devoted to discussing each of the chapters in the book. In September, the Elders and Pastor reviewed Chapter 6, "**Confession Brings Freedom**". This is the final chapter in Part 2 of the *Peacemakers*, *Get the Log Out of Your Eye*. Here are some of the ideas and thoughts from this chapter.

The chapter started out with a passage, "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13. Scripture teaches us to confess our sins. This typically is done each service with a corporate confession. Confession of sins strips us of our pride and defensiveness and we can let go of the illusion of self-righteousness. We are also taught to right the wrongs we have caused others and to reconcile with each other. While it is easy to address our sins in a corporate confession, it can be very difficult to address sins to each other in a Christian manner.

The restoration process involves four activities, repentance, self-examination, confession and personal change. The first activity is repentance, which means, to change the way we think. Worldly repentance is different from godly repentance. In most worldly situations we will feel bad for things done wrong and may even have to suffer some consequences. However, godly sorrow means regret for offending God. Genuine repentance should lead to changed behavior. Paul preached "turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds." (Acts 26:20) Repentance involves a true sorrow for the hurt caused. This can be to both the person or persons we have hurt, but also to God for not following his will.

Self-examination is the next step in sincere repentance. Self-examination helps us uncover the mistakes and sins we have committed by our action and our lack of actions. James 4:17 reminds us, "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." Therefore, if you are involved in a conflict and do nothing to help resolve the conflict, you are guilty of sin in God's eyes. Self-examination can be difficult. If you find it difficult to identify and confess your wrongs, there are two things you can do. First, ask God for help through prayer. Second ask a mature Christian to counsel and correct you.

As you examine yourself and your part in the conflict, there are many areas you should consider including, reckless words, complaining, stating falsehoods and gossip, slandering and worthless talk. Sinful words contribute greatly to a conflict. Therefore, renounce all such areas and seek God's help to overcome the sinful desires.

There are seven A's of confession that can be practiced to help resolve conflicts.

1. Address everyone involved. Heart sins, those sins committed by thoughts and desires, should be confessed to God. However, social sins such as gossip, slander, lying, must be confessed to all those harmed by the sin. Your confession should reach as far as your offense.
2. Avoid, If, But and Maybe. The best way to ruin a confession is to use words that shift some or all of the blame to others. We see this almost daily in our lives when someone says, "I am sorry if that offended you." Rather than taking responsibility for an action or words that were spoken. Sometimes the best confession is just to say, I am sorry.
3. Admit specifically. The more detailed the confession is, the better and more complete it will be. This will lead to true reconciliation. It is often wise to admit specifically that what you did violated God's will. For example, "My critical comments have not only hurt you, but they have offended God as well. I have disobeyed his command to not slander others.
4. Acknowledge the hurt. Recognize and admit the hurt caused by your actions. Sometimes you may not know exactly. In those situations, it can be helpful to ask how they felt as a result of your behavior. This can help you acknowledge the hurt caused and build the relationship.
5. Accept the Consequences. Be patient with others. Sometimes, it takes a while for others to accept the confession. Also, be willing to accept consequences that may not be pleasant.
6. Alter the behavior. Be honest about the behavior changes you will make to not offend the person. While we are not going to be perfect in every situation, we can strive to be better at treating others.
7. Ask forgiveness and allow time.

You can change. God is eager to help us grow and change. You can start the process by starting a new prayer routine. Delight in the Lord and seek his guidance. Study his word to develop a close connection to God through scripture and practice. As with all difficult tasks, practice is the key to becoming better.



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Key passages from this chapter include:

Phil. 1:6

Rom. 8:28-29

Eph. 4: 22-24

Col. 1: 9-12

James 3: 17-18

1 Cor. 9: 24-27

2 Tim. 2:21

The Elders and Pastor also reviewed Chapter 7, "Just Between the Two of You". This is the first chapter in Part 3 of the Peacemakers, Gently Restore. Here are some of the ideas and thoughts from this chapter.

Chapter 7 started out with a passage, "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." Matthew 18:15. One of the most challenging ways to serve others in the midst of conflict is to help them see where they have been wrong and need to change. Although many offenses can and should be overlooked, some problems are so harmful that they must be discussed. This chapter provides some basic guidelines to gently restore and talk privately with another about his contribution to a conflict. This is not always easy.

Restoring is more than confronting others about their wrongs. The restoration theme is throughout scripture and talks about helping, saving and forgiving. Although the restoration process may sometimes require direct confrontation, the Bible teaches that there are better ways to approach people about their wrongs. Scripture rarely uses the word "confront" in regards to gently restoring fellow Christians. Scripture provides many examples about approaching others indirectly instead of bluntly. Jesus did not directly confront the Samaritan woman at the well about living in adultery. Jesus approached the issue indirectly by using questions and discussion to engage her in a process about thinking of her own life. Jesus frequently used parables and stories as roundabout ways to help people see their sins. These and several other passages show that we need to look at options rather than direct confrontation as a way to show others their sins.

When having a conversation about the sins of another it is very important that the meetings are face to face and in private. Face to face is the best way to begin a reconciliation process. However, this may not always be possible when the face to face meeting may be with a person that has power over you or the situation. In those cases, it may be best to bring in a neutral intermediary. While one on one is best, in some cases involving another person to assist you in resolving the conflict may be prudent. In all cases we should ask God for his guidance on how best to address the person.

There are several special cases when you will need to address the situation immediately and with Christian love. One situation is when someone has something against you. God wants you to take the initiative in seeking peace. Even if you believe you have not done anything wrong. If you believe the complaints against you are unfounded or the misunderstanding is entirely the other person's fault, it is intuitive to think that you have no responsibility to take the initiative to resolve the conflict. This is in conflict with Jesus in Matthew 5:23-24. Here he commands to reconcile with your brother before bringing your gift to the altar.

Another case is when someone's sins are too serious to overlook. Jesus said, "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him." Luke 17:3. These sins can include dishonoring God through actions and deeds that would allow others to think less of God. The sin is damaging to you and to others and hurtful. This includes significant harm as a result of the disagreement. Knowing that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough, Paul commands Christians to address serious and open sin quickly and firmly to save the believers from being led astray. Finally, someone's sins may be too serious to overlook when it is hurting the offender. This comes in the form of addiction, activities that take the person farther away from God's love, and behavior that further erodes the Christian ways of love and forgiveness. In these situations, Paul commands us to restore them gently.

There are also special considerations when addressing sinful actions or behavior when the person is a non-Christian, a person in authority over you, or if you are confronting abuse. In these special situations counsel from a Pastor is recommended. However, go tentatively and go repeatedly to bring reconciliation to your brother.

Key passages from this chapter include:

Matthew 18: 15-20

2 Sam. 14: 1-23

Matthew 5: 23-24

Luke 6: 32-36

Gal. 6:1

James 5: 19-20

Next month, the Elders will be reviewing Chapter 8, Speak the Truth in Love. All are welcome at the Elders meetings. They are the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7 pm. They are held in the Church office.

Blessings,

Board of Elders



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A message from Concordia University-St Paul

Office of University Advancement:

Dear Friends,

Concordia's Bible verse for the year is: "May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands." (Psalm 90:17 NIV). Your recent gift of \$602.00 (received on 09/26/2018) to benefit Campus Ministry helps students, like Ruth, achieve the work the Lord has established for them.

"I am majoring in Elementary Education with a Lutheran Classroom Certification and a Middle School Math endorsement. I also run cross country and track and field. I cannot thank you enough for your gifts that make it possible for me to be here. Having your support inspires me to work hard in pursuing my dream to become a teacher. Thank you!" Ruth Lindberg, Class of 2020

Thank you for filling the gap between affordability and opportunity by providing means for CSP students to reach their dream of a college degree and a meaningful vocation.

With blessings and thanks,

Mark Hill

Vice President for Advancement CSP



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Voters' Meeting

The CLC Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, November 18th at 11:30 am. The budget will be voted on. Don't miss this important meeting!



Church Work Day



The Trustees have scheduled another church workday for November 17th from 9am to noon. There will be inside and outside projects to be completed.

Christmas decorating will be done on December 1st at 9am.

The Trustees would like to thank Tom Gustafson, Larry Sullwold, Ken Ische, and Glenn Gregory for their time on the October Fall Clean-Up Day.



Coming soon!!!!

Preschool Candy Bar fundraiser to raise money for scholarships and other expenses.



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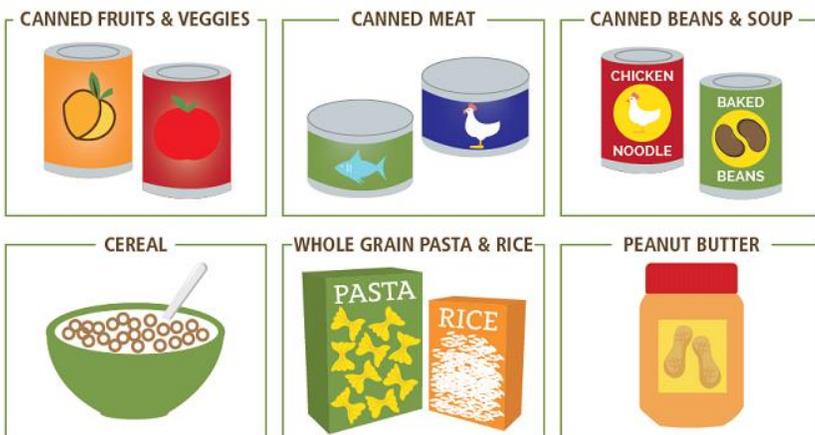
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Greeters are a very important part of church life. It is important to make people feel welcome at CLC just as you make guests feel welcome in your own home. We are looking for more volunteers to serve as greeters before the Sunday morning church service. All it takes is a smile and a Good Morning. You can be a single, couple, or family. A schedule is set up every three months so if you sign up now we will include you beginning March 1st or sooner if you want. Contact the church office or Joyce Swedean (651-688-8245) to volunteer. Please consider this volunteer opportunity of service to your Lord and our Congregation.

FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS



November Food Drive

Preschool and LWML will host a Food Drive for the Open Door Pantry. We will be collecting items from Nov. 3rd – Nov. 30th. The Preschool will be given flyers and LWML has flyers available on their table in the narthex. Please join us in helping others this Thanksgiving season by sharing with our community.



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Christ Lutheran Church Veterans

**We at Christ Lutheran Church would like to pay honor
and say thank you to our Veterans:**

**Russell Agrimson
Earl Breuer
Ron Bongard
Tim Clawson
Glenn Gregory
Tom Gustafson
Jerry Hanson
Glenn Holland
Ken Ische
Bonny Jamison**

**Cordt Jamison
Gene Jarnagin
Armond Krech
Larry Landis
Merlin Leiding
Carl Meyer
Wallace Niklaus
Donald Ohmann
Terry Rodenberg
Donald Roemhildt**

**Gordon Schramm
Jim Struck
David Studer
Larry Sullwold
Dick Swedean
Dale Vogt
Brian Wilkins
Robert Wolf**

We remember those who served our country and are now in God's care:

**Richard Arneson
Henry Braun
Westley Briest
Marvin Bundt
Raymond Buntjer
William Burkhalter
Emil Burow
Joe Connolly
Stuart Fedderly
Merlin Groenke**

**Howard Groff
Clarence Hanson
Joseph Hogeland
Robert Kruger
Lawrence Linkert
William Lunka
Delbert Nuernberg
Harvey O'Brien
Ernest Quast
Heinz Rother**

**Edgar
Schuhmacher
Frank Schwolow
Larry Strohkirch
Robert Wilkins
William Scott
Donald Zahnow**

God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!



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CLC Outreach into the Community

- **Bible Study at Eagan Pointe Senior Living Center Monday Evening at 6:30pm and Tuesday Morning at 9:00aam.**
- **Tuesday Morning Worship Service at Eagan Pointe Senior Living Center at 10:00am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month**
- **Anyuak Prayer Service**
Recently the Anyuak members of Christ Lutheran Church hosted a prayer service for the political unrest and violence that has recently occurred in Ethiopia. Several people have been killed and many others seriously injured. This prayer service that started at about 1pm continued on all afternoon and into the evening. Pastor Hahn attended for about 1½ hours hearing the Bible being preached and prayers being lifted up to God. Even though another language was being spoken there were translators present. Please continue to pray for the dangerous political situation of Ethiopia.
- **CLC Facility Usage to the Community** – Scouts, 4-H, Eagan Men's Chorus, Vermillion Carriage Association, Cliff Lakes Association, Diffley Atrium Association, and Private Music Recitals, Blood Drives, Election Site



These are just some of the ways we are sharing Christ in our community. We can do even more. If you have some ideas on how we can reach out to the community with the love of Christ let Pastor Hahn know what the idea is and how you can become involved.



Lutheran Voter Information Guides are available in the narthex. As we pray about the many issues our country is facing, it can be used as a guide for us as we endeavor to make God-pleasing decisions at the ballot box this November. Please vote your values on November 6th.

Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 4th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



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PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please let Pastor Hahn or the church office know of any additions or changes so we can keep Prayer Requests up to date.)

Special Prayer Needs – Dr. Magn Nyang who is imprisoned in Ethiopia

General Prayer Needs – Kenneth Ephratha and family

Cancer – Corrine (daughter of Wally & JoAnn Niklaus), Steve Brennan, Judy Lemke-Kline (niece of Darlene Lemke), Pastor LeRoy LaPlante, Lucy Roemhildt, Lyle Schultz (former member), Greg Wills, Don Wolf, Wava Zietlow (mother of Patti Greseth)

Recovering from surgery, illness, or other – Nanu Ajack, Ethan Hanson (great-grandson of Florence Hanson), Karen Hultquist, Ben Kothe, Antonina Kopcheve (mother-in-law of Alex Mezeritski), Darlene Lemke, Ioannis Madzaris (friend of Alex Mezeritski), Mary Marlow, Tatyana Mezeritski, Louise Neil, Marjwok Ogio, Eldoris Ohm, Gerry Studer, Earl Weber (Bonny Jamison's father), Don Wolf

Homebound – Earl Breuer, Waltraud Bundt, Jim and Shirley Eilola, Lucille Jung, Ed Klamm, Dorothy Lueck, Marlys Lund, Marian Neujahr, Florence O'Brien, Gordon and Shirlee Schramm, Lois Scott, Don Stoeckman, Dale Vogt, Guy Westphal

Our Preschool – Please pray for the children who are attending Preschool this fall and for the teachers who lead them and teach them. Also, pray that the Lord would send more new children and families to CLC Preschool so that we can reach out more with Christ's love to our community and surrounding area.

Those in the military and their families – Jared Wilkins (grandson of Margaret Wilkins), Dustin Greseth (son of Patti Greseth), MSGT Cordt Jamison (member of CLC), SGT Cody Klinksiek (nephew of Julie Lefebvre), Ajack Ajack (son of Adangy Gwoy), Apilo Ojulu (son of Ariet Ojulu), Jake Anderson and David Hernandez (grandsons of Dick and Joyce Swedean)

The Anyuak Ministry at CLC; the Anyuak people in Ethiopia and Sudan.

Persecuted Christians in over 53 countries around the world, especially Christians in Egypt, Syria, and other parts of the Middle East.

Our nation.



Time to think about Poinsettias!

Poinsettias always beautify the chancel at Christmas. For just \$10, you can choose between red, pink, or white poinsettias. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex near the flower chart. You may specify to give a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please print clearly, and make your checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church – note "poinsettia" on the memo line. Deadline to order is November 11.



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November Birthdays

- 1 Melissa Clawson
- 2 Jim Struck
- 3 Victoria Johnson
- 6 Julie Lefebvre
- 10 Sandi Hansen, Carl Sisk, Curt Thompson
- 11 Chudojwak Awatt
- 13 Curt Hartog
- 15 Thomas Clawson, Carl Meyer Jr.,
Don Ohmann, Mark Omot
- 18 Glenn Gregory, Shirlee Schramm
- 19 Takajwok Anwey
- 21 Okach Kwot, Donald Wolf
- 24 Kathleen Nelson, Terry Rodenberg
- 26 Judy Kaner
- 27 Ruth Ohmann
- 29 Mason Phoulavan
- 30 Kristen Willis



November Wedding Anniversaries

- 23 Robert (Gene) and Caren Jarnagin (55 years)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Food Drive Begins 4pm- Praise Jam 5pm- Worship with HC
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9am Worship - HC 10:15am- Fellowship 10:30am - Education Hour 2:30pm- Anyuak Worship	5 6:30pm - LIFE Group at Eagan Pt	6 General Elections at Christ Lutheran 9am-Eagan Pt Bible Study 6pm - Bible Study 7pm - Elders	7 6:15pm - Bell Choir 7:00pm - Choir 7pm-Council Meeting	8 12-6pm - Blood Drive	9	10 4pm- Praise Jam 5pm- Worship
11 9am Worship 10:15am- Fellowship 10:30am - Education Hour 2:30pm- Anyuak Worship	12 6:30pm - LIFE Group at Eagan Pt	13 9am - Eagan Pt Bible Study 10am-Eagan Pt Worship 6pm - Bible Study	14 6:15pm - Bell Choir 7:00pm - Choir	15 1pm - Preschool Board Meeting	16	17 9am-Noon - Church Workday 4pm- Praise Jam 5pm- Worship with HC
18 9am Worship - HC 10:15am- Fellowship 10:30am - Education Hour 11:30am - Voters' Meeting 2-5pm - Confirmation Instruction 2:30pm-Anyuak Worship	19 6:30pm - LIFE Group at Eagan Pt 7pm- Dakota Ramblers 4-H Club December Newsletter Submissions Due	20 9am-Eagan Pt Bible Study 6pm - Bible Study	21 7pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service followed by Desserts!	22 	23	24 4pm- Praise Jam 5pm- Worship
25 9am Worship 10:15am- Fellowship 2-8pm - Anyuak Unity	26 6:30pm - LIFE Group at Eagan Pt	27 9am-Eagan Pt Bible Study 10am-Eagan Pt Worship 7pm-Trustees	28 6:15pm - Bell Choir 7:00pm - Choir	29	30	

