



First Lutheran Church

Pastor's Message

Thanks-giving

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Col. 2:7)

Every year the celebration of Christmas seems to begin earlier and earlier. The stores are already setting up their Christmas displays as you read this, and it won't be long before we hear the Christmas music echoing through the aisles. Almost two months to go and we already feel pressured to begin making our plans for what has been billed as “The most wonderful time of the year”. So much to do and so little time to prepare.

BUT WAIT! Could it be that in our haste we are in danger of missing a most important part of our church year? For ten months we have followed Jesus from heaven – to earth – and back to heaven. We have witnessed his miracles, heard his teachings, and experienced his blood bought gift of love. Through his Spirit he has established his Church, and through faith he has made us part of that Church. And now, as we approach the end of our church year, we are assured that he is coming back to take us to be with him in paradise forever.

We are told that he will come with his angels and gather the faithful from the ends of the earth. All mankind will see his coming in glory. He will appear like lightening. We will see the Son of Man sitting on his throne at the right hand of the Father, and we will hear his wonderful invitation, “Enter into the kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world...”

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday Morning:

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes

11:00 a.m.

Blended Contemporary Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month.

November is the conclusion of our story and an opportunity to stop and give thanks for all that we have seen and experienced – and for all that is yet to come. Thanksgiving Day was set aside as a day of thanks by the Pilgrims for God’s goodness in sparing their lives. We have so much more to give thanks for this year. Let’s join in a month-long celebration of thanksgiving as we prepare to start a new church year in December.

Thank You!

Dearest Brothers & Sisters of First,

Pastor Carlson and I were overwhelmed by your kindness, encouraging words and the love that we feel serving the Lord among you. We are deeply grateful for the cake, cards and well wishes we received celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month. We are humbled and grateful to God for His goodness in allowing us to serve among you all.

--Pastor Dave & Pastor Steve

Events Coming Up

Craft Fair

Our youth will be sponsoring the annual craft fair this Saturday, November 3rd, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will go toward their trip to the National Youth Gathering next summer in Minneapolis, MN.

Veteran’s Dinner

Everyone is invited to honor our Veterans at a special meal on Sunday, November 4th, at beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Shoebox Packing Parties

We are hoping to pack 200 Shoeboxes this year to send to children throughout the world this year. If you would like to fill a box or make a donation, stop by the table in the narthex for more information. We will have two different packing parties this year. Everyone is invited to help us following the second service on Sunday, November 4th, down-stairs in the 4th-6th grade classroom. Our youth will also have another packing party on Wednesday, November 14th, for about an hour after Confirmation beginning around 7:00 p.m.

Meal for Our University Students

There will be a meal for our University students on Sunday, November 11th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come, bring a friend and enjoy a time to get to know others your age. We look forward to seeing you then!

Boards & Parish Planning Meetings

Just a reminder that our meetings in November will be held on the second Tuesday, November 13th. The Board meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Parish Planning meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Fellowship Board invites everyone to join us on Sunday, November 18th, for a Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Youth Ice Skating Event

Our youth will be meeting at Glacier Rink on Friday, November 30th, at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$1.00. Please plan to attend, INVITE FRIENDS and bring your ice dancing moves!!

Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 1st, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All help is welcome ... many hands make light the work!