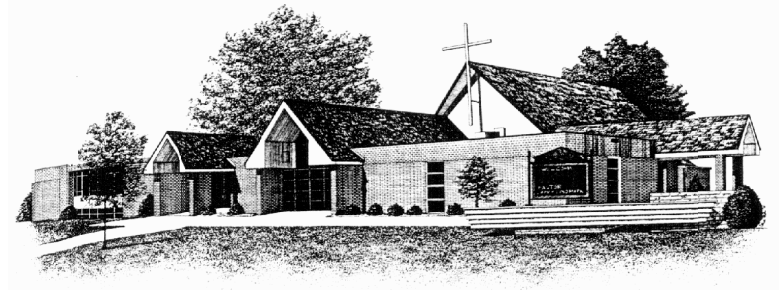


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Grace-Gifted, Faith-Lifted
Called to Share, Seek, and
Serve Christ



Dear Friends in Christ,

November is a month of Thanksgiving in the United States, and in the church, we begin this month with All Saints Day. On this day, we give thanks for all of the saints who have gone before us in this life, particularly those from this congregation who have died since our last celebration of All Saints Day. We give thanks for all those who could proclaim with Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7), including Arnie Lindaman, Walter Dengler, Pat Hoffmann, Barb Mohr, Norm Harvey, Pat St. John, Arliss Whisler, George Braden, John Kuhl, Mark Hoffman, Jeanette Keppy, Debra Weston, Mary Flenker, Gregg Mohr, and Gloria Hamann. On All Saints Sunday, November 5 and 6, we will light a candle for each of these people as a way of remembering and giving thanks for the ways God used these beloved children of God to shine the light of Christ's love into the world. We give thanks for the ways in which they shared the faith of God with us. We give thanks for the God who has trampled death in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and, through our baptism, has given us the promise of eternal life.

As we give thanks for these promises made to us in baptism, on this All Saints Day, we also give thanks for all of the new saints who have been added to the body of Christ through the waters of baptism since our last celebration of All Saints Day, including Oliver Allen Shipman, Lucas James Messerich, Lynlee Monroe Ambrosy, Sutton Douglas Cosgrove, Wallace Robert Gillespie and Roland William Flenker. For each of these new brothers and sisters in Christ, we will have a white rose on the altar as we give thanks for all of the gifts of baptism. We give thanks for the promise that God speaks to each of these new brothers and sisters in Christ when God says, "I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1c). We give thanks for the grace and mercy God provides. We give thanks for the gift of forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life through these living waters.

It brings such joy to be able to give thanks for these faithful departed who have completed the work that God has called them to do in this life and to give thanks for these newly baptized as they begin their new lives in the promises of Christ. This joy also leads me to give thanks for all of the saints who are living among us in these days and who continue to shine the light of Christ into the world. I give thanks for

every one of you for all of the ways that you share the gifts that God has given you, your selves, your time and your treasure, to further the mission of God in and through Faith Lutheran Church and to proclaim God's abundant love for the world in all that you do beyond this place.

In this month of Thanksgiving, I proclaim with Paul:

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6).

While not everything about this year has been easy, I have found great joy as we have been able to revive so many of the most important ministries that we share this year. I give thanks for all of you who join us for worship each week, either in person or online. I give thanks for our musicians and choirs who share their gifts of music to enhance our worship. I give thanks for our Confirmation Conversations, our active Youth Group and their mission trips, for our Sunday School students and teachers, for Vacation Bible School and Lutheran Lakeside Camp. I give thanks for the many Bible studies we have begun again and for the quilters who faithfully sew quilts for those who need warmth. I give thanks for the North Scott Feed Our Children Ministry and for the Homecoming Tailgate Party with the North Scott Clergy Group. I give thanks for the members of all of our ministry teams, committees, and our Congregation Council who so faithfully lead the ministry that we share. I give thanks for all those who work behind the scenes to keep up all of our property and set up our worship space for worship each week. I give thanks for our video crew who makes sure that worship is available online each week. I give thanks for the staff that I am privileged to work with each day. I give thanks for the new members who have joined us. I give thanks for all of you whom God has called and gathered in this place as we share in Christ's ministry together for the sake of the world. As I give thanks, I also look forward to all of the ways that we will continue to be God's presence in the world in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.

I hope and pray that, as you gather with family and friends in this time of Thanksgiving, that you will stop and give thanks for all of the gifts that God has provided for you in this year. I also hope and pray that you know what a gift you are to me, to this place, to the ministry that we share. Praying God's blessings upon you and all those you love this Thanksgiving!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Carrie



I hope you are enjoying the changing of the seasons. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, I hope you have blessings to be thankful for. I know this farmer is thankful for the good harvest weather of October. To be honest, this is a short update since I have been a bit occupied with harvest.

Join me in thanking:

- Everyone who helped provide supplies, prepare, and serve the Churches United Meal in October.
- Matt Briehl, Bill Wittkowski, and Dan O'Flaherty for installing gutter guards on booth sides of the sanctuary.

The regular council meeting was held on October 20th. Budget proposals for 2023 are being submitted by the teams, the nominating committee is beginning its work, maintenance needs were discussed, and most exciting of all, new members were officially recognized.

Mike Garner, Council President
563-349-4459



Please join us during the month of November to show appreciation for our pastors and our staff: Pastor Carrie, Pastor Heather, Dennis Kelly (Custodian), Beth Ann Anderson (Office Manager), Sue Becker (Music Director/Organist), and Teri Wittkowski (Organist).

You may do by sending an email or card to the church, or by dropping it off the next time you are at worship or visiting the church.

Let's join together to let them know how much they are loved!



CHURCHES UNITED MEAL Service Opportunity



Churches United is a partnership of Quad City area churches that provides services for needy people, including meals. Our church has volunteered to serve the November 15th meal at 5:45 pm, at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Service in the World committee has planned the menu and welcomes help from the congregation. There is a signup posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and a SignUp Genius available on our website for menu items and serving the meal. Please consider volunteering if you would like to help feed the hungry



Humility Homes and Services (humilityhomes.org) in Davenport has requested donations of coats, gloves, mittens, and hats for the clients that they serve. They are looking for children's coats, but will also accept adult coats. These may be new or gently used. If used, please make sure they are clean. A collection receptacle has been placed in the church for your donations. Final donations will be accepted Sunday December 11. As donations are received, they will be taken to Humility Homes and Services so they can distribute them to their clients. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Strom at 217-493-9329. Thank you so much for your donation.



TRUNK OR TREAT

On Halloween, Monday, October 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, we will host a Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot. We invite anyone in the congregation to decorate the back of their car and hand out treats (self supplied) to the kids who are trick-or-treating. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4BAFAA28A3FE3-faith>.



Thank you in advance for making this night special for the children in our neighborhood.



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join us on each Tuesday afternoon for a Bible study that looks at the lectionary texts for the week. Tuesday afternoons at 1 pm.



Sunday Morning Adult Education in November

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for Adult Education. Beginning on November 6, we will be using a book entitled **Honoring our Neighbors Faith** as we learn more about other Christian traditions and other religions to help us to better understand our neighbors and how they understand God. This is a high level introduction to this topic, but it is sure to bring lively conversation and help us to find ways in which we can work together with our brothers and sisters from other faith traditions as we seek to live faithfully together in this world. We hope that you will join us for these conversations.

Homecoming 2022



It was a joy to join with our colleagues from the North Scott Clergy Group to host the 2022 North Scott Homecoming Parade Tailgate Party on September 29th. We served over 300 hotdogs and enjoyed fellowship with our neighbors. Thank you to all who helped make this a success!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Food Pantry  6:30 pm VFW (FH) 6:30 pm Jubilation	2 10 am Grand Haven 5 pm Confirmation Meal 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm People of Praise 7 pm High School Youth 7:15 pm Resounding Joy	3 6:30 pm Team Night	4 9:30am Food Pantry 	5 5 pm Worship in Sanctuary & Online 
	6 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship Hour 10:15 am Sunday School 	7 <i>Office Closed</i> 6pm Lions Club Mtg	9 5 pm Confirmation Meal 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm People of Praise 7 pm High School Youth 7:15 pm Resounding Joy	10 <i>Team Reports Due</i> 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	11 9:30 am Food Pantry	12 5 pm Jubilation Worship in Sanctuary & Online 
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High School Youth Group Mission Trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico

The High School Youth Group decided that Mission Trip 2023 will be to Albuquerque, New Mexico. We will be going with Service Learning Camps again this year, and we are looking forward to working with them again. The trip will be July 22-29, 2023.

At this time, we have about 20 youth registered for the trip. Any additional youth in 8th – 12th grade who would like to join us on this adventure should talk to Pastor Carrie right away. Remember, friends are welcome to join us on the trip as long as they are willing to participate in the fundraising efforts.

We need 2-3 adult chaperones for this trip, based on current numbers. If you are interested in joining us as a chaperone, please let Pastor Carrie know.

We look forward to all that this adventure will bring!



Confirmation Service Project

Our 7th and 8th graders did a great job on their Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt to support the North Scott Food Pantry!

In 45 minutes these wonderful young people collected 344 pounds of non-perishable food items and \$249 for the Food Pantry, and they had fun doing it. Thank you to all of our neighbors who contributed to this effort!



Sunday School students and assistants with the faith shields they made on October 2.



On Sunday, October 9th, we welcomed the following individuals and families to Faith:

Darlene John
Steve and Patty Mixdorf
Chris and Rhonda Porter
Beth Raiche-Melheim



During the Saturday, October 22nd worship service, we welcomed to our Faith family through the waters of holy baptism, Wallace Robert Gillespie, the son of Robert & Abbie Gillespie. Wallace's sponsors are Michael & Jennilee Silvis.



2023 Offering Envelopes

Our 2023 offering envelopes have been ordered for families that are not signed up for automatic giving. **We will let you know when they are available to pick-up at the church.** If you are unable to pick them up, you may email or call the church office to arrange for someone to drop them off at your home.

Thank you for your generosity towards our mission!

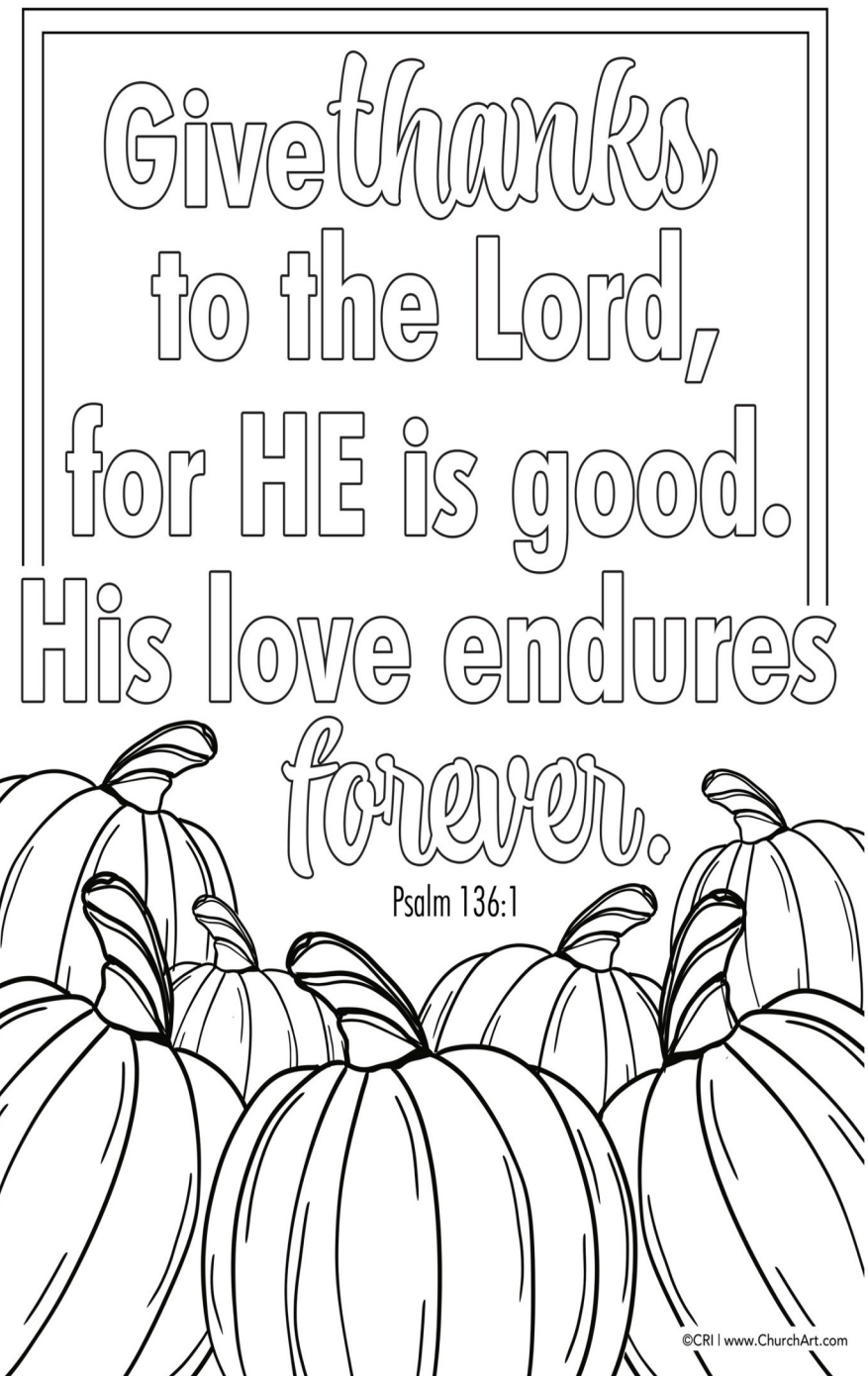


Following the request at the annual meeting of the congregation, **the quarterly financial report is available at the welcome center.** If you have questions, contact our Treasurer, Deanna Nielsen (home 285-6194 or email deannasnielsen@gmail.com).



With Appreciation...

Thank you to our October Ambassador Folding Crew:
Carol Marten, Sue Casel, Donna Benskin, Carol Strobbe,
and Tom Bauer.





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November BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes are extended to the following members who are celebrating birthday number 70 or above.

Linda Johnson	November 4	Mike Staples	November 16
Mary Ann Anderson	November 7	Rick Eller	November 18
Sharon Goldsmith	November 8	Deborah Peterson	November 25
Myra Kreiter	November 11	Mary Arp	November 30
Dean Englebrecht	November 11		



November ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversary wishes are extended to the following members who are celebrating anniversaries of 50 or more years. Congratulations!

Darrell & Barbara Weltzin
November 7, 1970

Richard & Shirley Cole
November 22, 1958

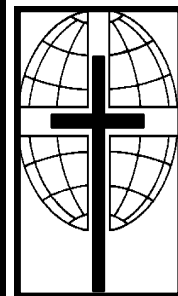
Ronald & Nancy Meyer
November 16, 1962

Ron & Mary Arp
November 30, 1963



Food Panty Needs

Food Pantry Needs for the month of November are cake and brownie mixes, frosting, and hot cocoa



MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

THANK YOU to **Dan & Karen O'Flaherty** for sponsoring the **Bencke Family** and **Denisse Grefa**, and to the **La Plante Family** for sponsoring **John Chima** in November. The cost for sponsorship is \$40/month each for our Compassion Children John and Denisse and \$45/month for the Bencke family. You can sign up online on Faith's web page, in person on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office.

Thank you for your support!

Please Join Us For Weekly Worship: Saturday @ 5:00 pm In Person & Live Stream Online, and Sunday at 9:00 am In Person. Fellowship Hour is at 10am Sunday. Sunday School for children and adults is at 10:15 am.
Updates: [www. faithlutheraneldridge.com](http://www.faithlutheraneldridge.com), and on our Facebook page.

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