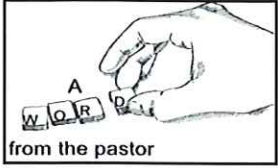


**November 2024 Lantern**  
**“FRIENDS LOVING CHRIST.**  
**FRIENDS LOVING COMMUNITY”**

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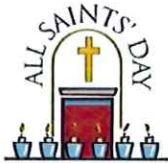
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**Dear Friends in Christ**

NOVEMBER! What a month to give thanks! Thank you for your faithfulness to First Lutheran with your worship to God and your service in love to others! Thank you for sharing your time, talents and resources for the work of God’s kingdom through FLC. And thank you for the “pounding” I took in October for Pastor Appreciation Month! Your gifts and well wishes were most appreciated! I continue to pray for each of you and thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve you and for seeing the wonderful witness of God’s family in, for and to the community! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**IMPORTANT DATES:**



NOVEMBER 3: **All Saints Sunday**, we will remember all the saints that have entered the church triumphant and we’ll celebrate those new saints who have been baptized into the church this year!

NOVEMBER 5: **Voting Day**

NOVEMBER 24: **Christ the King Sunday** (last day of the church year) when we celebrate the kingship of Jesus Christ, not only in our lives, but in the world, as well!



NOVEMBER 27: **Thanksgiving Eve service** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (Conewango Avenue) will be another time to celebrate together and give thanks for God’s abundant blessings in our lives.

DECEMBER 1: **Blue Holiday Service** at 2:00 p.m. This service is designed to recognize that the holiday season can be a difficult time for some people. This service names the pain and the hurt of new (or old) realities that make this time of year so trying. Please pass the word about this outreach.



Shalom,  
Pastor Jeff

*“Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”*  
—Teresa of Avila



## CHANGE FOR WORLD HUNGER!

We are again setting out the wheelbarrow for contributions to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. The wheelbarrow will be out in the Narthex on Sunday mornings in November for you to throw your change (and bills!) into. Once all the money is collected and dedicated at the Thanksgiving Eve service at St. Paul, we'll send it on it's way to provide food for others!

Estimate of Giving Cards: If you haven't returned your 2025 Estimate of Giving Card, there is still time to get it to church! If you need a replacement, contact the Church Office. Your returned cards are very helpful to the Finance Committee in creating the budget for next year. Want to give electronically? Our church participates in Give +, which is an easy way to make payments on a weekly or monthly basis. Contact Lori Nowacki, FLC's Financial Secretary, for more information. Thank you for your continued support of our church and its many missions!



## BE PREPARED ... TO WAIT



My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait — and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story.

I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long. As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted — unless I quietly reflect on God's goodness, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord,” says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That's an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus?—Janna Firestone

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for a great supper (Eucharist) and a great lunch after worship! Remember the fun begins at 11:00 a.m. and if your name is not on our “call” list (we need to have an accurate count for the kitchen staff), please call the church office at 814-723-6450 and we'll be sure you reserve your space and give you a reminder phone call each month!



## HOLY COMMUNION FIFTH GRADE COMMUNION CLASS SET FOR NOVEMBER



Students (and families, via take-home work) will be learning more about the faith in which they are being raised in by attending our 5<sup>th</sup> grade communion classes on Tuesday, November 12, 19, 26 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Letters will be sent to all parents reminding them of the classes. First Communion will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent (which, by the way, is the First Sunday in December and the beginning of the new church year), December 1.

## BLUE HOLIDAY SERVICE SET FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 2:00

Join us at First Lutheran for a time that recognizes that, for some, the holiday season is anything but a joyful time of year. This service is a time that we can sit with our pain, grief, sorrow, fear, regrets, etc... it's also a time where we receive assurance that God is with us through this time and will remain with us as we begin to adjust living into our new reality.



Give thanks to the Lord! Our all-Lutheran **Thanksgiving Eve service** is at **St. Paul** this year! Join us on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. Stay after worship and enjoy some fellowship with our Lutheran brothers and sisters!

## Friday Night Out November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Conewango Club at 6PM

We will be dining in the Oak Room and ordering off the menu. Sign up in the narthex. We hope you can join us!





Friends:

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane on Sept. 26 and has ravaged communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Now, it is time to do what we do best: **roll up our sleeves and get to work.**

You've seen the news. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions remain without power and cell service.

“We can't yet know what we're facing in terms of damage ... but I do know [this],” says the Rev. Timothy Smith, bishop of the North Carolina Synod. **“Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with our synod, along with other helpers, will be there for the long haul, and we will rally around our congregations, camps and communities.”**

**Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there.**

Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region.

“We are grateful for our partner Lutheran Disaster Response, which has provided support for our responses to the disasters this synod has experienced in the past and now has reached out to walk with us through this one,” says the Rev. Morgan Gordy, assistant to the bishop for disaster ministry in the Southeastern Synod. **“Please donate generously so that, together, we can provide the care and support needed for those families and communities affected by Hurricane Helene.”**

The impact of this storm will continue for years. Lutheran Disaster Response stays until the work is done — even when it takes weeks, months or years, and long after the storm has faded from the headlines. **When you give to Lutheran Disaster Response, you provide crucial support and the flexibility to go where help is needed most.**

By standing with disaster-impacted communities across the United States and around the world, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

Give online at [lwr.org/helene-relief](http://lwr.org/helene-relief) or using one of the Lutheran World Relief offering envelopes located by the guest book in the narthex.

With gratitude,

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA Service and Justice Giving  
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response



## **THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Our Thanksgiving Holiday Hot meals needs some preparers, cleaners and drivers on Thanksgiving Day to help. We will be delivering between 300-400 meals, so we need as many volunteers as possible! Sign up in the narthex, or email Pastor George Mason at [rev.geo.mason@gmail.com](mailto:rev.geo.mason@gmail.com) Remember: God's work, our hands – it's a good partnership!

## **WARREN AREA REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT NETWORK**

WARRN is a local, grassroots organization that resettles refugees in the Warren area. We have brought over 18 people from Ukraine and there will be two more here by the middle of November. WARRN was not established just because of the Ukraine crisis but knowing that there will be people from all around the world fleeing violence and war. WARRN is attempting to provide a "soft landing" for people who need a safe place to recover. If you would like to volunteer to help welcome our new friends, please contact Tom Pierotti or pastor Jeff. If you would like to donate to WARRN, you can do so, too. Simply write a check to "WARRN" and put it in the collection plate or send it to FLC. Finally and most importantly, please keep WARRN in your prayers!



## **LMM SAUERKRAUT SUPPER A SUCCESS!**

Thanks to all who came out to support our ministry to the church and the community! The service was good (hopefully!) and the kraut was exceptional! We raised \$1,029. This money will be used to purchase gift cards to give some much needed relief to patients and their families at the Cancer Center

## **In awe of everyday joys**

Maybe you've heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the "ordinary" can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.



**The congregation of First Lutheran church will hold its annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 1st at 9:30 a.m.** We will celebrate Holy Communion Worship at our regular times of 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. but will not have Sunday's Cool that day. We will be electing new council members, reviewing reports, and voting on our 2025 budget and special gifts. Please be at the meeting so your voice can be heard and your vote counted.

First Lutheran is always seeking volunteers to help in the office, serve on our TAP staff, participate in the Ladies Workshop, help with fund raiser dinners, Produce Express, Senior Fellowship, ushering, altar guild, Sunday's Cool, Social Ministry activities, Holiday Meals, etc... If you are ready to jump in to serve (or serve in an increased or different capacity), contact the church office and ask for Pastor Jeff, Jess (our office General) or Cheri! We look forward to hearing from you!



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## WHY WE WORSHIP THE WAY WE WORSHIP (continued)



**MEAL:** "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ" (ELW p. 93) The pattern surrounding the meal finds its prototype in the scriptural accounts of the institution of Christ's supper: Jesus "took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it." The table setting, great thanksgiving, breaking of bread, and communion is how Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of me" is lived out today, as it has been for centuries.

### PEACE

*First be reconciled to your brother or sister. . .*

For some people, the moments in the liturgy following the prayers of the church are awkward ones. The presiding minister offers these words: "The peace of the Lord be with you always." The congregation responds "And also with you." The members of the congregation are then invited to "share the peace" with one another. What does this really mean?

Sharing God's peace is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you. Sharing God's peace is not a time for catching up on news with your neighbor or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting. Sharing God's peace does not require each worshiper to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshiper present.

The "exchange of peace" (also commonly called "sharing the peace" or "passing the peace") is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy. As stated in The Sunday Assembly: The exchange of peace is a ministry, an announcement of grace we make to each other, a summary of the gift given to us in the liturgy of the Word. This ministry we do to each other is far greater than a sociable handshake or a ritual of friendship or a moment of informality. Because of the presence of Jesus Christ, we give to each other what we are saying: Christ's own peace. Then, having been gathered by the Spirit around the Risen One present in the word, we turn to celebrate his meal.

**The Peace** – mutual greeting of the faithful in the Eucharistic liturgy as a sign of love and baptismal unity in the name of the Lord. Accepting one another.

**Offering** – presenting our gifts of money, bread and wine before the altar of the Lord. Signs of gratitude for what Christ did for us on the cross.

**Offertory** – scriptural song sung while the gifts are presented to God. "Let the vineyards..." – 1 Cor. 10:16; John 6:35 "What shall I render..." – Psalm 116:12-19

**Offertory Prayer** – prayer given following the presentation of gifts.

"Merciful God" – prays that the offered gifts may be accompanied with offering of self and time.

"Blessed are you..." – is taken from a Jewish prayer of thanksgiving dedicating the giver to a stewardship of life.

**Great Thanksgiving** – Section of the Eucharistic liturgy that consists of the Preface Dialog, Proper Preface, Sanctus and Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialog – Praise and thankful response to what is about to take place in the Holy **Communion**. Based on an ancient Jewish meal ritual. Preface is Latin for "to speak before."

Paraphrase

P: God be with you. This is important pay attention.

C: May he be with you, too.

P: Forget the things of the world and go up to the throne of God.

C: We agree and go with you.

P: Now let us prepare ourselves to thank him for his goodness.

C: It is the only right thing to do.

*Proper preface* – follows dialog and expresses, particular reasons for giving thanks and praise to God by naming God's redeeming acts in history. The Proper Preface centers on the theme of the season or day.

*Sanctus* – Latin for “holy.” We sing “holy, holy, holy” as a conclusion to the preface. Isaiah 6:3 (Isaiah’s heavenly vision) and Matthew 21:9 (recalling Christ’s entry into Jerusalem).

*Eucharistic Prayer* – giving thanks for God’s great acts of mercy, remembering Christ and invoking the Holy Spirit.

*The Words of Institution* – Verba – Latin for “words.” – a harmony of the words from the Lord’s Supper by Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Lord’s Prayer** – the model prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.

**Communion Hymn** – Agnes Dei – Latin for :Lamb of God. John 1:29 Prepares us for the peace that is now offered us.

**The Holy Communion** – God’s action – God comes to us.

**Post Communion Canticle** – song of thanksgiving sung in response to God’s action for us at the Table. Nunc Dimittis – Latin for “Lord let Your servant go in peace.” Simeon’s song in Luke 2:29-32

**Post Communion Prayer** – Prayer that follows the Eucharist. The three listed in the ELW come from different traditions. 1<sup>st</sup> (241) is from Luther’s German Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> (242) from the Roman Catholic Sacramentary and 3<sup>rd</sup> (243) from the Book of Common Prayer.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** We are excited to announce that we will be planning a Sunday’s Cool Christmas pageant this year and we NEED your child(ren) to participate to re-enact the birth of Christ. Mark your calendar for the Christmas pageant on December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00a.m. service. Starting November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be practicing every Sunday. So...thank you in advance for providing transportation every Sunday during Sunday’s Cool at 9:25 for our pageant practice, to make this a memorable Christmas pageant and put smiles on the audience’s faces, but we need your children to make this happen.



**TAP is in full swing now and has had some fun events:**



like Beaty Playground, and Abplanalp’s Farm. During worship, Pastor Jeff has the kids giggling and hand movements to the fast songs “I believe” and “Hokey Pokey Praying Hands”!!! The themes for November are Nov 6<sup>th</sup> YMCA fun day, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Fall Colors (wear orange, yellow, or brown), Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Bring your family and a dish for our TAP Thanksgiving dinner, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> NO TAP. We welcome all children, let them come!!

**Once again, First Lutheran Church is PROUD to be a part of the Operation Christmas Child.**

Shoebox gifts are a great way to start or continue children’s faith for millions of boys and girls. So, get a shoe box and follow the directions in the pamphlet (on the narthex table). The last day to return them is November 16<sup>th</sup>. On November 17<sup>th</sup> Cheri will be taking the boxing to the drop-off at noon. Operation Christmas Child is a great project. Just imagine the smiles on the boys and girls faces when they receive their shoe boxes of gifts. Thank you to all the prayers and love that were put in the gifts! Any questions, please call Cheri @ 723-6470 or 688-0640 .





**Losers' Youth Group:** Here is the schedule for November. November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be meeting at 12:30pm (after service). Bring money for lunch and then we will go shopping for the Operation Christmas Child. Then come back to the church and pack some boxes. That means we WILL NOT be meeting at 6pm that night. We WILL NOT be meeting November 10<sup>th</sup>. November 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at regular time.

### Warren Area Holiday Hot Meal Ministry

The Holiday Hot Meal program has its roots with small group of members of the Trinity Episcopal Church in the mid 1990s. The ministry grew and then at various times starting in 2012 First Lutheran, First Methodist, First Presbyterian and St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal joined in the ministry. In 2018 meal prep moved to the well-equipped kitchen at First Lutheran. In the last year the ministry delivered 300 meals for Thanksgiving 2023 and more than 330 meals for Christmas 2023 and Easter 2024 throughout Warren and Forest counties.

Local agencies that serve the elderly and others in our counties provide the ministry with names of persons who would benefit from a hot meal and a human contact around these holidays. We also receive names from churches and individuals in the community who are concerned for their member or neighbors. Hot meals are also provided to local first responders in the greater Warren area.

Most of the funding comes through gifts to the ministry during the "Warren Gives" appeal. We thank the many generous donors who keep the ministry funded.

The Hot Meals program is entirely a volunteer organization. A coordinating group of about 10 volunteers make sure the meals happen. Then over 60 volunteers come out to help with the meals. For the Thanksgiving Day meal volunteers are needed the day before to prepare the food for cooking, to pre-pack non-perishable items and to clean and organize the delivery bags. Then on Thanksgiving Day some volunteers are needed to cook the meal, others to pack the meals for delivery, still others to clean up the kitchen and distribution areas and finally there are the drivers who pick the meals up and make the deliveries.

To volunteer, By Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> please check for a signup sheet at the church and signup. You may also, by Nov. 17 text or call and leave a message for coordinators Rev. George and Rev. Ardelle Mason at 814-233-4367. Please provide your name, phone number, email address and what part of the ministry you would like to volunteer for.

For more information or to donate to the Holiday Hot Meals Ministry go to this website.

<https://episcopalmissionwcpa.org/holiday-hot-meals>

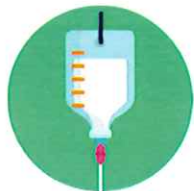


### VETERANS DAY SALUTE

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.



## SIMPLE BUT LIFESAVING

In early 2024, Beatrice Johnson became deathly ill in hours. An upset stomach became dangerously low blood pressure; it turned out flesh-eating bacteria had attacked her entire body. When Johnson's kidneys started failing, she was put on life support. In a last-ditch effort, doctors added sodium bicarbonate — baking soda — to her IV.

Within hours Johnson was noticeably improved, and she left the hospital a month later. "I never thought something so simple would save my life," she said.

Another lifesaver many people find too simple is God's grace. We quip, "If something seems too good to be true, it probably is," and "Nothing in life is free." We're used to payments or paybacks. We balk if a friend offers to buy our lunch. When a neighbor brings us homemade cookies, we don't dare return the plate empty.

So how can something as huge and *holy* as salvation be a free gift from God? Don't we need to *do* something to earn it: follow the 10 Commandments? go to church? live a "godly" life?

All those things are good to do, but the key is to do them as *thanks* for God's gift of salvation, not to earn it. Jesus loves you and assures you of eternal life. Just accept the gift! If that seems simple, it's because it is — but it will also save your life. —Heidi Hyland Mann

## Church Council Meeting Update

October 21, 2024

- **WE ARE BLESSED!** There are 72 Lutheran Congregations in the NWPA Synod of the ELCA and **ONLY 7** have full-time pastors. **FLC is one!** Let us rejoice, give thanks, share our gifts, and pray for our opportunities to reach out in love. **THANK-YOU Pastor Jeff!**
- **Social Ministry** is encouraging members of the congregation to participate, as they are able, in the "Cards for Cancer" campaign by bringing in **\$25 gift cards** for groceries, gas, other needed items from Walmart and other local businesses. This will run from November 3rd to 17th.
- **Please consider helping with "Holiday Hot Meals" on Thanksgiving Day, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Let us give thanks!**



## DECEMBER LANTERN

- Information for the December Lantern is due to the office by November 12. Feel free to drop it by the office or email [office@flewarren.com](mailto:office@flewarren.com)
- We will assemble the December Lantern on November 22 at 10AM in Niewoehner Hall. All are welcome to join in this time of fellowship and service!

## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE NOVEMBER 4

Please note that all updates for the annual report are due to the office by Monday, November 4.



## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

We will be assembling the Advent mailing on November 22 along with the December Lantern. We will be pulling double duty on that day so extra hands will be appreciated. Feel free to bring snacks and we will make it a party!

**World Kindness Day** is an international observance on November 13. It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs. It is observed in many countries, including Canada, Australia, Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates. Singapore observed the day for the first time in 2009. Italy and India also observed the day. In the UK, it is fronted by David Jamilly, who co-founded Kindness Day UK with Louise Burfitt-Dons. World Kindness Day is to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness for good which binds us. How can you show kindness this on World Kindness day?





## NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SCHEDULE

8:00 am and 11:00 am.

I would encourage you to open your bible and read the upcoming week's scripture passages on Wednesday in one sitting. Let them soak into your spirit and reflect on them throughout the week. Look to see what the threads are that connect the readings together. What themes do you see? Our regular devotional book, *Christ in Our Home*, has readings on the week's lectionary readings beginning on Thursday.

November 3 – All Saints Sunday

**Deuteronomy 6:1-9** - *The blessing of keeping the words of God*

**Psalms 119:1-8** - Happy are they who seek the Lord with all their hearts. (Ps. 119:2)

**Hebrews 9:11-14** - *Redeemed through the blood of Christ*

**Mark 12:28-34** - *Two great commandments: loving God and neighbor*

November 10

**1 Kings 17:8-16** - *God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath*

**Psalms 146** - The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

**Hebrews 9:24-28** - *The once for all sacrifice of Christ*

**Mark 12:38-44** - *A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes*

November 17

**Daniel 12:1-3** - *The deliverance of God's people at the end*

**Psalms 16** - My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

**Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25** - *The way to God opened through Christ's death*

**Mark 13:1-8** - *The end and the coming of the Son*

November 24 – Christ the King Sunday

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14** - *The one coming with the clouds rules over all*

**Psalms 93** - Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

**Revelation 1:4b-8** - *Glory to the one who made us a kingdom*

**John 18:33-37** - *The kingdom of Christ*



## SERVING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

*Please be sure to note when you are scheduled to serve this month.*

<b>CANTORS</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	
November 3	Anne Benson	Scott Rose	
November 10	Carolyn Worley	Linda Ross	
November 17	John Beard	Dave Campbell	
November 24	Anne Besnon	Caolleen Witmer	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	
November 3	Kris Whitaker	Colleen Witmer	
November 10	Randy Britton	Denise Whipp	
November 17	Elizabeth Dustin	Heidi Colosimo	
November 24	John Kersey	Joan Griesbach	
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	
November 3	Jen Kersey	Aaron Gausman	
November 10	Jen Kersey	Andrew Gausman	
November 17	Jen Kersey	Addison Hecei	
November 24	Jen Kersey	Allyx Hoden	
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	
November 3	Dian Stenstrom	Chaelie Merroth	
November 10	Debbie Backhus	Karen Schumacher	
November 17	Andy Beardsley	Cathy Southwell	
November 24	Anne Benson	Romaine Stanton & Elsa Redding	
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	
	*John Hyde Bob Beurkle Andy Beardsley	*Jim Rapp Joe Whipp Tim Huber Mark Simpson Steve Horsely	
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	
	Kris Whitaker Jane Beardsley	Amy Downey Cheryl Huber Cathy Southwell	
<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>			
November 3		Adri Hunt	
November 10		Anna Bielawski	
November 17		Pastor Jeff	
November 24		Cynthia Klenowski	
<b>DIGITAL DEACONS</b>		<b>COUNTERS</b>	
November 3	Keith Hedges	November 3	Addie Landrio & Barb Luce
November 10	Penny Lester	November 10	Barb Luce & Siby Thomas
November 17	Denise Pearson	November 17	Siby Thomas & Sandy Wachter
November 24	Keith Hedges	November 24	Sandy Wachter & Mary Worley



## FIRST LUTHERAN BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/1	Sue Reinke	11/20	Niclas Wenzel
11/2	Brent and Ruth Long (44)	11/21	Joyce Kelly
11/3	Dennis and Kim Sealy (7)		Rachal Rowland
11/4	Helen Reist		Zakkery Stover
11/6	Dave Campbell		Nathan Trisket
11/7	Becky Yeager	11/22	Devin Colosimo
11/8	Bill Caldwell		Eva Labowski
11/9	Lisa Royek		Emma Labowski
11/10	Todd and Cheri Kellogg (17)		Jim and Bev Moore (65)
11/11	Donna Trubic	11/23	RoseMary Landon
11/13	Whitney Paul	11/24	Matthew Abplanalp
11/15	Wendy Anderson	11/27	Shelle Tubbs
11/16	Debbie Seastrum	11/28	Lani Wenzel
11/17	Ash Lindell	11/29	Joe Colosimo
	Alisia Brannon		Nicki Tremblay
11/18	Andrew Shodi	11/30	Abby Koebley
	Todd Kellogg		Lori Nowacki

## Special Dates in November

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2024*
- World Vegan Day, *November 1, 2024*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 3, 2024*
- Election Day, *November 5, 2024*
- National Nacho's Day, *November 6, 2024*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2024*
- World Kindness Day, *November 13, 2024*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 24, 2024*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 28, 2024*



# FALL BACK NOVEMBER 3



**Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3.  
Don't forget to turn your clock's back an hour.**



## Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

### AI ENERGY HOG!

Artificial Intelligence (AI) love it or hate it, it's a fact of life in our daily lives. AI demands a lot of electricity. Electricity consumption from data centers, AI, and cryptocurrency could reach double 2022 levels by 2026, according to projections from the International Energy Agency.

There's a wide range of uncertainty in the IEA's projections, depending on factors like how quickly deployment increases and how efficient computing processes get. On the low end, the sector could require about 160 terawatt-hours of additional electricity by 2026. On the higher end, that number might be 590 TWh. As the report puts it, AI, data centers, and cryptocurrency together are likely adding "at least one Sweden or at most one Germany" to global electricity demand. In total, the IEA projects, the world will add about 3,500 TWh of electricity demand over that same period—so while computing is certainly part of the demand crunch, it's far from the whole story. Electric vehicles and the industrial sector will both be bigger sources of growth in electricity demand than data centers in the European Union, for example.

Some important context to consider in the panic over AI's energy demand is that while the technology is new, this sort of concern isn't, as Robinson Meyer laid out in an April story in *Heatmap*. Meyer points to estimates from 1999 that information technologies were already accounting for up to 13% of US power demand, and that personal computers and the internet could eat up half the grid's capacity within the decade. That didn't end up happening, and even at the time, computing was actually accounting for something like 3% of electricity demand. We'll have to wait and see if doomsday predictions about AI's energy demand play out. The way I see it, though, AI is probably going to be a small piece of a much bigger story. Ultimately, rising electricity demand from AI is in some ways no different from rising demand from EVs, heat pumps, or factory growth. It's really how we meet that demand that matters. If we build more fossil-fuel plants to meet our growing electricity demand, it'll come with negative consequences for the climate. But if we use rising electricity demand as a catalyst to lean harder into renewable energy and other low-carbon power sources, and push AI to get more efficient, doing more with less energy, then we can continue to slowly clean up the grid, even as AI continues to expand its reach in our lives.

Information from an article by Casey Crownhart 5/23/24 AI is an energy hog. This is what it means for climate change. | MIT Technology Review

The Green Team's purpose is to "raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation." Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

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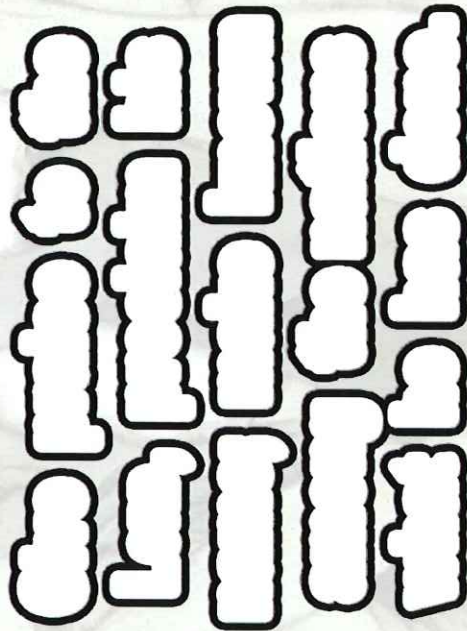
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# Puzzle!

Discover a psalm of thanks from David by matching the words in the list to the shapes below.

### WORD LIST

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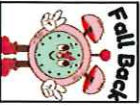







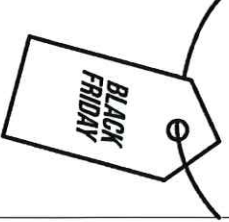


1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

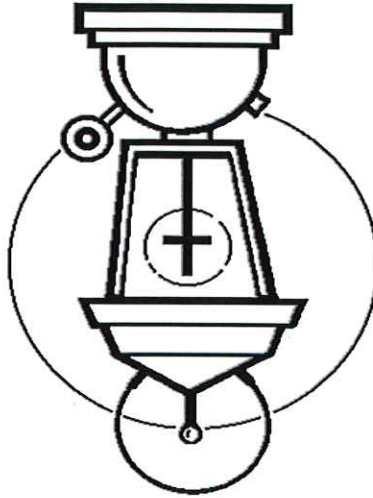
Answer: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 8AM <i>Worship</i> 9:31AM <i>Sunday's Cool</i> 11AM <i>Worship</i> 6PM <i>Losers</i></p> 	<p>4 4PM <i>WCMS</i> 6PM <i>ESOL</i> 6PM <i>Silver Winds</i> 6:30PM <i>Warren Players Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>5 <b>Election Day</b> 4:30PM <i>Movers</i> 5PM <i>Stewardship</i> 6:30PM <i>Shakespeare Auditions</i> 7PM <i>RIC</i></p> 	<p>6 9AM <i>Workshop</i> 12PM <i>Bible Study</i> 3PM <i>TAP</i> 5PM <i>Greif Yoga</i> 5:15PM <i>Handbells</i> 6PM <i>ESOL</i> 7PM <i>Choir</i></p> 	<p>7 10AM <i>Prayer Shawl</i> 6PM <i>Girl Scouts</i> 6:30PM <i>Shakespeare Auditions</i></p>	<p>1 </p>	<p>2 1PM <i>Baby Shower</i></p>
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<p>17 8AM <i>Worship</i> 9:31AM <i>Sunday's Cool</i> 11AM <i>Worship</i> 1:30PM <i>Allegheny Out</i> Door Club Dinner 6PM <i>Losers</i></p>	<p>18 6PM <i>Christian Ed</i> 6PM <i>ESOL</i> 6PM <i>Silver Winds</i> 7PM <i>Council</i></p>	<p>19 3:30PM <i>Communion</i> 4PM <i>Going Solo</i> 4:30PM <i>Movers</i> 5PM <i>Widow's Group</i> 6:30PM <i>Master Gardeners</i></p>	<p>20 9AM <i>Workshop</i> 12PM <i>Bible Study</i> 3PM <i>TAP</i> 5PM <i>Greif Yoga</i> 5:15PM <i>Handbells</i> 6PM <i>ESOL</i> 7PM <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>21 10AM <i>Prayer Shawl</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 8AM <i>Worship</i> 9:31AM <i>Sunday's Cool</i> 11AM <i>Worship</i> 4PM <i>Watson Home Worship</i> 6PM <i>Losers</i></p> 	<p>25 1PM <i>Joan Nabert Circle</i></p>	<p>26 10AM <i>Rouse Suites</i> 3:30PM <i>Communion</i> 4PM <i>Going Solo</i> 4:30PM <i>Movers</i></p>	<p>27 9AM <i>Workshop</i> 12PM <i>Bible Study</i> 5PM <i>Greif Yoga</i> 5:15PM <i>Handbells</i> 6PM <i>ESOL</i> 7PM <i>Thanksgiving Eve Service @ St. Paul</i></p>	<p>28 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!</b> </p>	<p>29 <b>BLACK FRIDAY</b> </p>	<p>30</p>

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