

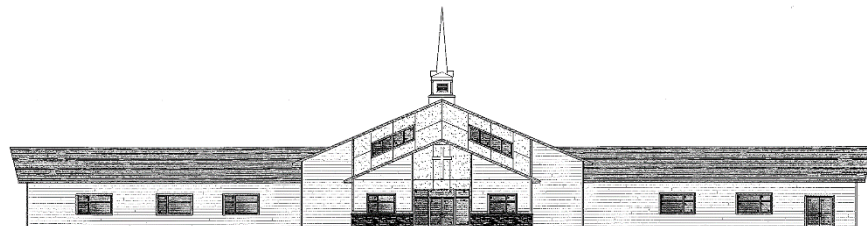
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"Growing God's Family by Serving"



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November 2026

Take My Life

Those are the first words of a well-known hymn. It continues:

That I may be, consecrated Lord to thee;

Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of thy love.

Christians dedicate their lives to the Lord's service. Most of the work we do will be beyond the church walls in our families and the greater society. God needs us to contribute of our gifts and talents to the benefit of all. From the very beginning, we hear in Genesis, we are created in God's image, so we might be stewards over all the creation. We are the crown of his creation as we carry out his will to the ends of the earth.

The scriptures also teach we are to be a part of the Body of Christ. Each will be given gifts for service to all the members. We hear about this in Paul's letters to the earliest churches (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 1). Just as with the human body, with all its parts, we all have a place to serve.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Time and Talent Survey. You are invited to consider how you may serve through your congregation. Please prayerfully consider how you might help build up the Body of Christ. Check any and all areas so our office can keep good records regarding your desires. This is the main way we update the various duty lists of the congregation. Aside from folks calling the office for specific concerns and the opportunity for new members to fill out the survey, this is the only additional way we can revise our lists. Please return the completed form to the church office as soon as possible.

It's always been given that most of the work of any congregation (or any organization for that matter), is done by the few. Its called the 80/20 Rule. Translated, this means 20% of the people do 80% of the work. If you are a part of that group, I give you thanks! But I also encourage those of you who may have been "sitting on the fence" to pitch in a bit more. As the old saying puts it well, "Many hands make for light work". Or as Jesus once said, It is better to give than receive" (Acts 20:35).

This being the month of November, the month of Thanksgiving, it's a good time to consider our service. As we thank God for all he gives, let us also plan to give back. And perhaps the greatest gift is time and talent. Money is easily deposited but the gift of yourself goes so much further. Of course Jesus gave the greatest gift of all, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:10).

So, get your Time and Talent Survey back to the office today. And I hope to see you at the Community Thanksgiving Service hosted by our church on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 PM.

Serving with you,

Pastor Bryan



Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



Fall Dinner with a Touch of Norsk



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

**Serving: 4:00 p.m. – until gone
(Basket viewing begins at 3:00 p.m.)**

MENU

Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Squash, Corn,
Bean Salad, Coleslaw, Cranberries, Lefse, Rye & White Bread,
Choice of Beverage (Milk, Coffee or Water),
Dessert Table with Scandinavian Delicacies

Free-Will Offering

****There will also be a basket raffle and general raffle
during the Dinner.****

"Just a Reminder"

During this year's Fall Dinner we **WILL NOT** be holding a traditional bake sale – but we **WILL** have a table set up selling nonperishable items such as:

- Jams/Jellies
- Syrup
- Honey
- Pickles/Canning

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

***Please price your items accordingly.**

We will also be selling packages of our "Lutheran Ladies Lefse".

A Big "Thanks" for giving this a try!

First Lutheran Church Raffle!

First Lutheran Church will again be holding our popular basket raffle during the church dinner on November 11, 2026. Basket viewing begins at 3:00 PM with drawings at 7:00 PM.

Baskets will be ready for bidding during a sneak peek on Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Please have baskets at the church by Monday, November 2nd.

Tickets \$1.00 each, 6/\$5, wingspan \$25 (40 tickets).

Come join the fun & take a chance on winning one or more of our beautiful baskets.

Tickets are now available for the general raffle. Bucket raffle ~ you pick which items you wish to win. It is time to return the favor to all your family, friends & co-workers who sell you stuff all year long! Please help by buying or selling raffle tickets to support our church. Tickets are available in the church office or from Kathy Wick.

General Raffle - Tickets: \$2 each or 6/\$10

- Patio Set
- 3 in 1 Cordless Leaf Blower
- Antique Red Wing #6 Crock
- Handcrafted Oak Trash Bin
- Handcrafted Wood & Metal Side Table
- Handmade Quilt
- \$100 Nilssen's Gift Card
- \$100 Walmart Gift Card
- \$100 Cash



Drawing to be held at church November 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM.
Need not be present to win.
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1: Alexis Buhr | 12: Roxanne Anderson |
| Curtis Glaesemann | Blair Perzichilli |
| 2: Jeff Paulson | 15: Bodey Paulson |
| Lori Levendoski | 16: Brennon Colbeth |
| 3: Evan Cain | 19: Bennett Colbeth |
| 4: Wayne Alvermann | Travis Anderson |
| 5: Miles Johnson | 20: Kathleen Barney |
| Greyson Buhr | 22: Karter Kuhl |
| 7: Olivia Buhr | 23: Michael Lund |
| 8: Emily Larson | 24: Landon Kamm |
| 9: Hunter Gilbertson | 25: Linda Marg |
| 10: Leah Isakson | 26: Michael Barfknecht |
| Linnea Fouks | Ella Pittman |
| 11: Janet Logan | 27: James Anderson |
| Tanner Goodmanson | Emmett Goodmanson |
| Wesley Wickum | 28: Alex Cain |
| | Tristan Barney |
| | 30: Hunter Strenke |
| | Evan Larson |

CHILDREN & PARENTS



Christmas program practice will begin on **Sunday, November 15th**. Each child will have a part to memorize which will be sent home with him/her. Every role is important, so please help your child memorize their speaking part so they can proclaim the Good News of Jesus! The Christmas program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 20th at the 10:00 AM worship service.** To prepare for our Christmas presentation, students will need to arrive early (**9:45 AM**) on the following dates: **November 15 & 22 and December 6 & 13.** Help your child attend all rehearsals each Sunday. We will be meeting in the blue room. Please contact **Theresa Anderson at 715-263-2848**, if you have any questions or if you know your child will **NOT** be participating in the program so changes can be made. We will be excited to see your child at church! Thanks!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Brad & Jo Nilssen

READERS

1 Don Dipprey
8 Aaron Johnson
15 Bill McIntire
22 Linda McIntire
29 Lacey Kamm

COUNTERS

1 & 8 Laura Lieftring & TBD
15, 22 & 29 Laura Lieftring & Richard Selvig

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Laura Lieftring

GREETERS: Colin & Kellie Scholz and Jane Scholz

USHERS

1 Nora Kamm & Quinn Smith
8 Quinn Smith & Dale Wirth
15, 22 & 29 Keith Anderson & Dave Somsen

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

1 Pastor Bryan & Theresa Anderson
8 Aaron Johnson
15 Potluck – Youth Group Serves
22 Julie Barfknecht, Ashley LaBlanc & Angela Harris
29 Dave & Carol Somsen

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Craig Malchow, Emily Malchow, Carole Larson Gene & Sharon Kuhl	
Bernie Paulson, McKenna Christensen	Gene & Sharon Kuhl

Memorial Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Carole Larson	Mike & Rosemary Johnon

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN 2026

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be sponsoring the “Christmas for Children” drive again this year to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmas time. “Christmas for Children” is designed to reach more needs of our local community. We are coming up on our 33rd year and are so grateful for all of the support that we have received from everyone.

All gifts will be given to children ages 0-18 in the Clear Lake School District Area.

Gifts are always needed for older teens, guys and girls. Bath and body, nail items, makeup, gloves and mittens for all. Guys can use small tools, personal care and car care items.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the “Christmas for Children” drive can do so by leaving them in the container labeled “Christmas for Children” in the Church Entry or at True Value Hardware and Pillar Bank beginning November 9th.

If you are in need of gifts for your children or if you know of other families in the Clear Lake School District area who are in need of Christmas gifts for their children, we would like to hear from you. Call Debi Ahrens 715-441-5477 (if no answer, please leave a message). All names are kept strictly confidential.

To mail a donation please send to:
Christmas For Children
Box 42
Clear Lake, WI 54005

Christmas for Children
United Methodist Church

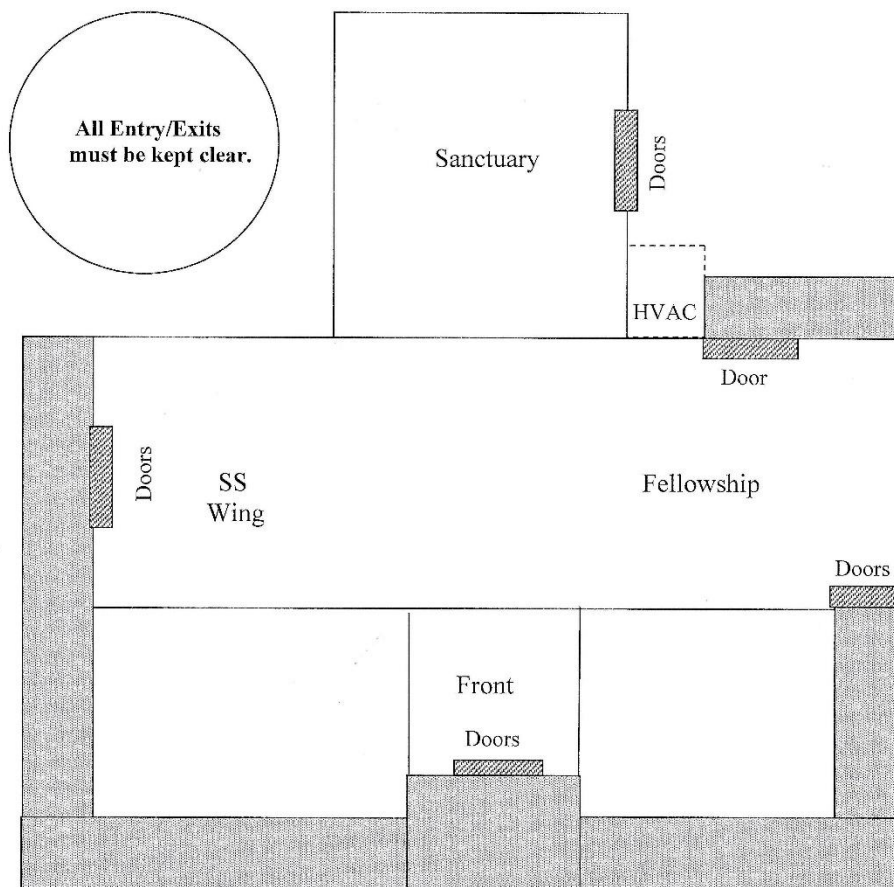


PLEASE HELP!

Snow shoveling volunteers are needed by the week throughout the winter. A sign-up sheet is posted on a clipboard at the back of worship. Thank you for your service.

Snow Shoveling Volunteer Map

Volunteers will clear all sidewalks and entrances as shaded below. All auto parking is cleared by a hired plow.



The church supplies shovels, ice chippers, salt or you may bring your own.

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Judi Desmond, Ashlie Goodmanson (daughter-in-law of Jackie Goodmanson), and Mick Fleming (father of Kinzie Kuhn). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Sheila Dipprey & Katie Wagner on the death of their mother & grandmother, Mathilde Hanneman.

Congratulations to the following 10th grade students who will be confirmed on Sunday, October 25th:

Haydin Cain

Evan Larson

Griffin Colbeth

Kiley Munson

Hailey Gilbertson

HELP NEED!

Dennis & Cindy Nelson would like to train someone to take over setting up and taking down the outside Nativity for Christmas. They will work with anyone willing to learn. Please speak with them directly at 715-263-2116 (Home), or 715-607-1484 (Dennis' Cell).

Needed to decorate the altar for Thanksgiving:

Gourds, small and medium pumpkins. Please leave in the office.

Jane Scholz

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for Sept. \$15,597.80 (\$21,874.25 needed monthly)

Sept. year to date offering \$155,033.82 (\$196,868.25 YTD Budget)

TIME AND TALENT SURVEY

From time to time the congregation seeks to invite its membership to consider the various ways to be in service. Please take time to prayerfully consider your interests and abilities as you and your family complete new volunteer forms. Thank you in advance for your service.

Please check all areas of interest. Checking areas does not obligate you in any way.
(One form per person.)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone(home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

WORSHIP

- _____ Ushering
- _____ Greeter
- _____ Scripture Reader
- _____ Altar Preparation
- _____ Choir
- _____ Praise Team
- _____ Special Music

EDUCATION

- _____ Sunday School Teacher
- _____ Sunday School Helper
- _____ Vacation Bible School Helper
- _____ Confirmation Teacher
- _____ Bible Study Leader
- _____ Bible Study Participant

OUTREACH

- _____ Quilting Group
- _____ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- _____ Food Pantry
- _____ Contact Me as Needs Arise

FELLOWSHIP

- _____ Fellowship Serving
- _____ Women's Group (WOW)
- _____ Men's Group (LMMC)
- _____ Youth Group

COMMITTEES

***Note: All committees meet on an as needed basis except the Council which meets monthly.**

- _____ Council
- _____ Worship
- _____ Education
- _____ Finance
- _____ Property
- _____ Outreach
- _____ Youth

OTHER

- _____ Offering Counter (Adults Only)
- _____ Office Assistance
- _____ Property Maintenance Assistance
(snow shoveling, lawn mowing)
- _____ Special Projects
