

The Announcer

November 2018



Dear Fellow Saints:

November 1st is the Festival of All Saints, the day when the Church gives thanks to God for what He has made us to be—holy. Whether we feel like it, look like it or behave like it (too often we don't) we are holy in God's sight. Thankfully, our holiness does not depend upon us. If it did, we could never come close. We would have to celebrate "all sinners day" 365 days per year!

Our holiness comes from God. He has personally delivered it to us by fulfilling the demands of God's law by removing the condemnation which our sins deserve and by filling us with His gifts when we were baptized, when we hear the Gospel and when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Lord's Supper. This all depends on God's action among us. He is eager to give His gifts to all human beings because it is for all of us that Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly, suffered for our sins completely and offers His gifts freely.

So All Saints Day is a very special day for devoting ourselves to what our Beloved Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit are doing in the Church. God is effectively re-creating us. God is constantly cleansing our lives of sin by the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. He is continually feeding His flock so that we remain strong in faith and in all His gifts. He is leading us to live with Him in holiness eternally in His Heavenly Kingdom.

Thank God that we will have reason and opportunity to celebrate the Festival of All Saints on Sunday, November 4th. Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord, for His steadfast loves endures forever!

Confidently believing,

Pastor Dan

Rev. Dan L. Siedenburtg

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Ruth Bartko Memorial

Eilene Hibben
Ed Bauman
Janet Bakalar
Gayle Cedergren
Stan & Paula Cherveney
Howard Delk
Carol Estocko
Helen Johnstone
Len & Rena Lipovsky
Del & Gladys Lossow
Randy & Cindy Marko
Mike Overby

Ruth Pafko
Lillian Prok
Mike & Linda Prok
Frank & Phyllis Schadewald
Mary Ann Smith
Lorraine McKay
Stephanie Smith
Chuck & Pat Squires
Ron & Nancy Reich
Dick & Sandy St Martin
Jeff & Lisa Walsh
Anita Bakalar
David & Dorothy Yurik
Southside Singers
Friends of Bruce & LuAnn

Fall Outreach Projects

Ray & Dee Dolny

Lutheran Hour

Eilene Hibben

VEAP

Andrew & Lauren Greevers

PRAYER MINISTRY

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.

Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray ... and the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up." James 5:13-15

Member Of The Week - John & Katie Ward, Kip & Jay

-For the Holy Spirit's blessing of discernment upon the Pastoral Call Committee as they begin refining the list of candidates to consider for our next Pastor.

For God's Blessing On Our "Faith In Action" Projects

Mourning -Betsy Bohl-La Goo and family mourning the death of her twin brother Ed.

-The Garay family mourning the death of John

For God's Blessing On Their Medical Treatment -Gladys Lossow -Craig Bauman - Richard St Martin

Preparing For Surgery - Dorothy Yurik

Our Home bound & Those In Care Centers - Ruth Rogers - Pat Hibben - Leonard & Renea Lipovsky - Mary Mickelson - John Arne - John Bartko - Bethleen Connor - Dan & Vera Marko - Lydia Marko - Dale Moreland - Robert Atherton

Our Local & Global Mission Ministries

-Rev Dr. Dan & Dr. Joan Jastram, Northern Asia (Recipients of our "Together In Mission")

-Rev. Blidi Minely, Liberia, Africa (Recipient of our "Care Barrels")

-Noisy Offering Recipient This Month: Faith In Action Projects

Local & Global Concerns

-For peace in the neighborhoods of America and around the world

-For Insightful and Godly governments

-For those suffering from inclement weather

-For Godly discernment when voting for our local and national leaders

November Birthday's

11/2 Jackie Bartko
11/4 Blake Leavens
11/5 Dick St Martin
11/11 Andrew La Goo
11/12 Eleanor Leonard
11/12 Mason Rollings
11/15 Andrew Lavallias
11/16 Andrew Gerrish
11/17 Cindy Marko
11/17 Janet Bakalar
11/19 Ruth Pafko
11/19 Natalia Kukla
11/20 Grace Yurik
11/20 Natalie Marose
11/21 Dee Dolny
11/26 Bethleen Connor
11/27 Sharon Bliven
11/28 Sally Endresen
11/29 Emily Mylander
11/30 Helen Johnstone
11/30 Elijah Thurow



November Anniversaries

11/19 Jonathan & Katie Champ (8)
11/25 Dan & Natalie Marose (29)

News at Holy Emmanuel

"DARING FAITH" STEWARDSHIP

It's harvest time. Garden and field crops are being gathered. Harvest was a special time of worship and thanksgiving among the people of God in the Old Testament. The best and first-fruits of the crops were brought into the Temple for sacrifice and offering.

Our generation has a similar opportunity as we prepare for another special year of ministry at Holy Emmanuel and Open Arms. As care-takers or "stewards" of God's resources we have the privilege of dedicating our lives and treasures as a harvest for the Lord's work through the church.

The stewardship theme of Holy Emmanuel for 2019 is: "Daring Faith" based on Romans 1:17: "In the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last," just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Faith in God guides us in all aspects of our life including our support for ministry through the church. On Sundays November 11 & 18

worship will focus on our faith response as believers. During Worship on November 18th we will have the opportunity to pledge our financial tithe for the next year of mission and ministry through Holy Emmanuel and bring to the altar for a blessing.

Watch for the Holy Emmanuel Stewardship Informational Mailing which should arrive at your house very soon.

May God bless our "harvest" and may His Church continue to prosper through our "Daring Faith".

TO MY HOLY EMMANUEL FAMILY, I can't thank all of you enough for your prayers, kindness and love you've shown me and my family during my illness and new life transition to Presbyterian Homes in Burnsville. It's been a tough summer, but God is good and has provided some healing, and given me a new, comfortable and safe place to live.

Thank you to all of you who are praying for me, have sent cards, sent flowers and gifts, made phone calls and for so many visits. You all are such a blessing to me, and have made the healing and transition so much easier. I love you all very much. God bless you. Lydia Marko

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT HOLY EMMANUEL: On Wednesday, November 21 The Holy Emmanuel congregation will gather for Thanksgiving Worship at 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to come and rejoice over God's great love for us and for the bounty he has bestowed upon us as a church, community and nation.

**Please plan to bring a non-perishable food item for our VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted To Assist People) ministry. Thank you.*

BRIDAL SHOWER: All Holy Emmanuel women are invited to a bridal shower for Elizabeth Melde on Sunday November 18th at 12:00 PM. Lunch provided.

PLASTIC BAGS: Open Arms Arms is in need of plastic grocery bags. Please bring them in and leave them in container in the coat rack area.

SOCK MINISTRY: It's that time of the year...a Thanksgiving tradition... the 14th annual Sock Drive for Sharing and Caring Hands!! Since the first sock drive in 2004, with your generosity; we have gathered nearly 21,000 pairs of athletic socks.

You are likely very familiar with Sharing and Caring Hands. But, if you would like more information on Mary Jo Copeland and the ministry she started in 1985 check out their website at www.sharingandcaringhands.org.

As always, we are forever grateful for help to assist Mary Jo. If you can donate package(s) of new men's, women's or children's (not infants) athletic socks to this effort, we will be collecting these and delivering them to Sharing and Caring Hands. For those who do not have time to shop for socks, you can send a check to us and we will shop for the socks. We are trying to gather all of the socks by Sunday, November 18th to allow us to pack them up and deliver them on Tuesday, November 20. There will be a collection bin placed in the narthex of the church – please feel free to leave your donation there and we will collect it!

Many thanks and God bless you for helping this very worthwhile ministry!

NOISY OFFERING: The Noisy Offering recipient for November is Faith In Action Projects. Please plan to support this necessary ministry with your coins.

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY CHAPEL BIBLE STUDY—NOVEMBER, 2018

During the month of November Pastor Dan's Chapel Class will study various Bible topics for instruction and discussion. Class begins at 9:30 AM.

'LIFE'S CHOICES' SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY-Begins Nov 4, 9:30 to 10:30

This 8 session DVD based bible study focuses on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-10. When you read this part of scripture, notice how each verse begins with "Happy are those who..." This study teaches us to reach out to God by recognizing and releasing issues we have that stop us from finding real answers, hope, enjoyment, and growth in God and His promises. Maybe we need to repair a relationship, or let go of a past hurt, or make a change in ourselves. Let's focus on life changes that can transform us to true happiness. Free babysitting. Led by Randy Marko, in the accounting room. If you miss one, come to the next!

SUNDAY CHAPEL BIBLE STUDY—DECEMBER, 2018

During the month of December Pastor Dan's Chapel Class will focus on the Advent Series: "The Bright Star Of Bethlehem" We will delve into ways in which Jesus, the Bright Star of Bethlehem, serves as the Star of Creation, the Star of Hope, the Star of Unity and the Star of Joy for us. We will re-discover the light of the Christ Child can brighten even the darkest corners of our lives, as it brightened the lives of those in the dark streets of Bethlehem that first Christmas. Join us in the Chapel each Sunday in December.

December 2 & 9: 9:30 AM

December 16, 23 & 30: 8:30 AM

Note: The Bible study theme: "The Bright Star of Bethlehem" connects with our Advent Midweek Devotional services each Wednesday at 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM.

"SAVE THE DATE"

For These Special Upcoming Worship Events

Thanksgiving worship Wednesday, November 21, at 11 AM & 6:30 PM

Advent Midweek Devotional Services, Wednesday, December 5, 12 & 19 at 11 AM & 6:30 PM.

(Lunch/Supper will be served)

Open Arms Christmas Service Program

Thursday, December 6, 4:00 PM

HE Children's Christmas Service Program Sunday, December 16

*ONE SERVICE at 9:30 AM with Brunch to follow. BC at 8:30 AM

*Sunday, December 23, *ONE SERVICE at 9:30 AM. BC at 8:30 AM*

Christmas Eve Family Service, December 24, 4:00 PM

Christmas Day Communion Service, December 25, 9:30 AM.

*Sunday, December 30, *ONE SERVICE at 9:30 AM. BC at 8:30 AM*

*NOTE: The last three Sundays in December are SINGLE service Sundays with one service at 9:30 AM (Bible Class at 8:30 AM)

The New Church Year Begins with ADVENT on December 2, 2018

2018 ADVENT MIDWEEK DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

We will gather each Wednesday in the Chapel during The Advent season for Devotional Services at 11:00 AM and 6:30 PM on December 5, 12 & 19.

The Theme of our Advent Series is: "THE BRIGHT STAR OF BETHLEHEM"

See the birthplace of Christ in a whole new way as we learn, each week, more about the little town where Jesus was born, and what Jesus, who is the Bright Star of Bethlehem, reveals to us even today.

-Week 1 is "The Star of Creation"

-Week 2 is "The Star of Hope"

-Week 3 is "The Star of Unity"

Please plan to come and join your friends for these meditative and inspirational worship services at either 11:00 AM or 6:30 PM.

Lunch will be served after the morning service and Supper will be served before the evening service.

Ms. Brittany will prepare a craft with the children during the evening supper hour.



“FAITH IN ACTION” FALL OUTREACH PROJECTS

This Fall, we will do several Outreach projects as part of our “Faith in Action” initiative. We will use Thrivent Action Team funding, Noisy Offering contributions and member/friend donations to help with these projects. Our projects will provide great opportunities to serve the community. They also provide opportunities to better get to know one another. There will be sign-up sheets available in the Narthex for each project. If you don't feel up to participating in these projects, please pray for the success of this ministry. If you would like to participate but need a ride, please let Sandy Carlson know.

MAKE JUMP-ROPES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST (EVENING)

We will cut-up T-Shirts and tie them into jump-ropes for Operation Christmas Child. There will be a morning session on Tuesday, October 16th at 10:00 a.m. (lunch provided) and an evening session on Thursday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. (dinner provided starting at 5:30 p.m.)

LOAVES & FISHES DINNER, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

On the fourth Friday of every other month, we cook and serve dinner to anywhere from 150 to 200 people at the Creekside Community Center. The meals are served to anyone in need. We can always use more helpers! Creekside is located on the corner of 98th Street & Penn Avenue. Please arrive between 5:00 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. We will finish by 7:00 p.m. Children 8 years old and older can participate. Please wear closed-toed shoes.

PACK OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

We will pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children ages 5-9. This is a program run by Samaritan's Purse which provides spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. This is a family-friendly project. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. We will begin packing at 6:30 p.m.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

This is an off-site opportunity to work at the Feed My Starving Children packing facility in Eagan. We will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Please come and turn “hunger into hope” by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. Children 5 and older and sit-down volunteers can participate. Please wear closed-toed shoes and remove any jewelry. You can meet us at the Eagan packing site (990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136) or car-pool with us from Holy Emmanuel leaving the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER AT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROCESSING CENTER – LOCATION & DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

This is an off-site opportunity to work at the Twin Cities Operation Christmas Child Processing Center inspecting shoeboxes and getting them ready for shipment to children around the world. Children ages 13 and above can participate.

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From the Desk of the DCE

Happy November! It's hard to believe we are so quickly approaching the end of another calendar year! In November, we observe Thanksgiving as a time to spend with family and friends and give thanks to the Lord for his abundant blessings! Today I am especially thankful for the people of Holy Emmanuel. We just pulled off another successful Trunk or Treat Fall Festival and it could never have happened without the hard work and willing hands of God's Servants. You are all so appreciated, and a tremendous blessing to myself, and the children and youths of Holy Emmanuel. When they look around, they see faithful servants who are hard-working and dedicated to the mission and ministry of God's Kingdom. We are so blessed by your efforts. THANK YOU!

-Ms. Brittany

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OUT OF THE OFFICE:

**Ms. Brittany will be gone on
Vacation from Nov. 1st-9th!**

CAN YOU GUESS WHERE SHE'S GOING??



Children's Christmas Program Updates:

Program Date: Sunday, Dec. 16th at
9:30 am (Run-through at 8:30 am)

Program Practice: Saturday, Dec. 15th:
9:30-11:30 am.
(Happy Birthday Jesus party to follow!)

Program rehearsals are during Sunday
School starting in November!! 😊

Wednesday Evening Kid's Programs:

Kid's Praise:

For: Preschool kids ages 3 ½ -5
When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of
every month: 4:30-6:30 pm!

Good News Kids:

For: Kindergarten-3rd Grade
When: 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of
every month: 5:30-7:30 pm!

**Updates: *There will be NO GNK
On Nov. 7th!**



Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else.

We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing.

Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.

Serving In November

Lay Readers

	8:15	10:45
04 Nov.	Craig Anderson	Brad Affeldt
11 Nov.	Jared Leese	Scott Ramsdale
18 Nov.	Natalie Mylander	Dave Sedio
25 Nov.	Randy Marko	Mindy Shulfer

Power Point

	8:15	10:45
04 Nov.	Sandra Sanders	Al Scherf
11 Nov.	Anita Bakalar	Scott Ramsdale
18 Nov.	Sandra Sanders	Al Scherf
25 Nov.	Anita Bakalar	Scott Ramsdale

Ushers

Steve Johnstone	Lester Frey
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Altar Guild

04 & 18 Nov. Janet & Anita Bakalar Phyllis Schadewald/Nancy Reich

Communion Assistants

	9:30	
	8:15	10:45
04 Nov.	Robert Melde	Brad Affeldt
18 Nov.	Dave Yurik	Scott Ramsdale

Acolyte

	8:15	10:45
04 Nov.	Matthew Anderson	
11 Nov.	Matthew Anderson	Jaden Sieling
18 Nov.	Matthew Anderson	Phillip Geist
25 Nov.	Matthew Anderson	Ben Shulfer

Counters

04 Nov.	Ed Bauman/Al Scherf
11 Nov.	Nancy Reich/Phyllis Schadewald
18 Nov.	Les & Carole Frey
25 Nov.	Arllys Edstrom/Sara Wiech
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Kid's Korner

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!

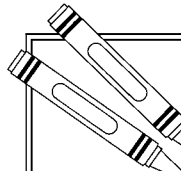


What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.












PUZZLE


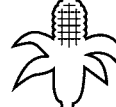

HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.

“The  will   what is , and  will  its .”

  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV



HOLY EMMANUEL

LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 Faith In Action Jump rope Tying 6:30 ECC Board	2	3 10:00 Mar Thoma Worship
4 8:15 Classic Grace Worship 9:30 Education Hour 10:45 Living Praise Worship 4:30 Girl Scouts	5	6	7 5:30 pm Good News Kids 5:15 Confirmation: 6:30 Pack Operation Christmas Child Packs	8 5:30 Lay Ministers 7:00 Church Council	9	10
11 Stewardship Sunday "Daring Faith 1" 8:15 Classic Grace Worship 9:30 Education Hour 10:45 Living Praise Worship	12	13 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	14 4:30 pm Kid's Praise 5:15 Confirmation:	15 11:15 55+ Perkins Lyndale	16	17 1:00 500 Card Club
18 Stewardship Sunday "Daring Faith 2" 8:15 Classic Grace Worship 9:30 Education Hour 10:45 Living Praise Worship Melde wedding Shower	19	20 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	21 Thanks Giving Services 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM 11:30 Work no More 4:30 pm Kid's Praise	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
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