

**THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace in Jesus' strong name!

It is with JOY and GRATITUDE to God that I greet you as your Lead Interim Pastor. I have fond memories of American when I served as the first Executive Director of Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp from 1974-1979. Pastors Al Kvamme and Joe Nystuen were very supportive of Shetek. And who can forget Joe playing the "saw"! Hence, in ways it seems like coming home.

I am married to Linda who is a retired fourth grade teacher. We have three grown children: Alyssa, who is married, has four children, and who live in Ft. Collins, Colorado; Steve, who graduated from Concordia in Moorhead with a degree in social studies and is now living in Massachusetts; and Shana, who is married, has two children, and is a swim coach at St. Catherine's University in St. Paul. Linda and I have returned to Minnesota after living in Ft. Collins for 20 years, during which time Linda taught, and I was Executive Director of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and interim pastor. This is my fourth interim ministry, having served two congregations in Colorado and one in northern Minnesota at Our Savior's in Cloquet.

Interim ministry happens between the times the senior pastor leaves and concludes when the new pastor arrives. It is a JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT, a time to focus on DISCERNING THE WILL OF GOD for American's future.

How do we do this? We pray together, talk together, and work together, following a discernment process which includes:

1. TELLING OUR STORIES AND COMING TO TERMS WITH AMERICAN'S HISTORY,
appreciating where we have been, and reconciling the ebbs and flows.
2. DISCOVERING TODAY'S IDENTITY.
Who are we today?
3. WHAT ARE SOME NEW DIRECTIONS FOR MINISTRY?
What new ministries do we need to develop?
What are the community and global issues we need to address?
How can we serve "Beyond the Walls"?
It is a time to revisit our Mission Statement.
4. WHAT LEADERS AND STRUCTURE DO WE NEED
to address new directions in ministry?
5. HOW CAN WE BETTER RELATE TO THE SWMN SYNOD?
How can we be in better partnership with synod and Churchwide ELCA?

On this JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT, it is important that there be a spirit of "everything is on the table"; meaning that ALL of our feelings, thoughts, understandings and values are accepted, expressed, and valued. It is in this spirit of openness that God's will is discovered/discerned. This means that the JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT is about "Power to the People", because the People of God are the Church, and the Church is the Body of Christ, with each person having gifts for ministry, each person being vital for the total expression of the Church! Like the human body, ALL parts need to be functioning in order to work well.

Important to the process, is the selection of a TRANSITION TEAM of eight people. The TT will meet at least twice a month, to guide the JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT (JOD). The TT will design surveys, formulate questions, and process results. The TT will write a final report which will describe the ministry priorities and staffing needs of the congregation. This report will be shared with the congregation, assist the present staff in addressing present

ministry needs, and will assist the Call Committee during the call process for a new pastor. ALL CONFIRMED members of the congregation are eligible to apply. Applications are due in the office by TUESDAY-10 NOVEMBER-NOON. The Church Council will make the final selection that evening. Please see the application in this MESSENGER. Applications may be turned in to the office or placed in the YES box in the narthex. It is important to note that the TT's sole responsibilities are to GUIDE, DESIGN, REPORT, and ADVISE. ALL final actions will go through the Church Council.

What is the YES box? YES is another word for FUTURE. The JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT is about the FUTURE. It is the box where you can place your applications and survey responses, as well as any questions you may have about the JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT. The YES box will be in the Skylight Court. Just look for the BLUE and WHITE box.

We are partners in this JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT! Together, we will discover God's will for American, be prayerful in spirit, intentional in thought, and have some fun along the way! God is with us!

I am excited to work with Pastor Terry and the wonderful American staff. American is truly a blessed congregation. My door, mind and heart are ALWAYS OPEN! Let's do a latte' sometime!

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Ron Letnes



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – All Saints' Day

- (Remember to turn your clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night)
- 8:30 & 11 am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- Tolling of the Bell in remembrance of all those who have died and have had funeral services here at American Lutheran since the last All Saints' Sunday.
- 11:00 am Nursery – Kindergarten Students sing at worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 & 11:00 am WORSHIP
- Guests: Gideons
- Special music by Handbell Choir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 & 11:00 am WORSHIP
- 8:30 am Sr. Choir Sings
- 11:00 am 1st-4th Graders sing at worship
- Stewardship Sunday
- GUESTS: Rev. Amos Buntausa from the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria and now attending Luther Seminary. AND Pastor Sekenwa Briska & his family will be here also.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – Christ the King Sunday

- The last Sunday of our Church year
- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- Commitment Sunday - a time to bring in your Time & Talent sheets and Estimate of Giving for 2010.
- 11:00 am Kids' Worship & Praise Choir

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – 1st Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 & 11:00 am WORSHIP
- Service of Healing – Come to the Altar for prayer for yourself or on behalf of someone else.

SATURDAY CHAPEL WORSHIP continues at 5:30 pm

- Holy Communion November 14 & 21

Fireside!

Remember the family times when you came together simply because you were a family? You each brought something to eat or drink, sat around, told stories, shared concerns, laughed and maybe cried a bit. Perhaps there was even a fireplace to warm the heart.

American Lutheran Church is a family of faith. We have Christ in common. This commonness in Christ gives us reason to come together. I am inviting ALL people, ALL ages to come to the parsonage next to the church for fun, fellowship, and conversation. Bring something to eat or drink to share if you can, or just come, as there will always be enough. We will eat, drink, sing, tell stories, laugh, and talk about anything. Bring a music instrument to play. Bring a poem or story to share. I will lead a conversation on a book by Shane Claiborne who writes about what it means to be the Church. If you can, bring some candles as we will pray a bit. Just come and “hang loose”. Feel welcome to bring a friend, or enemy! Bring someone off the streets! Bring someone who is searching for a new relationship with Jesus. We are the family of God!

WHEN? Sundays, 5-8 P.M.

Starting Sunday, November 8

Every Sunday

WHERE? Parsonage next to the church

THERE'S A NICE WARM FIREPLACE A'WAITING!

Hope to See You!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pastor Ron

YES box

A blue and white box with **YES** on it is located in the Skylight Court. The purpose of the YES box is for you to put **COMMENTS-QUESTIONS-SURVEY RESPONSES** in about the **JOURNEY OF DISCERNMENT**.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

November 1: Discussion time for October's Book of the Month, Galatians.

November 29: Discussion time for November's Book of the Month, Psalms.

Our book of the month for November is Psalms 101-150. For those who have been reading with us in the past, this will complete our reading of the Psalms. The Psalms have been important and meaningful scriptural texts for many people. In the Psalms we find inspiration and hope. They reveal God in that unique way that only poetry can do. They so often speak to us in meaningful ways in whatever joys or ordeals we find ourselves facing.

Many people read their favorite Psalms over and over. Join us in reading the last fifty of the Psalms. See if there may be some favorites among these and share them with us on November 29th.

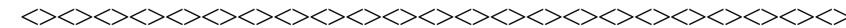
Suggested reading schedule.

Week 1: Psalms 101-107

Week 2: Psalms 108-119:96

Week 3: Psalms 119:97-135

Week 4: Psalms 136-150



CALLING ALL SINGERS!!!
ALC's Choir will present a
Christmas Cantata on Sunday,
December 20 at both of the
services. Rehearsals are
Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and
will begin Nov 1.
WELCOME TO ALL & BRING YOUR
FRIENDS!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Blessings from your W.ELCA friends!

In spite of October's gloomy, rainy, cool weather - the month seemed to pass quickly. Our regular W.ELCA meeting was held on Oct. 1, and the installation of the newly elected officers was held. Thanks to the following people who consented to give of their time in the coming year.

Karen Skarphol - President
Romelle Wojahn- Vice president
Carolyn Torkelson - Treasurer
Donna Vaupel - Secretary

The other committees are efficiently, quietly, doing their jobs every month, and we very much appreciate you also!

Thanks Romelle and Elaine for the skit that made us take a look at members. WELCOME TO ALL!

We now can be looking forward to the spiritually warming seasons ahead. Yes, I'm thinking "Holiday Fair!" We have many hands working diligently to make this year's event successful! Thanks to the "lefse ladies" for their mouth-watering Tuesday AM efforts, and to all who are thinking ahead of what they can do to help. Thanks, committee members and workers alike.

Keep in mind that we will be packing Love Boxes on Nov. 21st. This is a caring ministry that is appreciated by all who are touched by it. Let us know if you think of someone who needs to be remembered. We are asking for breads, bars, cookies, ethnic foods, jams, jellies, candies, etc. Place bars/cookies on a small plate and wrap with plastic wrap so that we don't have to re-package food items.

May you all be richly blessed in the coming month - God Does Love Us!

Irene Menken and Judy Woizeschke, W.ELCA co-presidents

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 14 – 9:30 to 1 pm Holiday Fair

November 19 – Circle Day

November 21 – 8:30 am Love Boxes

November 25 – 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (pies needed)

CIRCLES:

ABIGAIL & EUNICE: 9:15 am at Church Meeting Room with Irene Menken serving.

MARY & REBEKAH: 1:30 am at Church Meeting Room with Arlene Burbank and Lorene Sutherland serving.

SARAH: 7 pm at Karen Wickie's, 2411 Douglas St.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

November 6 – Meet at Church at 4:30 to go to the Borscht Supper in Mt. Lake.

November 13 – NO Meeting – preparation for Holiday Fair

November 20 – Meet at the High School Lecture Hall for the 7 pm Musical "Foot Loose"

November 27 – NO Meeting – Thanksgiving weekend.

YOU'RE INVITED by the Amo Women of the ELCA rural Storden to their "Guest Day" on Saturday, November 7 at 2 pm. Cheryl Darnall, daughter of Bob & Mary Weiland and an RN of Omaha, NE, will be the guest speaker. Cheryl works with terminally ill children and their families, assisting in their transfer to Hospice care. Her message is compassionate. We hope you can attend

**HAVE YOU PURCHASED
THE NEW ALC COOKBOOK?**

There are lots of tasty sounding recipes from lots of good cooks, so you won't want to miss getting this cookbook! They are available on Sundays or in the church office during the week. They will also be available at the Holiday Fair. \$11



Stewardship Sunday is November 15 and Commitment Sunday is November 22 with our theme *“Give to the Glory of God!”* To save the cost of postage, please note the Stewardship letter, Time & Talent Form & the Estimate of Giving Sheet enclosed with this newsletter. Return your forms on Sunday, November 22 (or Saturday November 21). Your response on both of these forms is vital to the programming and the work of the church.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

...Loving hearts make up the Prayer Shawl Ministry. As the Shawls are created, prayers are said for whomever the recipient may be and they continue to pray for the recipients after the shawl has been delivered. Our prayer is that those who receive a shawl will use this shawl as a mantle of love and that the shawl will

bring Comfort and God’s healing presence. We hope that they will wrap themselves in it as they go about their daily activities, when they go out, when they feel down, when they sleep and whenever they feel the need for love and support. The Prayer Shawl is a reminder that someone has woven prayers of love and healing into the shawl.

American Lutheran’s Prayer Shawl Ministry is up and running. We have a few knitters and crocheters hard at work creating prayer shawls. IF you knit or crochet, we can use you! Contact Kathy Hiley at 507-831-4109 or tkhiley817@msn.com for information. We have received some donations, so at this time there is yarn available for a few shawls. If you’re interested in supporting this ministry, please send or bring your donation to the church office marked “Prayer Shawl Ministry”. The cost of yarn for one shawl is about \$15.

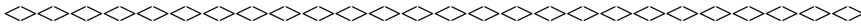


Our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be on Wednesday, November 25 at 7 pm. Our choirs will be participating in the service. Our offering will be used for our debt retirement & the missions part of our budget. Our love offering will be gifts of food for the Cottonwood County Sharing Center. Many people are struggling to feed their families, so if you are able to help in some way to stock the shelves of the Sharing Center, it will be appreciated.

SOMETHING NEW ---- the youth will be serving a simple meal of soup and bread from 5-7 pm prior to the Thanksgiving Eve Worship. Come and get fed with food and then the Word! The meal is free.

PIE & COFFEE will be served after the Worship Service. Come and join the fellowship. Those who are able, please bring a pie.

Come Ye Thankful People Come!



WALK BY FAITH

Walk by Faith is a low-impact exercise class offered at ALC for beginning, intermediate or even highly experienced walkers. Join Tera each Monday evening from 6:15 to 7 pm in the Youth Room. Cost is just \$15 and proceeds will benefit the Christian Education Special Events & Activities Fund. You can e-mail Tera at cecalc@windomnet.com.

INKJET CARTRIDGES

The Christian Education Board is doing an Inkjet Cartridge recycle project. There is a box in the hall near the offices for your used cartridges. Funds earned will be used for youth projects here at church. Thank you for participating!



COME & HEAR the Sunday School students *“Sing to the Lord”* at the 11am Worship Services:

Nursery-Kindergarten on November 1st

1st-4th Graders on November 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES will start in November for our Nursery-4th Graders during their Sunday School hour and run until our program date on December 13th at 11:00 am. Please try and have your student in attendance!



The answer to the above question is.....

Sunday School Teachers & Leaders

All Sunday School Teachers and Leaders are invited to a free night of pizza, pop and pie on Wednesday, November 11th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join Tera for food, fun and fellowship. Questions and concerns will be shared as well as planning for the second half of the Sunday School year. RSVP to Tera at cecalc@windomnet.com

THEME BASKETS FOR THE HOLIDAY FAIR

Our SS classrooms will be making up “Theme” baskets to sell by Silent Auction! Come bid on your favorites at this year’s Holiday Fair on Nov 14.

- Nursery – Pet Lovers Basket
- PreKindergarten – We Love Mom Basket
- Kindergarten – Just for Dad Basket
- 1st Grade – Kids Fun Basket
- 2nd Grade – New Baby Basket
- 3rd Grade – Movie Night Basket
- 4th Grade – Arts & Crafts Basket
- 5th Grade – Scrapbooking Basket
- 6th Grade – We Love to Bake Basket
- 7th-9th Grade – Chocolate Lovers Basket



PARENTS DAY --- Please join us on Sunday, November 15 from 9:45 to 10:45 am. Visit your child's classroom, listen to them sing, visit with their teachers and enjoy pie & coffee in the Fellowship Hall as a class. It is also Stewardship Sunday so Pastor Sekenwa & his wife from the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria will be sharing something special with us. Come and see what your child is doing in SS.



OUR AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMMING
will enjoy some Thanksgiving Blessings, food and fun this month at church.

KOK – Nov 4 (KD-1st)

Amigos – Nov 11 (2nd-3rd)

WOW – Nov 18 (4th-6th)

COME JOIN SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN NOVEMBER (7th-12th Graders)....

Come to the Youth Room from 5-7 pm and be fed with a meal and be fed with the Word of God on Nov 15 & Nov 29.

(Parents are asked to pick a Sunday to provide the meal. Ideas would be pizza, bbqs, tacos, etc. Please let me know if you are willing to help.)



All 7th-12th Graders are welcome to join the Youth Breakfast Club on Monday mornings at 7:15 am at Si Jambo's. A great way to start the week!!

YOUTH TO ATTEND LIFELIGHT!!!

Tera will be taking a group of interested 7th-12th graders to “*LifeLight*” in Marshall on Sunday, November 8th at 7 pm. Several bands will be playing. Cost is \$12 for concert ticket & transportation. The group will leave from church at 5 pm. You must sign-up with Tera in Advance.



“ FAME ”

THE ALC YOUTH & FRIENDS are invited to the Windom State Theater to watch the movie “*Fame*” on Sunday evening, November 1 from 4-6 pm. Come & enjoy the evening together.

THINK “HOLIDAY FAIR”

Saturday, November 14

9:30 am to 1 pm

**We need participants, workers,
contributors, buyers, etc –**

WE NEED YOU!!!

Bring your friends & neighbors!!

**Read the “Green” sheet included with this newsletter
for further details.**

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CANEWS FROM CAMP

Mark Your Calendar

Confirmation Retreat ~ November 13-14
Lutefisk supper ~ December 5th
Youth Encounter Concert ~ December 6th
Watch for dates from the Environmental Dept.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Wondering what to give for Christmas?
Why not a gift certificate...
Shetek Lutheran Ministries offers
many exciting faith filled programs.
Call us at (507)763-3567*



Help send kids to camp... Become a Pelican/Timber member... Call for a Brochure Today (507)763-3567

It's that time again!! It's time to start thinking about scheduling a camp Sunday for your congregation. A Shetek Rep. would love to take part in your Sunday Worship. Have questions or a date in mind call Kristin at (507)-763-3567

Day Camp 2009

Registration is now open...check out our brochure online, www.shetek.org or call Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 507-763-3567 to talk about this ministry opportunity.

SLM... CHRIST-CENTERED RENEWAL & LEARNING FOR ALL AGES!

Thank you!!

We want to thank everyone who continues to give of their time, talents, and gifts to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Without your generosity, SLM simply could not continue its mission of providing year round opportunities for Christ centered renewal and learning for all ages... Thanks again!!



MAINTENANCE OR MISSION

By David R. Rupp

1. In measuring the *effectiveness*, the maintenance congregation asks, “How many pastoral visits are being made? The mission congregation asks, “How many disciples are being made?”
2. When contemplating some form of *change*, the maintenance congregation says, “If this proves upsetting to any of our members, we won’t do it.” The mission congregation says, “If this will help us reach someone on the outside, we will take the risk and do it.”
3. When thinking about *change*, the majority of members in a maintenance congregation ask, “How will this affect me?” The majority of members in the mission congregation ask, “Will this increase our ability to reach those outside?”
4. When thinking of its *vision for ministry*, the maintenance congregation says, “We have to be faithful to our past.” The mission congregation says, “We have to be faithful to our future.”
5. The pastor in the maintenance congregation says to the *new-comer*, “I’d like to introduce you to some of our members.” In the mission congregation the members say, “We’d like to introduce you to our pastor.”
6. When confronted with a *legitimate pastoral concern*, the pastor in the maintenance congregation asks, “How can I meet this need?” The pastor in the mission congregation asks, “How can this need be met?”
7. The maintenance congregation seeks to avoid conflict at any cost (but rarely succeeds). The mission congregation understands that *conflict is the price of progress*, and is willing to pay the price. It understands that it cannot take everyone with it. This causes some grief, but it does not keep it from doing when needs to be done.
8. The *leadership style* in the maintenance congregation is primarily *managerial*, where leaders try to keep everything in order and running smoothly. The leadership style in a mission congregation is primarily *transformational*, casting a vision of

what can be, and marching off the map in order to bring the vision into reality.

9. The maintenance congregation is concerned with their congregation, its organizations and structure, its constitutions and committees. The mission congregation is concerned with the culture, with understanding how secular people think and what makes this tick. It tries to determine their needs and their points of accessibility to the Gospel.

10. When thinking about *growth*, the maintenance congregations ask, “*How many Lutherans* live within a twenty-minute drive of this church?” The mission congregation asks, “*How many unchurched people* live within a twenty-minute drive of this church?”

11. The maintenance congregation looks at the community and asks, “*How can we get these people to support our congregation?*” The mission congregation asks, “*How can the Church support these people?*”

12. The maintenance congregation thinks about *how to save their congregation*. The mission congregation thinks about *how to reach the world*.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!!!



“All the days
of the poor are
hard, but a
cheerful heart has
a **continual feast.**”

Proverbs 15:15, NRSV

BITS and PIECES

- **WORLD HUNGER DRIVE** --- Thank You to everyone who turned in their change box for the Harvest and Home Sunday. We collected \$863.78. These contributions will be sent to the ELCA's World Hunger Program and 100% will be used to fight hunger around the world.
- **PRAYER CHAIN** --- If you wish to have prayers on your behalf or for someone else, please call one of the following women --- Esther Shelley 831-4317; DeLorris Quiring 831-4104, Lavonne Swenson 831-5018, Rosalie Brodin 831-2330.
- **THANK YOU** --- A special thank you to those who helped with the Confirmation Banners: Jane Cartwright, Rosie Davis, Eunice Erpestad, Lorraine Jacobson, Jean Johnson, Betty Olson and Deanna Voth. Your work is greatly appreciated.
-Carol Christianson
- ALC has a "Helping Hands Fund" which is used by the pastors to help people out in emergency situations, whether it be food, gas, lodging, etc. These funds are available because of the generosity of some congregational members. We are writing this note to inform you that our funds are very low. If you have a heart for this type of ministry and wish to contribute, please stop by the church office.
- The Cottonwood County Sharing Center is open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. They are located at 104 ½ - 3rd Ave (alley entrance). Clients can come six times in a 12 month period. Their calendar year begins August 1. From August 2008 to September 1 of 2009, 563 families, 1080 adults, 784 kids were served with 48,363 pounds of food. Thank you to those who faithfully contribute to the Sharing Center. A grocery cart is available by the Chapel entrance for your donations. We have two intentional drives coming up --- Thanksgiving Eve and the Living Nativity on December 9.
- The Cottonwood County Historical Society is selling Christmas Greenery as a fundraiser. Orders will be taken until Nov 5. Contact the Historical Society 831-1134 for prices and to place your order.

- **THANK YOU** --- A special “Thank You” to all at American Lutheran for your prayers, concerns and thoughts while Howard was a patient at the VA in Mpls. He’s home, doing well, recuperating and getting his strength back. He is truly a miracle. Your messages on the Caring Bridge and Pastor Frovik’s visits and phone calls were so heartwarming. God bless you all. Sincerely, Rozanne & Howard Gronseth.
- **BETHANY LUTHERAN W.ELCA** of Storden is hosting their Bazaar on Saturday, November 7th from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be lunch, quilts, baked goods, white elephant sale and crafts. The quilt raffle will be held at 1 pm.
- Focus on the Family presents “Focus on Parenting”, a simulcast offered at the Windom E-Free Church on Saturday, Nov 14 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Cost is \$35 per person. Call 831-3713 to register.
- **BUS LICENSE** --- If you have your bus license and would be willing to drive the church bus for after school activities, please contact Tera Elness.
- **WANTED** --- Empty Ink cartridges. Place in the container near the offices.
- **GRIEF IN THE HOLIDAYS** --- Learn to cope with feelings and situations that may arise during the holiday season. Individuals and families who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend. Tuesday, Nov 3 from 3-5 pm at the Windom Area Hospital Large Conference Room. Pre-registration is requested --- 1-866-655-1017 – Kathy Fransen.
- **IF YOU ARE PLANNING AHEAD**, our Christmas Eve Worship times will be 4:00; 6:00; 10:00. Bethany will be at 7:00 pm.
- **ALC APPAREL IS HERE** --- “God is Good” – long sleeve Tees & Hoodies are available. See Tera if you are interested.
- **LIVING NATIVITY** ---- December 9. Mark your calendar!!

ALC'S FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF 10/27/09 ---

INCOME:	\$353,215
EXPENSES:	\$383,000
2008 Carryover:	\$ 4,039.92
BORROWED:	\$ 24,000
MISSIONS HELD:	\$ 13,474

These figures do not include October end-of-month commitments and mission checks.

We had a special offering taken at our Harvest & Home services. This offering was designated 50% to operating debt and 50% to missions. Total offering received was \$4372

BELL TOWER UPDATE:

Balance left to pay off this debt \$10,458. Check the Steeple container in the Skylight Court and for \$50 you can purchase a "Steeple People" and have your name on one of the people that our Sunday School children have colored.

RENOVATION UPDATE:

The Renovation Loan currently has a balance of \$154,158. Monthly payments of \$2,574.29 are being made. If you would like to make a contribution towards this debt, you may do so by placing it in the blue renovation envelope or mark your check "Renovation" and place in the offering plate or mail to the church.



We're thankful for you!

November

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER...

First Service – Gary Nelson, Dale Struck, Conrad & Kevin Heggeseeth, Dick Torkelson, Larry Eike, Les Evers, Cory Pohlman.

Second Service – Don Brugman, Lindsey Cartwright, Vern Huebert, Mike Anderson, Dan Knigge, Doug Storey, Steve Johnson, Kent Elness.

Saturday Worship – Bob Byers, Pat Tepley, Betty Kipfer, Dully Holmen, Earl Flatgard, Stan Severance, Myrna Anderson.



FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS...

BAPTISMS: *AUDRIANNA LORRAINE ROSE MAZNIO, daughter of Brian Maznio Sr and Joann Reckinger*
MYAH MAIREE MAZNIO, daughter of Brian Maznio Jr and Alyssa Koster
BENJAMIN MATTHEW GARY LUDEWIG, son of Kyle Ludewig and Jessica Kalash.
LOGAN GENE KEPLER, son of Russell & Paula Kepler

BURIALS: *Carol Zurn*
Roman Johnson

MEMORIALS: *Restoration Fund: In memory of John Moede.*
Restoration Fund: By Ellsworth Arndt in appreciation to those who have rendered assistance to him --- Don Larson, Tom & Karen Wickie, Rich & Irene Menken, Duane & Barb Pingeon, Larry & Becky Stevens.

