

THE MUSTARD SEED



FALL BACK!

Fall Schedule

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE
YOU GO TO BED
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

November 1

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 5:1-12**

Message: "A whole lot of....."

November 8

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Matthew 25:1-13**

Message: "Where Will You Be?"

November 15

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Speaker: Megan Vanderbloemen**

November 22

**Reign of Christ Sunday
Philippians 4:4-7
Colossians 3:12-17**

November 29

**First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
Mark 13:24-37**

BRUCE'S BABBLINGS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Are you thankful? That's not an easy question. Maybe it needs some context. Are you thankful for your life? Are you thankful with the work (or the retirement) that you are currently doing? Are you thankful for your current health status? Are you thankful with your family? Are you thankful for your friends?

That is a lot to think about. During the month of November we celebrate the day of Thanksgiving. This year it is on November 26. Thanksgiving Day is a day set aside to be thankful for the blessings we have received, an opportunity in many cases to be with family and/or friends, and an opportunity to have a day off work to recharge.

I have said for years that I believe each day should be Thanksgiving Day. I don't mean that we ought to have a big meal with turkey every day or that we ought to have parades and football games every day, rather I believe we ought to be thankful every day.

I have found over the years that life is much more enjoyable if I am able to find things that I am thankful for. I believe you ALL know that I am a huge baseball fan. There is a rumor that there will be a lockout next baseball season and that games might be affected. I could worry about or fret over that, and to be honest in the past I probably would have. What I have chosen to do instead is appreciate this season and appreciate that the team I have loved and followed for years is in the World Series. For the first time in 44 years. I have been thankful that I have been able to go to some regular season games this year and to several post season games. I don't take that for granted. I know of people who would love to go to those games but they just are not able to.

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Bruce's Babblings con't from pg. 1

As I visit with people who know they are dying, sometimes one of the things I say to them is how is your family handling this? The answers run the gamut of very concerned or scared to knowing where their loved one is going.

I will never forget what a friend and colleague of mine said to me. Shortly after his father's death, through tears, he said, "For several years my father taught me how to live and at the end he taught me how to die." I say to the people I visit, "you can give your family and your loved ones a gift by being thankful for the time you've had rather than lamenting the time you will not have.

What are you thankful for? I encourage you to tell someone. Tell your family or close friends or even tell me. I can celebrate your thankfulness with you. Because, thankfulness should not come on just one day a year, it should be an attitude for every day.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Bruce

Fall Church Council

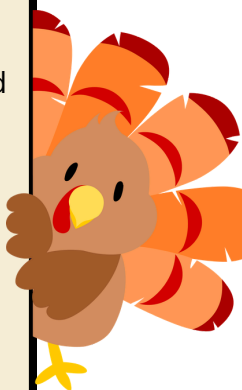
Immediately following worship, November 8, we will share in Fellowship with a potluck. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able. The Church Council meeting will take place following our potluck.

The focus of this Council is to review the year to date numbers and the annual budget projected for 2027. In addition, we elect new Board members from a list of nominees to replace those who will be completing their term.

This fall we will need to elect 4 Elders (in which 1 will finish out Amy Andersen's term) and 2 Trustees. Elected board members will be installed in January to serve a 2-year term. If you wish to be considered - please reach out to one of the current board members.

Join Us in Making a Difference!

We are joining forces with other churches in our community to provide complimentary Thanksgiving meals to local families in need through the DeForest Area Needs Network (DANN) on Wednesday, November 25. If you're interested in contributing by donating items or assisting with meal preparation and delivery, a sign up is available at church, on our website, or through our e-news on Monday mornings. All donated food items should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, November 22, and homemade pies can be dropped off Tuesday, November 24 in the morning or no later than 9:00 am on Wednesday, November 25.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of November, we invite everyone to help spread kindness and generosity by donating nonperishable food items to support families in need in our community. Suggested items include canned vegetables, fruits, stuffing, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, soups, pasta, and other pantry staples.

Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, November 22, so everything can be delivered to the Food Pantry in time for Thanksgiving.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference! Thank you for helping us share our blessings with others this Thanksgiving season!

Advent Workshop

Get ready to deck the halls at our Advent Workshop happening right after worship on Sunday, November 29!

We'll be trimming beeswax candles, putting up the tree, assembling the Christmas putz, and hanging decorations galore around the church.



Poinsettia Orders for Christmas



Our Sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with poinsettias this Christmas.

Poinsettias will be purchased from Klein's Garden and Gifts. They are available in 6.5 inch in red or white for \$17.00 and 5 inch in red or white for \$10.00.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, order forms are available at church, or you can download one from the Monday morning e-news.

The deadline for placing an order is Sunday, November 15.

Contacting Pastor Bruce

If you are trying to reach Pastor Bruce for a pastoral emergency, or if you just want to talk to him, the best way to reach him is through his personal email which is

Pastorbrewce@gmail.com or on his personal cell phone which is (920) 253-9030. Bruce does check the church email several times a week, but he checks his personal email daily. He also checks for messages on the church office telephone, but he carries his personal cell phone with him at all times. Please know that if your message is not an emergency he will most likely deal with it on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays as he is doing hospice chaplaincy work on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Lay Visitation Team

Your Board of Elders has been talking about a lay visitation team. This is a group of volunteers who would be willing to visit some of our members on a regular basis. This is not meant to be in place of the pastor's visits but rather to compliment the pastor's visits and to give our lay folks more visits. Pastor Bruce will provide training and some guidelines to help you with your visits.

If you need more information, feel free to reach out to Pastor Bruce. If you would be interested in being a part of the lay visitation team, please let either Pastor Bruce or one of the members of the Board of Elders know.

Your Gifts Are Appreciated!

- A heartfelt thank-you to Michelle Larkins for fixing the office printer.
- Special thanks to Peggy Landgraf and Kristi Thering for their diligent work cleaning the church.
- We appreciate John Scepanski and Shirley Block for leading the adult Bible studies.
- Thank you to Joel Caulum for leading worship on October 18.
- We are grateful to Jerry and Cheryl Mayr, Marlene Sobek, Marty Karow, Joyce Simon, Ken Glienke, Kay Kinderman, and Mike and Michelle Larkins for graciously hosting fellowship.
- A big thank-you to Jerry Mayr and Bob Hudecek for caring for the church and parsonage lawns in October.
- Thanks to Peg Landgraf for creating a fall display outside the church entry and decorating the interior with fall décor.
- Thank you to Bev Bisbee for livestreaming our services.
- Thank you to those who served on the budget and nominating committees.

Norski Sharing Shed

The Norski Sharing Shed was conceived to support homeless teenagers in school who require specific items to thrive academically.



Most needed items include:

- Sweatpants, leggings (medium & large)
- \$20 Gift cards for (Amazon, Kwik Trip, Pick n Save, Target and Walmart.)



- 6—Brittany Blecha
- 12—Laurie Vanderbloemen
- 17— Cooper Gilbertson
- 19—Marie True
- 24— Mike Larkins
- 27 —Scott True
- 28 —Kari Caulum
- 30—Alex Bisbee



Share the Joy of Christmas with Our Mitten Tree!

The Christmas season is a time for sharing love, kindness, and blessings with others! Be sure to watch for our Mitten Tree, where you'll have the opportunity to choose a child from the list and help make their Christmas wishes come true.

By fulfilling a special wish from a child's Christmas list, you can bring smiles, hope, and joy to a family in need.

Elders October Meeting Highlights

- Opened with devotions, prayer, and the behavioral covenant.
- Planned to schedule a workshop presented by the Executive Director of the WI Council of Churches.
- Discussed how to involve youth and increase involvement.
- Pastor Bruce will begin Confirmation classes. They will be done online though Zoom.
- Discussed Sunday School for the smaller youth.
- Discussed survey being sent out to families with some Fall Youth Activity options.
- Approved September minutes and the Pastor's report.
- Discussed forming a Lay Visitation Team.
- Planned a Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Discussed and made plans for Thanksgiving meals, Advent workshop, Winterfest and Christmas Eve.

Next Elders meeting will be November 2nd.

Youth-Led Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, December 13, for a very special worship service as our youth take the lead and conduct the entire service!

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, our young people will share their faith, talents, and gifts as they lead us in worship during this beautiful season of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Come support and encourage our youth as they help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

You won't want to miss this meaningful and inspiring service! We hope to see you there!

NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Church Cleaner Coordinator: Peggy Landgraf	Worship Hosts Coordinators: Jerry Mayr & Bob Hudecek	Call to Worship	Scripture Reader	Fellowship Host
Nov. 1	Shirley Block	Dakota Mayr & Jerry Mayr	Megan Vanderbloemen Psalm 34:1-10	Paige Michels Matthew 5:1-12	Shirley Block
Nov. 8	Ken Glienke & Volunteer	Daniel Block & Volunteer	Shirley Block Psalm 70	Kari Caulum Matthew 25:1-13	Church Potluck
Nov. 15	Ken Glienke & Volunteer	Doug & Shirley Block	Nick Blecha TBD	Nick Blecha TBD	Volunteer Needed
Nov. 22	Toni Reigstad	Ken Glienke & Paul Vanderbloemen	John Scepanski Psalm 95:1-7	Cheryl Mayr Philippians 4:4-7 Colossians 3:12-17	Peggy Landgraf
Nov. 29	Toni Reigstad	Bob Hudecek & Kristi Thering	Lighting of Advent Candle	Laurie Vanderbloemen Mark 13:24-37	Volunteer Needed

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Socialize with Us!



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Christian Faith Moravian Women's
Winterfest Bake Sale & Craft Sale

Saturday, December 5 | 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

We invite women, men, young adults, and anyone who enjoys baking
to help make this year's sale a wonderful success!

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about what delicious homemade goodies you would like to contribute. Whether it's cookies, bars, brownies, breads, pies, cakes, candies, or a favorite family recipe, all contributions are welcome and appreciated!

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

Our bake sale is a wonderful tradition that brings our church family and community together. So dust off those recipe books, get out your mixing bowls, and start planning your baking!

Thank you for sharing your time and talents to help make this year's bake sale a success! ❤️