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November Happenings

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ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS
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As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts is our opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love. Every project in every community starts with listening. Our Noisy Offerings will be going to this ministry and we will be collecting until Christmas Eve. With the money collected, our Sunday School Children will be deciding what gifts they would like to buy to benefit others around the world.

We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

The items in the catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

Our donation will be used where it is needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad. More than 85 percent of your gifts directly support our programs. Less than 15 percent is used for administration and fundraising.

Phone:
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Make your check payable to "ELCA Good Gifts." To designate your gift, write your gift(s) on the memo line of your check or include a copy of this [order form](#).

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November

Pastor's Ponderings!

Cheeto, DR

Louie, DR

Hank, WW

Goldie, WW

Lea, NC

Shaggy, NC

Gyzmo, NC

'Stache JC

Sunny, JM

Chester, JM

KOI, JM

Dudley, JM

Ollie, JM

Lacey, KW

Pretty Girl, EE

Mittens, KG

Furry, feathery, and fishy friends and family! Given so Adam had company and would not be alone. It's still true today!

ST. FRANCIS

Whimsey, CC

Shiloh, KM

Luna, GG

Bonnie, KM

Ecumenical Service

with the Presbyterians

7pm 22 November!

Thanksgiving

What do you have to be thankful for?

Belated St. Francis' Blessing of the animals, 2022...

St Francis died on October 4th, 1226—I let that date slip by but here are pictures of some of the pets we wish to remember and bless. Please realize the gifts they are from God! Also call up those from childhood that are still in your heart and give God thanks for them as well...Blessing them blesses us!

Candice recalls Fred, her blue beta who ate food from her hand but hid in his castle from others...he still is a comfort for her today. Who's yours from childhood?

All Saints' and All Souls' Days... November 1st and 2nd are days for Lutherans to remember and celebrate those who have died, gone before us. Roman Catholics set aside the 1st for those considered to be in heaven (saints) and the 2nd for those in purgatory (souls)... The Day of the Dead begins Monday October 31st and continues to Wednesday the 2nd... Disney's "Coco" illustrates that ethnic celebration in a hope filled way. Has death lost it's sting for you? *"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted..."* Matthew 5:4. We will have the opportunity on Sunday the 6th to light candles for those we wish to memorialize. In 2022 so far, we remember Pastor Carl Beyerhelm, Jeanette LaFayette, Lois Beckman, Marie Schultz, Richard and Joyce Amenall, Gary Niehaus, Carl Gerling, Bob McIntyre, Ted Small, and those we name in our hearts.

Advent Wednesday Service 7:00pm November 30th

Carl Gerling

November Happenings



Immanuel WELCA will meet at
the Apron Strings at 9:00am, on
Thursday Nov. 3, 2022.

(Note the change of date)

Thankofferings will be collected.

All are Welcome.

Book Corner

In the Bleak Midwinter: Forty Meditations and Prayers for Advent and Christmas by Herbert Brokering.

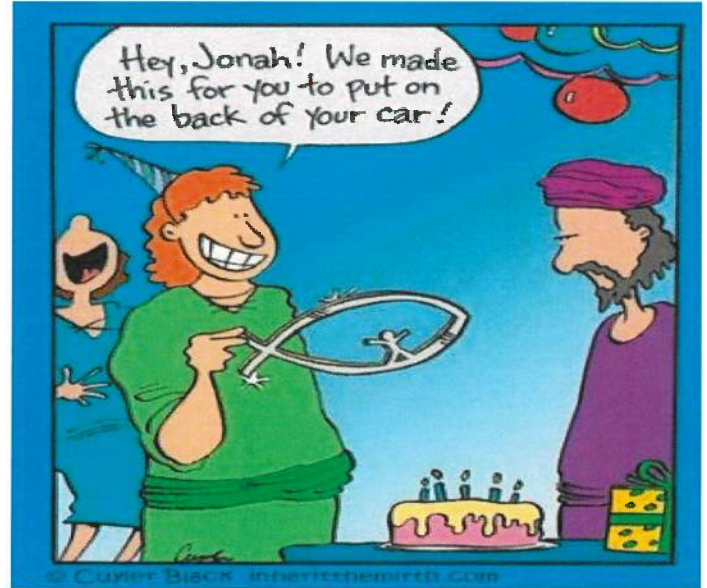
Once again, well-known and beloved author Herbert Brokering offers spiritual nourishment, this time based on Christina Georgina Rossetti's Christmas Carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter." this set of forty meditations and prayers can be opened at leisure or followed as a guide to daily devotions.

Either way, it is a rich and imaginative reflection on the incarnation as God's continual gift to us. The overall tone of the book shows the depth and beauty, paradoxes and perplexities of the nativity. (Augsburg Fortress)

You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power by Max Lucado.

When life gets difficult, is God paying attention? If I'm facing challenge after challenge, will God help? When my days become dark and stormy, does God notice? The answer in the life-giving stories in the Gospel of John is a resounding yes. In *You Are Never Alone*, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado reminds us that our miracle-working God sees us, cares about us, and will always come to our aid, no matter what we're up against. By tracing Jesus' miracles as told in the book of John, *You Are Never Alone* invites us to take a closer look at the good news John shares with each of us: God is never afraid to meet us in the middle of life's messes, extend a helping hand, and lift us out of our troubles. *You Are Never Alone* will equip you to:

Get unstuck and take your first step into a better tomorrow. Dwell in the grace of the cross and the miracle of the empty tomb. Believe that God is your ever-present source of help and hope. Take comfort that you are never without God's protection. *You Are Never Alone* also includes thoughtful, comprehensive reflection questions designed to go along with each chapter, giving you a chance to dive even deeper into the ways that God walks with you every step of the way.



Congratulations to
Aaron and Lori Roelfs
on the birth of their daughter
Mabel Diane Roelfs

September 28th

8 lbs. & 2 oz

Mae joins brothers Joe & Eddie
and Sister, Lulu.

Grandparents:

Donald and Diane Roelfs

Mike & Kate Myers

Mae is Lois Roelfs 11th Great -Grandchild!



A Big Immanuel Thank You
to

Traci Gerling

For taking on our
Entryway Bulletin Board!
It looks great!!



Reverend Katherine Johnson of
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in
Strawberry Point, Iowa sent
information announcing the death
of **Robert Clarence McIntyre**.

He was born on March 4, 1934 and
died on September 21, 2022. His
funeral was held September 24th
at 3:30pm at Emmanuel Lutheran.

Our Sympathies to his family
and friends.

20 years ago -The following students will have art work displayed
in the Art Editors of Iowa Traveling Show: Elizabeth Magel, Amber
Landess, Jessica Holsteen, Brooke Byars, Alissa Erickson, Hannah
Gaulke, Conner Brakeville, Jordan Delzel, and Brittany Erickson.

110 years ago—Last Saturday evening a large crowd of Swedish
young people went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nelson to
give S. L. Blomgren, the young man who has been supplying the
Swedish Lutheran pulpit this summer, a surprise visit. He received a
fine watch and fob and a purse of money to show their appreciation.

Taken from the Mediapolis News

Worship/Stewardship

Hymns for November

11/6 — All Saints Sunday

Gathering – Holy God, We Praise Your Name ELW #414
 Sermon – Shall We Gather at the River ELW #423
 Sending – Jerusalem, My Happy Home ELW #628

11/13 — 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering – I Know That My Redeemer Lives ELW #619
 Sermon – If You But Trust in God to Guide You ELW #769
 Sending – How Firm a Foundation ELW #796

11/20 — Christ the King Sunday

Gathering - How Great Thou Art ELW #856
 Sermon – Soon and Very Soon ELW #439
 Sending - Beautiful Savior ELW #838

11/27 — First Sunday of Advent

Gathering - Come Ye Thankful People ELW #693
 Sermon – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW #858
 Sending - Now Thank We All Our God ELW #840

November Collection College and Military Care Packages

College

Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, and lotion, razors, deodorant, body spray, microwave popcorn and popcorn bowl, candy bars, cookies, playing cards or card games, hot chocolate or tea, Instant soup, a mug, bookmarks, highlighters, pens and pencils, handheld pencil sharpener, thumb drive/usb drive, sticky notes, Quarters for washer or dryer, wipes for electronics or hands, room freshener small bottle of laundry detergent, nail clippers, band-aids, tissues, batteries, and a card to tell them hello.

Military

Personal Hygiene items: wet wipes, disposable razors, chapstick, body wash, lotion, face wash, mouth wash, deodorant, Q-tips, shampoo, conditioner, foot powder, small packs of napkins and tampons, laundry PODS, sunscreen, magazines, batteries (AA or AAA), thumb drives/usb drives, cards, letters, tobacco, beef jerky, hard candy, gum, protein bars, hand sanitizer, cookies, corn nuts chocolate candy, candy bars, rice Krispy treats, slim jims, granola and other snack bars, nuts dried fruits, tins and packet of flavored coffee and cappuccino, sticky notes, pens and pencils, crossword or other puzzle books.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Cookie Sale

Curbside Pickup on Sat., Nov. 19

between 10-12 at the church

\$25 per box, containing an assortment of at least 4 dozen holiday cookies

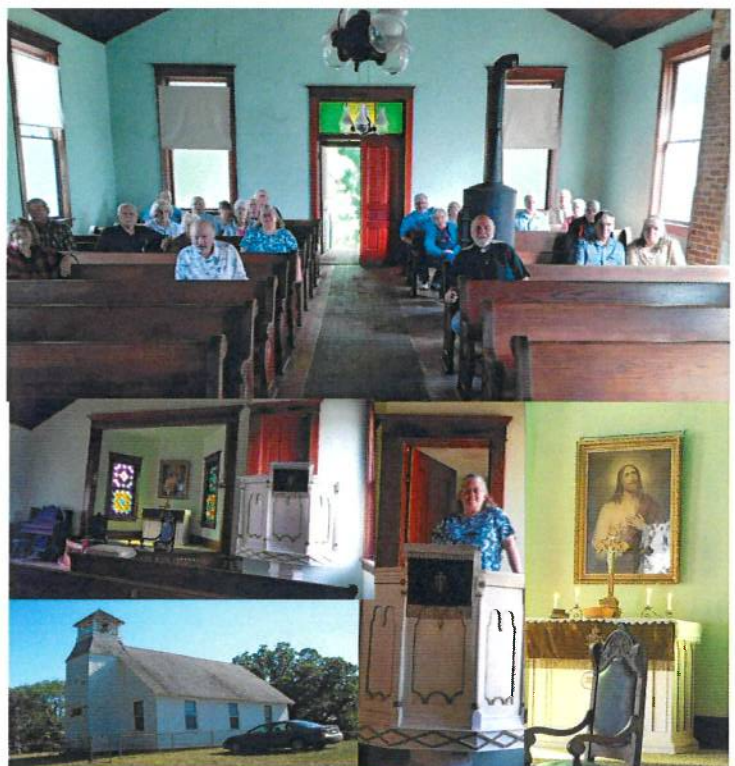
Supporting Local Food Pantry and Church Youth

Pre-order by Friday, Nov. 11 by calling 319-394-3600

or email immanuel@mepotelco.net

(Maximum of 50 boxes will be sold)

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PICTURES FROM WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SEPT. 25TH

Youth Activities

November MCYG schedule:

11/2/2022	6:15pm-7:45pm 8pm-9:15pm	Wednesday	JH MCYG @ Presbyterian Church HS MYCG @ Presbyterian Church
11/4/2022	7pm-9pm	Friday	Game Night (board or card games) @ the Lounge
11/9/2022	5pm-6:30pm 9:30pm-11:00pm	Wednesday	JH MCYG @ Presbyterian Church HS MYCG @ Presbyterian Church
11/16/2022	6:15pm-7:45pm 8pm-9:15pm	Wednesday	JH MCYG @ Presbyterian Church HS MYCG @ Presbyterian Church
11/22/2022	7 pm	Tuesday	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Presbyterian Church
11/23/2022		Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break - No MCYG
11/30/2022	6:15pm-7:45pm 8pm-9:30pm	Wednesday	JH MCYG @ Presbyterian Church HS MYCG @ Presbyterian Church

MCYG News : I just wanted to say thank you for letting me come share about MCYG in your church recently. I really appreciate it! This October in youth group, we dug into our teaching time. JH MCYG went through a 3 week series called At Odds. In High School MCYG, we started a series called Alpha that will take us through January. This month we tackled question like: Is this all there is to this life? As you hopefully have heard, MCYG will be going on a mission trip to Kentucky next summer. The trip will cost \$650/ person so students will be seeking funding. MCYG will be assisting them with this process by putting on a couple of extra fundraisers. Please be on the lookout for these events in upcoming newsletters, bulletins or on MCYG's Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered a cookbook to help in these efforts. I am personally thankful for your support and I know the students are as well.

In His Service, Jenny

Confirmation Game Night

We will meet Saturday, November 5th at 6 pm at the Parsonage. We will be having pizza and a dessert. Small discussion on what we have covered so far and what we are going to be doing in Nov-Dec.



On behalf of the Board of Education, staff, and students of the Mediapolis Community School District, I wish to thank you for donating school supplies to aid in the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Your contribution is much appreciated and will be of great benefit to our students and staff.

Sincerely, Greg Ray, Superintendent



Our Confirmation Class took a trip to Harvestville Farms Pumpkin Patch in Donnellson, Iowa on October 15th. What a place, so much to do. It was too windy for our bonfire and hot dog roast but we had some fun anyway. Thank you to Candice Mullins and Everett Orth for driving and helping wrangle kids.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Fall back Daylight Saving ends		1 Food Pantry 1pm	2 JH MCYG 6:15pm Presbyterian Church HS MCYG 8pm Presbyterian Church	3  WELCA meeting at Apron Strings at 9am	4 MCYG Game Night @ the Lounge 7pm-9pm	5 Confirmation Game Night & dinner at 6pm 
6 All Saints Sunday Noisy Offering by Kids Offering to ELCA Good Gifts through December 9am Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/Communion	7	8 Food Pantry 1pm	9 JH MCYG 6:15pm Presbyterian Church HS MCYG 8pm	10 Last day to Pre-order Christmas Cookies Friday Nov. 11th Girl Scouts 4:00pm	11 	12
13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Council Mtg 8 am 9am Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	14	15 Food Pantry 1pm	16 JH MCYG 6:15pm Presbyterian Church HS MCYG 8pm Presbyterian Church	17	18	19  Christmas Cookie Sale Curbside Pickup Saturday Nov. 19 10am-noon
20 Christ the King Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/Communion	21	22 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7pm at Presbyterian Church Food Pantry 1pm	23 Thanksgiving Break MCYG No Youth Group	24 	25	26
27  Pastor's Open House 11:30am till 5:00pm 9am Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	28	29 Food Pantry 1pm	30 JH MCYG 6:15pm Presbyterian Church HS MCYG 8pm Presbyterian Church			

Helpers for November

Asst. Minister- Lori LaFayette Lector-Carolyn Gerling
 Communion Prep-Sam Janssen Altar Guild- Deb Thacker & Lori LaFayette
 Greeter-Kathy Erickson Usher-Jeff Erickson