

SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Pastors' notes for the month of November

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

It is Mid-October as I write this letter to ya'all (Dead lines you know) and I'd like to let you know of the progress of the call committee and the candidate they are speaking with. I cannot do that as I have no idea how that is going; however, I do know that God's intent for you is to set before you a candidate that feels called to Sunne. I do know that the Hbly Spirit is blowing over the needs of this congregation and will provide sooner or later. So patience, though difficult at times is a great exercise for you all to put in your hearts. Let God do what God intends to do and wait in prayer until that happens.

Last week the church council met with the confirmands to ask questions and to see if they had a grasp on what they had learned in confirmation over the last 2 ½ years. I want you to know that we have a very strong class this year who will affirm their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday. When asked questions from the council all students participated in answering and all were abundantly clear in what they knew. They were strong in faith and strong in knowledge and I was so very pleased with the way they handled an uncertain situation. I know they were apprehensive but about what was to take place but they shined through the fear of their thoughts. One important question was: how do you plan to be active at Sunne after confirmation. Each said we will come every week and participate in the life of the church. I am pretty sure that will not be the case. From experience I can tell you that will probably not happen for all of them. So, I had a chance to teach from their answers letting them know that first and foremost the activity of their lives was most important in letting others know how much Jesus loves them. Do we want them in worship? Absolutely! And active in Youth Group and even members of the church council and maybe even Sunday School teachers. Yes, we look forward to that participation and we let them know that it was essential for the life of the church. But there is more in Affirmation of Baptism than being active in your congregation. There is a calling to spread the Good news of Jesus Christ to others they come in contact with. Not necessarily by throwing the Bible at them but rather by living life as Children of God, marked with the cross of Christ and sealed by the Hbly Spirit so that the light of their faith will be the hope and promise that so many, who do not know about the love Jesus, need to know. So you see, that is the real essence of Affirming ones Baptism by living it. As I pray for these young people who will soon enough be adults, I pray that they realize first and foremost that Jesus loves them and that is the most important aspect of their faith. We can speak of Theology and argue about our knowledge but the essence of our faith is being loved and knowing it.

That is true for our youngsters, but the truth is important for all of us, no matter our age. Jesus loves us, beyond our understanding and that love is to be spread far and wide so that all will know the hope we have in Jesus. Amen

Together in Christ,

Pastor Dan

Council Highlights

- ◆ 3rd Year Confirmation Students were interviewed and it was determined that all are ready to be confirmed on October, 29, 2023.
- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the secretary's report and the treasurer's report.
- ◆ Harvest Festival was very successful, with approximately \$4300 in profit.
- ◆ Call Committee Update- Reviewing a new candidate.
- ◆ Parsonage Update-Remodeling is done. There will be an open house for the congregation to see the renovations on November 5th after worship until 1 pm.
- ◆ Railing Update- Still waiting to be scheduled
- ◆ Strom's Garbage service- 2yd dumpster picked up 2x/month for \$45.50. This is cheaper than the current rate, but we are in a 3 year contract with Waste Management. SuAnn has looked into what it takes to break the contract. Discussion to continue on this matter.
- ◆ It was moved, seconded & carried to reimburse Erick Smallbeck for a class on sermon writing.
- ◆ Upstairs heat is not working-is being looked into. Plugged downspout will be addressed.
- ◆ Proposed 2024 Budget Committee- Marcus is going to ask Marvin Dockter and Bernell Hedstrom if they would like to serve on this committee with SuAnn. The council would like this committee to consider a fund for repaving the parking lot.
- ◆ Half of Christmas- Wilton Food Pantry was chosen.
- ◆ Advent Services begin Nov. 29th at 7pm and continue each Wednesday until Dec. 20th.
- ◆ Marcus is ordering the Christmas tree- set up on Nov 25th; church decorating Nov. 26th after worship

Financial Report as of September 30, 2023

Endowment Fund	66,862.38
Equity-Building	657,794.63
General Fund	41,483.65
Memorial Fund	1,560.00
Parsonage Fund	4,759.09
Seminary Student Fund	22,780.48
Special Projects Fund	12,059.88
Wilton Food Pantry	9,477.32
Net Income	38,564.50
Total Equity	880,158.65

Sunday School

9AM on November 5th and 19th
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL- November 12th & 26th

Confirmation

8:45AM on November 5th, 12th and 19th

No Confirmation on November 26th

*No Worksheets- BOOK STUDY



Wilton Food Pantry

Distribution will occur on Thursday, November 16th from 3-5pm @ the Wilton Senior Center.





Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in November.

- 1—McKenna Weisenburger, Timothy Rhone, Sandy Peterson and Sydney Jenkins
- 2—Bridger Speten
- 3—Autumn Pearson
- 5—Brigette Tarpley
- 6—Jude Rhone
- 8—Jacob Basaraba
- 9—Olivia Basaraba

- 12—June Neumiller
- 13—Bernice Franklund & Ryan Inglis
- 14—Kay Leidy
- 15—Robert Ell, Jr.
- 17—Amanda Neumiller
- 18—Aaron Morlock & Noella Speten
- 21—Shelley Porter
- 23—Parker Hruby
- 26—Matthew Olson & Tim Perkins
- 28—Tammy Inglis
- 29—Eric Schauer

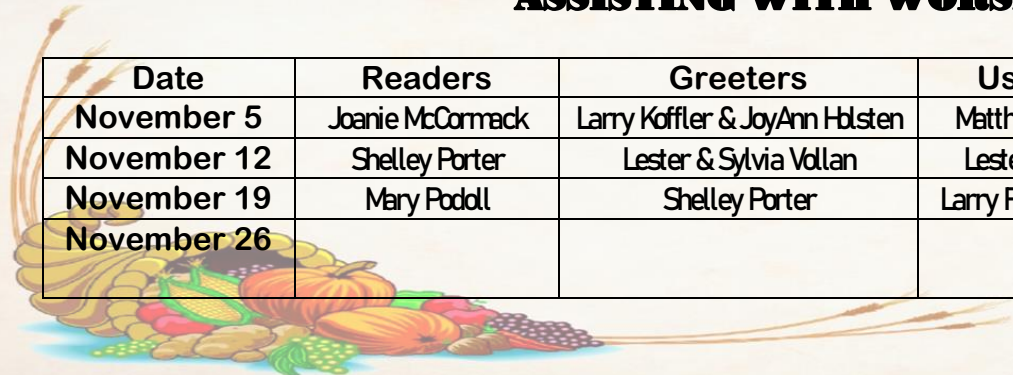
QUILTING

All are welcome to join a core group of women to help assemble quilts for local and world relief efforts. No Experience Necessary. They meet from 10am-3pm on Wednesday's in the church basement. We also need quilt tops sewn. We can find a job for anyone, including men. Please contact Myrna Hochhalter for questions @ 286-7795 (home) or 527-1947(cell).



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Readers	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes
November 5	Joanie McCormack	Larry Koffler & JoyAnn Holsten	Matthew Olson	Kinsley Speten & Stella Rust
November 12	Shelley Porter	Lester & Sylvia Vllan	Lester Vllan	Kinsley Speten & Stella Rust
November 19	Mary Poddl	Shelley Porter	Larry Falkenstein	Caleb Jans & Ty Earsley
November 26				Augustus Perkerewicz & Hayden Clausen



Thanksgiving Community Service

The annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service date, time and location has not yet been determined. Once it has, it will be announced in the bulletin, on the website and on facebook. Everyone is invited to this community worship experience.



Budget and Election Meeting

The annual Budget and Election meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 9 a.m. A budget for 2024 will be adopted and 2 council positions will be filled. If you are interested in serving on the council, please speak to Marcus Hall.





Sunne is sponsoring a community event that will allow kids from PreK to 5th grade to come to the hall on a school day and shop for their families. Everything there will be donated by the community and will be free of charge to kids. There will be a personal shopper for each student and a gift wrap station. If you are interested in donating new or slightly used items (no clothes) for this event, you can contact Pastor Paul Schauer at 701-391-0584 for more information.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The end of the year is coming fast. You may be able to receive valuable tax benefits by making a gift to a charity of your choice. Sunne has an endowment fund in place. The fund recently received a wonderful gift of money, thanks to estate planning on the part of Bernard and Alice Falkenstein. That money is able to be invested in the ELCA Ministry Growth Fund where it will continue to grow and provide long-term benefits to the church. We thank them for their thoughtfulness!



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 5th**

Donations Welcome

We thank those who have gifted us with fabric, clothing, etc. this past year for quilting and baby care kits. For future planning, if you have items to donate, please contact Tammie Falkenstein @ 701-220-2840 (Baby Care Kits) and Shelley Porter @ 701-955-4031 (Quilting) to coordinate when and where to drop off these items. For any other items, please contact the church office @ 701-734-6485. Thank you!

The budget committee has not yet met, so a proposed budget has not yet been determined for 2024; however, once it has, copies will be available at the church.