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Tuesday, Oct. 30

9:30am and 5:30pm Bible Study
7:30pm Choir

Wednesday, October 31

3pm Hawthorne
5-7pm Trunk or Treat in the church

Thursday, Nov. 1

9am Staff Mtg.
12noon Church Women United
at First Lutheran - \$6 Luncheon
7pm Nominating Committee Mtg.
Women's Great Banquet begins

Sunday, Nov. 4 – All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time ends
8:30am Worship
9:30am Coffee time in small hall
10am Sunday School
11am Worship

Monday, Nov. 5

4pm Daisies Group in small hall
6:30pm Quilt Club in Room 17
6:30pm Thrive Mtg.-Conf. room

Tuesday, Nov. 6

1:30pm Caring Ministries
6:30pm Elders Mtg.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

9:30am & 5:30pm Bible Study
5:30pm Youth & Can Do Kids
7:30pm Choir

SERVING SCHEDULE

Nov. 4, 2018

8:30am Worship

Greet at North Street, Prayer Cards & Offering, Serve Communion: Dori Oberman, Candi Moulton
Prepare Communion, Greet at Broad St. & Serve Out if Needed: Janet Foster, Jan Unger
Offering: Chris Mowrer
Communion: Pastor
Prayers: Chris Mowrer
Phone: Larry Thurman
Education Building Greeter: Janet Christiansen
Acolyte: Cameron McAllister

11:00 a.m. Worship

Clean up Communion, Greet at Broad St., *Acolyte, Serve Out if Needed: *Marge Patterson, Amanda Keith
Greet at North St., Prayer Cards, Offering, Serve Communion: Mack Glass and Shawn Keith
Elder Serving In: Ray Maddox
Elder Serving Out: Steph Line



November Coffee hosts:
Traveler's Class

**3rd Sunday
of the Month
Congo Coffee**



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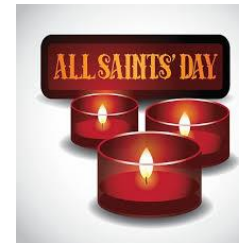
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**November 4, 2018
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Join us as we remember and give thanks for those who have passed away in the last year.

“God is Calling” Series

Message by **Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch,**

“Called to Be Faithful”, Acts 28:17-31 & I Cor. 15:1-20

8:30am Worship - Quest Band plays, *“So Will I”*

9:30am Coffee Time in small hall – Nov. birthdays celebrated!

10am Sunday School

11am Worship, Choir sings *“The Kingdom of God”* by Austin C. Lovelace

Daylight Savings Time ends today –

set your clocks back 1 hr. Sat. night when you go to bed!

SAVE THESE UPCOMING DATES!

November 17, 5:30pm – All Church Thanksgiving Potluck

November 30, 5:30pm – All Church Hanging of the Greens

December 1, 9am – 12pm – Cookie Walk

December 2, 4pm – Blue Christmas Worship

December 16, 6pm – Children's Christmas Program

December 23, 9:45am – Christmas Brunch

December 24, 7:30pm – Christmas Eve Worship

December 30, 10am – One Combined Worship Service





IN OUR PRAYERS

... Pray for **John Campbell-Nelson, Indonesia** Missionary.
 ... FCC Creve Coeur, Cuba CC, Central CC Decatur.
 ... New City Church in Mbandaka, DRC – praise for generous response to Congo offering.
 ... All our nursing home residents and shut-ins.
 ... **Cheryl John**, receiving radiation treatments.
 ... Continued prayers for **Scott’s** treatments and for him to be able to sleep at night.
 ... **David Fell**, continued prayers for good health.
 ... **Eva Seiler**, continued prayers for her health. Will be going to Bounceback.
 ... For the Jewish community in Pittsburgh – comfort and peace.
 ... Sympathy and comfort to **Steve Morris** and family on the passing of his father, **Ervin Morris**. Services were held Oct. 30th at Hurd Hendricks in Knoxville.



Mon., Nov. 5	6:30pm Thrive Meeting
Tues., Nov. 6	1:30pm Caring Ministries, 6:30pm Elders Meeting
Tues., Nov. 13	6pm Council of Ministries, 7pm Ministry Teams
Thurs., Nov. 15	5:30pm Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch
Tues., Nov. 20	6:30pm Trustees
Thurs., Nov. 29	7pm Worship Task Force Meeting

DISCIPLE WOMEN

Thurs., Nov. 8	10:30am Women’s Council Meeting at the church
Thurs., Nov. 15	1:30pm Lydia Circle at the church
Mon., Nov. 19	7pm Cookie Walk meeting in conference room
Tues., Nov. 20	9:30am Ruth Circle at Jan Luallen’s

NOVEMBER YOUTH NEWS

Can Do Kids & Youth Group

Meetings on **Wednesdays** from **5:30-7:15pm**.
 November meetings are: **November 7, 14 and 28th**. No meeting on Nov. 21st, the night before Thanksgiving.



FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR SEPTEMBER

General Fund	
Actual Income	\$26,767.11
Actual Expense	\$26,963.11
Fiscal Year to Date	
Actual Income	\$64,302.57
Actual Expense	\$63,262.32
Outstanding Bills for the Month that were not paid.	
Payable to the Trustees	\$146.52

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: FIRST CHRISTIAN’S GOT TALENT

Once again, the entertainment for the All Church Thanksgiving Potluck is YOU (or at least it can be). Not only are we looking for a handful of people to share their talents (the more unusual and bizarre the better) and be “judged”. We are also seeking a couple more people who would like to serve as “judges” (improv skill a big plus). Please contact Steve Jackson at 335-0771 or email to sjackson@sandburg.edu if interested in participating.



KNOX PRAIRIE COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEER NIGHT

Thursday, November 15th from 4:30-7:30pm
First Baptist Church – 169 S Cherry St.

First Christian Church is sponsoring and serving the Knox Prairie Community Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thursday, Nov. 15th**. KPCCK has moved to First Baptist Church and ha redesigned it’s volunteering due to the smaller space. We are partnering with King School teachers and need a total of 20 volunteers who are willing to volunteer from **4:30-7:30pm**. If you are willing to help serve the KPCCK Thanksgiving meal, please sign up in the small hall or contact Terri in the church office.

NOVEMBER BLESSING BOX – Drop a coin in for a simple act of kindness.
 Our Mission Statement: *Growing Spirit-filled, committed disciples of Christ.*

YOUTH ON THE MOVE

Youth group had a great time treating our church members. There were approximately 37 kids who went treating last Wednesday. The kids enjoyed making treats and crafts to deliver and the company was well received by our membership. The kids are enjoying going out into the community to serve others.

We are always welcoming help with Youth Group. If you are willing to volunteer your time on Wednesday nights, contact **Tracy Jackson, Renée Galvin, Alanna Nalley, Misty Stecher or Candi Moulton.** If you are looking for a short time commitment, we are looking for dinner monitors from **5:15-6PM** on Wednesdays.

Be sure to check out more photos on the bulletin board in Small Hall!!!



WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Bombs sent to politicians ... People killed in a Jewish synagogue as they gathered for worship ... And those are just a couple "BIG" events that hit the news and were politicized recently.

Every day there is violence inflicted and hatred uttered ... and in places like Chicago even greater tragedies occur, one at a time, where as of Oct 29 there have been 457 murders (Chicago Tribune) ... that's getting close to two each day. And for each individual and every family affected by these tragic events, for them it is the biggest one of all.

What is our response as followers of Jesus? It was good to see the solidarity of many different faiths coming together after the synagogue attack, and to hear about our own community gathering to affirm that we are united against these acts of violence, especially in our places of worship. While there may be strong differences of opinion and belief between people over a whole lot of different issues, there is never a license that grants anyone permission to attack, cause injury, and most especially, to ever take the life of another one of God's kids!

Jesus never gave permission for anyone to cause harm and violence. He said things like be "as wise as serpents, and as innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16) ... and God made it very clear that "vengeance is mine, says the Lord" (Romans 12:19). And how about the scripture that reminds us that if we even "hate" our sister or brother, then we are guilty "of murder" (1 John 3:15); very strong words.

Seems like we need to share very **boldly** about Jesus who taught us to unconditionally love those with whom we have a disagreement. And we need to model that we can have different opinions and beliefs on many matters, but the Christ-like response will always be one of listening, and still reaching out to others with Jesus' unconditional love that wishes and acts to bring about good for the other person. In this way we are more like Christ and will witness to the world what it looks like to be a Jesus follower. Maybe then we can influence others (even if just one person) in such a way that life will be honored, people lifted up and encouraged, and God glorified.

Serving with you in the Spirit of Christ.

Shalom, *Pastor Greg*