



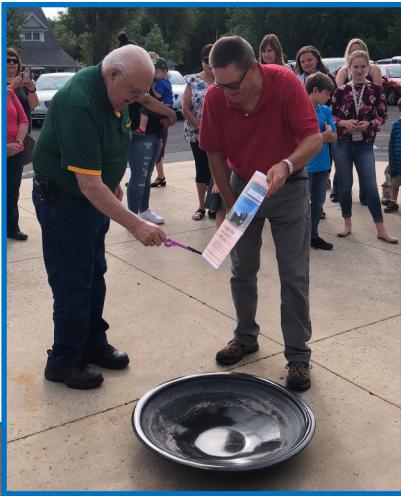
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October 2019

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Our Vision: A Christ-centered, serving community.

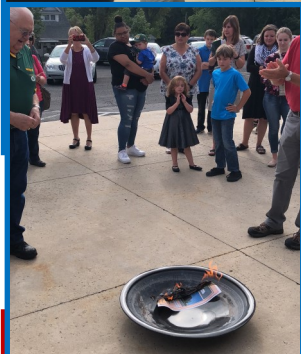
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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Burning the Mortgage



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday



Children's Sermon



First Day of Sunday School





"You are my beloved daughter. You are my beloved son. With you I am well pleased."
(See Luke 3:22)

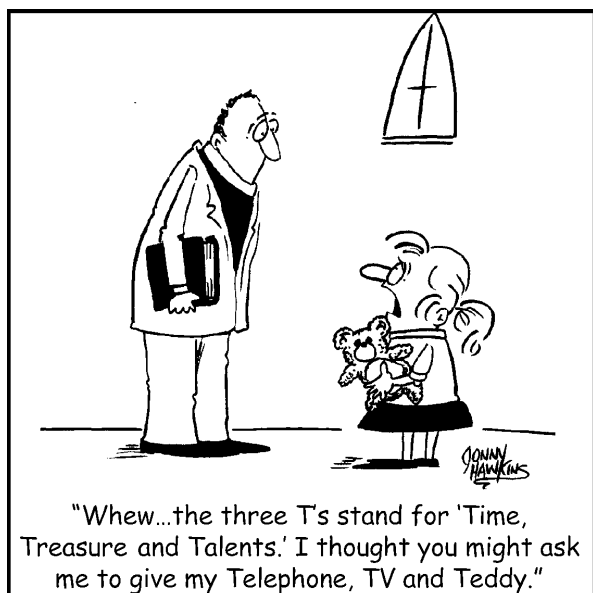
Dear Fellow Children of God,

Fall is upon us again which in the church means not only are many of our programs underway again, but our annual stewardship campaign is about to kick off. Having been in ministry for pretty much all of my adult life, I KNOW many people get uncomfortable when churches and pastors start talking about money. Frankly, pastors and churches get uncomfortable too! But the truth is, Jesus talks about money more than any other topic in the Bible, so to avoid the topic would be to avoid a lot of what Jesus had to say. And if the church stays silent on the topic, then the voices of materialism, consumerism, and greed in our culture might be the only ones heard by Christians.

So this fall, you will likely hear a couple of stewardship sermons from me and read a few stewardship articles. These messages from me won't be about meeting a budget. They won't be designed to produce guilt or shame. Rather, they will focus on what it means to be a joyful giver, to live a generous life with our time, talents, and finances, and on how your gifts to our ministry at English Lutheran have and will be used to do God's work.

The fact is, since before we were born, God loved us and was pleased with us. After God created us, God saw what God made, and said we were good. When we claim this truth for ourselves and for all others, we lose any sense of obligation and instead we begin to experience gratitude towards God and a desire to do the work of God's kingdom. I believe, all of our giving, whether to our favorite charity, to our friends or family, or to our church, should flow from this sense of complete gratitude for what God has already done for us through Jesus Christ, and a desire to love the neighbors God has placed on our hearts. This is not about simply "meeting a church budget." It's about faithfully praying for God's guidance how God would have us give, and trusting God to use those gifts to lead us in mission to a world in need of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

So thank you in advance, for all the ways you have been generous with your time, talents and finances in the past, and for beginning a time of prayerful consideration of how God will use your gifts in the year ahead.



God's blessings to you all,

Pastor Jeff

Our New Music Director!



Evan Mitchell is a singer, pianist, and director who has utilized many facets of his abilities and passion for music in regional and national theatres, events, and places of worship. As a singer, he has performed in art song concerts and operatic stages throughout the United States. As a pianist, he teaches and plays for young artists of all ages and ability. As a director, he has assisted in musical and stage directing for college-aged dramatic productions, as well as held directorship positions, among others, for several churches in the Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Word of God congregations. He is a graduate of *Luther College* cum laude and holds a Master's Degree in Vocal Performance from *McGill University*.

Evan has begun planning worship songs and will begin with us in worship on Sunday, October 20.

You can reach Evan at music@englishlutheranchurch.org.

Stewardship

This year our 2020 Stewardship Campaign theme is "Building on 100 years of Sharing God's Gifts". This is to celebrate our Centennial 1920-2020 which begins next year. If you have participated in an offering in the past year you will receive a stewardship commitment card with a pre-printed address label to include your envelope number. If you haven't participated in giving during the past year but would like to, there will be stewardship commitment forms available in the back of the church

Beginning on Sunday, October 6th, you will see a silhouette of our church on the wall as you come up the steps to the sanctuary. You will notice the three cornerstones of our church "God", "Jesus" and "the Holy Spirit". Additionally, you also will see the building blocks of our church depicted as various ministries, i.e. Sunday School, Worship & Music, Youth, Fellowship, Church Council, Women of ELC etc. On top of our church foundation we will add the bricks that build up our church and provide the resources that allow it to grow.

Each of us can help build up our church with one to four bricks by turning in your stewardship commitment card. How you fill it out determines the following;

- 1) **Brick One**; Turn in your commitment card by November 24th.
- 2) **Brick Two**; Indicate you currently volunteer for one of our various ministries or are willing to volunteer in the coming year.
- 3) **Brick Three**; Indicate you are an electronic giver or will sign up for electronic giving for 2020.
- 4) **Brick Four**; Indicate you are increasing your giving from 2019.

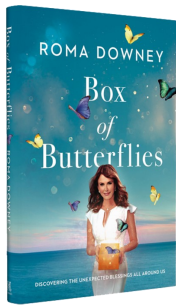
Please prayerfully consider participating in this year's Stewardship Campaign to build up our church with as many bricks as we can to support our church now and into the future with the gifts you have received from God.

Thank You.



Do you have this Book?

Box of Butterflies



A member of our church donated 6 copies of *Box of Butterflies* last year. They have been shared over the past year, however we are still receiving requests for the book and haven't had them returned to the church. If you have one, please bring it back when you're done so we can pass it along to the next person.

It is a beautiful book filled with encouragement and hope, assuring us of God's comforting presence in our lives.

God's Work, Our Hands

We hosted a "God's Work, Our Hands" on Sunday, September 8. This was a chance for Lutheran churches around the country to share God's love through service to our communities. We:

- ♦ Served free hot dogs and ice cream on Main St. ~ we gave away 40 meals!
- ♦ Weeded & pruned our church property facing Main St. and around the church building.
- ♦ Repaired our cement steps going down to Main St.
- ♦ Wrote greeting cards for local shut-ins and school children in El Paso, TX. We sent a total of 41 cards!

Thank you to the 27 volunteers who helped! See some pictures on the front of this newsletter. More pictures are on Facebook and our church website.

Thank you!!



Mission Endowment Requests

Requests for your ministry funding through the Mission Endowment Fund for the third quarter must be submitted to the office by Monday, October 21, at noon. Request forms are available on the forms shelf just outside the office and online.

If you have a project your ministry needs funding for, please complete a request form. If you have questions regarding the Endowment Funds, please contact Kip Gore at: kiplinggore@gmail.com.



Community Trick or Treat



Love to celebrate Halloween? The *Ellsworth Public Library* is coordinating a Community Trick or Treat in downtown Ellsworth for participating businesses on Halloween, Oct. 31, 3:00-5:00 pm. We'd like to participate, but need someone to lead the charge.

Please contact the church office if you're interested.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a day set aside by the church for remembering dedicated Christians of the past. It is often called *All Saints' Day* or *All Souls' Day*. This day has been set aside "since the Middle Ages for remembrance of the beloveds who no longer laugh and cry with us on Earth. *All Souls' Day* is a beautiful occasion for contemplating how we care for our own souls."

We will celebrate *All Saints' Day* on Sunday, November 3. If you wish to submit the name of your loved ones who have died in the past year, please contact the office by October 28, with their names and photos. Names you provide do not need to be members of *English Lutheran Church*.



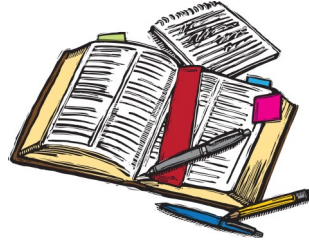
Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 10:00 am.

This month's study is on the ache of grief. We will discuss grief and how we respond to it. We can be helped by our faith. Sometimes, we may feel so much pain when we are grieving, it is as if it's a sign of weakness and a lack of faith.

Our hostess is Mary Sokolik.

Consider coming to join us!



Thank You Notes

Dear ELC Family,

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for all of your support during my illness and recovery. I very much appreciate all of the prayers and cards that you have sent to me. I am blessed beyond words and cannot thank you all enough. God's Blessings and Peace to all of you!

Thank you again, Lynette Winger

Thank you to all who gave of your time to drive me to church when I was unable to drive myself. I am grateful for your time and kindness!

~ Melba Smith



English Lutheran Church Quilting,
Thank you so much for my senior quilt! I love it! It's already packed for college, can't wait to use it this winter!

~ Aly Reuvers

Dear English Lutheran Church,
Thank you for welcoming me in to the celebration of your life of faith together. It was a gift to join you for your celebration of the burning of your mortgage and to worship together. Thank you for your faithful support of Global Missions.

With Gratitude, Calla Gilson

Thank you to the 5 youth from the high school who volunteered 3 hours to help sanitize the nursery, use muphy oil on the pews and other various tasks on their Day of Service!

Graduate Quilts

Our next gathering will be Monday, October 7, 6:15-8:15 pm

Please join us as we craft together beautiful, handmade quilts for our High School Seniors who will be graduating next May.

You do not need sewing skills as the tops are sewn by some of our members at home, and we meet to assemble and "tie" the quilts together at church.

Materials and monetary donations are welcomed to help support this ministry.

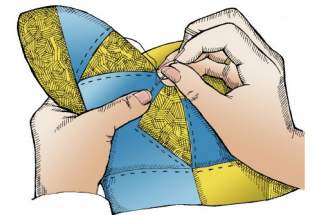
For additional information contact:

Judy Erickson

715-603-5197

or Tammy Brenner

715-273-3591



QUILTING GROUP

Quilt Auction

Our quilting group donated a quilt to be auctioned off at the Luther Point Bible Camp's Summer Celebration Auction and Sale. The quilt was sold at the auction for a price of \$150! Thank you quilters for sharing your beautiful quilts!

Tammy Rieck also donated a quilted wall hanging that sold for \$225 in the auction! Thanks Tammy for helping Luther Point in their fundraiser!

Bibles for Our Youth

These confirmation students received Bibles in Sept.



Kaiden Baggenstoss

Tori Feuerhelm

Morgan Halverson

Mary Lundstrom

Arik Molter

Eva Sallander

Blake Fagerland

Katie Groen

Emily Harris

Riley Maher

Jacob Molter



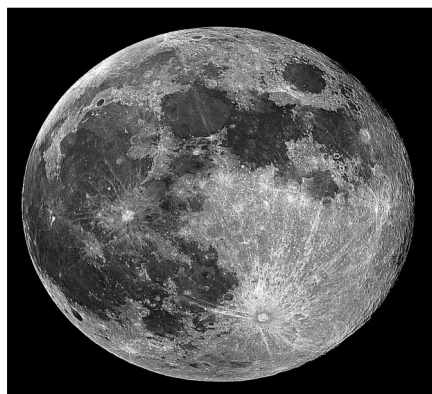
Christikon

We are planning another trip to *Christikon* in 2020, likely in mid-July, after taking a year off in 2019. The Children, Youth, and Family Committee decided to alternate years between the mission trip and a major camp experience so that we can focus our efforts on recruiting and fundraising. *Christikon* is an amazing Lutheran camp located in the beautiful *Absaroka-Beartooth* mountains, just north of *Yellowstone National Park*. It is a place of intentional Christian community where lifelong friendships are often made and faith frequently grows stronger. More information about *Christikon* will be available at our Camp Information night, Wednesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.. But if you are in grades 6-12 and would like to learn more, or already know you are interested in attending camp, please contact Pastor Jeff so he can include you in on the planning!



Feed My Starving Children Trip

English Lutheran Church will be going to the *Eagan Feed My Starving Children* location Wednesday, October 30, 4:55 - 8:30 pm to pack meals. We have a bus reserved for this event and anyone over the age of 5 is welcome to join us! Those ages 5-8 will need a parent chaperone. Please sign-up on the bulletin board just outside the office door. Bus leaves at 4:55 pm sharp!



8:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8 to

7:45 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 9

\$40 or \$30 (if you bring a non-member friend.)

Financial Aid Available

Chaperones Needed:

- ~ We can take up to 3 chaperones in grades 10-12.
- ~ Adults needed as well.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS!

Come join us and about 400 other Twin Cities youth for this exciting event for students in GRADES 6-9 and their friends!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERNIGHT:

Augsburg College Gym & Dome

- Open Gym (bring own labeled balls)
- Dance with professional DJ
- Pizza and beverage
- Football Dome (bring own labeled frisbees, footballs, dodgeballs, etc.)

Grand Slam

- Video Arcade
- Laser Tag
- Mini Golf & Batting Cages
- Bumper Cars

Andover Theater

- Choice of 5-6 PG or PG13 movies

Mermaid Bowl

- Bowling



Greetings from the Sunday School!

We have had a great kickoff to the year! We are excited to see so many children in church and in the classrooms. Registration is always open. If you have not registered yet, no problem. Just talk to your child(ren)'s Sunday school teacher and they will be glad to help you out.

Looking ahead, on October 13, we will be blessing our 3rd graders with bibles. If you are new to the church and your child is between 3rd and 6th grade and have not received a bible, please let the office or the Sunday school directors know.

We are also planning on having children in worship as helpers for both services, rather than in Sunday school class, towards the end of October. All children are able to sign up for a role. Sign up sheets will be in classrooms the next couple of weeks. Please let your children know if they will be available to participate or feel free to sign them up for a role when you pick them up from their classroom. We will also have a noisy offering during those services. The money will be donated to the *Ellsworth School District Food Service* to help pay for school lunches.

Please let us know if you would like to help out in any capacity. Please contact Renee Van Nocker or Sammie Lee at Childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.com or the Church Office @ 715-273-4617.

God's Blessings,

Renee Van Nocker and Samantha Lee
Co-Coordiators of Sunday School

September 29	Lesson
October 6	Lesson
October 13	Lesson 3rd graders receive bibles during 2nd Service
October 20	Lesson
October 27	Lesson

Contact Info: Renee Van Nocker or Samantha Lee at childrensministry@englishlutheranchurch.org or the church office at 715-273-4617 or office@englishlutheranchurch.org.

September Council Minutes

- † Dwelling in the Word by Joyce Karlstad. The group read/discussed 1 Peter 5:1-9.
- † Guest speaker Rev. Erin Nelson presented *Faithful Innovations Network* (FIN). Synod workshops for helping churches connect with the community. Moved this discussion to the October Agenda.
- † Christmas Worship Schedule for 2019. Worship schedule will be Christmas Eve at 1:30p.m., 4:00p.m. and 9:30p.m. No service on Christmas Day.
- † 2020 Summer Camp General Funds. ELC will pay for the rental van, fuel and insurance for a maximum of \$2000 for up to 10 kids-a minimum of 6 kids from *English Lutheran Church* with remaining kids from *Our Savior's Lutheran Church* and/or *Hope Church*.
- † Offering handled by Council members- Tabled discussion.
- † Church Bells: To be rung for a maximum of 30 seconds before and after each of the two services by a designated person. MSC.
- † 100th Anniversary Planning. Stewardship Committee will kick off the Anniversary Celebration.
- † Warren Johnson will review the agreement made by the council for allocating the fair stand money/profits.

Reports:

Secretary's August minutes.
 Finance/Treasurer's report.
 Pastor's report.
 Children, Youth & Family report.
 Stewardship report.
 Property report.



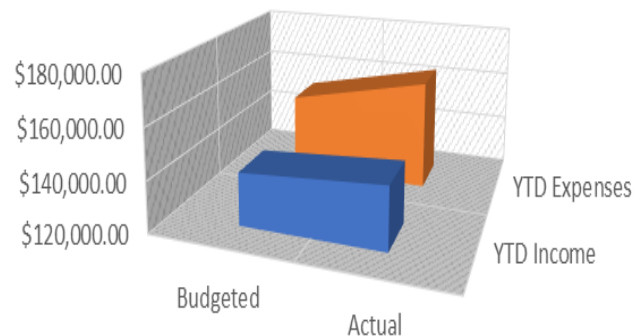
Worship Attendance

Week of:	8:30	10:00	Total
September 1	38	35	73
September 8	44	33	77
September 15	58	84	142
September 22	36	101	137
Totals:	176	253	429
Average:	44	63	107
2019 Sunday Avg.	43	68	112

2019 General Fund

Month	Actual Monthly Income	Actual Monthly Expense	Actual YTD Income	Actual YTD Expenses
May	15,544.10	18,511.75	102,197.04	112,626.52
June	14,891.46	16,596.85	117,088.50	129,223.37
July	13,530.84	20,252.00	130,619.34	149,475.37
August	13,930.93	14,091.57	144,550.27	163,566.94

2019 General Fund as of August 31, 2019



	Budgeted	Actual
YTD Income	\$140,689.28	\$144,550.27
YTD Expenses	\$151,566.57	\$163,566.94

■ YTD Income ■ YTD Expenses

PRAYERS

Special Prayers:

Prayers for the family of Florence Peterson who died.

Healing:

Piper Van Nocker ~ Leg Surgery

Stephanie Wright ~ MS

Landyn Schmuhl, Nephew of Renee Van Nocker, Surgery

Ben, friend of Melanie Johnson ~ Cancer & Receiving Chemo

Lynette Winger ~ Heart Attack

Gary Karlstad, son of Joyce Karlstad ~ Stage 4 Lung Cancer

Long-term:

Terry Wegerer, Brother of Darla Moquin ~ Stage 4 Lung Cancer

Clint Olson

Karen McAdams, Linda & Gary Onan's daughter

~ Multiple System Atrophy

David R. Johnson

Deb Pierce, Trina Groen's mom ~ Alzheimer's

Ed Sanders, Diane Wiskerchen's dad

Joyce Geister, Julie Baggenstoss & Carol Melstrom's mother

Hazel Wegerer ~ Dementia

Mackenzie Marks, Connie Gossett's granddaughter

Tomi Erlandson ~ Seizures & Health

Dale & Marianne Melstrom

Mary Dee Prokop, Mother of Eileen Mewes

Muriel Jeffrey, Nancy Ellefson's sister

Sherry York

Wendy Wegerer ~ Health Issues

Esther Risberg, Julie Davis' mother

Military service:

Zack Daleiden

Cody Tschida

Johnathan Bergman



Deaconess

The role of the Deaconess consists of sending thoughts, well wishes, and congratulations to members of our church to let them know we are thinking of them.

Please notify the church office or any deaconess worker with any prayers.

Deaconess for October
~ Mary Sokolik



Weddings

Blessings on the marriage of Madelyne Kulow & Jason Matteson, who were married at *English Lutheran Church* on Saturday, August 17. Madelyne is the granddaughter of Vicki & Dale Nelson.

Blessings on the marriage of Chase McKahan & Lauren Kiefer, who were married on Saturday, September 14. Chase is the grandson of Dick & Vi Wilhelm and the son of Kristi McKahan.

You're Invited



OCTOBER 11TH - 11:00A.M.
Pierce County Food Pantry
440 N Maple St. | Ellsworth, WI 54011

RIBBON CUTTING & 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County recently received a \$127,000 Community Facility Loan from USDA Rural Development to purchase and remodel its facilities, which also provides outdoor space for garden beds to implement community nutrition education.

- Refreshments and Tours to Follow -



Please RSVP by October 4th with the number attending by calling 715 273-2070 or emailing hungerprevention@gmail.com



"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

We have so much to celebrate as we complete Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, the first comprehensive campaign for this church.

Through the generosity of members and congregations across this church, ELCA ministries received \$250 million to continue, strengthen and expand their work here at home and with our global companions around the world.

Because of you, people find themselves invited, empowered and unleashed by the good news of Jesus Christ. Seminarians are assisted with scholarships, which allow them to respond to God's call to ministry. International women leaders are identified and gathered together. The youth and young adults of this church are empowered and equipped to lead now and in the future.

Through the grand vision "that all may be fed," our neighbors have food and solutions to food insecurity through ELCA World Hunger.

Together, we have accomplished more than we ever thought possible — and this is just the beginning. This campaign has opened our imaginations and dreams for what more God is calling us to do in the years ahead.

Thank you for being a part of this new creation.

touch up. spruce up. pop up!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for helping hands to help us paint our future pop-up business spaces and get the final touch ups complete!



meet at 243 Broadway Street both days

bring brushes, rollers, and trays if you have them & dress to paint!
please RSVP for your date and time



Saturday, October 5

10-2:00

Or 2-4:00

Sign up using the link on our Facebook page.



St. Paul's UCC 36th Annual

TURKEY SUPPER

Sunday, October 6th

Crafts • Baked Goods • Quilt Raffle

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Serving 3 - 7 pm

Adults \$12

Kids 6 - 12 \$5

5 and Under Free





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pastor@englishlutheranchurch.org
Office: 715-273-4617
Call or email to schedule a meeting as office hours vary.
Cell: 651-235-7204 (preferably 9 am-9 pm)
Call or text any time for urgent pastoral care.

**Communications Coordinator &
Finance Administrator, Trina Groen**
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Custodian, Julie Baggenstoss

Music Director, Evan Mitchell
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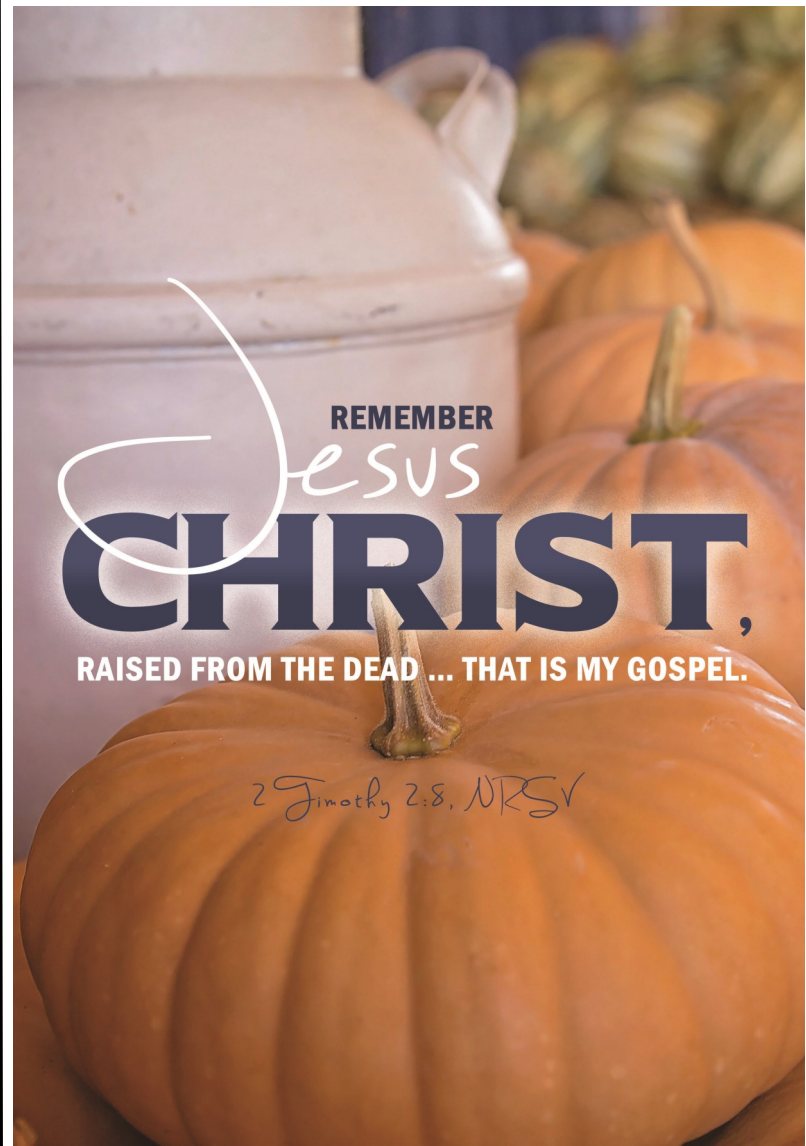
The church office is open:
Monday, Wednesday, &
Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday ~ 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Closed on Tuesdays.

Congregational Council

President: Warren Johnson
Vice President: Dennis Boettcher
Treasurer: Gary Onan
Secretary: Julie Davis
Peter Carr
Joyce Karlstad
Dean Mewes
Kristen Kinneman
Lynette Winger

Sunday Worship Times

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship



Our Mission:

To share Christ's unconditional love,
inspiring us all for service to others.

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A decorative graphic featuring several stylized pumpkins in shades of orange and yellow. The pumpkins are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. The text "October 2019" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script, with "October" on the top line and "2019" on the bottom line, positioned to the right of the pumpkins.

October 2019