

October/November Newsletter



"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3

In this season of Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for over the years--

For Second Harvests and New Members and Quilters.

For the awesome privilege of presiding over the Lord's Supper and all the folks who prepare communion and help serve each week.

For Beer, Brats & Bible and Wine, Women & Wisdom and the Fabulous Faith Finders family nights we

had for so many years.

For Mission trips and National Youth Gatherings and trips to Holden Village.

For Synod Assemblies and Council Retreats and Day Camps and Lenten Soup Suppers.

For the Mutual Ministry committee.

For Monday morning Bible Study and Anna Circle and Confirmation and Sunday School.

For Facebook worship and Parking Lot Caroling and the unique connections forged during COVID.

For those who organize Coffee Hours and Funeral receptions and Church Picnics and Potlucks.

For people who fix leaky faucets and maintain the parking lot and pull weeds and mow the lawn.

For Church Yard Sales and Pet Blessings and Baseball & Hockey nights.

For the Choir and our gifted Musicians and Artists and Poets who create beauty among us.

For Epiphany Open Houses and Youth Breakfasts and Christmas Caroling and Oktoberfests and

Advent Dinners.

For inviting us into your holy moments....for grief shared and joy shared ...for Funerals and Baptisms,

Hospital visits and Senior Sundays, Birthdays, Weddings and Anniversaries.

For welcoming our LGBTQ kids and being a safe place for ALL.

For every single one of you we give thanks with deep joy -- for all the ways you have shared in the

Gospel with us from the first day we arrived until now.

We are indeed Grateful, Thankful and Blessed.

Pastor Janine and Pastor Matt

Celebrate
Oktoberfest
Oct. 29th



**Join us for a traditional German
Oktoberfest after worship on
Reformation Sunday, October 29th**



Our Church belongs to the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the ELCA.

OUR SYNOD'S MISSION:

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.

OUR SYNOD'S VISION:

A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation

At our 2023 Assembly, Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove was elected to succeed Bishop Kristen E.M. Kuempel as Bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Rev. Manlove graduated from the University of Chicago Divinity School, was ordained in September 2004, and holds a Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. A Note from our new Bishop:

WHO IS JESUS?

Dear Friends in Christ,

I spent the first two weeks of June leading summer staff training sessions for Luther Heights Bible Camp in the Sawtooth Mountains and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp south of Glacier National Park in Montana. I led sessions on Lutheranism 101 and then took the counselors on deep dives through the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Bible Studies.

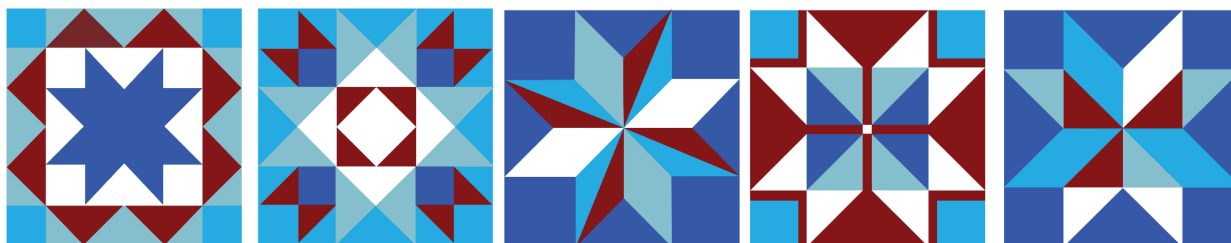
The text for Day 2 Who is Jesus? Is John 15:1-17 (the vine and branches passage). Because we were at the beginning of staff training at both camps, biblical passages about community were also used for worship and devotions.

These passages included 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (the body of Christ). I found it wonderful to juxtapose these two passages with the summer staffs, but I also find it helpful as I begin my call as bishop of our synod. In the passage from John, Jesus uses a metaphor that highlights interrelationships and is nonhierarchical. Perhaps most significant, the branches are also anonymous; nothing distinguishes one branch from the other. The only measure of one's place in community is to love Jesus. Period. Contrast that with the Apostle Paul's metaphor of the body in his letter to the church in Corinth. Instead of anonymity, Paul has an abundance of specificity. What both passages share is an emphasis on interdependence, with God in Jesus and with one another.

I look forward to venturing out into our synod and discovering all the specificities throughout our synod. Please be ready to share with me what is unique about your neighborhood, community, congregation, and maybe even you! How have you experienced God's love and grace? What energizes you about responding to that love and grace in your setting? In turn, be prepared for me to remind us of all that unites us, most importantly our love of Jesus Christ and Jesus' unfailing love for us.

**Peace,
Bishop Manlove**

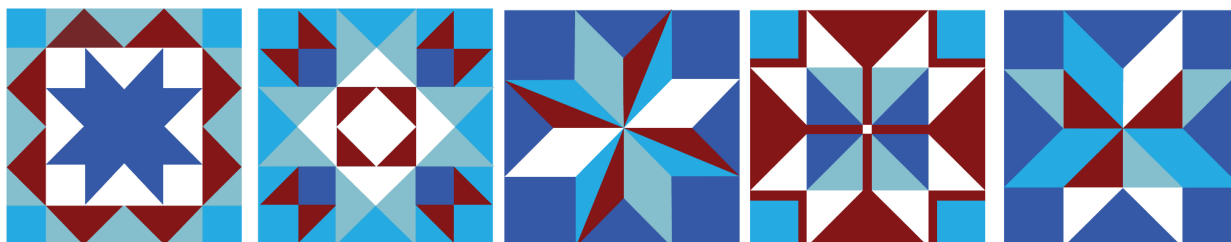




We would also like to remind people quilts can be purchased any time during the year.

The quilts are stored upstairs. In December every year, the money which purchased the quilts is split evenly among the Newport, Cusick and Priest River food banks.

We are asking \$200 for any quilt. If you are interested, please contact one of the quilters. Thank you!!



Join "Moo-Moo's Prayer Club"

A YouTube video series by and ELCA children's minister and former puppeteer from Sesame Street. It features Moo-Moo the cow having conversations with all sorts of church folks of all ages about how they serve God and how they pray. You can watch "Moo'Moo's Prayer Club" at youtube.com/@moomooprays



Reminder:

Please sign up for Coffee Hour on the sheet in the narthex.

Keep it simple. (Check the fridge/freezer for leftovers)



Our last Second Harvest for the year!

**Volunteers needed for Second Harvest distribution.
9am Thursday November 9th**



October November

Birthdays

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|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Sarah Britton | 10-02 | Della Grice | 11-01 |
| Wyatt Jones | 10-03 | Katie Kersting | 11-01 |
| Larry Sauer | 10-05 | Pat Alexander | 11-04 |
| Sarah Goodman | 10-07 | Tony Hoffman | 11-05 |
| Jeff Bell | 10-10 | Hedy Seeber | 11-07 |
| Rance Urdahl | 10-12 | JoDee Hankey | 11-09 |
| Wes Blore | 10-15 | Theresa Watson | 11-11 |
| Chris Shaver | 10-15 | Sophie Hinchliff | 11-14 |
| Jeremy Lewis | 10-17 | Elaine Petersen | 11-18 |
| Harold Peterson | 10-18 | Sarah Grice | 11-18 |
| Steve Morey | 10-22 | Kendra Persyn | 11-18 |
| Jonathan Goodman | 10-24 | George Weisbarth | 11-21 |
| Kristapher Morey | 10-24 | Tim Anderson | 11-25 |
| Don Gumenberg | 10-27 | Norm Urbat | 11-26 |
| Lee Goodrich | 10-28 | Annika Hughes | 11-27 |
| Jeanne Gerke | 10-29 | Rand Gurley | 11-29 |
| | | Cydni Lewis | 11-30 |

If your birthday is not listed and you would like it to be, please email:

alc.churchoffice@gmail.com

Ushers & Greeters



October 2023

1 Marva Heckathorn
8 Carleen Bliesner-Bowen
15 Hedy Mitchell
22 Rita Crisp
29 Tom & Hazel Bauer

November 2023

5 Toby & Gail Johnson
12 Roger & Terry Brandt
19 George Weisbarth
26 Hedy Mitchell

Calendar

2023 . OCTOBER

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|--|--|---|-----|---|
| 1 10 am Worship | 2 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 3 10 am Quilting 7pm Council Meeting | 4 7pm Choir | 5 | 6 |  |
| 8 10 am Worship | 9 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 10 10 am Anna Circle | 11 7pm Choir | 12 | 13 | |
| 15 10 am Worship | 16 Noon Al-anon Pastors at Bishop's Convocation | 17 10 am Quilting | 18 7pm Choir | 19 5:30pm Beer, Boys & Bible 7pm Wine, Women & Wisdom | 20 | 21 |
| 22 10 am Worship | 23 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 24 10 am Quilting | 25 7pm Choir | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10 am Worship  | 30 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 31 10 am Quilting |  | | |  |

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|  |  | | 1 7pm Choir | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 5 10 am Worship All Saints Sunday | 6 Noon Al-anon | 7 10 am Quilting | 8 7pm Choir | 9 10am - 12noon Second Harvest | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10 am Worship | 13 Noon Al-anon | 14 10 am Anna Circle 7pm Council Meeting | 15 7pm Choir | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 10 am Worship | 20 Noon Al-anon | 21 10 am Quilting | 22 7pm Choir | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 10 am Worship | 27 Noon Al-anon | 28 10 am Quilting | 29 7pm Choir | 30 |  |  |



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Mary Bug Smith

Jeff Bell

Bob Kowal

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Toby Johnson

Jason Jones

Dennis Alliger

Stewardship:

Sophie Hinchcliff

Ken Brown

David Grice

Worship & Music:

Nancy Sauer

Hedy Mitchell

Millie Brumbaugh

*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*