

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

A WORD FROM PT

The Church Year is winding down. The last month is the month of November. In fact, the New Church Year actually begins on Sunday, November 28, the First Sunday in Advent. I have a good friend, a fellow Lutheran Pastor, who likes to make a big deal out of the fact that the Church Calendar Year is different than the secular calendar. As he points out, people of faith mark time differently. And we know of a more significant time than the mere passing of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, and so on. We know of something called eternity, which in Christ is more than duration, but a certain fullness.

There are, by the way, two words in the Greek for time. One is *chronos* and the other is *kairos*. *Chronos* is what we usually think of as time. It has to do with the transition from one moment to the next. It lends itself to being measured. *Kairos*, on the other hand, has to do with certain seasons and their significance.

What is particularly arresting about the end of the Church Year is the emphasis on the passing of our present age in anticipation of the coming age. I speak here of Christ's return at the end of the age, and the consummation of his kingdom. This will involve a new heaven and earth, the end of all evil, and the restoration of

creation to the fullness and beauty intended by the Creator.

And so, on November 14, the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, the Gospel Lesson will feature our Lord Jesus speaking of the signs of the closing of this present sinful age. And then on November 21, Christ the King Sunday, we will hear of our Lord Jesus on trial before Pontius Pilate. There he will argue that his kingdom is not of this world. It belongs to another order altogether. It is that kingdom that baptized believers will inherit from the heavenly Father.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Are announcements necessary? And should they be included as a part of the liturgy?

Not all announcements are necessary! Nor should they be allowed to disrupt the rhythmic flow of the service. It is likewise im-

portant that announcements be kept to a minimum. But certain announcements are important. Information that will enhance participation in the worship, information pertaining to further Christian service, and information for regarding further opportunities for spiritual

edification are such announcements of importance, and they are worthwhile to promote publicly to the assembly. We have chosen the beginning of the worship service as the most helpful and least disruptive placement for announcements.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 11/9

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, 11/10

6:30pm Showing of The Chosen at Holmen Area Community Center

Friday, 11/12

6:30am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, 11/14 25th Su after Pentecost

8:00am Choir Practice

9:00am Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:15am Coffee Fellowship

10:45am Confirmation Class

KEY ATTRIBUTES OF LCMC & NALC

- *Christ-Centered*
- *Mission-Driven*
- *Traditionally-Grounded*
- *Congregationally-Focused*

LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

NALC (North American Lutheran Church) (www.thenalc.org)

THIS AND THAT...

We are hosting a public showing of **The Chosen** Season One on Wednesdays at the Holmen Area Community Center. There are eight episodes that will be shown on consecutive Wednesdays with the exception of November 24, the week of Thanksgiving. The viewing and discussion will start at 6:30pm and end no later than 8:30.

Save the date for an early in the week worship celebration of Thanksgiving. We will gather for a special Divine Service of Thanksgiving on

Tuesday, November 23, at 7pm.

The continued **livestreaming** is for those who cannot otherwise attend in person! It is a good outreach tool and a way for shut-ins to connect.

Don't forget **Food Donations** for the Onalaska Food Basket!

Our **Designated Benevolence** for the month of November is to Didi and Serafina

Panzo, the missionaries we sponsor through the World Mission Prayer League.

Heidi Traver is scheduled to clean the church the week of November 21. And the Hanson family has volunteered to clean the church on the week of December 19.

The showing of **The Chosen** affords you an excellent opportunity to witness to your neighbor. Ask if they would be interested to watch the series, and invite them to attend with you!

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

HUMOR DEPARTMENT

Celebrations

Birthdays

Nov 11..... Sam Schoonover
 Nov 22..... Merl Wangen
 Nov 28..... Heather Roll
 Nov 29..... Sydney Hanson
 Nov 30..... Cyndi Molstad

Anniversaries

Jeff Foxworthy on Wisconsin

If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 38 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by, *you might live in Wisconsin.*

If you're proud that your region makes the national news 96 nights each year because Rice Lace is the coldest spot

in the nation, *you might live in Wisconsin.*

If you have ever refused to buy something because it's "too pricey," *you might live in Wisconsin.*

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from November through March, *you might live in Wisconsin.*

If you instinctively walk like a

penguin for five months of the year, *you might live in Wisconsin.*

If someone in a store offers assistance, and they don't work there, *you might live in Wisconsin.*

If you may not have actually eaten it, but you have heard of Head Cheese, *you might live in Wisconsin.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/14 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Mike Meunier

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: tbd

Ushers: David Bjornstad

Counters: David B/tbd

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Ruth and Hannah Scholze

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/21 Christ the King Sunday

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: Nikki Hanson

Crucifer: Hanson family

Acolyte: Hanson family

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Dan M/tbd

Comm Asst: Connie Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Leslie Duesenberg

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/28 First Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: tbd

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: tbd

Ushers: tbd

Counters: Connie M/tbd

Comm Asst: Karri Bjornstad

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: tbd

12/5 Second Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: tbd

Reader: tbd

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: tbd

Ushers: tbd

Counters: tbd

Comm Asst: tbd

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: tbd

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