

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear members and friends of Hope Community Presbyterian Church,

In northern Minnesota, November is often a time when we reflect on the gorgeous Fall we have just experienced, turn our attention away from the Minnesota Twins and toward the Minnesota Vikings, spend time in our deer stands seeking the sometimes elusive deer and prepare ourselves for holiday celebrations and the long Winter ahead of us.

As believers, committed to sharing the gospel, loving God and loving one another, November is also a time when we reflect on the goodness of God and thank God for all we have been given. Being thankful takes the sting out of adversity. Thankfulness opens our hearts to God's presence and our minds to God's thoughts. When we give thanks, regardless of our feelings, God gives us joy, regardless of our circumstances. We are able to experience God's grace and mercy, even when difficulties arise and remain. When we trust God, we may be in the same set of circumstances or difficulties, but it is as if a light has been switched on, enabling us to view our lives from God's perspective. It is that light that takes the sting out of adversity. Psalm 118:1 proclaims, "Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's love endures forever."

This November, I thank God for each of you and your unique circumstances and all the opportunities we are given each day to share the gospel, love God and love each other. May you experience the grace and mercy of God!

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Wendy

Sunday Lectionary Readings for November 2022

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
11/6/22	Haggai 1:15b – 2:9	Psalm 145:1-5 & 17-21	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 & 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
11/13/22	Isaiah 65:17-25 & Isaiah 12	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
11/20/22	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
11/27/22	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

Calendar

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – Food for Thought
Tues, Nov. 1, 12:15 p.m. – Worship committee meeting
Tues, Nov. 1, 1:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Centennial Celebration meeting
Sun, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. – All Saints Sunday, Communion, **turn clocks back**
Sun, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. – Deacons meeting
Sun, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. – Pledge & Mural Dedication Sunday
Sun, Nov. 27, 10 a.m. – 1st Sunday of Advent
Sun, Dec. 11, 11 a.m. – Annual Congregational meeting

Happy November Birthdays!

1-Preita Thompson	4-Deb Meissner DeVries	22-Donna Burchell	27-Doc Stanaway
4-Mason Kroll	5-Taylor Maki	23-Corey Hartline	29-Evelyn Atkins
4-Ron Lehman	21-Lydia Atkins	25-Jean Neri	

Session Highlights

- Because of continued COVID concerns, if you are not feeling well Sunday morning, you are encouraged to stay home and watch the service online.
- The PC(USA) Christmas Joy special offering will again be collected this December and will be dedicated 12/18.
- Collections from the Christmas Eve service will again be allocated to our Little Free Pantry.
- Rev. Wendy will be on vacation Jan. 3 through March 19. The worship committee is lining up pulpit supply for those Sundays.

Pledge and Mural Dedication Sunday

On Sunday, Nov. 20, we will dedicate our church pledges. Extra pledge cards will be available at the church. That Sunday we will also dedicate the mural in the C.E. building that was started by Kevin Koski and recently completed by Jim DeVries. We appreciate the work and skill of them both to complete the mural! Stop in to see their beautiful artistic creation!



Direct Deposit Contributions

As you consider making a pledge to support the work of our church in the community, don't forget that having monthly contributions automatically withdrawn from your account is an option. Contact the office if interested.

Livestreaming

Many people have expressed appreciation for the ability to watch our services online or on cable Channel 5. Thanks Mason for managing the livestreams and videos! We would like to note that the first 3 Sundays in November (**6th, 13th, 20th**) **will not be livestreamed**. However, recordings of the services will be available later in the week.

Congregational Meeting

We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 11 following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Class of 2025 Elders and Deacons.

Peace & Global Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering was collected on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2. Of the \$325 that was collected, 25% (\$81.25) was allocated to our Little Free Pantry.

Deacons

The Deacons will again collect donations of hats, mittens and other winter wear to hang on our Community Clothesline. Donations of food or money are also welcome to help keep our Little Free Pantry stocked. Checks can be made out to the Deacons Fund.

Prayer Box

There is a prayer box at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to use. These are for private prayers, and no one will read them. We will burn the prayers after worship on 12/18 and scatter the ashes in the church garden.

Turn Back Your Clocks!

Don't forget that daylight savings time ends on Sunday, Nov. 6, so be sure to turn back your clocks!

Advent Preview

Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 27. More info will be available in the December newsletter, but to aid holiday planning, know that there will be the usual Christmas Eve candle-light service on Saturday as well as a Sunday Christmas morning service.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Gospel lessons for November

Here's some thoughts to reflect on in each story:

November 6 - All Saints Day Resurrection and Marriage (Luke 20: 27-38)

- even though the Sadducees doubted, Jesus explains that there is life after death.
- our God is the God of the living because all are alive through Him
- God's ways aren't like our ways, so when we don't understand, we can still trust in God instead of assuming He is wrong.

November 13 Signs of the End of the Age (Luke 21:5-19)

- ♦ JesuEven the most impressive buildings can be destroyed, but God is truly eternal and will always be there.
- ♦ Instead of wondering when the world will end, we should focus on living faithfully in the present.
- ♦ The Christian life is not free from trouble, but through faith we are given what we need to face our troubles.

November 20 Christ the King Sunday (Luke 23:33-43)

- Being acknowledged as King was not as important to Jesus as was saving us
- Christ's humility does not mean He isn't ultimately in control
- The good thief believed Jesus had kingly power in heaven and entered Paradise.

November 27 1st Sunday of Advent (Matthew 24: 36-44)

- God isn't impressed with our bragging in prayer
- God is impressed when we show humility
- the simplest of prayers can be the most powerful



Birthday Corner



Dreita Thompson November 1
Mason Kroll November 4
Lydia Atkins November 21
Evelyn Atkins November 29

Christian Education

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Paul, along with Silas and Timothy, wrote a letter to the Thessalonians, saying they were thankful to God for them.

Find the letters TH-A-N-K in the picture.



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Thankfulness Catchers



Remember your Thanksgiving crafts from the last couple of year? You can still make and enjoy them. This year I am sending you a new craft so we can remember how lucky we all are and what we have to be thankful for this year.



Sunday Nov. 6

Sunday Nov. 13

Sunday Nov. 20

Sunday Nov. 27

Luke 20:27-38
Communion & All Saints
Sunday



Luke 21:5-19
Signs of the end
of the Age

Luke 23:33-43
Christ the King
Sunday



Matthew 24:36-44
First Sunday of Advent



Thankfulness Catchers

Gather the supplies and then bring the family together to make "Thankfulness Catchers!" Make one or many, it's really up to you.

Leave your "Thankfulness Catcher" somewhere in the open, like the kitchen counter or dinner table. Leading up to Thanksgiving, have everyone write things they're thankful for on strips of paper, and place it in the catcher. Then, as you're gathered around the table for your Thanksgiving meal, pass the catcher around the table and have everyone pull out the strips and read them out loud until all the strips have been read. Thank God for all those things as you pray for your meal!

Supply List:

- Mason jar or an empty food can (rinsed and dried)
- Tissue paper or crepe paper
- Glue
- Markers
- Ribbon, raffia, or twine
- Construction paper, cut into strips



Making the craft:

Glue pieces of tissue paper or crepe paper around the can or jar (paper can just be torn). Tie a piece of ribbon, raffia, or twine around the top. Write the words "We are thankful for..." on a strip of construction paper and glue to the can/jar.