



Good News

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All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 7 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead. This year we remember the lives of Paul Holmen and Jim Welk.

We also like to honor those in your family or circle of friends/mentors/loved ones who have died. If you have someone that you would like to have remembered, please give their name and date of death (if you know) to Pastor David or to Mimi by November 3 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



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Prices are:

Mixed nuts 14 oz. for \$17.00
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November Worship Calendar

November 7

All Saints' Sunday

Community Table offering

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1–9 or Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1–6a; John 11:32–44

November 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

1 Samuel 1:4–20 or Daniel 12:1–3;
1 Samuel 2:1–10 or Psalm 16;
Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25;
Mark 13:1–8

November 21

Reign of Christ Sunday

OCWM offering

2 Samuel 23:1–7 or Daniel 7:9–10,
13–14; Psalm 132:1–12, (13–18) or
Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b–8; John
18:33–37

November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:1–10;
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13; Luke 21:25–36

Prayer Ministry

In November, we are praying for these individuals/families: Jamie Stafford, George (Sue Falch) Stecher, Steve Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue Thompson, Mike & Marybeth Tschumperlin



Daylight
Saving Time
ends
November 7.
Remember to
set your
clocks **back**

November Birthdays

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| 1 | Char Hartwich |
| 6 | Arvilla Kruschke |
| 12 | Lesa Green |
| | JoAnn Smith |
| 20 | Tyjha Stygar |
| 26 | Kevin Phillips |
| 30 | Jacqueline Andersen |
| | Louise Sanders |

one hour before retiring on
Saturday, November 6.

Memorials

Birthday Challenge:
Maria Patton

Food for Thought

Communion will be November 7. All Saints' Sunday will also be on that day. If you have someone you want us to remember, please contact the church office soon. There will be no pot luck again this month. We want everyone to be safe.

We are still recording our worship service live, to view on Facebook, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship on Sunday. Hopefully everyone will be able to get a vaccine or your booster shot soon. Even after you receive it, make sure you stay safe: wear your masks in a public place, wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. Mike and his crew are out checking on the homeless to make sure they are okay. Please keep them in your prayers. They especially need donations of money at this time. Their drop off centers are closed, so they need to purchase some things for the homeless. The mailing address is Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, you can go to the website, chippewavalleystreetministry.org, and donate through PayPal.

Also, don't forget our Birthday Challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing. November birthdays, it's your turn!

We are getting ready to finish our AV system, pending the approval of our Leadership Team.

We are also changing our garbage service. We want to be more earth friendly. More information to follow next month.

See you in Church!



Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

Some thoughts and news as we come into November. It is the month of Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. In the past few years, I've gotten into the habit of using the whole month as a month of gratitude—thinking of something each day that I am grateful for. This could be something that happened that day, or something from the past, or something more general. Over the years, I have found that focusing on what I'm grateful for, in an intentional and specific way, has also helped me to be more generous, to have a greater sense of connection to the divine and to the people and the world around me, and helped in times of struggle. And God knows we've had our times of struggle the last two years—and last five years for Plymouth.

So in that spirit of gratitude, I am happy and grateful to announce that Plymouth is now hosting the Mennonite fellowship—they will be using the sanctuary the second Sunday morning each month for their worship, starting at 9 A.M. Then they will join us for coffee and snack time, and some may stay to join us for our worship service as well. Back in 2016 after our fire, Temple Shalom in Altoona offered us space in their building for worship. They had been hosting the Mennonites, who had recently moved into a new spot downtown. They lost that spot about a year ago, and now they are with us. This feels like a circle of some kind is being completed, that it was meant to happen. I'm grateful that the Spirit has brought this together.

On November 6, at Grace Lutheran is a concert by folk singer Carrie Newcomer. This is a fundraiser for JONAH. Her music is quite good, and I highly recommend it. See the Facebook event

for it here: <https://bit.ly/3b3ylJi> I am grateful for all the important ministry that JONAH does in the Eau Claire community to lift up and act on justice issues.

On Sunday, November 7, we will hold our All Saints/Souls day worship of remembrance of the dead. In gratitude for their lives, we will read the names of those from our church who died in the last year. If you would like to include a name in our list, please contact the office.

November 24 is Thanksgiving Eve and I am very grateful to say we will have our traditional joint worship service with First Congregational UCC and Truax UCC! It will be at First Congregational at 7:00 P.M., featuring their choir. I've grown to find the spirituality of giving thanks in a worship service to be very meaningful and put me in the right frame of heart. They are a spiritually enriching prelude to Thanksgiving, but also to Advent (which usually starts that weekend) and Christmas. Framing that period of Thanksgiving to New Year's Day with the Thanksgiving Eve worship has been quite meaningful to me.

And then Advent begins on Nov. 28! But we'll talk Christmas in the next newsletter.

May your November be filled with gratitude and Thanksgiving beyond the one day we officially set aside for it!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2021</h1> 						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at Rock Creek	3	4	5	6
7 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	8	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team Dartball: Plymouth at St Mark	10	11	12	13
14 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	15	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at Saving Grace	17	18	19	20
21 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23 10:00 A.M. Quilters	24 7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at First Congregational, 310 Broadway	25 Thanksgiving Office closed	26	27
28 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	29	30 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball PB&J at Plymouth				