



# Good News

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This is the official name of our November 11 sale in conjunction with the Eau Claire Garden Club. The hours will be 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. We will be selling baked goods, crafts, quilts, and we will have a Christmas Treasures table. The Quilters are also doing a Bed Turning event at noon. The Garden Club will have stained class, Christmas decor, art, and maybe a few pre-made porch pots and items to make your own.

We need everyone's help! We need lots of baked goods to sell. You will be contacted, so we know who is bringing goodies. You can bring your baked goods anytime on Friday or by 8:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. We will need crafts to fill our tables in fellowship hall. Sandy Moore has been busy creating her many items. We could use more variety to make this successful!

We will also have a Christmas Treasures table. We need Christmas items in good shape, or collectors items. We do not want items that would be better in a thrift sale; we want good quality items. You can bring your items starting Sunday, October 22.

Start thinking about what you are going to bake or make, and what special items you may want to donate for Christmas Treasures. There are sign-up sheets for setting up on Friday (Nov. 10), working during the sale and clean-up. If you have any questions, contact Barb Kleist at 715-834-8130, or email [bkleist04@gmail.com](mailto:bkleist04@gmail.com)

# October Worship Calendar

**10:30 A.M. Worship**  
*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

## **October 1**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Hunger offering**

Exodus 17:1–7 or Ezekiel 18:1–4,  
25–32; Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 or Psalm  
25:1–9; Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew  
21:23–32

## **October 8**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayers for the People**

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20 or Isaiah  
5:1–7; Psalm 19 or Psalm 80:7–15;  
Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46

## **October 15**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**OCWM offering**

Exodus 32:1–14 or Isaiah 25:1–9;  
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23 or Psalm 23;  
Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14

## **October 22**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 33:12–23 or Isaiah 45:1–7;  
Psalm 99 or Psalm 96:1–9 (10–13);  
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew  
22:15–22

## **October 29**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 34:1–12 or Leviticus  
19:1–2, 15–18; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 or  
Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8;  
Matthew 22:34–46

## **Prayer Ministry**

**In October, we are praying for these individuals/families:** JoAnn Smith; Ken Snart (Jerry Holt); Bill & Heidi Sprouse, Beck, Gabe, Olivia; Jamie Stafford, Nathan, Dakota; George Stecher (Sue Falch), John



## **All Souls Remembrance**

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 5 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead. This year we remember the lives of Dorothy Gilbertson, Pete Spitt, and Larry Shepler.

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 1 so we can print their names in the bulletin.

## Food for Thought

Communion will be October 1. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also be taking our offering for the Community Table. There will be no pot luck that day.

As mentioned, our Community Table offering will also be taken on October 1. Please be generous. More and more people are using the Community Table for a daily source of good food.

We are still recording our worship service to view on Facebook, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship. COVID is starting to increase slightly, but the new booster is now out! Make sure you get a booster and also your flu shot.

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, gas or food cards, fast food cards. There is a great need for water and Gatorade, so monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. There's also a need for hoodies in larger sizes, sweat pants and lightweight jackets. The mailing address for monetary donations is: Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, you can go to the website and donate through PayPal at [chippewavalleystreetministry.org](http://chippewavalleystreetministry.org).

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. So October birthdays, it's your turn!

Come and visit our new libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall.

If anyone knows of a family member or member of this congregation who is in the hospital, please let the church office know. Unless someone tells us, we don't know if you're in the hospital.



1	Larry Shepler
2	Jen Adams
4	Hannah Zehms
5	Jamie Stafford
7	Len Weisfeld
9	Maria Patton
22	Kay Bussing
	Nathan Stygar
23	Joe Gilbertson
28	Bobbie Rude
29	Nancy Wendt
30	Audrey Heimstead

## Memorials

*In memory of Larry Shepler:*

Louise Partlow  
Shepler Family

*Birthday Challenge:*

Linda Oliver  
Mary Stygar  
Steve Strassman

# Leadership Team Minutes

September 10, 2023

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Linda Oliver, Mimi Pederson, Mike Tschumperlin, Rob Jaenke, and Louise Partlow

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist, called the meeting to order at 11:28 A.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

## Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2023

Year to Date Income	\$86,141.99
Year to Date Expenses	\$95,920.29
Ahead (Behind)	(\$9,778.30)

## Treasurer's Report:

Year to date Envelope income is \$6,507 less than last year at this time, but \$16,818 over the average going back to 2009. There was a \$4,000 transfer from the Reserve Account. Annual Shepherd's Staff maintenance was paid. OCWM and Community Table will get caught up at the end of the third quarter.

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$19,915.52

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$35,459.66  
\$30,000 was added from PIP and we received a stock gift that sold for \$6,557.29. We don't know yet who gave the stock, but Larry will try to find out for us.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

## Building and Grounds:

- Linda Oliver brought up the grass in the parking lot. It will be left to die out at the end of summer. Meanwhile, Larry will find out a ballpark cost for crack filling/

resurfacing so we can determine if and when we have enough funds in the Contingency Fund

- Mimi will call again to get someone to fix the missing sprinkler head cover

## Worship:

- There will be no pot luck in October
- Barb is looking through more archival stuff that was found in the garage and will make a display of some of it in the Fellowship Room.

## Stewardship:

- A letter and third quarter statements will be made available at the end of September.

## Pastor's Report:

- There was no report as Pastor David is on vacation

## Old Business:

- Our libraries are doing fine. Linda Oliver doing a great job! She will get boxes in which to store extra books.
- People can start bringing in items for the November 11 "Holiday Extravaganza" after October 20. Sign-up sheets will go out right away for workers on November 10 (9 A.M.) to set up and for workers November 11 (9 A.M.—4 P.M.)

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M. Our next meeting will be October 29, 2023 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mimi Pederson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2023</h1> 						
<b>1 <i>Hunger offering</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	2	3  10:00 A.M. Quilters	4	5	6	7
<b>8 <i>Prayers for the People</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	9	10  10:00 A.M. Quilters	11	12	13	14
<b>15 <i>OCWM offering</i></b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	16	17  10:00 A.M. Quilters	18	19	20	21
22  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	23	24  10:00 A.M. Quilters	25	26	27	28
29  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	30	31  10:00 A.M. Quilters				