
First Congregational UCC "AT FIRST"

1400 North Elliott Avenue, Glencoe, MN 55336

Church phone: 864-3855

November 2019

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone is welcome, whether you're a senior, a single, or a family for a **Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28th.**

A free dinner with all the traditional Thanksgiving fixin's will be served at **12:00 (noon) at First Congregational.** Doors will open at 11:30 am. This event is sponsored by Glencoe Area Churches. There will be no charge – a freewill offering will be taken to support our local Food Shelf.

RSVP is requested, but not required. **Please call the church office at 864-3855 by Wednesday, November 20th.**

P.S. Watch for Food Donation tickets.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

A Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held this year at **St. Paul's UCC, Plato** on **Wednesday evening, November 27th beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

Come and join with others as we tender thanksgiving to God for having our needs met and for watching over us from day to day.

*Thanksgiving
Is first "Thanks"
and then "Giving"*

Thanksgiving Pies

It is time again to order your **Thanksgiving pies from any of the Mission Trip Youth.** I am pleased to announce we were able to find the larger pie tins this year. Once again we will be selling pumpkin pie, apple pie (double crust and crumble top) and chocolate pie for \$10 and pecan pie for \$12. **They will be made from scratch on Nov 23rd and ready for pick up on Nov 24th.** We thank you in advance for once again supporting our mission trip efforts. We thank Jan Mackenthun for once again getting us a Thrivent grant to pay for most of the ingredients.

White Christmas Gifts

As been our tradition for years, we will receive **"White Christmas" gifts on Sunday, November 17th.** Gifts will go to *the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center,* and the cash will go to the *McLeod County Christmas Fund.* Your gifts are given to approximately 400 mentally ill individuals and that means a great deal to these clients at SPTC. Donations of hygiene, socks and underwear (male & female, L-5X), shoes (esp. men, 9-14), art activities, and more is needed. They can also use gift cards from River Hill Mall, Target, Walmart, Best Buy, Barnes and Nobles and can always use cash donations. Take a moment to review a video, the MSH Elves at <https://youtu.be/acMELKP1ASQ>. It is about this program and our elves! They are totally supported by churches and community for donated items and funds

All gifts must be new, please, do not gift wrap items, so they can determine who to give items to.

Baptism

Helayna Collins, daughter of Blair & Ryan Collins was baptized on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Rev. Mary Kay Sauter officiated.



Happy Birthday!!

- 1. Jim Benson
- 2. Randy Warner
- 3. Shania Olson'Neely
- 4. Susan Winn
- 6. Kenneth Jones
- 8. Dan Kottke
- 9. Andrew Jungclaus
- 11. Cecily Smoldt
- 12. Tricia Schimmelpfening
Andre Chornuk
- 16. Bill Curtis
- 19. Ashley Forcier
- 23. Barb Magnuson
Alyson Winn
- 25. Chad Kottke
- 26. Linda Landon
- 28. Clara Cruz
Emily Forcier
- 29. Jean Marsh,
- 30. Charmalne Picha
Pam Gould

Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday morning, November 24th following worship. Please plan to stay and help!

**Don't forget to
Turn your Clocks Back
Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3, 2019**

Winter Weather Closings

We would like to have the congregation use common sense when the roads are impassable since there is not a BEST way to call off church, not everyone is on face book and we found out last year not everyone has a phone number. The Deacon's

On the Job for November

Deacon: Duane Mathews

In Charge of Altar – Ann Wangerin

**Deaconesses In Charge of Communion
at Church on November 3rd:
Jan Willand**

**Women's Fellowship Executive
Board Meeting is set for Wednesday,
November 13th @4:45 pm**

Trustees Newsletter Report for September 2019

The following business was addressed at the September 18th meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- * Total deposits for August were \$3,385.90. Of that, \$3,304 was for operating expenses; the remainder was for repairs, maintenance, missions and special offerings. Total income for the 2018-19 fiscal year was \$101,184.66
- * Other Business:
 - + Voted to approve the August financial report and August minutes; one outstanding invoice to for Bud's Wildlife Removal was approved to be paid. Work has been completed.
 - + Budget for 2019-20 will be finalized in October meeting after confirming some expense categories.

Respectfully Submitted, Randy Warner, Secretary

What is Advent?

**It is the first gleam of Christmas;
it is the promise of his coming.
"Get Ready. He is coming!"**

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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month

Happy
Thanksgiving!!

Abundant Table Community Meal

The Abundant Table Community Meal is **FREE** and open to **everyone**-families and children, elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand.

When: (the first Wednesday of every Month)

Where: Christ Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall, 1820 Knight Avenue, Glencoe

Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM for Fellowship; Meal served at 5:00 PM.

Notification: Let us know to prepare for you by calling
Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549.

Remember there is a place for YOU at our Abundant Table.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Ministry,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our congregation will once again be serving as an official drop off site for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes in the western suburbs. **National Collection Week is scheduled for Nov. 18-25, 2019. It is our hope that with a drop off site being so readily available, more churches will not only participate but more children will receive the greatest gift of Christmas, i.e. the Message of the birth of Jesus!**

****We would greatly appreciate if you would share this information with the volunteers and coordinators in your congregation****

Hopefully all of you have heard of Franklin Graham's organization, Samaritan's Purse. Every year this Christian organization sponsors a program called *Operation Christmas Child*. It is a program where some basic necessities of life are collected and sent as a gift in a shoebox overseas to needy children around the world. With each gift, every child receives the Biblical story of Christ's birth in his or her native language, and also *The Greatest Journey* booklet with 12 lessons of God's gift of forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ. Children who complete all 12 lessons will take part in a graduation ceremony and receive a personalized graduation certificate and a New Testament Bible in the child's language.

In 2018, our area collected 1,323 shoeboxes, with a total of 8,801,607 shoeboxes collected in the United States!

Since 1993 more than 168 million boys and girls in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of a simple shoebox. Over 14 million children have participated in *The Greatest Journey*.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Samaritan's Purse advises that all participating churches/organizations go online to order their advertising posters, the Pack a Box Guides, as well as church bulletin inserts, video presentations, etc. The website can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org. Once you are in the site, you may click on Order Materials. Our advice is to do this soon, so your products will be received on time. Also on line are instructions to "follow your box online". By paying on-line, individuals can now track the gift sent! Our church also downloads 2 of the several different video's on the website to show during our church services.
2. Each of the shoeboxes that are dropped off at our location needs to be packed in cartons that Samaritan's Purse supply us with. Our location has been blessed to see an increase in the number of shoeboxes dropped off over the past couple of years. With this in mind, we ask that if you have collected over 75 shoeboxes by Friday, Nov. 22, 2019, it would be very helpful if you could bring your collected boxes to our church by close at 6:00 p.m. that day. We have several volunteers helping us pack them in cartons that evening, so it would be nice to have the majority of the shoeboxes at our church when we have the help boxing them. Of course you can then bring any other shoeboxes that you receive by noon on Monday.

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3. Also we have been advised by Samaritans Purse to please keep the size of the shoe boxes to a "normal shoe box size", and not boot size boxes. They realize that people want to be generous in their giving, but a normal size shoe box allows the boxes to fit in their shipping cartons easier. Please suggest to your church members that want to give more gifts, to please divide their gifts into two separate shoe boxes, instead of using bigger boxes.

Our Location of Drop Off:

St. John's Lutheran Church
101 SE 2nd Avenue
Norwood/Young America, MN 55397

Drop Off Times:

Mon. Nov. 18 – Thursday, Nov. 21: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 22: 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25: 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Please note that after this date we will no longer be able to accept shoeboxes.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" Matt. 28:19

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your help and assistance.

Serving Him with you,

St. John's Lutheran Church
Norwood Young America, MN
952-467-2740

Kathy Heckmann 952-467-7061
Deb Dreier 612-702-4057

****changes in times & format****

First Congregational Church
BAKE & CANDY Sale



December 7, 2019
9-11 a.m.

Mark your calendar!
It's time for the annual
Christmas Bazaar!

This activity is our church's largest fundraiser. The bazaar opens at **9 am** with sales of rosettes, krumkake, Christmas cookies, candy, baked goods and crafts made by our members. Pie, rolls and beverages will be available to purchase.

Have you thought about what you can do? We need volunteers to help on Friday and Saturday. Can you help? If you would like to enjoy fellowship, laughs and fun together with your church family, please volunteer! If you get a call to help, please say "YES!" Your help is much appreciated!

- **Cookies:** Bring your bulk Christmas cookies to the church by **9 a.m. Friday, December 6**, for special packaging. In addition, Paula Bulau (864-6510) will need people to help with **packaging the cookies**. Consider making one extra batch or double your favorite recipe – we always sell out!
- **Baked goods** need to be delivered to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 6 so that they can be packaged and displayed. **Please mark the price and identify your items.**
- **Candy:** Bring homemade candy to the church on Friday, December 6. **Please label the type of candy and any pricing guidelines you have.**
- **Santa's Attic:** This is an area for gently used items. Do you have items you don't need any longer but are still in great condition? Please take the time to look about and see what you might find. Bring items to the music room for marking. Ann Wangerin (864-6379)
- **Rosettes:** Made at the church as a group project. Come join us for fun! The scheduled dates and times are: Sunday, **December 1** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, **December 2** and Tuesday, **December 3** at 8:30 a.m. Questions? Call Linda Landon (864-5384) or Chris Marsh (864-3577).
- **Serving:** Will be serving homemade pies, fresh rolls and beverages for the shoppers this year. **We will need donations of pies** and folks to help serve and clean up. If you have made and donated pies in the past, please consider to do so again. Please come to shop and then stay to have some coffee and treats! Take-outs will be available.
- Cash donations are always welcome!

Questions? Ask Chris Marsh (864-3577) or Linda Landon (864-5384).

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Christian Ed Board Meeting Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5	6 3:30 pm Confirmation	7 Patnaude Using Fellowship Hall 8:00 pm A.A.	8	9
10 9:15 am Worship Service 9:40am-11:00am Sunday School	11	12	13 3:30 pm Confirmation 4:45 pm Women's Fellowship Board Meeting	14 8:00 pm A.A.	15	16
17 9:15 am Worship Service White Christmas Gifts will be Received	18	19	20 Noon - Trustee's Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation	21 8:00 pm A.A.	22	23
24 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting Decorating the Church following Worship	25	26	27 3:00 pm Confirmands helping w/preparation of Thanksgiving dinner	28 Noon - Thanksgiving Dinner 8:00 pm A.A. Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30
		Deacon In Charge: Duane Mathews Altar: Ann Wangerin Deaconesses In Charge of Communion: Jan Willard	Contrae Hosts: Nov 3rd: The Magnuson's Nov 10th: Cecily Smoldt /Claudia Thurstrom Nov 17th: Stan Hooff Jan Willard Nov 24th: Kim, Teagan & Jaxson Mueller			