

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, November 22

- 8:45AM Youth Bells
- 9:30AM Children's Music
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship & Communion
- 12:00PM Youth Choir
- 12:00PM Advent Church Decoration
- 3:00PM Youth Rake & Run
- 5:00PM Hanging of the Green Rehearsal
- 7:00PM Community Thanksgiving Service at First Lutheran Church

MONDAY, November 23

- 6:00PM Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 25

NO Wednesday Night Family Meal, Bible Study or Children's Activities.

- 12:00PM FBC Office Closed
- 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, November 26 Thanksgiving Day (Closed)

FRIDAY, November 27 - FBC Office Closed

SUNDAY, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

- 7:45AM Staff Meeting
- 8:45AM Youth Bells (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30AM Children's Music (in Sanctuary)
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship & Hanging of the Green
- 12:00PM Youth Choir

TUESDAY, December 1

- 12:00PM JOY Lunch – Christmas Meal

WEDNESDAY, December 2

- 12:00PM Community Advent Service/Episcopal Ch.
- 5:15PM Family Night Meal (Pinto Beans, Cabbage, Potatoes, Kielbasa, Cornbread, Dessert)
- 6:00PM International Missions Emphasis
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 6:15PM Cathedral Bells
- 7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, December 3

- 3:30PM JOY Trip/Billy Graham Library Christmas

Sunday School Attendance 11/15	181
Worship Attendance 11/15	168
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 11/08	\$16,926.10
YTD Budget Receipts 10/31	\$444,195.76
YTD Expenses thru 10/31	\$430,035.85
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 11-8)	\$51,769.92
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$246,245.00

MEMORIALS

Organ Fund

Hilda Woodruff by M/M Maurice Radford

Tim Jackson by M/M Maurice Radford

Hilda Woodruff by M/M Ed Thomas

WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING: Goal: \$9,000.00

Offerings will be collected during December with the special walk-down during worship on December 6.

SCCM need for November is canned vegetables.

NO TIE Wednesday, November 25, 2015 due to Thanksgiving Holiday

FBC office closed Wednesday at 12NOON, Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

Here is your *TIE* to



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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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Thank You, LORD!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING November 26, 2015

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 22, 7:00PM First Lutheran Church

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From the Desk of Andy Jung...

Time and time again, I am reminded of the generosity of our fellowship. Our congregation has demonstrated a giving heart whenever there has been an opportunity to invest in the kingdom. This past Sunday was just another confirmation of how you love to bless others.

During our time of worship, we had the privilege of praying over and dedicating 319 Operation Christmas Child boxes. As our children laid hands on these boxes, we asked God to use them to share his love and hope with children all over the world. Though we may not know where the boxes will end up, we are assured that God has already prepared the way. Thank you to all who participated in this ministry.

In addition, we had a special time of commitment and dedication of our capital campaign pledges and gifts. I am pleased to report that we are very close to our goal as \$246,145 was committed. I am confident that a few more commitment cards will be turned in that will take us closer to our goal. Thank you for your sacrificial giving and the way you continue to support our fellowship. I firmly believe that we are investing well in the future of our church for generations to come.

Lastly, during our church conference, we discussed our 2016 budget. After a few questions and answers, we will move forward with the vote of the suggested amount of \$579,489.88. The official ballot vote will be held on Sunday, December 6 at the end of worship. If you have further questions, you can contact any of the Finance Committee members or myself. Thank you for always being so faithful in supporting our general budget.

This Sunday, we will finish our series on The Good and Beautiful Life as we look at what it means to “pickle” in the kingdom of God. In addition, the Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Lutheran Church at 7pm. I hope you will make this special ecumenical service a priority. See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Jackie Burpeau
Ritchie Hearne

November 22–November 28
November 29 – December 5

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Louise Poplin, Gene Moose, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Don & Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

Dr. Bill Hatley, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Tracy Lee, Brendan Hearne, Diane Powell, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Linda Hilton, Sue Hunsucker, Fran Andrew, Martha Lowder, Lori Stiller, Lucy Johnson, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Brian Jones, Charles Burris, Cleo Carter, Chloe Fraley

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Courtney Goins Burnside and family in the passing of her father, Jim Goins.

SHOE BOX RELAY CENTER

We are so pleased that our church has been asked to be a relay center for the shoe box collection for Samaritan's Purse. That means that anyone in the community, churches and/or individuals, can bring their boxes to us during collection week which is Nov 16th thru Nov 23rd. We will log them in, pray over them, pack them in large containers and take them over to the collection site which is First Assembly this year. We will be set up in the fellowship hall. At no time will we open or disturb the contents of the box that each of you has packed. Please pray that God will find the perfect child for each box and that they come to know our Lord as their personal Savior.

MISSION FRIENDS SERVICE PROJECT For NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

We want everyone to stay warm this winter. We are collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for the homeless in Stanly County. (Dollar Tree has them for \$1 each.) Please hang them on “The Giving Tree” bulletin board in the hallway.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

November 22 – 3:00PM Youth Rake & Run
November 29 – No Youth – Thanksgiving
December 6 – 5:00PM Youth

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

We had a great retreat this weekend. Thank you to everyone that attended. Our theme was vulnerability. This is a powerful topic that many of us overlook or misunderstand. Vulnerability is essential to forming the type of connections we need to have in our church family. Brene Brown said it best when she said, “we cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable and powerful selves to be deeply seen and known.” Without openness our relationships become perpetually superficial. Vulnerable, however, is a place that most of us don’t want to be. It is risky and uncomfortable. We believe that if exposed we could not be loved. “Owning our own story can be hard but not nearly as difficult as spending our lives running from it. Embracing our vulnerabilities is risky but not nearly as dangerous as giving up on love and belonging and joy- the experiences that make us the most vulnerable. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light.” We learned this weekend is that in those weaknesses God can use us. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9-10 that God's power is made perfect in our weakness. Jesus modeled this type of vulnerability for us as well. I encourage you to take some time and reflect on where you can be more vulnerable in your life. Michael

POINSETTIAS

Advent Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 29 for the Hanging of the Green service. **Deadline for ordering: Monday, November 23.** Contact the office for memorials or honoraria (forms available). Cost: \$12.00 each.

UPCOMING TRIPS & YOU ARE INVITED!

*****Thursday, December 3:** Billy Graham Christmas at the Library. Bus leaves at 3:30PM. Cost: \$5.00. Dinner (on your own) at The Graham Brothers Dairy Bar at the library