

Sunday 10/25: Please observe social distancing as you enjoy coffee in the Fellowship hall.

Monday 10/26: Clothes Closet, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 10/27: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.
KDA meeting at the Methodist Church, 7pm.

Saturday 10/31: All Saints' Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Daylight Savings Time ends; turn clocks back 1 hour before bed.

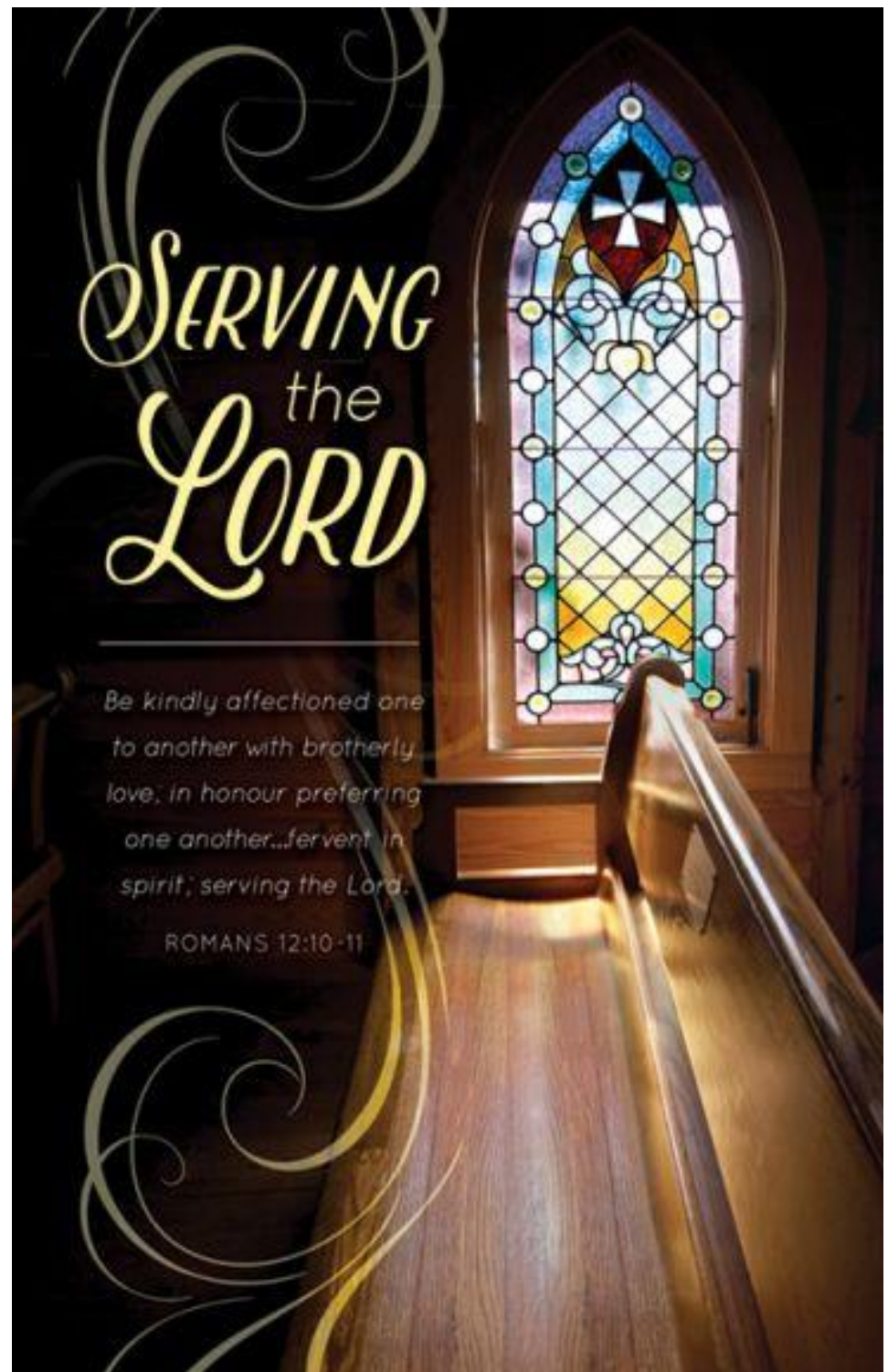
Sunday 11/1: All Saints' Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Bishop Emeritus Paull Spring died on last Saturday. Pray for his wife Barbara and family. May God's promise of the resurrection bring peace to all who mourn Bishop Paull Spring's passing.
- Pray for Pastor & Nancy as they begin their retirement together.
- Pastor Phil Gronbach as he begins a new journey as our interim Pastor on November 1. May God bless his continued ministry to our congregation.
- Amanda Wrobel has recently been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS).
- Ashley Mielke had esophageal surgery on Tuesday, October 20.
- Jim Sheehan is at Swedish American hospital with swelling in his back.
- Nancy Bakanas, Marilyn Roser, and all at Bethany Health Care center where there has been two staff members diagnosed with the corona virus.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great River Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.
- All those who are affected by the natural disasters.
- All the animals that God has created.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are still available to sign out and fill with "goodies". Boxes are due back Sunday, November 8th. If you would like to donate \$9 to help ship the shoeboxes, please write a check to Samaritan's Purse and give it to Donna Koehnke, Jean Bauer or Dianna Wittwer.



First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020
Pastor & Nancy Rasmussen's Farewell

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW - Green Hymnal **WOV** – Navy Hymnal *Please stand as able.

PRELUDE ** "A Mighty Fortress" - Lani Smith
 *PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" **LBW 229**
 *APOSTOLIC GREETING AND KYRIE P. 57
 *GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST P. 58
 *PRAYER OF THE DAY
 CHILDREN'S SERMON
 FIRST READING Jeremiah 29:11-13a
 PSALM 46 (*responsively by whole verse*) P. 236-237
 THE SECOND READING Acts 20: selected verses
 ANTHEM: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" – K. Lee Scott
 *THE GOSPEL John 17:6-9,16-17
 PULPIT HYMN: "Built on a Rock" **LBW 365**

SERMON: **"WORDS OF FAREWELL"**

*HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Christ the Same" **WOV 778**
 *NICENE CREED P. 64
 PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH P. 65
 SHARING OF PEACE
 OFFERING
 *LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL P. 66
 *OFFERTORY PRAYER P. 67
 *GREAT THANKSGIVING P. 68
 *WORDS OF INSTITUTION P. 69
 *THE LORD'S PRAYER P. 71
 LAMB OF GOD P. 72

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on November 1. The agenda will be:

- Election of Call Committee
- Ratification of amendments to the NALC Constitution

Please see the Office bulletin board for more details.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Ina Koehler 10/28 Ruthann Joos 10/30
 Richard Wince 10/31 Alexis Haag 10/31

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Heath & Taylor Norris 10/28/2017

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13a

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me.

Psalms 46 (Read responsively by whole verse)

pp. 236-237

Second Reading: Acts 20:17-22,25-27,32,36-38

¹⁷ From Miletus Paul sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. ¹⁸When they came to him, he said to them: 'You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. ²²And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²⁵ 'And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. ³⁷There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

Gospel: John 17:6-9, 16-17

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

LBW 27

(Please stand for verse 4)

FAREWELL PRESENTATION

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" – Meredith Willson

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" – Peter Lutkin

*PASTOR: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***CONGREGATION: Thanks Be to God!**

* **POSTLUDE: "Ein Feste Burg" – Friedrich Marpurg**



*** Today's prelude, an organ/piano duet played by Nancy and Pastor, is "A Mighty Fortress". It is in memory of Ken Krabbe. (A choir music memorial gift was given in loving memory of Ken by Loraine Krabbe.)*



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are in honor of Pastor Carl and Nancy Rasmussen's 31 years of ministry to First Lutheran Church. May God richly bless your retirement.

LYRICS FOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

By K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

CHORAL BENEDICTION (two anthems)

“May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”

By Meredith Willson

*May the good Lord bless and keep you, whether near or far away.
May you find that long awaited golden day today.
May your troubles all be small ones, and your fortune ten times ten.
May the good Lord bless and keep you ‘til we meet again.*

*May you walk with sunlight shining, and a bluebird in every tree.
May there be a silver lining back of every cloud you see.
Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows. Never mind what might have
been.
May the good Lord bless and keep you ‘til we meet again.*

*May you long recall the rainbows, then you’ll soon forget the rain.
May the warm and tender memories be the ones that will remain.
May your heart be tuned to music that will cheer the hearts of men.
May the good Lord bless and keep you ‘til we meet again.*

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” – Anthem and Sevenfold Amen

By Peter C. Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance upon you;
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you.
And be gracious unto you; the Lord be gracious unto you.
Amen.*