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NOVEMBER 2026



Happenings

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Siblings in Christ:

Welcoming the Season of Fall

There is something beautiful about the arrival of fall.

The mornings grow crisp, the days become a little shorter, and the trees slowly begin to trade their summer greens for brilliant shades of gold, orange, and red. The change of seasons invites us to pause and notice the beauty that surrounds us.

Fall also reminds us of an important truth: **change is part of God's good creation.** Just as the leaves change and eventually fall, we too experience seasons of growth, transition, letting go, and beginning again. Scripture tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Perhaps this autumn we can see the changing leaves as more than something beautiful to admire. Let them remind us to trust God through the changes in our own lives. Some seasons bring celebration; others bring uncertainty or loss. Yet through every season, God remains faithful.

Fall is also a wonderful time to practice gratitude. Before the busyness of the holidays arrives, let us take time to thank God for simple gifts: a warm cup of coffee on a cool morning, the laughter of family and friends, a beautiful sunset, a meal shared around a table, and the gift of another day to love and serve.

As we begin this new season, may we open our hearts to what God is doing among us. May we have the wisdom to recognize His blessings, the courage to release what needs to be released, and the faith to embrace what lies ahead.

So let us welcome fall with grateful hearts. May the colors of the season point us toward the beauty of our Creator, and may the changing leaves remind us that even when life changes, **God's love never does.**

Blessings to you and your family this autumn. May this new season be filled with peace, gratitude, fellowship, and renewed faith.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

LITURGIST
1 - Eric Mede
8 - Clare hay
15 - Jack Myers
22 - Lou Ferrante
29 - Bret Collins

CHILDREN'S TIME
1 - Pastor Dee Mede
8 - Pastor Dee Mede
15 - Marian Collins
22 - Peter Bramm
29 - Clare Hay

AUDIO VISUAL
1 - Bret Collins
8 - Lyndsay Myers
15 - Clare Hay
22 - Bret Collins
29 - Lyndsay

GREETERS
1 - Connie & Larry Worden
8 - David & Lori Finkle
15 - The Furlough Family
22 - Eric Mede & Weston Bramm
29 - Ruth Aves & Lyn Exner

USHERS
Lora Stevens & Lyn Exner

November Birthdays

1 - Barry Aves
10 - Bartel Hall
22 - Jim Stark
25 - Ruth Aves
27 - Bev Wilson
28 - Connie Roach
28 - Eric Mede

Trustee's Corner

Look for more updates soon!



November Calendar

1	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
2	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
3	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	First Lutheran Church
5	One Board Mtg	7:00 pm	Meting Room
8	Worship	10:00am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
9	AA	8:00 pm	Meeting Room
10	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Meeting Room
15	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
16	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
17	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
21	Men's Breakfast	8:30 am	KFR
22	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
23	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
24	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	1st Lutheran Church
	Knitting	12 to 2 pm	Meeting Room
	Thanksgiving Service	7:00 pm	1st Lutheran Church
26	Thanksgiving Day	All Day	Office Closed
27	Thanksgiving Holiday	All Day	Office Closed
28	Decorate Church	8:00 am	Church
29	1st Sunday Advent	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live, Zoom
30	AA	8:00 pm	Basement

Jamie will be on vacation Friday 11/20 - Friday 11/27. Anything you need added to the bulletins for Nov. 22 or 29, anything you need added in December's Newsletter, or any office needs, they need to be given to the office via email or on Jamie's desk no later than Tuesday, November 17. Thank you!

Church Leadership

One Board Chair
Diane Parrish
Secretary
Clare Hay
Finance Representatives
Clare Hay
Jason Hernandez
Treasurer
Lori Finkle
Financial Secretary
Clare Hay
Men's Ministry President
Bret Collins
Women's Society Co-Presidents
Vicki Maveus
Clare Hay
SPRC Representatives
Bret Collins
Diane Parrish
Trustee Representatives
Peter Bramm
Brian Stevens
Worship Chair
Larry Worden
Education Chair
Peter Bramm
Lay Leader
Diane Parrish
Lay Leadership Representatives
Rev. Deanna Mede
Welcome & Witness
Lori Finkle
Eric Mede



Mission Sunday: November

Local Mission: Kirkland Fire Department
Broad Mission: Veterans Drop-In Center
5th Sunday: Good Neighbor Fund

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
First Lutheran Church
510 South Street, Kirkland IL 60146
815-522-3886

Tuesday's 12-2 pm

If special help is required, please call
815-978-2147.

Food Pantry Report for the 5 week month of August
180 Households Served
640 Persons served, 225 were Children

Have something you'd like to add to **December's** Newsletter? It can be news you have to give, or maybe there's something you'd like to know more about... email the church office and we'll work on getting it added.

Deadline for submissions is **November 17**



We are worshipping in person, and online via Facebook Live & Zoom, Sundays @ 10am. Please contact Pastor Dee for the zoom link, 224-805-9513

WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE
1ST COMMUNION SUNDAY	All Saints Sunday "A Celebration of Eternal Life" Childrens Theme: Heaven	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NRSVue
8TH	24th Sunday After Pentecost "Be Prepared" Childrens Theme: Priorities	Matthew 25: 1-13 TEV
15TH	25th Sunday After Pentecost "Choosing the Light" Children's Theme: Children of the Light	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 CEB
22ND	Christ the King Sunday "Meeting Christ" Children's Theme: Sharing	Matthew 25: 31-46 NRSVue
29TH	1st Sunday of Advent **ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM: THE ROAD TO ROME** "Rome: A Plave of Longing" Childrens Theme: Hope The Little Donkey	Luke 1 26 - 38 NRSVue Romans 15: 12 - 13 NRSVue

If you or someone you know needs help providing food for their household, the pantry is open every Tuesday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. If there is an emergency need for food please call or text Clare at 815-978-2147. THANK YOU to everyone for the donations of bath soap in September! There were 146 soap items collected and distributed. It was very much appreciated!

Item of the Month for November & December

For November and December, we will take a break from the Item of the Month collections. Please support the Food Pantry Thanksgiving Meals and the Fire Department Christmas Collections. The Kirkland Food Pantry greatly appreciates your support for the collections throughout this year!

KIRKLAND FOOD PANTRY





Help Your Neighbors This Thanksgiving!
Your Donation of $23
Provides a Complete Holiday Dinner
for a Local Family!

Give Someone a Reason to be Thankful!

Help us make sure **110 local families** enjoy a wonderful holiday! Thanks to our partnership with the **Northern Illinois Food Bank**, a complete **family dinner valued at $40 costs us only $23** to purchase and distribute.

Each $23 Donation Provides (Feeds 6 to 8 People):

- **Main Entrée:** A 10–16 lb. whole frozen turkey OR a 4–6 lb. turkey breast.
- **Sides:** Potatoes, vegetables, fruit, pinto beans, and white rice.
- **Fixings:** Stuffing mix and gravy mix.
- **Extras:** A beverage and dessert.

How You Can Donate Today

Please give what you can through any of the following options:

- **First Lutheran Church of Kirkland** (designated to Food Pantry)
- **Kirkland United Methodist Church** (designated to Food Pantry)
- **Direct Mail:** Send a check directly to:

Kirkland Food Pantry
PO Box 287
Kirkland, IL 60146

Wishing our entire community the blessing of a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Organized by the Kirkland Food Pantry and its dedicated volunteers.

Donating with the PayPal Giving Fund

When you donate to the church using the PayPal Giving Fund, PayPal does not withhold any fees from your donation. It's a great option to ensure that we receive your entire donation. However, unless you check the box next to "Share my name and email with this charity." PayPal does not tell us who made the donation. Please always check that box so that we can acknowledge your gift and say thank you!



*Ed Davis
*Alicia Ross
*Jessica Yeager Stark
*Ron Johnson
*Dustin Hoffman
*Stephanie Hoffman
*Scott Brooks



THE KIRKLAND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Look for updates at a later time



METHODIST MEN

Meet every
3rd Saturday
@ KFR.

ONE BOARD
meets
Thursday, November 5

Donating is as easy as
taking a picture:
Kirkland UMC's
QR code for donations
Or visit **www.kirklandumc.org**

SCAN ME

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Together with 1st Lutheran Church
Tuesday, Nov 24 @ 7 pm
1st Lutheran Church
510 South St | Kirkland



Thank You

The Circle thanks everyone who helped with our September rummage sale. Without the many hands set up, sales and tear down wouldn't be possible. We made just over $1400 with a few items still being sold on Amazon.

Come Decorate the Church for Christmas



Yes, that's the date to decorate the church for the Christmas season. A job exists for EVERYONE! The smallest can set up the nativity set on the back tables. Climbers can do the top of the tree and door décor. Want to be out of the center of things? Decorating the basement is for you. Sitting supervisors are needed to watch everything go up. An extra chair in the meeting room is always begging someone to eat a donut, drink OJ or chocolate milk while talking. This year wall murals will turn the sanctuary into a "Road to Bethlehem" to reflect the choir's contada. We are usually done in an hour or two.



We will again have our **Cookie Extravaganza** during Christmas in Kirkland December 12 from 1-5pm. All proceeds go directly to the church. Last year we sold 157 dozen cookies as well as cheesecakes, bagged Chex mix, mini-breads, dipped pretzels, biscotti and fudge with a profit of $1705.25. If you would like to make homemade cookies or baked goods for the event, they need to be at the church Saturday, December 12 by 9 am. At that time five or six volunteers will plate and price them. For more information, see Connie Worden.

If you're not a baker, you can get involved in the craft side of the event.
The craft sale will run from 1 - 7 pm. You can either rent a table (cost is 10% of sales up to $25 max), with proceeds going to yourself or you can donate items for the church to sell.
For more details contact Diane Parrish or Lori Finkle.