Dear Friends,
This is the season of Thanksgiving, and we have so much to be thankful about. Our church community has remained fairly healthy during the pandemic, while it has not been easy opening and closing, masking and unmasking, dependent on the news of the day. Our spirits have soared with the generosity in the grants we have received in order to renovate not only the sanctuary, but an accessible bathroom downstairs will be constructed in the near future.

In the abundance we have been given, it is as good a time as any to talk about stewardship, and it is also our regular stewardship month. No matter what you decide in relationship to your church giving, it is important that you do it out of a spirit of abundance. That doesn’t mean giving what you can not afford, but rather giving with a heart full of God’s love. Giving also means allowing time to volunteer, as so many of you do. Whether it be the Lunch Together Soup Kitchen, our partnership with the Sheridan Police Dept., or our budgeted national and global giving, you are part of being Christ’s hands and feet in the world.

The theme of this year’s stewardship is “Rooted in Love”. It is based on the words from the Book of Psalm (Psalm 1:3a), “They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.” All members, attenders, and friends of the church will be sent a giving card, and be given the opportunity to support our church in the coming year. This is the only way that we are able to create a budget. For example, it was mentioned that folks would like to form a choir. In order to do this, we would need to hire a director, which in turn, becomes a budgeted item.

I am proud to be your pastor, and a member of this church. I am proud of what we have done, and how we are looking ahead into the future. I enjoy being with you all, laughing together, and serving our community.

May God Bless You All, Pastor Sheila
November Birthdays

16 Jane Adams  19 Heide Harm  26 Pam Hardigan

November Anniversaries

16 Rod & Jane Adams  18 Jean & Brad Harm

OUR PRAYER LIST ~ “WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD”

Please lift up all families, friends and neighbors, all from the Church family who are not feeling well, healing, recovering, burdened, and grieving.

Condolences: Family of George Tellez

Please remember all those, along with their families, dealing with challenges: Joan Tellez (in hospital), Jeff Rech (Diane’s nephew), recovering, David Reeves and family (Laura Ford’s dad. Has ALS), Fran Ford, Isaac and Maria Myers, Fred Newcomer (cancer), Thelma Peterson, Liz Gale, Alan Johnson, (cancer), Jean Morgen (cancer), Bob Lance.

Congratulations to Kim Soltis and family for the birth of her great-grandson Landyn Dakota.

Please remember our Active Military Personnel and their families, including those we know – Brian Hier (USAF), Fred Luck (USAF), Gary Barker (USAF), Aaron Weisz (USN), Robert Fisher (USA), Kenny Barker (ASF-Med), Nathan Wolanin (USA), Ethan Sinnet (Marines), Chandra Olson (Air Force), those in the National Guard. Please remember all who have served ~ our Veterans.

Calendar of Events

November 11: 11:00 AM Christian Service Meeting
November 15: 6:30 PM Council Meeting
November 21: Last day to donate food
November 25: Happy Thanksgiving!
November 26: 5:00 – 8:00 PM Stroll Night. Live music, and silent auction.
November 28: First Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the greens following Worship
November 29: 6:00 PM Bible Study led by Pat Luck

Lunch Together

We just finished our week of serving Lunch Together. We served 134 people.

Volunteers, thank you very much for helping! Debbie, Dave, Thomas, Kim and Larry, Dems, Elizabeth, Elva, Jean, Kathy, Helen, Barbara, Pastor Sheila, Alicia, Jacob, Pat, Mary, and Christine. Kelly, Val, and Dorothy who worked in the dish room every day, and Bart set up the dining room each day. Our next dates of service are December 20-23. If you can help serve or bring food, please contact Pastor Sheila or Debbie.
Last Friday at First, October 29

We had a great turn-out to an exceptional performance by Nick Birchby and Rosemary Sullivan. The beautiful and relaxing music was a perfect way to begin the weekend. All our friends in attendance are happy to be back to the free concerts. We have some exciting performers in the future. See you soon!

Casper Excursion

Martha, Connie, and Helen went to Casper to attend the script reading of “A Sissy in Wyoming” and a display at the Nicolayson Art Museum, a Social Justice excursion. All expressed that it was a learning experience stating that one thing that Larry “Sissy” had was the love and support of his wife, Vicky, and family. He was not gay but a cross-dresser. He just felt more comfortable wearing dresses. Of course, there were some beatings, especially at first, but those who knew Sissy respected his differences and became friends with the man. When he was on a church mission nobody even noticed, they were just happy he was there. Maybe we can all be a little more open to those who are not exactly as we are. All of us are human and all of us sin. God looks at our hearts, not what we wear. “Judge not, lest ye be judged.” Matthew 7: 1-3
WE ARE REGISTERED!

Our Church will be participating in the Christmas Stroll. Live music, silent auction to raise funds for an accessible bathroom in the soup kitchen area. You can HELP by donating an auction item (est. $50+ value), or by donating a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant. We will also require help on the evening, Friday, Nov. 26 from 5pm-8pm.

And, there’s more…

During this time of Thanksgiving, you have the opportunity to bring canned good to the church, and place them in front of our altar. These will be given to the soup kitchen pantry. Some useful items, salsa mild, peanut butter, jelly, crystal light drink mixes served daily, chili beans, large cans of stew, etc. Deadline to bring is Nov. 21, as we need to prepare for The Stroll. Thanks so much!
HALLOWEEN HOOT

We had such a fun time after hearing about how the ancient Celts would dress as what they were most afraid of in order that they would not be noticed. Many thanks to our Fellowship Board and all the pumpkins, wolves, and other fun characters who brought treats to share!