NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH

From The Pastor

Guest writer, my dear friend retired pastor Nancy Reed, who agreed to offer her thoughts on JESUS! Thank you Nancy…and thank Jesus for always being a part of our conversations.

Hello Dear Friends in Christ!

Pastor Marcia and I were gabbing on the phone recently (surprise!) and after a deep conversation, she asked me to share some of it with you. So . .

It seems like we have so little power over things that affect our lives. We fumble through our days anxious, fearful, and try not to take risks. We focus on our fears and uncertainty instead of Jesus.

Jesus never promised following him would be easy. Matthew 25:34-40 tells us:

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Notice verse 37 – it's obvious the righteous did not know the choices they made would result in heavenly rewards. They made their decisions because they were the right thing to say/or do, without regard to success or failure. Knowing the dangerous times of their lives under the Romans, and the Temple leaders trying to keep the peace at any cost, many of their choices were risky to themselves, their family, and community. They lived in fear and anxiety, but did the right thing anyway.

Jesus experienced the dark days of oppression, natural storms, beatings, conspiracies, abandonment of friends, even forsaken by his heavenly Father, frustrations with his disciples (see the Gospel of Mark) and then the darkness of death. He knows all of our deepest fears, and promises us we can have peace because He dwells within us – ALWAYS.

Those who identify as a Jesus follower are called to speak truth to power through our thoughts, words, and deeds, following the example of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. See each person as someone for whom Christ died and rose, love them in a life-affirming way. We cast all of our - anxieties, concerns, families, jobs, farms, harvest, planting, machines, health insurance - into Jesus' care, trusting his word is true. It is challenging, very difficult, and hard to buy into on our own. But the Holy Spirit emboldens us to do the right thing and . . . Jesus will NEVER leave us or abandon us.

In this time and place Jesus has brought all of you together, to support and love each other, with all the strengths and weaknesses unique to each of you. When you gather together, there exists a holy safe haven;

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a place to share your burdens, joys, jokes, stories and sorrows; to renew your strength like the eagles, so that you will not grow weary in doing the right thing. A safe area of green pastures, still waters, where the Good Shepherd restores our souls.

Thank you for your friendship, your good humor, tolerance of the Interloper from way Up North, and, most importantly, your love of Jesus, and the great ministry and service you do for those in your community and around the world. Remember – Do Not Be Afraid – Jesus is with you – the success or failures are not up to you. Say or Do the right thing because it is the right thing, and live in the peace of Christ.

Your Friend in Christ -
Rev. Nancy Phoenix Reed
(aka – Interloper from Way Up North!)

PSA (Pastor's Second Announcement) – If you want another bible study on the same lessons above, read Matthew 25: 14-28. Ah heck, just read the rest of Matthew 25; it's the chapter that Jesus teaches me stuff over and over again. Might as well teach you, too!

Upcoming Events

November 3 - Election Day
November 7 - Annual Craft/Vendor Fair at Trinity UMC in Huxley
November 15 - Church Council Meeting after worship
November 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service
Poinsettia order due
November 26 - Thanksgiving
November 29 - Hanging of the Greens
The First Sunday of Advent



Poinsettia Order form

We will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias again this year. If you want to donate a plant in memory or honor of someone. The cost per plant will be $12.

Please complete this form and mail or email it to the church office or place it in the offering plates. Consider sharing the beauty of flowers this holiday season and recognize or memorialize a loved one with a poinsettia.

A list of donors will be noted in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.



I would like to order_____ poinsettia(s) at $12.00 each in
( ) in memory of_____
Or ( ) Recognition of_____
Given by_____
Please make Check payable to Trinity with Poinsettia in the memo line.



Church Council Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Vice President John Egeland in Mark Lewis's absence. Present for the meeting were John Egeland, Nathan Hovland, Arlys Peterson, Pastor Marcia, and Joyce Allen. The meeting began with council members sharing their highs and lows for the week, with many of the lows including concern for friends and loved ones with health issues.

Minutes from September 20 were read, and include a few corrections. First, Arlys's name was omitted from those present. Sorry, Arlys! Second, the finance report had an error, in that $5,307.36 was collected in offerings, not $5,360.36. The other totals were correct. Lastly, confirmation classes are with Aubrey, not Audrey.

FINANCE REPORT: The General Fund's opening balance was $22,290. To it was added $4,781, including $3,950 in offering, $67 for the summer meal program, $554 thanks to the drive-thru dinner, $10 in kringla sales, and $200 redeposited that originally went to Ellen. Disbursements came to $5,180.48, with a much lower energy bill at the church - $356 as opposed to $644 in September – leaving a closing balance of $21,890.52. Savings' balance is $1,644.94 with .40 interest added; Capital Improvement's at $1,211.55 after added $0.30 interest; Mission Investment is sitting at $20,180.33 thanks to $8.55 interest; and Missions closed at $1,346.98. SCRIP had no activity in September, opening and closing at $2,849.27.



PASTOR'S REPORT: Sunday School is going well. Usually the class includes a few Grauerhaus kiddos with an occasional Lieber or two, but always appreciates them coming and enjoys the questions they ask. Gavin especially enjoys David and Goliath, and is always eager to emulate David. Regarding the healing service, Pastor is still waiting to hear from Laurie Hazel's nephew, Grant, but may just end up picking a Sunday and having Sheila play.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY: John found a piece of glass to fit the front of the oven, so it looks almost good as new. He's also single handedly hauling the cans and bottles to the redemption center every few weeks to keep the pile from getting out of hand. And sadly, the water heater in the basement isn't working and will probably need to be replaced. It evidently took on water when the downstairs flooded.

CHRISTIAN ED: Sunday School and Confirmation going well.

STEWARDSHIP: Still in the green

INREACH / OUTREACH: Rick visited with us a couple weeks ago, and lately has been doing volunteer work through RSVP. Pastor has considered asking him to help with the bottles, among other things, to get him to come back.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP: Good through the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

First item was the Healing Service date, and as stated earlier, no date has been set yet. Next item on the agenda was a recap of the drive-thru dinner. In the past we sold about 75 dinners, but this year we only sold about 40. Discussion given to maybe increasing advertising around town.

Lastly, music folders are ready unless someone has found errors. If so, let Eileen know.

NEW BUSINESS:

October 31 is Trunk or Treat night, and council agreed we would again participate. It will be held by the library, and Pastor Marcia will check on the times. Eileen ordered squishies to give away along with candy. Kringla / Lefsa making is on hold for a while since Mark and Vince aren't available. Hopefully others will step up. Huxley Vendor Fair is November 7, and we already have orders for Kringla, Lefsa, and Krumkaka. People are needed to staff the booth. The Cambridge Vendor Fair will be November 21, and we will have two tables – one for baked goods, and the other for Pastor Marcia's diamond art.

Pastor Marcia asked if donations from the Harvest of Blessings service can be divided between both Cambridge's and Huxley's food pantries. No formal motion was made but council agreed to donate to both pantries.

Council Minutes continued

Arlys presented an idea to help with food insufficiency in Cambridge. church in Nevada has a program called Food at First that calls on businesses in the area, such as grocery stores, and convenience stores, restaurants, etc, and collects food items that would get tossed but are still fine for consumption. The food is then prepared into meals which are delivered to people in the area, except for people in Cambridge. Arlys would like Cambridge to be included in the program. Her friend, Stacy, is helping as well, and bought insulated bags to deliver the meals. Drop off location is still to be determined.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:29 by Vice President John Egeland and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Joyce Allen,
Council Secretary.

November Liturgy and Music

November 1, 2026 All Saints Day Setting Four ELW p147 Ellen
Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Call to Worship: Sanctuary (on back page of ELW)
Opening Hymn: Shall We Gather At the River #423
Hymn of the Day: Blest Are They #728
Communion Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat #465
Hymn: O When the Saints Go Marching In (insert)

November 8, 2026 Setting Four ELW p147 Sheila
Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Call to Worship: Sanctuary (on back page of ELW)
Opening Hymn: We Are Called #720
Hymn of the Day: Give Me Oil in My Lamp (insert: Children's Sunday school song)
Hymn: Eat This Bread #472 (verse 1&2 3X's)
Hymn: Be Thou My Vision #793



NOW Committee Minutes continued



November 15, 2026 Setting Four ELW p147 Ellen

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Call to Worship: Sanctuary (on back page of ELW)
Opening Hymn: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High 2X's #857
Hymn of the Day: My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759
Hymn: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #752
Hymn: Take My Life, That I May Be #685

November 22, 2026 Christ the King/Harvest of Blessing
Setting Four ELW p147 Sheila

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46

Call to Worship: Sanctuary (on back page of ELW)
Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns #855
Hymn of the Day: In the Garden insert *Family Favorite (Steve L.)
Hymn: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil *Family Favorite (Dale & Sheila)
Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth #879

November 29, 2026 1st Sunday of Advent (Hanging of the Greens)
Theme Hope Ellen

Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Call to Worship: Joy to the World #267 vs 1
Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come Immanuel #257 vs 1
Hymn of the Day: Lost In the Night #243 *Family Favorite (John)
Hymn: What Child Is This #296
Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain #290

Puzzles

1. LAHKUTNF _____
2. RDUOSG _____
3. ESRATVH _____
4. ILPSMRGI _____
5. UMNATU _____
6. ECOENILT _____
7. EEVSAL _____
8. OFBLOALT _____
9. PTULYHMO ORKC _____
10. ONIUPOCACR _____
11. USINPKPM _____
12. RNVTESEA YDA _____
13. OHCARDR _____
14. SHNITGIANVKG _____
15. EAWYMLOFR _____
16. FLMAYI _____
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18. EVTNIA AICMRASNE _____
19. PPLEA DIREC _____
20. IRHYDAE _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

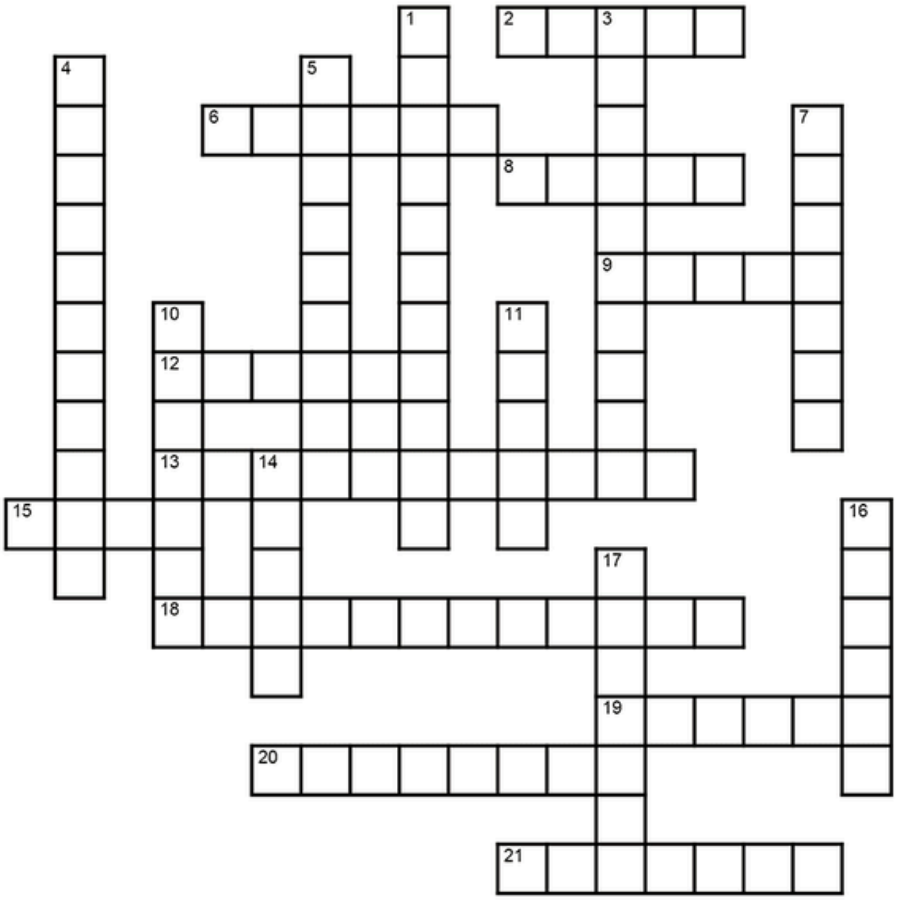
November

ACROSS

2. Sponsors of the annual Thanksgiving parade in New York City.
6. Traditional Thanksgiving bird.
8. Breezy or gusty.
9. Drink made from apples.
12. Another word for the fall season.
13. November 11th.
15. Tool for gathering leaves.
18. Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.
19. What the turkey said.
20. Eleventh month of the year.
21. Often used to make pie in November.

DOWN

1. First Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
3. Horn of abundance.
4. The day after Thanksgiving.
5. Thankfulness.
7. Along with Sagittarius, zodiac sign for November.
10. The gathering of crops.
11. Deposit of small ice crystals.
14. Along with citrine, birthstone for the month of November.
16. They're raked in autumn.
17. Mayflower passenger.



Autumn	Gratitude	Rake
Black Friday	Harvest	Scorpio
Cider	Leaves	Thanksgiving
Cornucopia	Macy's	Topaz
Election Day	November	Turkey
Frost	Pilgrim	Veterans Day
Gobble	Pumpkin	Windy

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