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# OLIVE BRANCH MONTHLY

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## November

**AS THE WEATHER TURNS COOLER, WE ANTICIPATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON AS A TIME OF GIVING AND GATHER TO EXPLORE QUESTIONS OF FAITH IN REAL LIFE TERMS**

At Peace, we believe that accompanying one another on life's journey is what community is all about. While each person's life takes its own unique and beautiful path, community is about caring for each other through the ups and downs so we never truly travel alone.

In November, we continue to engage questions of faith together in real life terms with our shared theme, "Joyful Journey: Life's a Journey. Let's travel together."

Each week we gather around a shared theme. During Faith Formation (Sundays 9:45a) we break out to explore the theme through active learning opportunities for each age group. During worship (8:30a, 11a), we



Image top left: Children and their families decorate pumpkins at the Winters' Farm. Image bottom left: Peace volunteers spend a Saturday helping at the Women's Shelter.



Image top right: Tammy Rider (middle) celebrates the 25th Anniversary of her ordination. Image bottom right: Pumpkins brought to life by children at the Winters' Farm.

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# CALENDAR

## November Events

**FRIDAY 1:** Listos Day of the Dead Fundraiser, 7p

**SATURDAY 2:** Peace Quilters, 10a; Tables of 8 or so kickoff

**SUNDAY 3: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS;** Samaritan Bethany Resident Assistance 8:15, 9:30a; Confirmation, 12:30p; Highway Clean Up, 1p

**MONDAY 4:** Social Action Committee 6p

**THURSDAY 7:** Bazaar Setup 12p

**FRIDAY 8:** Bazaar Setup 9a

**SATURDAY 9:** Bazaar 9a

**SUNDAY 10:** Samaritan Bethany Resident Assistance 8:15, 9:30a; Confirmation, 12:30p; Highway Clean Up RAIN DATE, 1p; All Family Event: Air Insanity, 4p

**THURSDAY 14:** Channel One Team 9a

**SATURDAY 16:** Family Promise Fundraiser Concert (Bethel Lutheran Church) 1p

**SUNDAY 17:** Samaritan Bethany Resident Assistance 8:15, 9:30a; Fellowship Potluck 12p

**MONDAY 18:** Giving Tree Begins

**TUESDAY 19:** Senior Card Players 12:30p

**WEDNESDAY 20:** Miriam Ministry 10a; Stewardship 5:30p; Council 7p

**THURSDAY 19:** Channel One 9a

**SUNDAY 24:** Samaritan Bethany Resident Assistance 8:15, 9:30a; All-Ages Thanksgiving Crafts and Meal Setup 9:45a; Community Thanksgiving Meal 12p

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Set clocks back one hour.  
Enjoy an extra hour of sleep before church!

**Sunday, November 3**

### RECURRING EVENTS

**COMMUNION**  
First Sunday of every month

**MEN OF PEACE**  
Every Tuesday, 7a (Peace Room)

**KNITTING GROUP**  
Every Tuesday, 10:30a (Room 105)

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
Every Tuesday, 10a (Peace Room)

**BEVERAGE AND BIBLE**  
Every Tuesday, 5p (Glynnner's Pub)

**ADULT BELL REHEARSAL**  
Every Wednesday, 6:10p (Room 115); *except 11/20 & 11/27*

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
Every Wednesday, 7:10p (Sanctuary); *except 11/20 & 11/27*

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
Every Thursday, 7a (Peace Room)

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**  
Every Sunday, 12p



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

# STONE SOUP

Recipe for Growth: What will you contribute?

Everyone should have received their stewardship information and pledge card in the mail. Please prayerfully consider what you will contribute to our Recipe for Growth. Together, we can fill our soup pot to support our growing membership and ministry, as well as provide for the staffing needs before us.

	SEPT 2019	YEAR-TO-DATE	SEPT 2018
Pledges budgeted	\$36,958	\$332,625	\$36,250
Pledges received	\$37,225	\$315,890	\$29,438
Difference	\$267	-\$16,735	-\$6,812



**PEACE CHURCH**  
**Little Free Pantry**

### Little Free Pantry: Cold Weather Needs

YOU CAN HELP— Bring relief to those experiencing food insecurity in our neighborhood. Donate needed items to Peace's Little Free Pantry. **This week the pantry is most in need of:** ready-to-eat pop-top soups; feminine hygiene products; mac n' cheese; cold weather gear (hats, gloves, scarves). *Find a full list of cold weather items needed for the pantry by clicking here, or pick one up at the Welcome Desk. Drop donations in the bin in the coat hallway. Questions? Contact Dawn Bradley (dgkilian@hotmail.com).*

Fred Trachsel would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, and cards during his time of healing.



### Cycling Without Age at Samaritan Bethany

Cycling Without Age is a movement started in 2012 to help the elderly with mobility issues get back on their bicycles. Samaritan Bethany is hosting a pilot program for Cycling Without Age. Samaritan has received some generous donations toward the trishaw bikes and a maintenance fund (each bike costs \$10,000). These bikes are made in Denmark and are only manufactured when an order is received (not in advance). Building trishaw bikes is at the bottom of the manufacturer's market base (these manufacturers are known for their cargo bikes). This makes the process of receiving a trishaw bike very slow and unpredictable. If you would like to be a part of this pilot program, includes providing test rides to the residents at Samaritan (volunteers are covered under Samaritan's liability insurance), please contact Dean Stenehjem at 507-424-5458. There will be specific training and a volunteer applications process (which includes background checks and fingerprinting). The top priority is keeping the residents at Samaritan safe.

# FEATURED EVENTS

## December

### Elementary Squad : Advent Workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1: 1p— Children ages PreK-Grade 5 and their families are invited to celebrate the meaning of Advent through crafts and conversation. *Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Debby (office@peacechurchucc.org).*

### Special Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: 9:45a— All members have received a letter from the church council announcing this special meeting. Items to be covered include approving the 2020 budget (bring forth the council's recommendations after results of the Stewardship campaign) and a job description for a new pastoral position. *Questions? Contact Council President, Wendy Nevala (wknevala@yahoo.com).*

### Family Promise Day Center Open House

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14: 11a- 3p—The first ever Christmas Open House will be held at the Family Promise Day Center (811 7th St NW). Stop by for a visit to celebrate the volunteers and families that make this program a success. *Questions? Contact Adele Bauch (abauch@charter.net).*

### Sustainable Living, Climate Change

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15— Hear from guest speaker, David Radcliff, director of the New Community Project, a nonprofit organization working for sustainable living, girls' education, women's empowerment and reforestation. Learn more about the connections between globalization, poverty and environment and what you can do to help create change for a more sustainable future.

David will speak at both services (8:30, 11a) and host an Adult Ed session between services (9:45-10:45a). *Questions? Contact Lydia (intergen@peacechurchucc.org).*

### Sing Carols at Samaritan Bethany

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: 1p— People of all ages are needed to help spread Christmas cheer to the residents of Samaritan Bethany. Meet at church and carpool over. *Questions? Contact Debby (office@peacechurchucc.org).*

### All Comer's Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 9a— Come for a fun morning, where everyone is invited to participate in retelling the Christmas Story. *No rehearsals, no stress. Just show up and jump right into the action. Costumes available for all. Questions? Contact Lydia (intergen@peacechurchucc.org).*

### Christmas Eve-Eve Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23: 6:30p— For those that will be traveling on Christmas Eve, we will celebrate the coming of the Christ Child through this contemporary service.

### Christmas Eve Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24: 4p—Celebrate the birth of Jesus through story, prayer, and song. This traditional holiday service includes candlelight Communion.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24: 6p—Participate in a Blue Christmas service that acknowledges the grief and sadness that can often accompany the holiday season. This service includes contemplative readings, music and candlelight communion.

# FEATURED EVENTS

## November

### Peace Church Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9: 9a-2p— Shop a rummage sale of epic proportions, where all proceeds go to support Peace ministries. Items can be donated to the sale November 3-7 (not before, please). Find a list of wanted and unwanted items at the Welcome Desk. *Sign up to volunteer or donate baked goods online using the link in your eNews, or at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Carole Winters (507-251-5943).*

### Children and Teen Event: Air Insanity

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10: 4p—Children, teens and their families are invited for an afternoon of jumping! Meet at Air Insanity at 4p. *Cost is \$7 for children and teens, \$15 for adults and \$2.50 for Air Insanity socks. Sign up is required (including waiver form). Signup online or at Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Debby.*

### Family Promise Fundraiser Concert

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16— Support Family Promise in its efforts to help families experiencing homelessness by attending their fundraising choir concert and silent auction. *Event happens at Bethel Lutheran Church. Silent auction begins at 11:30a. Concert begins at 1p. Donations for the silent can be dropped off at Bethel Lutheran during normal business hours (M-F 8:30a to 5p). Questions? Contact Adele Bauch (abauch@charter.net).*

### Christmas Plants

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 1— Purchase a Christmas plant in honor or memory of a loved one. Order your poinsettia or Norfolk pine online using the link in the eNews, or at the Welcome Desk. *Questions? Contact Debby.*

### Holiday Giving Tree

BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17—Gather gifts to support Family Promise Rochester, LINK, Project Legacy and the Women's Shelter. Take an ornament from the tree, bring the unwrapped items back to church, drop any gift cards at the Welcome Desk. Donations accepted until Sunday, December 15. *Questions? Contact Jessica Haug (jhaug45@gmail.com).*

### Dedication Sunday: Stone Soup

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — Help fill our stone soup pot by bringing your pledge (vegetable) card any Sunday in November. On November 24, we will celebrate all the gifts of Peace United Church of Christ. What will you contribute to help us reach our goal and create our new recipe of growth?

### Community Thanksgiving Meal

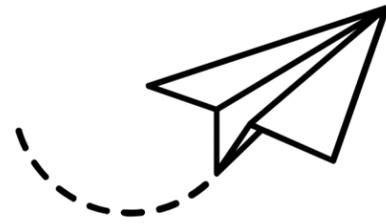
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24—Volunteers of all ages are needed to assist in set up and to serve a Thanksgiving Meal open to our community. A \$5 donation is suggested for adults. Children and youth eat free. *Volunteer to set up on Saturday; setup and serve on Sunday; provide a dessert or be part of the cleanup crew on Sunday. Signup online through the link in the eNews or at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Ed LeQuire (drlequire@gmail.com).*

### Little House on the Prairie Musical

FIRST THREE WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER— Once and Future Classics proudly presents, *Little House on the Prairie the Musical*. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, December 6, 7; 13, 14; 20, 21 at 7:30p; and Saturday, December 14 at 2p. *Event happens at Peace Church. Tickets cost \$20, available at onceandfutureclassics.org.*

# FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS AT 9:45A



## JOYFUL JOURNEY

Life is a journey.  
Let's travel together.

### November

#### 3: Being an Instrument of Blessing

**Affirmation:** *I wish only blessings for all.*

**Lectionary:** *Transforming Love.* Love leads us out of turmoil and into blessings and peace.

**PreK:** "Zacchaeus," *Jesus show us how to serve God and others.*

**Elementary:** "Brother Wolf," *I wish only blessings for all.*

**Teen:** Luke 19:1-10, *I wish only blessings for all.*

**Adult:** *Ranked Choice Voting, guest speakers Anna Froehling and Vangie Castro*

#### 10: Filling our Minds with Goodness

**Affirmation:** *I choose to fill my heart and mind with goodness.*

**Lectionary:** *Hold on to Faith.* I will give my attention to all the good I see in and around me and thank God for that goodness.

**PreK:** "The Sadducees Question," *Jesus is our teacher.*

**Elementary:** "Wild Mountain John," *I choose to fill my heart and mind with goodness.*

**Teen:** Luke 20:27-38, *I choose to fill my heart and mind with goodness.*

**Adult:** *Practical Action Steps for Political Change, Kathryn Lozada of Isaiah*

#### 17: Infinite Possibilities in Each Moment

**Affirmation:** *In each moment there are infinite possibilities.*

**Lectionary:** *Infinite Possibilities.* God creates new, joyful realities out of dark and desparate circumstances.

**PreK:** "God is Love Forever," *God loves me, no matter what!*

**Elementary:** "Pulling Back the Curtain!" *In each moment there are infinite possibilities.*

**Teen:** Luke 21:5-19, *In each moment there are infinite possibilities.*

**Adult:** TBA

#### 24: Thanksgiving & Hospitality

**Affirmation:** *We can work together to build community by practicing gratitude and acts of service.*

**Lectionary:** *Together in Christ,* God gathers people together.

**All Ages:** Table decoration crafts; setup and service of meal.

**Also Happening:** Community Thanksgiving Meal, 12p



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

NOV 3	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Eric Theuer	Choir	Deborah Schroeder
11a	David Schmitt	Joy ONEVOICE	Marie Neher

*Daylight Savings*

*All Saints Sunday*

*Confirmation 12:30p; Highway Cleanup 1p*

NOV 10	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Eric Theuer	Bells	Tammy Rider
11a	David Schmitt	Peace ONEVOICE	Rocky Buchanan

*Confirmation 12:30p*

*Children and Teen Event: Air Insanity 4p*

NOV 17	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Eric Theuer	TBD	Debby Adams
11a	David Schmitt	Joy ONEVOICE	Lexie Walton Eryn Wortman

*All Church Potluck 12p*

*Fellowship Potluck 12:15p*

NOV 24	Council Member	Special Music	Read Aloud
8:30a	Eric Theuer	Choir	TBD
11a	David Schmitt	Peace ONEVOICE	Marie Neher

*Dedication Sunday*

#### BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

## November Birthdays

- 01 Bryce Bjork, Jackson Esau, Robert Lee, Hariett Pfeifer
- 02 Chloe Regal, Ramona Trchsel
- 03 Trey Peterson, Diane Shanks
- 04 Killian Bennett, Isabella Bjork, Kaleb Siewert
- 06 Astrid Jacobs, Jean Schafer
- 07 Zachary Basballe, Mary Karlstad, Elena Kesselring, Timothy Liebenow, Anna Thompson
- 09 Yvonne Rust
- 11 Bryan Johnson
- 13 Ann Gerlach, Olivia Regal, Kaylee Wortman
- 14 Dana Molitor
- 16 Ben Jensen, Jacob Savage
- 17 Thomas McLaurin
- 18 Tracy Doffing
- 19 Harrison Esau
- 20 Morgan Cozik, Olivia Schmitt
- 21 Kalia Edmonds, Kathy Markee
- 23 Kaian Harmon
- 25 Lucas Diekvoss
- 26 Stacy LeQuire
- 27 Dale Corfits, Matt Knoepke, Aggie Salzwedel
- 28 Caleb Burkhard
- 29 Gerald Bentz, Alex Sunnock

### Fellowship Lunch

- NOVEMBER 3: Team Awesome!
- NOVEMBER 10: Team Rock Stars!
- NOVEMBER 17: All-Church Potluck
- NOVEMBER 24: Thanksgiving Meal

### All-Church Potluck

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17—Many hands make light work, and a delicious lunch! Bring something to share and stay to clean up. Pick up a spoon from the Welcome Desk to sign up for which item you will bring.