



NOVEMBER 2016 CARILLON

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Tuesday - Closed

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

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As we approach November and the season of Thanksgiving, I've found that my gratitude muscles have been getting more of a workout lately. As the weather has taken on a new chill, I find myself grateful for a roof over my head and a warm place to call home. As we anticipate our favorite Thanksgiving delicacies (hello, sweet potatoes!), I am grateful that I don't have to worry about where my next meal will come from, or if there will be enough for my family.

In the midst of gratitude, there is also a sting of need that is felt in this community: those who do not have a place to call home, a warm place to rest, or food to fill their bellies. This Advent season, we will prepare the way for Jesus: Emmanuel, God with us. We will remember how Mary and Joseph, expecting their baby at any moment, went searching for a safe place to stay on the way to Bethlehem. And we will offer Christian hospitality and a safe, warm place to stay, to those in our community who need it.

This year we will be hosting Hope at the Inn, Delta County's rotating homeless shelter, December 18th - December 24th. It takes an all-hands-on-deck approach to make this vital ministry happen. Whether it's cooking meals, checking folks in, or taking an overnight shift, Hope at the Inn is a chance for us to reach out, making our faith real and tangible at a time when it's so easy to focus on ourselves. Though Advent and Christmastime feel like far away right now, I know from experience that Christmas has a way of arriving before we know it!

Hope at the Inn will be offering a Volunteer Training on **Monday, November 7th at 7pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church**. As we approach this holiday season, I hope you will prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve – and celebrate – God's incarnational love this Christmas season.

Let's be the Church,

Pastor Elise

ROSES & THORNS

If you have a concern or compliment to pass along to the (SPRC), Staff Parish Relations Committee, please fill out a card and let us know your thoughts. Cards can be found in the church pews. Your opinions are important to us and we will address each concern and/or compliment.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers for Sunday Worship should call the church at 786-0643 or sign the sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$18 and the flowers give our altar a fresh look.

COFFEE HOUR NEWS

Each Sunday members of Central serve coffee and provide a treat from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. It is a time to talk and share with friends.



Thanks to Barb Kubont, Lynn Kositzke, Lois Lavelle, Deanna Robinette, Connie and Mike Duchaine, and the Senior High Group for the treats in September and October. Please watch for the sign up sheet for a chance to serve your friends. If you have any questions call Barb Kubont at 789-0421.

NOVEMBER COFFEE HOSTS

06 Women's Sunday School Class
13
20
27

PRAYER WHEEL

If you or a loved one wish to be remembered in prayer please call Diane Bennett at 786-4069, Leona Williams at 786-1730 or the office at 786-0643 and your prayer request will be circulated and Pastor will be informed. If you feel called to this ministry, please let Pastor Elise know.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

How do we thank you
for your faith, to your call?
For all that you do for us,
be it large or small?

The time you spend
to teach us HIS Truth
the studying late to
give us concrete proof?

All the early mornings
spent pleading in prayer
The hospital visits
to show us you care

Your kindness holds steady
when we fall apart
Your patience to show us
ONCE AGAIN—the start!

Your labor is often
without our reward
still you strive to feed us
the meat of HIS SWORD

So with these few words
for all that you do
we are grateful to God
for giving us YOU!

FOOD PANTRY

The number of people needing the aid of the food assistance programs is increasing locally due to rising food costs, fuel costs, loss of jobs, and home heating prices. Prayerfully consider bringing food donations weekly to help supply the Salvation Army Food Bank. Monetary donations can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed/brought to the office.

NOVEMBER GREETERS

06 Marge Jewell, Sue Gaudette
13 Anita Kositzky, Volunteer
20 Harry Badge, Volunteer
27 Bob Hamlin, Volunteer

HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund during these difficult economic times. The funds are for Central members who are facing urgent financial challenges and in need of assistance. All help is strictly confidential. See Pastor Donna for assistance.

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

The next Lunch with the Pastor is tentatively set for Wednesday, **November 30th** at 11:50 a.m. This is open to all Esby High School students in grades 10-12. Join Pastor Elise and the Kitchen Crew for a yummy meal and friendly conversation!

NOVEMBER USHERS

06 Anna Morse, Bev Ladin
Pat/Pat Rogers
13 Wendy DeRouin, Laura Kluka
Melissa Kressin, Arleen Martin
20 Lee/Verna Anderson
Bob Hamlin, Beth Peterson
27 Harry Badge, Erik Barnhart
Janet Snowden, Kaylan Thorbahn

PASTIES

November 11, 2016 is the date for our next pasty sale. Thursday, November 10, volunteers are needed to



make and roll dough, cut potatoes/onions, beginning at 8:00 a.m. until noon. Friday, Sale Day & Pick Up Day, workers are needed to make pasties, cook and clean-up beginning at 8:00 a.m. Plain and rutabaga pasties are available. Cost is \$4.00 Get your order in early by calling the parish office at 786-0643 or Arleen Martin at 233-9194. This is the last pasty sale until 2017!

Orders must be in no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016.



ON THE ROAD

Safe journey to all as you travel to spend time with family and friends this holiday.

JOIN CENTRAL UMC ON FACEBOOK

~ **Web: EscanabaCentralUMC.org**

NOVEMBER



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with
Children's Church

NURSERY CARE

Children ages 4 and younger are invited to join Joni Elliott any time on Sunday mornings from 9:00 thru the 10:30 worship service.

ELEMENTARY

(Readiness Kindergarten - 5th grade)
Sunday School teachers Catherine Lindberg and Pat and Pat Rogers will lead students in Bible Study along with playing games, creating crafts, or making a treat. Students will meet in Room 7.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP

Wendy DeRouin and Lee Anderson will guide these students through their transition from child to teen with games, discussions and mission projects. This class meets in Room 8 at 9:15 every Sunday morning and is for students in grades 6 - 8.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Holly Hamilton invites those of you in grades 9 thru 12 for a morning of open discussion about teen topics every Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Chapel.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Attention children ages 4 through 2nd grade: After the children's message, you will be guided to the chapel where an adult leader will lead you in praying, singing and learning Bible stories. You will return to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn (or before communion on Communion Sundays). We look forward to seeing you there.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join the Women's Group in Room #9 on Sunday mornings at 9:15. They are studying "Relying on the Holy Spirit." Check it out!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday morning a Bible Study Group meets in the Lounge from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Study is based on the Scriptures used in Sunday worship offering a chance to integrate Sunday's worship into our lives throughout the week. You can join in at any time.



NOVEMBER MINISTRY NIGHT

Will be Thursday, **November 17th** with the Committees at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Council at 7:15 p.m.



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

LOVING FINGERS QUILTERS

The Loving Fingers Quilters continue to meet in Room #9 Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They make quilts for Escanaba and Marquette Hospice and members of our church or anyone we know who would find a little comfort in a quilt. Our group is made up of young and old, sewers and non-sewers. Please join us for a day, a morning, or an afternoon of good friendship.

NOVEMBER FINANCE STEWARDS

06 Laura Kluka, Lois Lavelle
13 Cheryl Swanson, Christine Oswald
20 Janet Snowden, Bev Ladin
27 Laura Kluka, Cheryl Swanson

THANKSGIVING DINNER

It's time again to prepare for the Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. For over 30 years people from all walks of life will work together to prepare and serve an old fashioned Thanksgiving Dinner to anyone in the area who will be alone on Thanksgiving Day. Again this year, the Girl Scout Troops will be leading the effort, and the meal is to be served at the Escanaba Area Senior High School Cafeteria. Volunteers are needed for all parts of the big day's activities. To volunteer to help, or to donate food, call the Community Foundation for Delta County at 786-6654. Reservations for the meal, for a ride, or to have a meal delivered, can be made thru Community Action at 786-7080.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, **November 6, 2016**, we will celebrate All Saints Day by remembering those special people who have been part of our church and part of our lives but have now joined the church triumphant. During worship we will light candles in memory of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have passed on in the past year. You will also have an opportunity during the service to speak the names of your loved ones who have passed and light a candle in their memory. Plan to be part of this special service as we remember those we loved and those who loved us.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in need of prayers for healing, strength, and courage during an illness or challenging time: Kattie Bone, Erla Flippin, Jennett Hamilton, Melissa Kressin, Don Lavelle, Lola Ness, Fay Nygaard, Hjalmar Olson, Jeanne Roberts and Grace Roy. God bless you and keep you in His loving care knowing our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 AM on the dial airs the 10:30 worship service each Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast, there is a clipboard in the Narthex if you wish to sign up for a certain date. Cost for this service is \$100 per week. You can donate the full \$100 or any portion of the broadcast.



RADIO BROADCAST TURNS 75

Has Central's Radio broadcast been a meaningful ministry in your life? Do you have a favorite memory or story that you wouldn't have had without the radio broadcast? As the broadcast turns 75, we are collecting stories - big and small - of what the broadcast ministry has meant in the life of our church and the greater community. If you have a story to share, contact the church office at 786-0643, or send an email to pastor@escanabacentral.org.

UPDATE ON HOPE AT THE INN

We will have 21 shifts from **December 18-25**. We will need two volunteers (at least one must be male) for each shift. We will also need some evening meals. Thank you for your response to this vital project. Please watch for sign-up sheets in early December.



"Dad's thankful service finished in time to rush home and see the big game!"



Turn you clocks back one hour before retiring for the evening on Saturday, **November 5, 2016**.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

United Methodist Student Day, Sunday, **November 27, 2016** is one of the six Sundays in which our denomination collects a special offering. God calls us to join together as loving Christians, eager to help others achieve their potential through education. Because of your offering:

- Undergraduate students attending United Methodist related schools receive scholarships
- Undergraduates and graduates benefit from student loans
- Each year monies are returned to annual conferences for merit scholarship awards to students of their choosing.

Please give generously on United Methodist Student Day, the last Sunday in November. Your gift makes a world of difference.

ELECTION DAY COMMUNION

On Tuesday, **November 8, 2016** (Election Day) Central and First UMC's will be joining for a pizza supper followed by the Lord's Supper. Sharing communion together is a helpful way for us to affirm our allegiance to Christ and our unity as the church. Pizza @6:15pm, Service @7:00pm.

VETERAN'S DAY (November 11, 2016)

Memorial Day is often confused with Veterans Day. Why? According to the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT AND HANGING OF THE GREENS

The 1st Sunday of Advent is **November 27, 2016**. Join us in the sanctuary following the Sunday service that day as we "hang the greens" and decorate the Christmas tree!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thursday, **November 20th**, a Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 5:00 p.m. The service will include a time of gathering, an opportunity to return thanks to God for his blessings, and reflections on the texts for the day given by various pastors in the area.

AN ELECTION DAY PRAYER

O Lord, God of every nation, we give you praise for our country, the land that we love and for which we are your stewards. We boldly call our land "one nation under God." O Lord may it be so! May every citizen's heart be turned to you. May our vow be to work and pray for your kingdom to be "on earth as it is in heaven."

We come to you on this Election Day to seek your mind and your will as we prepare to cast our ballots. Guide our minds, guide our hearts and guide our hands as we make decisions about important issues.

We especially ask guidance as we choose a candidate to become president of our blessed land. Keep us from being foolishly prejudiced or biased. May our minds be fair and our decision wise as we weigh the merits of each candidate.

At the end of the day, may we be at peace with one another and vow to work diligently to help our nation truly be united. Amen.

God Help Us!

LESSON LEARNED

Some time after Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions were rescued while floating for 21 days on a life raft in the Pacific Ocean, he was asked, "What is the biggest lesson you learned from that experience?" "The greatest lesson I learned," he answered, "is that if you have all the fresh water you want to drink and all the food you want to eat, you ought never to complain about anything."

If you have those basic things, give thanks for them this Thanksgiving Day ... and every day.