



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From the Pastor...

November 2023 Newsletter

November 1st is All Saints' Day. It is a day where we are invited to pause and remember those sisters and brothers in faith that have shown us God and now are with Christ in the resurrection. This remembrance is both a time of grief where we acknowledge the losses that we have experienced by no longer having those people we love close to us. It is also a time of thanksgiving for the gifts that God has given us through their lives and witness.

This year Living Hope partnered with Dickson Hollow to hold a Service of Remembrance to celebrate and mourn the approximately 30 individuals connected with Dickson Hollow that have died in the past year. Realizing that number of people connected with Dickson Hollow have died this past year and that there have been seven memorial services for folks connected to Living Hope in 2023 puts the sense of loss that many in our community might be feeling into perspective. The loss of friends and companions, partners and spouses profoundly affect us. The loss of someone who we may not have known well, but saw regularly can leave a small hole in our lives, where we miss the brief conversations or even the simple nods of hello. The loss of a spouse of 50 or 60 years can leave us without part of ourselves; figuring out how to function without them can be debilitating.

Losses leave us charting a world that can feel unfamiliar or even foreign. In order to live through our losses, we have to take time to acknowledge them, recognizing those things that brings us grief and sadness. Avoiding those feelings, pushing them away, can be a strategy at first so we aren't overwhelmed by the experience. However, if we continually do that, eventually the sense of loss will catch up to us and demand our attention, even if we don't recognize it as connected to particular losses.

But the other part of All Saints' remembrances is also necessary for us as we tend our losses. We also need to take time to remember those things that we have to give thanks for. Giving thanks



for the gifts that we have received from those friends who have died, recognizing how God has worked through them in our lives, is crucial for living with grief. By remembering gratitude, we see how those things that are no longer tangibly with us still are present in a different way. We are able to cultivate memories that inspire and comfort; we are able to see how life has shifted since that time bringing new challenges and opportunities; we are able to recognize how God has been present through it all and will continue to be with us even when we are experiencing a new loss.

As we observe All Saints' Day this year, we are indeed invited to remember and mourn the losses that we have experienced in our lives. We are also invited to join in gratitude for what God has done for us in the lives and experiences that have passed into God's eternal care. May we do both in this time.

In Christ,

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Purpose After Retirement and Beyond



Thursday, Nov 9

1-2 pm in Fellowship Hall



Dedication Sunday - November 12.

Holiday Blues

Coping with loss, grief, or change

Join us for a community conversation as we explore ways to navigate the uncertainties of the holidays when we are experiencing loss, grief or change. Light meal will be served. Truly everyone is welcome to this **FREE** event!

REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED
SCAN QR CODE BELOW OR
EMAIL US AT
LOCALCOMMUNITYCONVERSATIONS@GMAIL.COM



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
YOU ARE SEEN. HEARD. NOT ALONE.

Nov 11, 2023 

11:00 am - 1:00 pm 

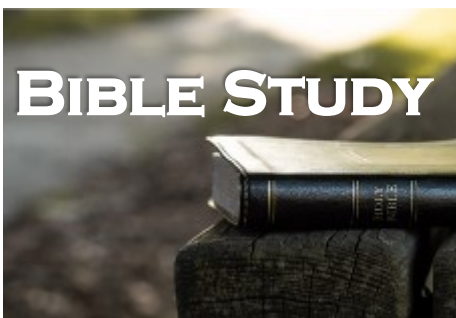
Forest Park Church
2300 S. Sunny Slope Rd 
New Berlin, WI
Fellowship Hall
262-786-5850 



Food Pantry Sunday

First Sunday of each month

Food Pantry Sunday
Nov 5 Dec 3 Jan 7



Monday Bible Study

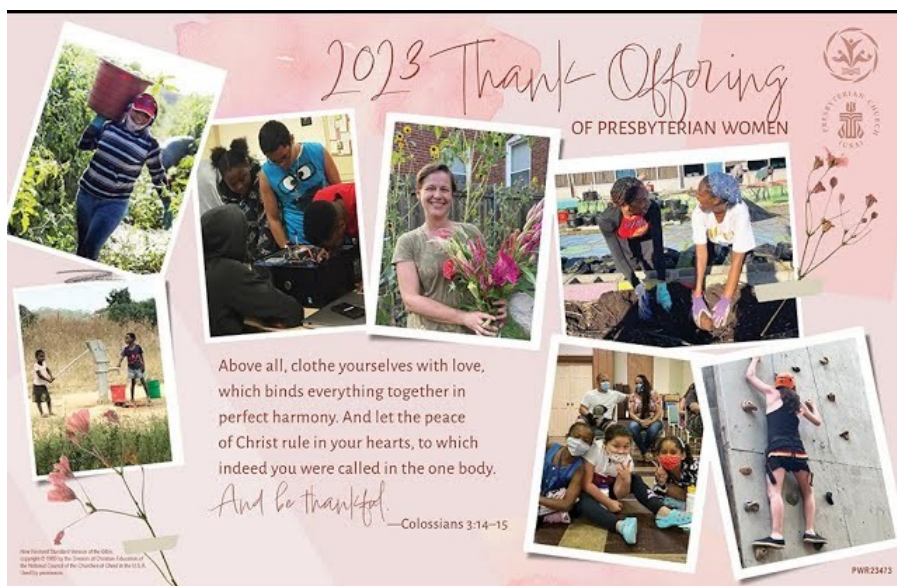
Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966.

Nov 6	Matthew 25:1-13; Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	for Nov 12
Nov 13	Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	for Nov 19
Nov 20	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-46	for Nov 26
Nov 27	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19; Luke 1:1-23	for Dec 3

Thank Offering

On Sunday, November 19, we will dedicate the 2023 Thank Offering. This offering supports grants to fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and more. Won't you help to alleviate the suffering of others? Please mark your check or envelope "THANK."



Thank you for your generosity.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of September 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD	\$105,568.09	\$ 82,197.00	\$ 23,371.09
Total Expense - YTD	\$120,319.32	\$ 114,975.00	\$ (5,344.32)
Net Income - YTD September 30, 2023	\$(14,751.23)	\$(32,778.00)	\$ 18,026.77
Unrestricted Funds as of September 30, 2023	\$319,650.23		

THANKFUL NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Nov.	2 9-12:30 Office Hours	3	4
5 10 AM Worship - with communion   Food Pantry Sunday First Sunday of each month	6 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH 	7	8	9 9-12:30 Office Hours 1-2 pm Purpose Conversation	10	11
12 10 AM Worship	13 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	14 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	15	16 9-12:30 Office Hours	17	18 10:30 AM Service for Elsie Haws @ LHPC
19 10 AM Worship - Thank Offering 11:30 AM Session	20 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH 11 AM Worship Committee	21	22	23 Office Closed 	24	25
26 10 AM Worship	27 8:30-12:30 Office Hours 9:45 AM Bible Study—FH	28	29	30 9-12:30 Office Hours	1 December	2
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Advent begins on Sunday, Dec 3. Devotionals will be available after Thanksgiving - please start on Dec 1. </div>						



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

November Prayer Calendar



Birthdays

Anniversary Wishes to:

The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:

Condolences to Mike and family on the death of Ginny McBride.

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Please let the office know so we can
update our files.

Average October Attendance

In person:	37
Zoom/livestream:	11
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Total Average Attendance:	48

Advent Devotional - available starting Nov 26

Our devotional for Advent this year is inspired by the work of Henri Nouwen - A Little Child shall lead them.

Copies will be available at church on Sundays starting on Nov 26.

Advent starts on December 3.



NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Ends
First Sunday Food Pantry



NOVEMBER 12

Dedication Sunday



NOVEMBER 19



Thanksgiving
Thank Offering

NOVEMBER 26

Christ the King Sunday -
End of the Church Year

Look for your Advent Devotionals at church
to pick up or in the mail.



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Clerk of Session: Kathryn Fresch

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Church Musician: Teresa Ledford

2023 Session Members: Karl Bertram, Michael Brady, Dorothy Dieter, Kathryn Fresch, Curtis MacDonald,
Mike McBride and Marcia Sinner

2023 Deacons: (A-B) Tom Tennyson (C-F) Ann Tennyson (G-K) Diane DeBoer – Moderator
(L-O) Cherie Andrus (P-R) Karen Stephan (S-Z) Ken DeBoer