

also mentioned improvements (paint, carpeting) to the parsonage master bedroom might be in order. The purchase of a U.S. and Christian Flag set for the church sanctuary was approved (approx. \$320). Communion wafers were purchased from Jacobs and Meidl. Pastor presented the Council with a letter that can be used to contact members who we have not had contact with in some time. John Vorwerk said he will be available to take care of snow removal at the church this winter. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.



Our Response of Faith — November 13, 2011

Attendance: 21

Unified Budget	\$395.00
Total.....	\$395.00

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CHRIST IS KING!

NOVEMBER 20, 2011 – 22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR - "CHRIST THE KING" SUNDAY)

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 47, pg. 134

Organist: Laura Heinze

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 339 - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Pastor: The Invocation

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 "I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. 16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." ... 23 "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them -- My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 "And I, the

church for those willing to help contribute to "Christmas Bags" for participants in this year's December 19 Children's Christmas service.

- **"Sheep & Shepherds" Sign-up Sheet:** Retired CLC Pastor Dale Redlin, has recently authored a devotional book entitled "Sheep & Shepherds". The book is currently available at a special price of \$12 per book. If you are interested in purchasing this book through a church order, please indicate that by means of the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church sanctuary. Checks should be made payable to "Faith Lutheran".
- **November Women of Faith Meeting Minutes:** The November 11, 2011 Women of Faith meeting opened with a continuing devotional study concerning the topic of angels. The meeting was hosted at the apartment of Myra Geslin, with three ladies present, plus Pastor Libby. Marge Spoor gave the treasurer's report showing an opening balance of \$385.90 and a closing balance of \$404.90. Christmas bags for participants in the Christmas Children's service on Sunday, Dec. 19, were discussed; 25 bags will be made up. A sign-up sheet will be set out at church for donation of Christmas bag items. There was a discussion of church Christmas decorating. The next Women of Faith meeting will be in January 2012. The meeting adjourned with prayer.
- **November Church Council Meeting Minutes:** The November 13, 2011 meeting of Faith's Church Council meeting opened with prayer. There were five men present, plus Pastor Libby. An informal reading of minutes for the October meeting was given. John Vorwerk gave the Treasurer's report, showing an October opening balance of the church checking account at 23,871.74, with a closing October balance of 22,259.30. There was some discussion of the Mission Festival Sunday offering designation. It was determined the offering should be designated for the CLC's general budget, from which the CLC's mission program is supported. There was a discussion of guest-preacher compensation. A speaker fee of \$50 will be paid to guest-preachers. When a guest-speaker is serving both Grace-Sleepy Eye and Faith, Faith will pay half of the federal rate for mileage; when a guest-speaker is serving only Faith, Faith will pay the full federal rate for mileage. John Vorwerk reported that there have been two recent showings of the church parsonage, but no interest from prospective renters at this point. There was discussion of an additional newspaper ad advertising the parsonage. John

on the head. 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

“The Kind of King Jesus Is”

The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with
Thy free spirit.*

Hymn 367 - *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 341 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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Announcements

- **Wednesday** — Thanksgiving Eve worship here at Faith begins at 7 p.m.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Rose Iverson:** Rose Iverson will be undergoing a surgical procedure this week to help alleviate some foot problems she has been enduring. Please remember Rose in your prayers.
- **Christmas Bags Sign-Up:** A sign-up sheet will be posted here at

LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. (Psalm 24:10)* Alleluia!

People: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 188 - *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

The Sermon – Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him