



THE BANNER

November 2021

A Thanksgiving Reflection

"Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule overall. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

During the month of November our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving. On Sunday, November 7, many churches will gather to give thanks to God for the lives of those who died in the Lord for their witness. On November 11 we will pray a petition of Thanksgiving those who have served our country in the military. On November 25, many of us will gather with our families and celebrate Thanksgiving Day by feasting, visiting, and catching up on one another's lives, especially if you have been separated for quite some time. For some it will be a time to reflect a bit on the many blessings we have experienced throughout the year and giving thanks to God for all those blessings. November is a month that offers ample opportunities for thanksgiving.

King David in the scripture above is doing just that. He is giving thanks to God. If you thought it strange to choose a Scripture passage from 1 Chronicles as the focus of a Thanksgiving article, that is the reason. This scripture reminds us that Thanksgiving Day did not begin with the Puritans. Our Christian roots go back to God's people of the Old Testament. God's people have always been people of thanksgiving. The verses are what I call a "Blessed are you, O Lord..." First of all, David gives us a description of who our Lord God is in the verses that follow. We have a God of greatness and power and glory and victory and majesty. His is the kingdom. He is exalted as head above all. All strength comes from Him. All that is in heaven and earth comes from His creative hand. All that is in heaven and earth are His. May this give us a sense of wonder and awe of who God is. As we think about Thanksgiving, we could benefit from a bit more of reverence for our God. Secondly, as we reflect on who God is and give thanks to him for all His gifts and blessings, what do we really need to worry about? Everything is in God's loving hand.

Our family (my wife's side of the family) has the tradition of doing just that. Before we dig into the meal, we go around the circle of twenty-five or so each taking a turn to offer a thanksgiving or a blessing we have experienced. As the family went around the circle offering what they were thankful for I noticed that many were thanking God for: good health, for healing from a serious disease, for closeness of family, for a job to earn a living, for delightful grandchildren, for safe travel from far places to be with everyone, and for the meal we were about to eat. And they were giving all credit to our Lord for these gifts. Of course, there were many other thanksgivings, and I am sure you can come up many others as they apply to your lives. At end one of my nieces offered this moving Thanksgiving: "For God loving us and sending His only Son Jesus to save us from our sins and giving us eternal life. "She was thankful for Jesus. Yes, we do have much to be thankful for this year. Yes, most of all we as God's people rejoice in the Lord for all He has done for us in Jesus Christ. With a God like this what do we have to worry about. May our lives be full of Thanksgiving and "Blessed are You O Lord..." throughout the all the years of our lives.

Blessed are You, O Lord, Our God, King of the Universe. We give you thanks foy Your steadfast love which endures forever; for giving us all that we need to live, our lives, our families, homes, food and clothing, land and animals; We give You thanks for Your love in Jesus Your Son, to offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin and to restore our relationship to You, O Lord; and lead us all into lives of thanksgiving by Your Holy Spirit to become the people You intend for us to be. Amen

Your Thankful Pastor,

David

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held 7PM Sunday November 21, 2021, at the Laurens United Methodist Church.



Reminder: When to turn back your clocks this fall to end daylight saving time

The Laurens UMC would like to invite you all following worship on **Sunday, November 7** to join us for walking tacos and ice cream sundaes! Free will donation. Kaye Van Genderen & Connie Dallenbach will be serving. Please add this info. to your church bulletins. Thanks so much!

Bible Reading Plan for the Disciples of Bethany

...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel... Philippians 1:27b

Monday, November 1	All Saints Day Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17 Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday, November 2	Jeremiah 44:1-14 1 Corinthians 15:30-50
Wednesday, November 3	Lamentations 1:1-12; 2:8-15 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Thursday, November 4	Ezra 1:1-11 1 Corinthians 16:1-9
Friday, November 5	Ezra 3:1-13 1 Corinthians 16:10-24
Saturday, November 6	Ezra 4:7, 11-24 Philemon 1-25
Sunday, November 7	Haggai 1:1-2, 9 Acts 18:24-19:7
Monday, November 8	Zechariah 1:7-17 Revelation 1:4-20
Tuesday, November 9	Ezra 5:1-17 Revelations 4:1-11
Wednesday, November 10	Ezra 6:1-22 Revelation 5:1-10
Thursday, November 11	Nehemiah 1:1-11 Revelation 5:11-6:11
Friday, November 12	Nehemiah 2:1-20 Revelation 6:12-7:4
Saturday, November 13	Nehemiah 4:1-23 Revelation 4:4-17
Sunday, November 14	Nehemiah 5:1-19 Acts 20:7-12

Monday, November 15	Nehemiah 6:1-19 Revelation 1:4-20
Tuesday, November 16	Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47 Revelation 11:1-19
Wednesday, November 17	Nehemiah 13:4-22 Revelation 12:1-12
Thursday, November 18	Ezra 7:1-26 Revelation 14:1-13
Friday, November 19	Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36 Revelation 15:1-8
Saturday, November 20	Ezra 7:1-26 Revelation 17:1-14
Sunday, November 21	Isaiah 19:19-25 Romans 15:5-13
Monday, November 22	Joel 3:1-2, 9-17 1 Peter 1:1-12
Tuesday, November 23	Nahum 1:1-13 1 Peter 13-22
Wednesday, November 24	Obadiah 15-21 1 Peter 2:1-10
Thursday, November 25	Zephaniah 3:1-13 1 Peter 2:11-25
Friday, November 26	Isaiah 24:14-23 1 Peter 3:13-4-6
Saturday, November 27	Micah 7:11-20 1 Peter 4:7-19
Sunday, November 28	Amos 1:1-5, 13, 2:8 Luke 21:5-19
Monday, November 29	Amos 2:6-16; 3:1-11 Matthew 21:1-22
Tuesday, November 30	Deuteronomy 30:11-14 Matthew 4:18-22

Mentors Needed!

Help set a positive example for a Sioux Central Middle Schooler by providing support, friendship, and encouragement for the 2021-2022 School Year through our new Rebels Mentoring Program!

For more information please contact,

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Request to Provide Altar Flowers for 2021



If you wish to provide altar flowers for church during 2021, please complete this form. Please place it the offering plate or mail it to: Shirley McKiernan, 313 2nd St., Laurens, IA 50554 *Thank you.*

Name of person providing flowers: _____

Date desired: _____

Do you want to provide flowers on this same date from year to year? yes no

Information needed for Sunday bulletin:

Altar Flowers in Loving Memory of: _____

From: _____

Or Altar Flowers

From: _____

Please contact Shirley McKiernan, 841-2637, if you have any questions.



In case of emergency contact
 Pastor David Klappenbach
 712-841-2181 (Office)
 712-841-2532 Home)
 419-603-8350 (Cell)

Services are currently being live streamed on Facebook

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November 7-Tom Anderson

November 21-Jim Hodgell

Alter Guild November- Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

Coffee Fellowship & Potluck

November 7

1. Linda Galbraith
2. Myles & Shirley Pedersen

November 14

1. Ken & Pat Boughey (CP)
2. Dorothy Smith

November 21 Potluck

1. Rich & Marilyn Ehlers (CP)
2. Ken & Pat Boughey
3. Shirley Mckiernan

November 28

1. John & Marci Runneberg (CP)
2. Mark Raasch

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Name	Marriage	November
Armstrong, Dean & Eloise	11-02	
Jamison, Dawn		11-10
Nomann, Jim		11-20
Roling, Eli		11-29

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:00-W/M mtg	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight savings time ends 10:30-Worship w/Communion All Saints Sunday	8	9 7:30AM Prayer Meeting 9:30-Morning Coffee	10 7:00PM- Council mtg	11	12	13
14 10:30-Worship 5-6:30PM Youth Group @ UMC	15	16 7:30AM Prayer Meeting 9:30-Morning Coffee	17	18	19	20
21 10:30-Worship w/Communion Potluck -Christ the King Sunday Ecumenical Church Service 7PM @ UMC	22	23 7:30AM Prayer Meeting 9:30-Morning Coffee	24	25	26	27
28 10:30-Worship 5-6:30PM Youth Group @ UMC	29	30 7:30AM Prayer Meeting 9:30-Morning Coffee	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship/Coffee- 9:30 Adult SS- 9:15 Youth SS- 9:30 Worship-10:30 </div>			

Council Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church
September 8, 2021
7:00 PM

Present:

Dean Armstrong
Rich Ehlers
Jim Hodgell
Pastor Klappenbach
Julie Dawson
Myles Pedersen
Jean Swanson

Absent

Mark Raasch
John Runneberg
Linda Galbraith

Others: Marilyn Ehlers, Shirley Pedersen

Rich Ehlers noted that we had a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Pastor Klappenbach provided an opening devotion and prayer.

After a review of the minutes, corrections were noted. Jim Hodgell moved to approve the minutes and Dean Armstrong provided the second. Motion carried.

Shirley Pedersen reported that the Potluck fund has \$1149.19, Bethany received \$30,000.00 from the Bertha Olson family and \$245.00 from the Bill Edmonds family both are being held temporarily in the Memorial Fund.

Marilyn Ehlers reported that as of the end of August we had \$616.52 and as of today's meeting \$2309.96.

Jim Hodgell moved to accept the Financial Reports, a second was made by Pastor Klappenbach. Motion carried.,

Pastor Klappenbach reported that in August he drove 328 miles, he did the following visitations 12 home, 3 nursing, 1 office, 1 business, 2 community and 1 phone for a total of 20 visitations for the month, he also did the service at the Laurens Care Center.

He met with the Youth board on August 15. The Youth Group will start meeting on September 26th and go thru Oct in the United Methodist Church.

The Pastors discipleship class will begin on September 16th.

The Iowa Mission District Convocation is Saturday September 11th.

Old Business:

1. Iowa Mission District Flood Bucket-Supplies are coming in for the flood buckets. Dean Armstrong will take the supplies to the IA. District Convocation on Saturday.
2. Jim Hodgell moved to change the voting delegate for the convocation be change to Dean Armstrong. Pastor Klappenbach made a second to the motion. Motion carried.
3. Dean Armstrong made a motion to donate \$500.00 from the Farm Discretionary account to help build more flood buckets. A second was made by Pastor Klappenbach. Motion carried.

New Business: No new Business

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Christian Education met on September 1st. Rally Sunday was discussed and will be on September 19th with music, games, singing in the church and potluck grill out (bring salads, (Jean will bring beans). Students, teachers, and curriculum were discussed, students will be divided by older students and younger students. We will continue to use Sola materials. Teachers will have a rotating schedule and installed on Rally Sunday.

Youth Group will begin at the United Methodist Church on September 26th, with pizza and a movie. Snacks will be popcorn, M&Ms, and pop.

Christmas program and trees were also discussed.

Growth and Sharing: We are currently preparing for the September 19th. Brats and franks will be grilled for the potluck, buns and meat are ordered.

The Laurens-Marathon school supply items were collected, counted 7 delivered. Twenty different items were collected and a total of 193 items were donated.

The next Growth and Sharing meeting is scheduled for October 7th.

Tech: No report

Stewardship: No report

Property & Farm: The committee will need to seal the parsonage deck. The parsonage walk-thru went ok with some minor on the spot repairs by Jim Hodgell. Don Fuchs has agreed to do snow removal again this year. Jim will also talk with John Runneberg about the northeast door for the garage.

Worship & Music: Worship & Music met on September 7th. They reviewed the services for September and October, also Rally Sunday on September 19th.

Memorial: No report.

Next Meeting is October 13th, 2021.

Jim Hodgell moved that we adjourn with Prayer requests and the Lords Prayer. Jean Swanson made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

Dean Armstrong
Recording Secretary

