



BROADCASTER

Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“Oh give thanks to the
Lord, for his good, for his
steadfast love endures
forever!”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thanksgiving again – NOW WHAT?

Thanksgiving is coming. It is a time when we are willing to live with high gas prices and crowded airport security lines in order to come together with family and friends. It is a time for us to roll ourselves up to tables which are groaning under the weight of a sacrificial turkey with all the ‘trimmings’ and a sliver of pie. If you are in charge of this calorie-laden extravaganza for your loved ones, you surely will move forward with the concentration of a general planning an invasion.

If you are a serious shopper who has all Black Friday deals circled, you may be sharpening your machetes so they can cut a swath through the crowds and be first in line for the super-sale. And others, well, others of us will make plans to oil the buttons on our TV remote control and memorize the schedule for the football games. (continued on the next page)

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SOLVEIG ZAMZOW

Really, hardly any of these beloved Thanksgiving traditions have a great deal to do with "giving thanks." I want to be fair: we are thankful. We give thanks for reasonable health, a decent job, good relationships, loving children, faithful spouses, and our nation. Therefore, it is indeed right and salutary that we come together in worship and prayer, praising Him from whom all blessings flow.

Still, in our more honest moments, we might well end up confessing that going to Thanksgiving worship is a major speed bump which serves to slow down the stampede to the banquet table. After all, Thanksgiving is not a High Feast Day in the church (here, I just gave you the perfect excuse – remember it!).

And yet: we know we shouldn't feel that way! We want our thanks to be sincere, but something seems to be missing; something seems to be wrong. Deep down inside of us, where nobody else can hear, there is a nagging and a gnawing that seems to short-circuit our thanksgivings and keeps us searching for a special something which can miraculously make us thankful. That little voice of discontent keeps urging us, driving us, teasing us. It says we can only be thankful when we are content. It tells us we can only be content when we have enough. And then it tells us we will never have enough.

Scripture says, **"Godliness, with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim 6:6)**. And still, our little voices tell us that we need just one more thing to be truly fulfilled. The reality of life is this: nobody and no possession has the ability to make you secure. Nothing, at least nothing in this world, can give you total peace.

Jesus, the ultimate reason for us to give thanks, was a story teller. One of his famous stories begins with a rich landowner who brought in a bumper crop. It was so big that his existing barns were obviously inadequate. His was the kind of problem that most farmers I know dream of. Stuck with this delightful dilemma, the man decided to tear down his old barns and build new ones to store the grain. After that he finally would be able to sit back and relax (Luke 12:16-19)

The farmer's plan seemed good on paper. Except: among the many things he had considered, among the many paths he thought his life might take, he never considered the possibility of death. He never thought he might need God's help and then Jesus says, "that night the man died." In spite of his plans, in spite of his wealth, in spite of his harvest, he died. His security was insecure; his future was fleeting; his tomorrows were terminated.

If we think you can live without God, we are mistaken. If we think we can be secure without God, we are wrong. If we think you can be content without Christ, we are incorrect. Earthly security is a myth. Thanksgiving only comes when the heart and the soul are secure.

With hearts and souls secure, the martyrs of Rome went to their death singing. They died in cruel ways, but they went thanking God. Saint Paul traveled the ancient world, hounded, hunted, persecuted; but he had a heart that was secure, a soul that could give thanks. He wrote to the church at Rome, "... nothing in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Do you see the great gift God is offering here? It is possible for us, in our lives, right now and always, to be secure; for our hearts, right now and always, to be filled with true thanksgiving. Having Jesus Christ as your Savior makes everything different. The way we see the world - different. The priorities of our lives - different. Our goals and the things which are important to us - different. Jesus, who was born to save us, who lived His life to rescue us, who fulfilled the law to free us from our sins, brings about a heart of thanksgiving. In Jesus we are safe and secure.

Here at Evangelical Lutheran we will observe Thanksgiving with an ecumenical **Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday evening, November 23rd at 7:00 pm**. The service will be preceded by a Soup Supper, starting at 6:00 pm. Please take out time to express your gratitude to our God.

May your Thanksgiving be bountiful and filled with a thankful heart knowing that you are secure in Jesus. Michael and I greet you with **best wishes, Pastor Z+**

CHURCH NEWS

All Saints Sunday

On **Sunday, November 2**, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday where we remember both who were baptized into the church and also those who have passed and have passed away and joined the Church Triumphant. Please join us at worship as we celebrate All Saints Sunday with them.



Thanksgiving Worship Service & Soup Supper

Mark your calendar for EGAMA's Annual Soup Supper and Thanksgiving Worship Service on **November 23** at EGELC. Soup Supper will be serviced from **6:00 - 6:50 p.m.**, **worship at 7:00 p.m.**

Welcome New Members

Please join us on **Sunday, November 23rd** after worship for a special Fellowship hour in honor of our new members who joined Evangelical Lutheran since the beginning of the year.

We are so pleased to have them in our midst! Please stop for a cup of coffee and a piece of cake offered up by our Evangelism Committee.



China Missionary Mim

It was a blessed day - Miriam-Mim Nellermoe, our missionary from China, spoke to our congregation, sharing the joys of ministry with God's people in China. May our connection with China Service Ventures grow stronger every day.

www.chinaserveventures.org

Church Directory

Our last directory was done in 2014. We are going to create a new one, prior to getting a new pastor. This will also help our new members to get to know us. If you are willing to take just a few minutes before or after church to get your pictures taken that would be great. The only cost for you will be for the directory itself, if you wish to purchase one. We are estimating that they will around \$10.00. For those not here on a Sunday, we are still wanting you in the directory. **On Wednesdays, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** you can come up to the church and have your picture taken.

Lou Voss, Janis Bartley, & Camilla Grandgeorge

Church Choir to Start Again



Calling all singers! The first practice for our new CHOIR will be on **Sunday, November 2nd**, following our worship service. Sandy Muzzey will direct the choir. After many years of teaching music here at the Eagle Grove Schools, Sandy retired in May.



COUNCIL BRIEF & BIBLE STUDY



Some of the Church Council Members



David Muzzey



Chad Tweeten



Susan Maier



Bill Krahling

Church Council Brief

Council met on Wed. Oct 8. Linda Van Vleet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council present were Linda Van Vleet, Bill Krahling, Chad Tweeten, Tony Olson, Taylor Lehman, Daryl Hansen, Dani Eisentrager, David Muzzey, Jody Eisentrager, Haily Olson, McKenzie Larsen, Susan Maier, Pastor Zamzow. Mike Ryerson was present as a non council person.

Mike reported that he had a conversation with the president of the Ullensvang Church in Thor, asking if we were interested in sharing a pastor. The minutes and the treasurers report was given and approved.

Pastor Zamzow said confirmation is going well, with 3 students. She gave the council some suggestions/ideas to consider. She mentioned we would be having Friendship Sunday in October and recognize all new members for the year in November.

Old Business: The new sign has been shipped and should arrive in early November. We need to get programmable thermostats ordered. We have had 6 people sign up to help on Sunday mornings with the Power Point/Sound. We have gotten 2 estimates for new windows at the parsonage.

New Business: EGAMA Thanksgiving service – At Evangelical Lutheran on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Soup Supper at 6:00, service at 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving: Chad Tweeten said they have a crew lined up to help debone the turkeys the day before the dinner. New Church Directory – Camilla Grandgeorge had given the office an idea of doing a new church directory prior to our getting a new pastor. She and some other gals will take the pictures of all the members and then will put a directory together and will have it printed. The council approved going ahead with this project.

Evening Bible Study

We have seen enough interest to start an Evening Bible Study for couples and individuals alike. The preliminary dates for our get togethers at this point are: **Wednesdays, November 5th and 19th and December 3rd and 17th.**

We will start at **7:00 p.m.** and meet in the Lounge area by the offices. After we get a start, the time and days can certainly be negotiated to accommodate as many participants as possible. For those who want to work ahead: we will look at 1 John, a short New Testament letter. Invite your friends. Pastor Z

MEMBER APPRECIATION



Ron Spangler has been an usher here at church for over 40 years. We are so grateful for Ron and for everything he does at church. Also a Happy 85th Birthday to Ron!

THANKFUL



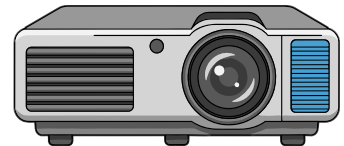
Lyle Larson has been an usher at the church for many years. We all appreciate you Lyle for being our usher at church all those Sundays!



We are grateful for those who serve at the funerals we have here at church. Thank you to Donna Flummerfelt, Linda VanVleet, Joann Nelson & Jeanine Reichter for serving at Marie Nesheim's funeral.



Thank you to Alan Linn and his son Matt for replacing the light bulb on the projector. We all love following along church service on our large projector screen.



Food Pantry

Thank you for all who donate. REMEMBER – The Food Panty can always use your help with volunteers and also with food. If you are interested in volunteering a couple hours a week to help at the pantry, contact Marcella Johnson at 515-448-3743. Remember we have the grocery cart in the entrance where you can bring your donations. Thank you Marcella for all you do!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 year to 6th Grade Sunday School Teachers



Lindsay & Zach Haugland with their family



Angela Harvey

GRATEFUL

Sunday School

**Sunday School is from
10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

We look forward to
seeing a lot of children
join us each week as
they can.



Felicia Olson



Sarah Jensen



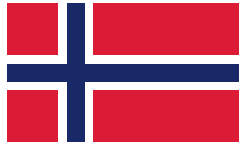
Avery Locke is one of our
confirmation students that
carries the cross during
service.



ELCW WOMEN

Scandinavian Bake Sale

- **Saturday, November 8, 2025**
 - **9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**
 - Bake Sale
- Tuesday, November 4, 2025
 - Start at 8:00 a.m.
 - Boil, Peel, & Mash the potatoes
- Wednesday, November 5, 2025
 - Start at 8:30 a.m. till mid afternoon. & again at 5:30 p.m. until we are done
 - Roll out the potato cakes.



Norwegian baked goods such as Potato Cakes, Lefsa, KrumKaka, Kringla and other yummy Norwegian baked good will be for sale.

Rotary Senior Living

We will be going to Rotary Senior Living on **December 11 at 2:00 p.m.** Please consider joining us for an hour of fellowship with the residents. We will be serving some Christmas treats and also singing Christmas Carols/Hymns with the residents.



Please Help Us

We are asking for volunteers to help serve at the Scandinavian Bake Sale on Saturday, November 8th. Please contact Linda Spangler at the church office, 448-3697 if you are able to help out.



ELCW October Meeting



Our ELCW met on Thursday, October 2, 2024. We discussed the bake sale and dates for making potato cakes. We will peel potatoes/cook/mash on Tuesday, Nov. 4, make the potato cakes on Wednesday, November 5th - both morning/afternoon and again in the evening. If necessary we will finish up on Thursday, . Saturday, November 8 is our bake sale and coffee. We encourage the ladies to help us both by baking and by helping us in the kitchen and at the tables for the sale.

Linda S. also brought up about our December meeting. We have had a potluck in the past and invited the men who have helped us throughout the year with various things. We are going to make plans to meet at the Family Table for our dinner. More information will be coming in the bulletin.

Attendance & Giving

DATE	ATTEND- ANCE	GENERAL	BENEVOLENCE
Sept. 28	97	\$5,658	\$65
Oct. 5	74	\$10,243	\$0
Oct. 12	78	\$2,320	\$65
Oct. 19	88	\$5,543	\$210
<i>Monthly Operating Budget: \$18,239</i>			

Mission of the Month

Eagle Grove Food Pantry & Crisis Fund

The mission box is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

In November, we pray for their health and happiness as we share in their celebration. We appreciate being notified of any errors.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: 0 Funerals: 1
Weddings: 0 New Members: 0



11-1 - Jordan Voss, Dani Eisentrager
11-2 - Mark Stockdale, Christine Summers
11-3 - Ryder Peterson (son of Ashley Kist)
11-4 - Loretta Krahling
11-5 - Marla Lorenzen, Wayne Krahling Schope
11-7 - Carrie Christopher
11-10 - Mary Swalin, Avery Locke
11-11- Karlee Lehman, Greg Middleton
11-12 -Justin Locke, Jace Conaway
11-13 Faith Lawler
11-14 "Butch" Limerick
11-15 - Mary Ann Smith
11-16 - Raymond Clavey, Alixandra Rethman, Deb Vance, Sandy Muzzey

11-17 - Elizabeth Hodson, Eldean Olson, Melissa Sampson Anderson
11-18 - Mary Harris, Debra Leshner
11-19 - Chelsey Erickson Axtell,
11-20 - Jo Gustafson
11-21 -Adam Hodson, Loretta Baker, Jodie Kauffman, Sara Krahling
11-22 - John Wilcox, Mercedes Dutcher, Cash Oothoudt
11-23 - Elaine Schope,
11-24 - Chad Burres,
11-25 - Chad Tweeten
11-26 - Brody Allen, Barbara Geise, Jerry Maier, Terri Jo Meyer
11-27 - Jim Christ
11-28- Tasha Hill
11-29- Nicholas Reekers, Ken Stoakes, Taylor Larsen
11-30 - Jim Bartley

Church Facebook Page

Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our church Service is broadcasted on Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Radio Broadcast

Our church service is also heard on KQWC Radio 97.5 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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