

Congregational Clarion

AMERY CONGREGATIONAL UCC



Hello
November

PASTOR'S POINT

by Barry Schaefer

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Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

BE KIND

be thoughtful

BE GENUINE

but most of all

BE THANKFUL

Dear one and all. I really love November, not because I am a hunter, but because it becomes one of the first months that I can, for a day, take a short break from the fevered pitch of "pastoring" and to take a breath, a much needed one.

Thanksgiving day is for me and my family an ingathering of family, friends, football and food...I kid you not!

During this time we really do give thanks for this year's harvest, our health and this time to be together. This scripture text sums it all up quite nicely:

Colossians 3:16-17 ESV

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (17) And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

In this text we see, teaching, thankfulness, slight correction of one another's "football picks" and doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. We might naturally think of praying in the name of Jesus, but of baking pies in the name of Jesus? How about playing catch out in the field in the name of Jesus? What about carving that turkey in the name of Jesus? We often do not "do everything in the name of Jesus". But here, now, in this month, and in this moment let us stop and shift our focus to doing just that, giving thanks, doing

all we do in the name of Jesus! When we do these things, the "word of Christ" will dwell richly in us.

In the second half of this text we are admonished to, "in everything give thanks, (in word or in deed) in the name of the Lord Jesus, and to God the Father. For instance have you given thanks for these beautiful sunsets? Probably. Have you given thanks for your food, probably. Have you given thanks for that cranky, upset, irritating person who is directly before you in line at the grocery store today, probably not! Have you given thanks for that person who bumped into your car at the shopping center, definitely not!

We Christians, who have the aid, consort and counsel of the Lord Jesus Christ, because of his Majesty and Lordship, are being called to give thanks in EVERYTHING, not because we like what is going on around us, but because Jesus is Lord of All, and has all things controlled in his grasp! The statement is true: "Jesus has got this!", and we are called to celebrate this fact!

So brothers and sisters, in thought, word, deed, in good times, in bad times, in plenty and in want, we are genuinely to give thanks to God for all things and for all circumstances. In this we exercise our faith in Jesus as Lord. Thanks for All things Lord Jesus! Amen!





11/01 Sherry Monson	11/16 Jake Edin
11/01 Katy Hoppe	11/19 Asher Stalhiem
11/01 Hunter Hesch	11/21 Auebrielle Harris
11/01 Adrian Newton	11/21 Eric Silvis
11/01 Pete Waggoner	11/23 Paul Satterlund
11/10 Brady Emerson	11/24 Dixie Lee Brill
11/12 Thelma Betzold	11/24 Amanda Warner
11/12 Howard Stindle	11/29 Alison Emerson
11/13 Earl Langlois II	11/30 Hayley Sandmann
11/14 Dennis Heiken	



November birthday fun facts

- The magnetic Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22), and one of the luckiest signs, Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 22) are the dynamo duo that rule this month.
- The two gems for November are the Topaz and Citrine.
- Your flower is the Chrysanthemum which, according to Feng Shui, brings laughter and happiness to the home.
- Love fall football? On November 6, 1869, the first intercollegiate football game was played in the U.S. between Rutgers and Princeton.
- Not only is Thanksgiving celebrated this month, but it's also Peanut Butter Lovers Month and National Pepper Month!

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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



WEDNESDAYS:

Nov. 06 3:30pm Homework & hangout,
6pm FUEL. Dinner at Our Saviors Turkey
Trot. Evening concludes at 8:15 pm.

Nov. 13 - 3:30pm Homework & Hangout,
5:45 pm family dinner, 6:30pm WOW and
youth group. Evening concludes at 7:30pm

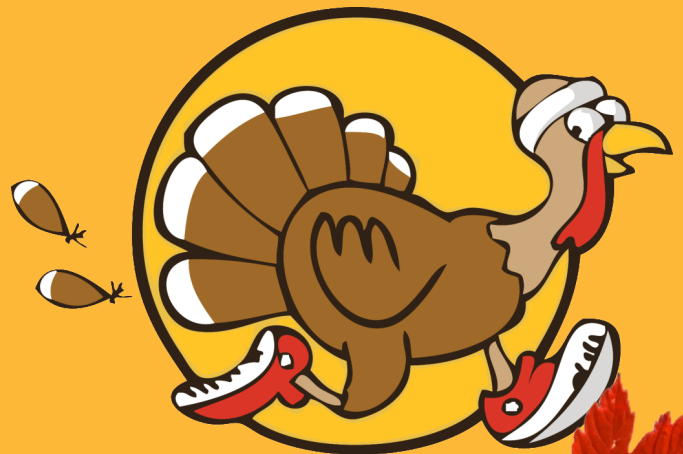
Nov. 20 - 3:30pm Homework & hangout,
5:45 pm family dinner WITH Congo Kids
Cooks, Service Night. Evening concludes
at 7:30pm

Nov. 27—NO YOUTH GROUP.
Thanksgiving Eve. 7pm Service at First
Lutheran

from your YOUTH MINISTER

Volunteers for the chili feed: We are looking for youth to help serve at the Sunday November 3rd Chili feed at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Any youth willing to help serve and clean up during this fundraiser for the Northwoods Homeless Shelter should see Charlotte. She will bring volunteers to the event following our 10am worship service.

Turkey Trot: Join us for FUEL (Faith Used in Everyday Life) on Wednesday November 6th. Following Homework & Hangout, we will head to Our Saviors church for dinner (please bring \$5) then depart to go door to door asking for non-perishable food items to be donated to the Amery Food Pantry. Our evening will end back at Congo Church at 8:15pm. Drivers are needed for this event, so please let Charlotte know if you are able to help!



Calling All Congo Campers:

Wednesday November 7th after school we will be baking sweet treats for a fundraiser which will benefit our Congo kids who attend Summer Camp at Wapo. Please ride bus 26 to Congo Church after school. Parent pick up time to be determined.



Blessing of the Military:

Sunday November 10th during our 10am worship service we will hold a special blessing for all military personnel, retired and on active duty.



Blessing of the Hunters:

Sunday November 17th. Wear your camouflage and blaze orange! We will offer a special blessing to our hunters.

Tuesday November 26th - Amery Light Up Parade begins at 6pm. Please join us for the Congo Float! Look for our float on Harriman Avenue behind Soldiers Field at 5:30pm.

Wednesday November 27th

No school, No Homework & Hangout, No Youth Group. Please join us at 7pm at First Lutheran for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service.



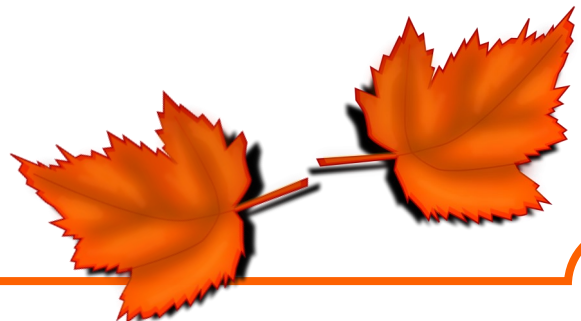
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EVENTS

BUDGET & ELECTION MEETING...

The Annual Budget & Election Meeting of the Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, November 17th, immediately after church.

At this meeting, the following items may be considered:

- *Approval of the budget for 2020.
- *Election of officers and committee persons.

FAMILY TABLE

Please join us at the Congo Family Table on Wednesday, November 20th at 11:30 am

Call Rae
715-268-7390, by Sunday,
October 13th to make your
reservations.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Free Will Donation



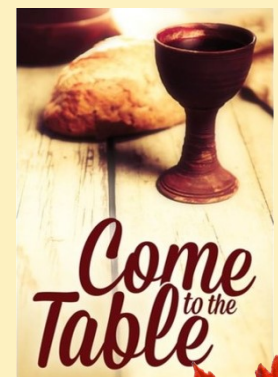
During the worship service on November 17, we will have new member installation.

Please join us in blessing our new members; Brittany Benner and Thomas Raymond Dusek

YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for the
2019 Community Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, November 27, 7pm
At First Lutheran Church, 240 Elm St. W.

Music, readings and Karar Dancers
Pastor Paul Oman will be painting.



19th Annual Chili Feed

Dine In or Take-Out

Proceeds to benefit Northwoods Homeless Shelters
located in Amery and Luck

Sunday, November 3, 2019

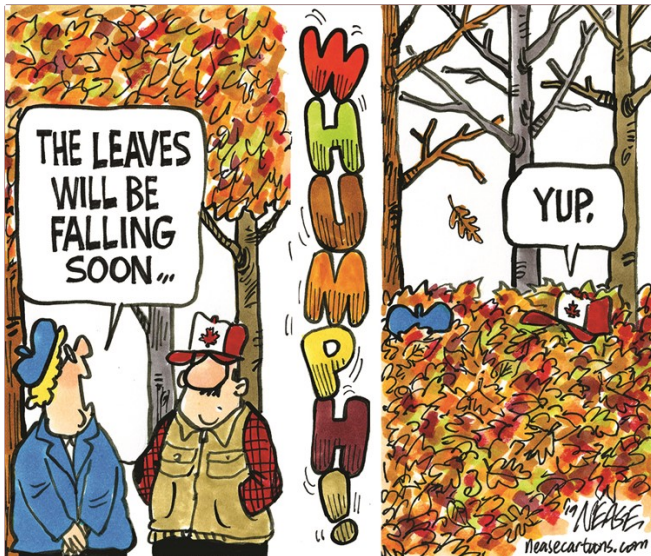
11:00 am — 2:00 pm



Free Will Offering

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Highway 46, Amery

Silent Auction Baskets



The Salvation Army Star of Wonder Tree will be up in the Congo Narthex on Sunday, November 17th with gift tags for families in our community. Each tag will have an item to be purchased by you and brought to church unwrapped by Wednesday, December 4th.

Shopping Alert: If ordering online, make sure delivery will be by December 4th as this is our deadline.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and may God bless you greatly.

12th Annual

Parade of Lights AND Light up the Town

"Old Fashioned Holidays"

Tuesday, November 26
6 pm • Soo Line Park
(5 pm Parade line-up at Soldier's Field)

Businesses, organizations, families, etc.
are welcome to have a float!
Please call 715-268-3315 to register.

Amery Fire Dept. Chili Feed
5-8 pm at the Fire Hall
Free-will offering • Toys for Tots Kickoff
BONFIRE AFTER PARADE

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a national holiday that is celebrated primarily in North America. It's celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States and on the second Monday in October in Canada.

Although Thanksgiving is rooted in the history of the Pilgrims, who were Christian "Separatists," the holiday is generally no longer considered a Christian holiday or a religious holiday, but simply as an occasion to gather with family, eat food, watch football and parades, and be thankful for the blessings of life.

The First Thanksgiving

The story of the "first Thanksgiving" in 1621 began when colonists at Plymouth went out "fowling," probably for food like geese and ducks rather than the harder-to-catch turkeys. Other items on the menu probably included fish, eels, shellfish, stews, vegetables, and beer. This led to the first Thanksgiving dinner.

After the successful hunt, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement's gate. Although this may have been initially alarming to the colonists, who numbered about 50, the groups socialized peacefully over the next few days. The Wampanoag contributed venison to the feast and joined the Pilgrims for activities like shooting guns, running races and drinking liquor. The end result of the rather disorderly party was a treaty between the two groups that lasted until King Philip's War in 1675.

Early Thanksgivings

The early colonists of New England regularly celebrated "Thanksgivings" after a military victory, end to a drought, or other favorable events. For example, a national Thanksgiving holiday was proclaimed upon the enactment of the Constitution.

Christian Separatists generally shunned holidays, but periodically proclaimed a "Day of Thanksgiving and Praise" in response to evidence of God's favor or a "Day of Humiliation and Fasting" in response to God's perceived displeasure. These feast and fast days were usually held on the day of special sermons called "Lecture Day," which was Thursday in Massachusetts.

Thanksgiving as a National Holiday

The first general day of Thanksgiving was

proclaimed by President George Washington, who at the request of Congress recommended Thursday, 26 November, 1789, to the people of the United States "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God." However, after 1798 the proclamation of a Thanksgiving Day was left to the states, for Southerners were slow to adopt the custom, some objected to the federal government's involvement in religious observance, and others disliked the partisan speeches and parades that became customary.

Thanksgiving Day only became an official holiday once Northerners dominated the federal government. In 1863, after the famous battle at Gettysburg, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving to be held on August 6. Soon the public began to ask for an annual observance, so in 1867, President Andrew Johnson established the last Thursday in November as the official Thanksgiving Day.

Two attempts were made by later presidents to adjust the date: in 1870 Ulysses S. Grant moved it to November 18 and from 1939 to 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt moved it back a week to extend the Christmas shopping season. The tradition of Thanksgiving football games began with a game between Yale and Princeton in 1876. In the late 1800s, parades of costumed revelers became common, and in 1924 the first annual Macy's parade was conducted. Giant balloons were added in 1927 and have been a staple ever since.

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Council Meeting : October 8th, 2019

Attendance: Pastor Barry Schaefer, Virginia Ormsby: Treasurer, Sandy Morris: Clerk, Chad Leonard: Trustees, Abby Betzold, Rae Wooldridge: Congregational Giving, Sherry Monson: Deacons, Charlotte Gillen: Youth Director, Christian Education.

Pastor Barry opened the meeting in prayer at 6:05 pm. Chad motioned that the September minutes be approved, Charlotte seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Virginia will have the budget ready for approval at the next council meeting, she needs all budget requests as soon as possible. We raised around \$1500 from our chicken and biscuit dinner. We also raised a little over \$600 from our Fall Festival food booth. Chad motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Charlotte seconded. Treasure's report was approved.

Clerk's Report: Sandy stated that there were no changes. Membership remains at 167.

Youth Report: Charlotte had a written report. Highlights included: Congo Kids Cook, Nine youth participated in the Fall Festival Pie Contest, and that they continue to stay active and busy.

Trustee's Report: Chad said they are continue to work on reviews for church staff. The change has been made that Ruby's Pantry helpers will be doing the church cleaning that weekend of each month to save us some funds. Our snow equipment is ready for the season. The ongoing ceiling tile problem will hopefully be worked on by the mission team. There will be a church work day on October 19th. He also informed us that there will be some needed building updates for next year.

Christian Education Report: Fall Family Fun Day will be on October 20th at 3:00pm.

Deacon's Report: Sherry let us know it will be the time of year to review membership again. We will also be doing a new member coffee on Sunday October 20th following the service.

Congregation Giving Report: Abby updated that pledge cards will be getting send out in October.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Barry was pleased to see attendance back up for the fall. He also mentioned how much he is continuing to enjoy teaching different classes.

Monthly Calendar Review: Budget & Election Meeting will be Sunday Nov. 17th directly following the service. Lefse will be starting up as well as looking at the holiday season.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Submitted by, Abby Betzold, Congregational Giving.

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by Mark Parisi



Pastor's Report for SEPTEMBER 2019

I AREAS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

1. Fall Program Begins. September is always a crowded month with the start-up of the fall programs, which include, youth group, Sunday School, and to a lesser extent Bible Studies. Each of these endeavors claims "run-time" as well as prep time to make them happen. It appears that we've "launched" another successful "program year" and all of our programs have "lifted off" and are doing well.
2. Distant hospital visitations have been a huge time commitment for me this past month. Trips to Regions, United Hospital, U of M Children's hospital all consumed at least once a week trips to the Twin-Cities. It appears that all of our "patients" are doing as well as can be expected and I have been blessed for having been able to visit and to minister to them during that past month.
3. Fall festival was held with "near perfect" weather this year. The Congregational Food booth was at a new location, featuring a new menu. I have not heard of how "successful" we were, but I did hear from several of our customers how much they really enjoyed our Scotch Eggs and other treats.
4. Youth Fatalities seem to happen in bunches. I was involved with the notification to families of the two youth who died on Hwy 63, and the one youth that died on County M in Osceola. As difficult as those types of events/ministries are, there is also another element to these tragedies, and that is the Debriefing sessions that usually occur with Fire/Police/Dispatch/ER staffs/and even housekeeping members. When youth are hurt, we all hurt and suffer greatly. My thanks and praise go out to all of our dedicated professionals who help to keep our community safe and functioning.

II Other Events:



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Lefse Making After Church 10:00 AM Youth Service/Bake Sale Before and After Service 11:15 AM Missions & Social Concerns Mtg.	28 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Pastor's Hours 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 10:00 AM Bible Study	30 9:00 AM Pastor Office Hrs. 10:00 AM Office Open 1:00 PM Money Management Make-Up Class 3:30 PM Homework & Hangout 5:45 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Youth Service Night	31 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Money Management	1 8:30 AM Distant Communion 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open	2
3 Lefse Making After Church 9:30 AM Christian Education Meeting 10:00 AM Communion 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Northwest Chili Feed At St. Joseph's 11:15 AM Diaconate Mtg.	4 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Pastor's Hours 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 10:00 AM Bible Study	6 9:00 AM Pastor Office Hrs. 10:00 AM Office Open 1:00 PM Money Management Make-Up Class 3:30 PM Homework & Hangout 6:00 PM FUEL - Dinner at Our Saviors - Turkey Trot	7 9:30 AM Local Communion 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Money Management	8 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open	9 6:00 AM Food Set-Up 7:30 AM Ruby's Pantry Registration Begins 8:00 AM Youth Service and Funday 9:00 AM Ruby's Pantry Registration Closes and Food Distribution Begins 9:00 AM St. Joseph's Church Bazaar
10 Lefse Making After Church Sunday School after Children's Moment 8:30 AM MT20 Meeting 10:00 AM Worship/Blessing of Military 11:15 AM Trustee Meeting	11 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Pastor's Hours 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Council Meeting	13 Newsletter Submission Deadline 9:00 AM Pastor Office Hrs. 10:00 AM Office Open 1:00 PM Money Management Make-Up Class 3:30 PM Homework & Hangout 5:45 PM Dinner 6:30 PM WOW 6:45 PM Youth Group	14 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Money Management	15 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open	16
17 Lefse Making After Church Budget and Election Meeting Immediately after Worship Service Star of Wonder Tree up in Church Lobby Sunday School after Children's Moment 10:00 AM Worship/Blessing of the Hunters/New Member Installation 11:15 AM Congregational Giving Mtg.	18 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Pastor's Hours 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 10:00 AM Bible Study	20 9:00 AM Pastor Office Hrs. 10:00 AM Office Open 11:30 AM Family Table Meal 1:00 PM Money Management Make-Up Class 3:30 PM Homework & Hangout 5:45 PM Youth Dinner 6:00 PM Youth Service Night	21 8:15 AM Ministerium 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM CIA Board 7:00 PM Money Management	22 9:00 AM Bremer Lefse Sale 9:30 AM Senior Dining 10:00 AM Office Open	23
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