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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST: Paul Leintz, Rhonda Silence, Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Mike Carlson, Gwen Dornfeld, Sally Dunn, The Family of Pat Backlund, The Family of Denny Pechacek, All Victims of Gun Violence, Immigrants and Refugees, Countries of Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine, and Planet Earth.

At home and Care Center: Jean Ljungkull, Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, Bev Denyes, Nancy Cihlar, and Tom Hedstrom.

## MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

The First Congregational UCC adopted a 2023 Budget at the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2023, showing a need for a yearly income of \$164,110.00.

After forty-five weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$138,876.17. The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$1315,047.10.

-Kevin LeVoir, Treasurer

## THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY, November 9

10:00 AM - Tai Chi  
12:00 PM - Women's AA  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons

### FRIDAY, November 10

7:00 AM - AA  
8:00 AM - Harbor Watch  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
7:30 PM - AA

### SATURDAY, November 11

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons

*We Honor Veteran's Day*

### SUNDAY, November 12

9:30 AM - Pick-up Choir Practice

10:30 AM Worship Service - Inside AND ON ZOOM, 24th Sunday after Pentecost. We listen to the prophet Hosea, who is in the Northern Kingdom warning them about the coming invasion of Assyria and calling them to return to God and God's covenant that can protect them from the coming invasion. Hosea continually critiques their political and religious institutions but shows the heart of God in the passage we read today.

2:30 PM - Orchestra Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran

4:00 PM - Choir Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran

### MONDAY November 13

11:00 AM - Spring Forest Qi Gong  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
3:00 - 5:00 PM - Food Shelf  
7:00 PM - Al-Anon

### TUESDAY, November 14

9:30 AM - Chaplain's Meeting  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
5:00 PM - Board of Directors

### WEDNESDAY, November 15

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons  
6:00 PM - Confirmation  
6:00 PM —Last Sing-Along of the Fall

### THURSDAY, November 16

10:00 AM - Tai Chi  
12:00 PM - Women's AA  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons

*Pastor Enno is on vacation 16th - 20th*

### FRIDAY, November 17

7:00 AM - AA  
8:00 AM - Harbor Watch  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons

### SATURDAY, November 18

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - ***Please join the family of Richard Bockovich as they celebrate his 90th Birthday! Join us for light refreshments and visiting.***

### SUNDAY, November 19

9:30 AM - Choir Practice

10:30 AM - Worship Service - Inside AND ON ZOOM, 25th Sunday after Pentecost. Our illustrious moderator of the board of directors, will be taking the pulpit as Pastor Enno is on vacation. Tom Yuhasey promises to do his best to share some good news and leave us laughing.

2:30 PM - Orchestra Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran

4:00 PM - Choir Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran



**November 12, 2023**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 25:1-13**  
**Tending God's Light**  
**Stewardship Sunday**

Today's story reminds us that we all carry the light of Christ within us, and it is our joy as well as our responsibility as followers of Christ to tend to that light so that it can shine brightly in service of God and the world.

As this year's stewardship materials remind us, because of YOU and the light you shine in the world, our church changes lives. The materials claim, "It is a statement both bold and simple. It boldly expresses the truth about the ultimate nature and the purpose of the church: to engage in acts of transformation. It boldly asserts that we see our mission as one that gives assurance to every individual that their life matters, not because we say so, but because the gospel says so.

...We can be bold because we know it's true. Our own life stories bear witness that being a part of the beloved community in some way has either made us different or causes us to fervently believe that it will. It gives us hope, reminds us of our value, calls us to discover and claim our purpose, clarifies the moral Right and Wrong, motivates us to be a part of something bigger than ourselves all for the sake of change! Change that can more closely align us and our world with the values of the Realm of God. Our church matters because of you.

Our theme, Because of YOU, our church changes lives, is also simple. It recognizes that each of us, by our gifts and the decisions we make to employ them, power this sacred work. Our resources make ministry happen. The arithmetic is not complex. Our choice to grow in our generosity to the church increases the impact of the difference it makes.

By choosing to give even a little bit more, we will expand our shared quest to change lives - even our own. Be bold! Take a step forward in your generosity. It's simple! The choice is yours!"

God has given you a light to tend. How will you tend that light today and into the year to come? The choice to let your light shine is as simple as it is bold. Let it shine!



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