

Living Connected...

TO GOD & EACH OTHER

November—January 2025

Pastor Bonnie's "Favorite Things" Sept. 22, 2024

INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR'S
COLUMN

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Sunday Worship
(All Age Worship)
Hours:

8:45 Chapel
10 AM Sanctuary
10 AM Online
(Facebook, YouTube,
FLCCH.ORG)

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Dear Friends in Christ,

In Isaiah 43:19 our creative and loving Lord God announces, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Truly: newness is all around us - even in surprising places - like a river flowing in a desert!!

Have you perceived it on your calendar? It's that time of year, my friends!! Though we're approaching the end of the year, new things are upon us.

Meaningful moments of holiday gatherings along with important times to make decisions regarding our Church at this time of year are here. They all come to us anew as the weather changes and as our schedules fill to overflowing. Yes, God is indeed doing a new thing in our midst!

As this busyness abounds, I ask that you pay special attention to the smaller articles that follow this pastoral greeting piece. They highlight important dates and as well as crucial developments in the life of our church.

As an interim pastor, I'm always watching for what God is up to in the newness - and even in the chaos of life. And right now: I see a lot!!

I'm grateful for the chance to serve you in this time of transition and uncertainty. May God's promise of abundant blessings be upon us all - bringing us peace and calling us to bold action in Christ's name!!

Courageously and confidently yours,

*Pastor Scott Jakel - Interim Senior Pastor at
First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights*



Stewardship Emphasis Campaign

November 10, 17, and 24 - at both worship services for all three weeks - a special emphasis will be found in our preaching regarding our faithful Stewardship (especially financial giving). Our theme is Living Generously.

We'll be strongly encouraging you - everyone - to make an estimation of how much you plan to give towards meeting our 2025 upcoming ministry expenses. The mission work we'll be undertaking in 2025 will make a huge difference in people's lives. It will also require monetary support by way of pledges.

Plus - during both November and December, we'll also be emphasizing the need to finish the 2024 year of giving in a strong way so we're in a healthy spot financially as we move into the call process in 2025. We need your generous gifts.

Will you please help us do what God's calling us to do at this time through your donations and your giving intention pledges? We're truly counting on your support for the next phase of ministry at our church. We request your prayers and your time and energy to be the way you contribute and support this important work.

A Commitment to Generosity

Sunday, Nov. 24 (8:45 & 10 AM)

On or before this date, you are invited to make a formal monetary commitment to the church for mission support in 2025.

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Advent Sermon Series

Adventures in Advent preaching theme. This period just before Christmas is called the Advent season in the Church year.

On Dec. 1 we'll explore Adventures in Righteousness as we visualize God's grace springing forth like a branch on a tree. Our scripture focuses on Jesus as the righteous branch that comes forth in our world. I will lead our **Adult Forum on this day** as we explore holiday traditions and how they bring us closer to God during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

On Dec. 8 we'll be dazzled by visions of gold and silver being refined. The theme is Adventures in Refinement. We'll learn about the way God refines our lives in a similar way that gold and silver are refined to be pure.

On Dec. 15 our focus will be closer to home with our own praying hands lifted in praise of God. Our theme will be Adventures in Rejoicing. We'll have our Children's Christmas presentation at the 10 AM worship service but at that service and our 8:45 Chapel worship service we'll focus on the joy God brings to us in all the adventures God has planned for us.

Finally, on Dec. 22 we'll picture the angels of God in celebration of Christ's coming. We'll focus on the coming of the baby Jesus as an Adventure in God Restoring humanity to a state of deeper connection to our Lord God. Salvation is on its way, my friends.

January Sermon Series

Joy with Jesus

On Jan. 5 we'll kick off our new year's preaching theme with the Joy we find in the Bible. Jesus is the Word made flesh and we'll seek to follow his pattern of spending time with God's wisdom found in the written word of God. Even as a boy, Jesus knew of the importance of having deep conversations with others about scripture and how to apply it in our lives.

On Jan. 12 we'll focus on Joy in Baptism. Jesus' own baptism is the foundation of our faith life. We live as baptized children of God all our days. Join us in this journey of "walking wet" in the promises of God to claim us as God's children!

On Jan. 19 we'll look at Joy found in Boldness in the Spirit. Again, we look to a pattern set by Jesus in making bold statements within the community of the faithful. As we approach our annual meeting the following week, we'll be boldly entering into a time of discernment as to the bold leadership we'll need in our church for the next year.

Finally, on Jan. 26 we'll celebrate in the Joy Present in a Bounty of Blessings. In this setting, we'll see the boat load of fish and the way Jesus is calling disciples to follow him and to leave those boats behind. During times of uncertainty about our future, if we're following Jesus, we're going to be just fine!

Again, this sermon series sets us up well for important decisions, building on the joy of serving Christ and living out our calling based on scripture, baptism, boldness as we forge ahead in uncertainty and focusing on abundance for the day of our annual meeting. Please plan to be with us for the this sermon series and the annual meeting.



Footsteps of Paul Pilgrimage May 2025

Deposits due by Dec. 7, 2024

Come with Pastor Jill & her husband Randy on a faith filled pilgrimage to Greece with an optional extension to Turkey. Walk where Paul walked. Learn about the people & landscapes that have shaped all of Western civilization. Understand the Bible better. Grow in your faith. Contact Pastor Jill, jillb@flcch.org or

[REGISTER HERE.](#)



Advent Daily Devotions

Deepen your journey through Advent and Christmas with daily devotions written by Pastor Jill and dozens of others from around the country. Arriving first thing in the morning, they are short enough to read over a cup of coffee with enough depth to keep you thinking and praying throughout the day.

Subscribe to receive devotions via email: <http://eepurl.com/bcbuf9>



Advent Podcast

Financial Stewardship Podcasts Available

In the spirit of growing closer to God by every means possible, we are offering a three part podcast series focused on the spiritual practice of money management. In each episode, Pastor Jill interviews members from FLC who can testify to the life changing power of opening our finances to God. Check it out on whatever platform you use to find podcasts. We will also have links on our YouTube channel and on Facebook. Find us on your favorite podcast platform as "First Lutheran Church Columbia Heights MN."

Last Supper Casting Call!

We're excited to produce another dramatic retelling of the story of Jesus and his last supper. We're looking for cast and crew. Rehearsals are on Thursdays and our performances will be April 17, 18, 2025. See Pastor Jill or Nathan Roberts if you are interested in joining this extremely unique worship experience.



CONCERTS, MUSIC & LITURGY AT FIRST

Magnum Chorum

Saturday, Nov. 2, 7:30 PM

Join Magnum Chorum, directed by Dr. Dwight Jilek, in a concert entitled *The Sacred Veil*. This concert will feature works by composers Eric Whitacre, Edie Hill and Nico Gutierrez. Come, and enjoy special concert. Tickets: www.magnumchorum.org



Mississippi Valley Orchestra

Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 PM

(2:15 PM pre-concert talk)

First Lutheran welcomes back the Mississippi Valley Orchestra in a concert of Mozart, Bao, Anderson & Brahms. Conductor Ho-Yin Kwok will lead this concert with guest soloists Sarah Grimes, violin and Lydia Grimes, viola. Join us for an afternoon of marvelous music! More info at www.mississippivalleyorchestra.com



Chorus Polaris

Sunday, Nov. 3, 3 PM

Music for Life's Journey represents the many twists and turns, ups and downs, starts and stops of a "long and winding road." It is wonderful to behold, and music captures and reflects it all. Chorus Polaris, directed by William Mathis, in collaboration with the Minnesota State Band, premieres two new works featuring composers Robert J. Maderich, Ken Medema and Cathy Chamblee. Visit: www.choruspolaris.org

Christmas at First

Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 PM

The Music Department of First Lutheran presents the annual Christmas at First Concert. Festive music for the Christmas season will be featured and performed by our many musicians at FLC. Join us for this free concert.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 15, 10 AM

Join our special Advent Lessons and Carols service featuring readings and music as we prepare our hearts for Christmas!



Copper Street Brass

Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30 PM

There's no better time for brass than the holidays! Join the Copper Street Brass in their popular holiday concert celebrating the stories and sounds of the season performed with passion, humor, and virtuosity. Hear music ranging from classical to carols, childhood movies to rock and pop, and much more. Tickets: www.copperstreetbrass.org



Singers in Accord

Saturday, Nov. 16 & Sunday, Nov. 17, 4 PM

Singers in Accord welcomes renowned guest conductor Dr. René Clausen for an afternoon of exquisite choral music that will soothe your spirit and rejuvenate your soul! Clausen will conduct Singers in Accord's 80-voice choir in this splendid choral tapestry, featuring compositions from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary classics. Visit: www.singersinaccord.org

2025 Upcoming Music at First Concerts:

- Sunday, Feb. 9, 3 PM - Love Songs Concert
- Saturday, Mar. 8, 7 PM - Lake Wobegon Brass Band
- Sunday, Apr. 27, 3 PM - Caritas Vocal Ensemble
- Sunday, May 4, 3 PM - Jeffrey Patry Organ Recital
- Saturday, June 14, 4 PM - Partners in Praise Treble Choir 30th Anniversary Concert

Liturgy Question and Answer Session

Sunday, Nov. 24, 11:15 AM

Have you ever thought about why we have different colors in the sanctuary during the year? What is the church year? How do we choose the readings for our Sunday services? These and many more questions will be answered at 11:15 AM on Sunday, Nov. 24. Come and join Jeffrey in the Sanctuary for an informative session on these "churchy" things. See you then! Questions to: Jeffrey, jeffrey@flch.org



With Pastor Jill officiating, Jeffrey Patry at the organ, and surrounded by family & loved ones... Daryl & Linda Wolf celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of their Marriage Vows on Sept. 28.



MINISTRY NEWS



The Fall Buy Nothing Event was a big success! We have seasonal Buy Nothing events where members and neighbors bring items to share for free on a table in the commons. This fall we had around 200 people on a Saturday in Oct. and so many treasures were re-homed! This event is a great way to meet neighbors, share with people in need, and keep our stuff out of the landfills. Thank you to Jenn Shull, Patty Watson, Samara Bilyeu-Anderson, Angela Gallo, and the Buy Nothing Columbia Heights Facebook Group. We hope to have another event in February! Email Nathan with questions.



After School Outreach!

We have a fantastic group of students at our After School Program this fall. We have a lot of kids and families who only speak Spanish, and we are so grateful for the hard work of our volunteers to help everyone feel included. Angela is our superstar Spanish translator and snack distributor! We enjoyed the beautiful weather, played outside, and ate delicious and nutritious meals from Jane and Larry Bugbee. We will continue into the cooler weather with indoor games and crafts. Thank you to Karen Peterson, Karen Mattison, Paul Babekuhl, Shailoh Tenzen, Rachel James, Angela Gallo, Kiki Latham, and Nathan Roberts.



Sunday Community Lunch

We had a wonderful fall of community lunches, averaging 110 meals each week. Roughly 20 meals were served weekly to our neighbors in need. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this ministry possible. Especially our cooks Rock & Kari Hauser, Kevin & Jill Kaliher, and our faithful dishwasher, Roy Weber. Thank you, to those who volunteer to serve and clean up. If you would like to help serve lunch from 11 AM—1 PM as a monthly volunteer or a substitute, contact Nathan Roberts, nathanr@flcch.org



New desk and UV Protective shades in the Commons!

One of the 2024 goals of the Hospitality and Outreach board was to install UV protective shades and a new desk in the commons. We want to ensure that our carpet and furniture doesn't get faded going forward. We also want to reduce our A/C usage in the commons with new shades. The Memorial and Endowment fund paid for the new shades and the desk was donated by an anonymous donor. Thank you to Larry Bugbee for installing the shades. Dorothy Markowitz and Jane Bugbee were helpful with the design.



Adult Education on Political Violence. We gathered with a great group this fall to talk about American political violence and how the Bible and Lutheran theology calls us to be peacemakers and truth tellers in difficult divisive times.

First Lutheran handing out Free Water and Lemonade in the Community!

We had a table at the Monarch Butterfly festival and Columbia Heights Pride this fall. It was wonderful to connect with the community and celebrate butterflies and the LGBTQ+ community. Thank you to Jenn Shull, Jan Meyen & Jane Bugbee for volunteering!



The FLC Dad's Group is going strong! FLC Dads have been meeting twice a month to connect and encourage each other to be the best dads we can be. Recently the Surgeon General said the mental health issues of parents are at record highs. Thank you to the Dad's and the congregation for supporting dads! We meet for conversations after worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month in Katie Luther Room and go out for events once a month. In September we threw axes...and in October we went to the gun range. If you want to participate or know a Dad who would like to join, contact Nathan Roberts, nathanr@flcch.org

Youth Fun at Zero Gravity Trampoline Park—Nov. 13

Available to all kids and youth in grades 3-12. Meet at the church at 6 PM or at the park at 6:20 PM. Cost \$12. Chaperones are needed.



Children's Christmas Program—Dec. 22

This year's Christmas Program will be presented during 10 AM worship on Dec. 22. Rehearsals for the Christmas program will take place during Sunday School on: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8 with a dress rehearsal on Dec. 15.



Youth Group Service Project at SACA Food Shelf—Nov. 20

Youth and families are invited to SACA food shelf to sort donations on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6-8 PM. Join us to help sort food in the SACA Warehouse! Meet at church at 6 PM.

Happy Birthday Jesus Party—Sunday, Dec. 15

All ages are invited to join us for a Christmas party at 12 PM. We will have cupcakes and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. There will be crafts, Christmas music, and a cookie decorating station. You are invited to bring baby supplies for the party as donations to SACA (bottles, diapers, wipes, new or used baby clothes).



Youth Group Christmas Party Dec. 18. Waffle Bar, Games and Fun!

Youth to Chicago—July 19-24, 2025

We are excited to invite you to an incredible opportunity this summer—a Service Learning Trip in Chicago. This camp is designed for youth grades 6 -12 who are ready to make a difference, learn new skills, and explore the vibrant culture of Chicago. If you're interested, please let Rachel James know by Dec. 1. We're also looking for chaperones, so don't hesitate to reach out to help.

VBS Save the Date—June 16-20, 2025

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- No Sunday School or Confirmation on Dec. 22, 29
- No Youth Group on Dec. 25, Jan. 1



Experiential Prayer Walking the Labyrinth Confirmation Retreat—2024



Thank you for your continued support! Youth Shareholder's Dinner—2024

Business of the Congregation!

Town Hall Meeting (re: Budget)

Sunday, Jan. 12, 11:15 AM (Sanctuary). We will review First Lutheran's 2024 financial results and the 2025 Budget. *Community Lunch to follow.*

Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 11:15 AM We look forward to fruitful discussion of what God's accomplished among us during 2024. We'll also be focus on our 2025 church "business" in the year ahead. Plan to be at our meeting - it's

important to have a critical mass of members present for this conversation and for decisions to be made.

Council Board Retreat 9:30 AM-1 PM Saturday, Jan. 25 or Feb. 1 (TBD)

The Church Office will be Closed:

- * Friday, Nov. 29
 - * Wednesdays Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
- No Community Meal will be Served**
- * Sundays, Dec. 22 & 29

Call Committee Work

As you know, as of Nov. 10 we will have had a special congregational meeting and will have elected a six member team that will serve as our call committee to secure the next Senior Pastor of this church. As interim pastor, it will be my responsibility to shepherd this team and this process, in coordination with leadership of our congregation as well as with our Bishop in the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA.

The kind of work that the members of the call committee will be doing, in addition to interviewing and recommending pastoral candidates for the senior pastor position, is as follows:

- 1) They will help to facilitate various avenues to hear from the congregational members, staff, and community in order to be able to review, assess, and claim the priorities as well as the strengths and growth areas of the congregation.
- 2) They will also discuss with members, staff, and the community, challenges and opportunities the congregation will face in the next 5-10 years.
- 3) They will then assemble appropriate information about the congregation and about the leadership needs which a candidate will need to have to be the senior pastor. A key resource they will prepare with this information is the Ministry Site Profile - a document shared with the Bishop and all candidates. The call committee will work with the finance and personnel committees, as well as the council to determine an appropriate compensation package and job description.

We are so grateful for your consideration of these matters as we move forward. We're bathing this process in prayer so that God's name is glorified, and God's will is done in this holy adventure! If you have questions or concerns, you can bring those to me. When a call committee chairperson is chosen from among the call committee members themselves, we'll also make that person's name available for input and feedback.

*Pastor Scott,
Interim Senior Pastor*

HOLIDAY MARKET

**Saturday, Nov. 9
9 AM-2 PM**

We are excited for this year's Holiday Market and appreciate everyone's efforts in making this a huge success! Join us in the busyness of preparing and be sure to bring your family & friends to shop our market for unique homemade gifts & goodies to enjoy now or for the holidays!



Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social Wednesday, Nov. 22, 6 PM

Thanksgiving Eve 6 PM Worship, followed by PIE! Please bring a pie or whipped topping. (Fundraiser proceeds go in support of our Youth Programs)



Young at Heart Christmas Dinner Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 12 PM

Everyone is invited to this festive and elegant annual event! The meal is prepared by our chef, Rock Hauser and includes lots of carol singing and visiting. Advance reservations required. \$20 tickets will be sold on Sundays, Dec. 8 & 15 (Commons).

Hola, Check out our Spanish Bulletins

Look for our Spanish language bulletins on Sundays and share them with people you see who might be Spanish speakers. We want to welcome our visitors in the spirit of Pentecost with a printed bulletin that might make worship a bit easier for them to understand.



Staff Book "Club"

Pastor Scott is having First Lutherans' staff read a book by Barbara Kerkoff entitled "Navigating Pastoral

Transitions: A Staff Guide" If you'd like to join us in reading about these matters, walking with us in our staff journey during this transitional period, please order your own copy. The publisher is Liturgical Press from Collegeville, MN. We look forward to a fruitful discussion among the staff about the following: spiritual dimensions of pastoral transition, grieving and having gratitude for past times and previous leadership, facing fears of the unknown, and exploring new beginnings with openness and curiosity. Please pray for us in our conversations.

First Lutheran Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 1 PM to discuss, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, by Britt-Marie Backman. Fellowship & refreshments are included! Contact Char, charzarich@gmail.com



Mark your Calendar!

The Annual Scandinavian Lutefisk and Meatball dinner is coming up. It will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, with seatings at 12, 2, 4 & 6 PM. Tickets go on sale starting at 8 AM on Saturday, Nov. 9. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.flcch.org/lutefisk-meatball-dinner>. Costs: \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children aged 2-12 years and under 2 years are free. Watch for volunteer opportunities in November.

Mission Jamaica



We are excited to be returning to Jamaica in February 2025.

This will be our 20th year of service! Our goal will be to raise \$7,000 to sponsor and build a new Jabode home. Medical clinics will again be offered along with serving at Westhaven Orphanage. Supply donation requests will be posted in a few weeks. If you wish to donate towards the new home, checks can be made out to FLC with Mission Jamaica in the memo section. Thank you for your generous support!

55+ Singles. This group gathers to socialize over a meal, attend community events or for local service projects. Emails are sent out to invite interested Singles and advise you of any meeting opportunities. Contact Faith for details 612-799-4245, whitefa@comcast.net

Katie Luther Circle

This is a group for Moms to encourage, pray and learn together. We like to go out for fun too! We are meeting on the first Sunday of each month 11:15 AM – 12 PM in Katie Luther Room. Contact: Rachel, rachel@flcch.org

Welcome & Celebrate First Lutheran's 2024 New Members!



Christmas Garden ...

A wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one. Purchase poinsettias for worship on behalf of a loved one. Sign up at the welcome desk in the Commons to donate a plant, \$12 each (we will purchase the plants). Make checks payable to "FLC" by Dec. 15. Those who purchase a plant for the Sanctuary may take one home following worship on Dec. 24.



Hello from the desk of the Finance & Operations Manager,

The last three months have been busy reviewing and comparing the annual budget with the actuals and addressing categories that are either over or under budgeted. Luckily the Finance Committee meets monthly to review and act on any non-anticipated expenses and to find funding sources for maintenance projects that come up during the year. Thanks to Jody, the ACs in the Sanctuary and Gym had maintenance repairs, the Bultum projects have all been completed and we had updates to our HVAC system. On my desk this quarter is closing out this fiscal year, creating the 2025 budget, prioritizing maintenance needs, filing 2023 taxes and audit options.

As the stewardship drive is in “full swing” please note these common ways of giving monetary gifts to the church.

- ❑ **Cash Donations:** Outright gifts of cash (which include donations made via check, credit card and online payments) are the easiest.
- ❑ **Stock Donations:** Appreciated publicly traded stocks you’ve held for more than one year is long-term capital gains property, which can make one of the best charitable gifts. Why? Because you can deduct the current fair market value and avoid the capital gains tax you’d pay if you sold the property.
- ❑ **IRA Donations:** Taxpayers age 70½ or older are allowed to make direct contributions from their IRA to qualified charitable organizations, up to \$100,000 per tax year. A charitable deduction can’t be claimed for the contributions. But the amounts aren’t deemed taxable income and can be used to satisfy an IRA owner’s RMD.

Included to the right is a snapshot of our Sept. 30, 2024, financials.

Please don’t hesitate to stop by my office or contact me by phone/email with any financial questions or concerns.

*Blessings,
Jana Dietering*

Period ending September 30th, 2024	
General Checking	\$ 33,639
Mortgage & Maintenance	\$ 41,024
Perpetual Reserve Balance	\$ 87,725
Special Projects Balance	\$ 444,502
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 56,749
Endowment Savings Balance	\$ 54,121
Endowment Investments	\$ 1,273,392
Total Current Assets	\$ 2,045,464
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 2,713,449
Total Liabilities (incl mortgage)	\$ 1,152,104
Total Equity	\$ 3,600,828
Net Revenue as of 09/30/2024	\$ 5,980

GIVING

First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights is financed by the generous, direct monetary gifts of its members and friends.

There are several ways you can bless this mission of Jesus with your gifts:



- Drop off your **Check or Cash** during Sunday Worship or send a check thru the mail. Please use an offering envelope so we can give you credit for your gift.

- **Stock Transfers to FLC**
- **Electronic Funds Transfer** See our website, flcch.org (upper right hand corner) to set your donation frequency.
- **Bill Pay.** Follow the directions of your bank or credit union to create First Lutheran as a Payee at 1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421. Choose weekly or monthly offerings.

For more information, contact Jana Dietering 763-788-9653, jana@flcch.org

FAMILY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Under the direction of Pastor Bonnie, the FAMILY (Facilities and Mission in Legacy Years) Committee was formed in late 2022. The purpose of this Committee was to look at the relationship of our congregational members with our building. The Committee conducted a MAP (“Missional Assessment Profile”) process in October 2023 and subsequently met with individual congregational members to discuss the findings. The MAP process indicated that our congregation is encouraged by our Mission and yet open to new possibilities in the future. Based on this outcome the Committee began discussing potential scenarios for assuring that we can support the costs of our building (e.g. through renting space as we currently do to Bultum) or, if not, then look at other alternative relationships between our congregation and our building.

When Pastor Bonnie entered her medical leave in January 2024 the FAMILY Committee was placed on-hold anticipating Pastor Bonnie’s return in what was expected to be a short time. Unfortunately, we now know that Pastor Bonnie will not be returning as the Senior Pastor of First Lutheran Church. The FAMILY Committee believes that it is critical that the Senior Pastor bring their personal influence on this process of matching our ministry abilities and the cost/use of our building for the long term. As a result, the FAMILY Committee will continue on-hold pending the arrival of our next Senior Pastor and their insight into how we best connect our mission as a congregation and our building.

While we await the new Senior Pastor and the restart of the FAMILY Committee work, we will continue to invest in the needs of our building for the long term. There are many projects that must be pursued for the upkeep and maintenance of our building, and these should not be delayed. Similarly, there are discussions addressing several improvements to best meet the needs of Bultum as they continue to grow. These improvements will be evaluated by our Staff as long-term decisions and agreed upon by our congregation.

Thank you for your support. Please reach out to any of us with questions and ideas! --Warren Watson, Rebecca Stolba, Grace Fishbeck, Ruth Dodson, Jeff Beck

Your End of Year Giving Makes a Difference!

Please consider the ease and security of giving electronically or dropping your gifts off at the church. If unable to do so, please mail any donations or payments postmarked on or before Tuesday, Dec. 31 to be credited to your 2024 Year End Statement.

Thank you!!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:45 & 10 AM
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COMMUNITY MEAL
11 AM-12 PM

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

*Daylight
 Saving
 Time ends*



*on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2023
 at 2 AM. On Saturday
 night, clocks are set back
 one hour (i.e., gaining
 one hour) to "fall back."*

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