



FREDSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2025

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Reminders

**With the transition in staff
Office Hours may vary**

Thank you for your patience

**Please pray for the person who
will join the staff at Fredsville**

Upcoming Events

- Nov 2 - All Saints Sunday
- Nov 5 - Confirmation Class
- Nov 9 - Confirmation Sunday
- Nov 11 - Veterans / Armistice Day
- Nov 12 - Confirmation Class
- Nov 16 - Baptisms
- Nov 23 - Pie Sunday
- Nov 30 - Advent Begins
- Dec 14 - Kids Christmas Program



NOVEMBER 2025

Birthdays

Matthew Swinton- 1
Christopher Kluiters- 2
Olivia Verhulst- 3
Josey Syhlman- 4
Karly Yearous- 6
Dylan Ohrt- 7
Dennis Koch- 8
Shayden Loger- 10
Sandra Christensen- 16
Stacy Kruger- 18
Linda Kuhn- 20
Jarrod Bakker- 21
Justin Brekke- 21
Izabella Adams- 23
Dustin Heide- 23
Donna Bruhn- 24
Jim Marx- 24
James Boike- 27
Mike Cain- 28

Anniversaries

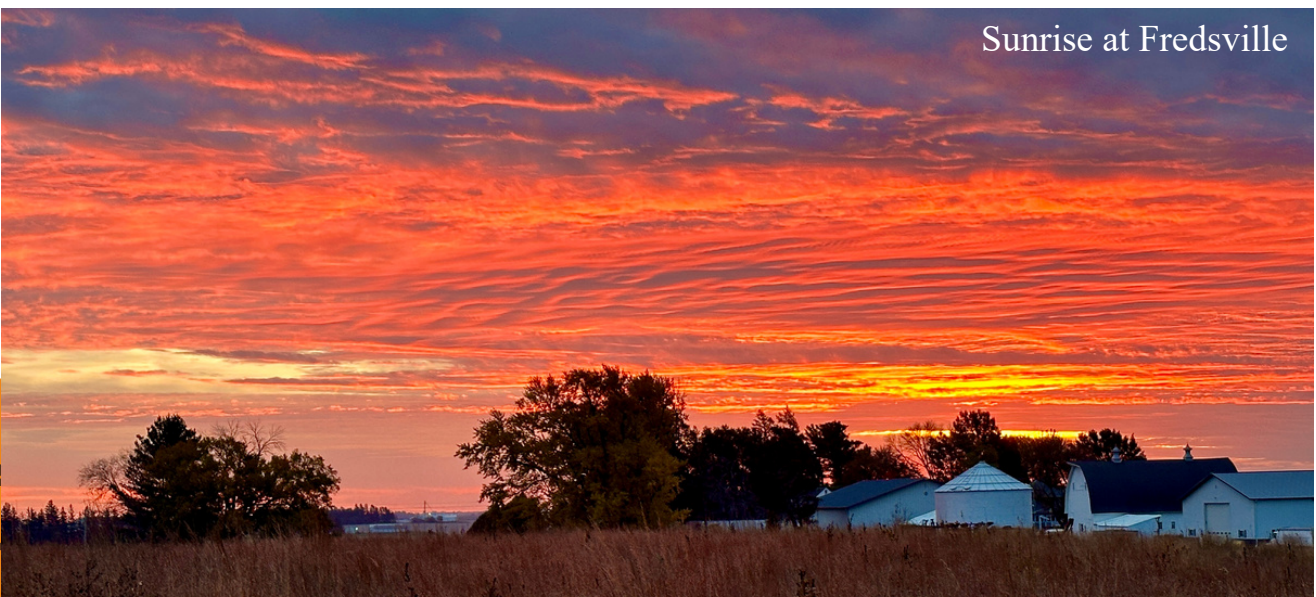
Pastor Lee & Pastor Dena Gable- 1
LuAnn & Keene Petersen- 13
Jeremy & Christa Lotts- 23

Prayer List

- **Carol Watson**
 - on-going health concerns
- **Jerry Christensen**
 - on-going health concerns
- **Catherine Petersen**
 - wound care
- **Amy Camarata**
 - recovering from hand surgery

These names were received by the church from the individual or their family and have consented to have their names released to the Fredsville congregation. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office (319-989-2065) to be included in our weekly prayers or contact Pastor Lee.

Sunrise at Fredsville



Pastoral Pondering ... Rest, Renewal, Thanksgiving

Pastor Dena and I like to vacation in the Fall. We enjoy the cooler weather. Our travels this year took us back to Vermont, a state we have visited before. We explored Burlington for a few days and then spent time in the area of Stowe. Yes, the leaves were changing. Yes, the leaves were Beautiful! The traffic, however, was not.

We aren't the only ones who enjoy Fall vacations. The mountain road was narrow with cars parked and people walking. The towns were full of visitors trying to get a taste of New England Fall. We didn't go there to be part of the crowd. But I do think we were all there for similar reasons. We all need rest and renewal.

For me, rest and renewal looks like quiet time with books. It tastes like morning coffee watching the fog lift off the mountain. Renewal feels like walking among the trees enjoying the quiet beauty of creation, breathing in the air of Fall. What does rest and renewal look like for you? We each need something a little different. Sometimes you don't need to travel far from home to find it.

When we arrived back at Fredsville, we were greeted by a beautiful sight: banners along the road that said, "Welcome Home Pastor Lee & Pastor Dena. We Missed You!" Your kindness brought a smile to our faces and joy to our heart. Then I went in to check the mail and discovered the Thanksgiving Tree. (Hands to Heart) I was moved. As the leaves outside change and fall, this Thanksgiving Tree has continued to bloom and grow more colorful with cards against the backdrop of the harvest around us. We give thanks for this community and the many ways you have welcomed us Home.

This is a season of Thanksgivings will take many forms. We give Thanks for the kids and families that received Bibles on Reformation Sunday. On All Saints Sunday we give Thanks for our our beloved saints and the Love that continues to echo in our lives in Resurrection Hope. Then we will give Thanks for those who will affirm their Baptism on Confirmation Sunday. We will give Thanks as two children are welcomed to the waters of Holy Baptism. We also pause to give thanks for Veterans. Then we wrap up with Pie Sunday, a Thanksgiving for the community we share together.



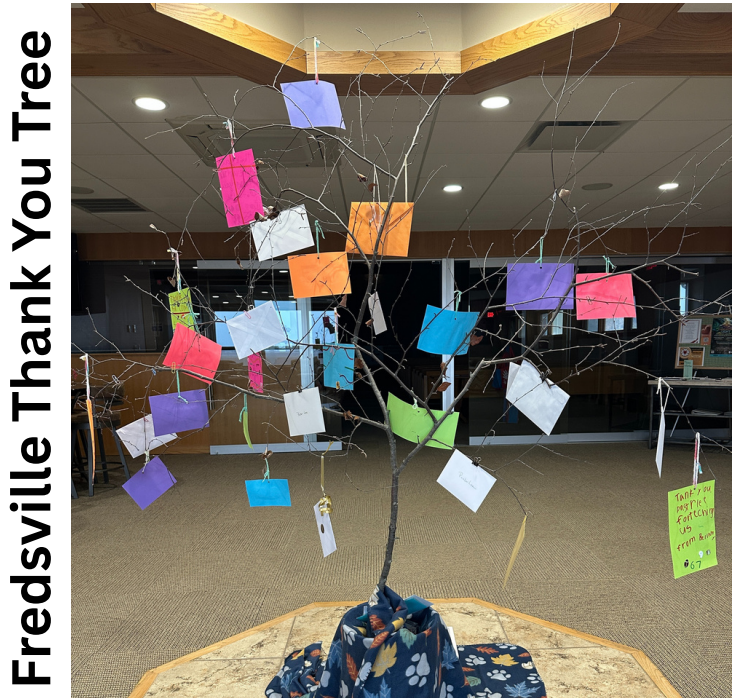
God has blessed us in many and various ways in this season and in our life together. May we practice the ways of rest, renewal, and Thanksgiving, and pass these practices of faith on to the next generations with great joy.

*May the Peace of Christ
be with you always...*

Pastor Lee

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Pastor Lee with 2nd Graders
& 3-Year-olds on Bible Sunday

**Pictures from Pastor Lee & Pastor Dena's
Fall Vacation to Vermont**



Fredsville Thank You Tree

Hello Fredsville.

A Word From Fredsville's Council President

November makes me think of the farmers as they are finishing up their harvest. I wonder about the joy they must have when they have a bountiful season. Knowing that their hard work, diligent care, and tireless nights have paid off. I thank the farmers for caring for the land they have been given and tending to it so unconditionally. So, I wonder, what if we were to cultivate, nurture, and harvest the fruits within ourselves as diligently as our farmers care for their crops? By fruits I mean the Fruits of the Spirit. (Galatians 5: 22-23) Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

Love- 1 John 4: 7 -8: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22: 37-40

Joy- John 15: 11: "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

Peace- John 14: 27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Patience- Ephesians 4: 2: "... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love."

Kindness- Ephesians 4: 32: "be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgives you".

Goodness- Galatians 6: 10: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Faithfulness- 1 Corinthians 1: 9: "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Gentleness- Matthew 11: 29: Jesus said, "take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Self control- Titus 2: 11-12: "for the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age."

As good as all this sounds, it can be hard to be this good all of the time. Lord knows I am a work in progress. When I partner my life with Him and allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in my and through me, it is then; that I can walk hand in hand in my faith along my life's journey and share these fruits freely.

In our earthly world the fruits grow from vines, trees, and the soil. Spiritually these fruits grow as the relationship we have with God is strengthened and nurtured. Just as a traditional fruit needs a source of nourishment, the Spiritual fruit needs one as well.

Spiritual growth is a process, and everyone's journey is different. It happens over time and can be cultivated by life's circumstances and experiences. I think the Fruits can help us build our character and bring us closer to the person God wants us to be. When you have a personal relationship with God the fruits of the spirit help us to live a life that reflects his love and the virtues that we are to exemplify towards others. These fruits give us the guidance for our actions to daily challenges and social interactions.

Remember, He is the vine and we are the branches. I pray that you keep close to the vine so that you can be fed generously and bear good fruit to share with those around you!

God Bless,

Brenda-

Q & A
Funeral Pall
by Sue Green, assisted by Pastor Lee R. Gable
November 2025

At Jeff Sandlin's funeral, a Funeral Pall was placed over his casket before the service began. Fredsville was gifted a similar Funeral Pall and I thought that we should know more about it.

Q: What is a Funeral Pall and when is it used?

A: A Funeral Pall is a large white piece of fabric. It is placed on the casket at the beginning of the funeral service and removed at the end of the service.

Q: Why is the Funeral Pall white?

A: The white color symbolizes the deceased's baptismal garment, representing their entry into a new life through resurrection.

Q: Is there any ornamentation on the Funeral Pall?

A: The Funeral Pall often has an embroidered cross (or crosses) on it.

Q: Why is a Funeral Pall used?

A: It signifies the equality of all people in death. The pall conceals the costliness or simplicity of the coffin, serving as a reminder that in death, all people are the same, regardless of wealth or status.

Q: How did the Fredsville Church become owners of a Funeral Pall?

A: For Jeff Sandlin's funeral, his parents (Pastor Ken and Marcia Sandlin) brought the Funeral Pall from their church to use on Jeff's casket. With the money given to Fredsville in Jeff's memory, Meridith decided that purchasing a Funeral Pall for the Fredsville church would be a good memorial gift.

Q: Has the Funeral Pall been used at Fredsville yet?

A: Yes, Fredsville's Funeral Pall was used for the first time at Adeline Larsen's funeral on September 29, 2025.

Q: Are the casket flowers placed on top of the Funeral Pall?

A: No, the casket flowers are not placed upon the Funeral Pall.

Q: Where is the Funeral Pall stored?

A: It is stored in a closet in the room that is located in the front of the church to the right (east side). The Funeral Pall is folded and hung on a hanger next to the paraments (the fabric pieces that are used to adorn the altar and the pulpit during the various church seasons).

Q: Does the Funeral Pall need to be ironed each time before it is used?

A: No, the Funeral Pall is made of polyester fabric which is wrinkle resistant.

Q: Do you have to use the Funeral Pall on your loved one's casket?

A: No, it is your choice to use it.

Q: Do all denominations use a Funeral Pall?

A: Funeral Palls are most often used in the Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran traditions.

Q: (to Jeff's parents, Ken & Marcia Sandlin): What do you think about Fredsville obtaining a Funeral Pall with Jeff's Memorial Money?

A: A funeral pall reminds us of the white garment often worn at baptism when a person is declared a child of God. We are grateful that this pall, given in memory of Jeff, will be a reminder of that baptismal declaration.

Q:(to Meridith Sandlin): Why was it important to purchase a Funeral Pall in memory of Jeff?

A: The funeral pall is a beautiful reminder that we are clothed in our baptismal promises and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Jeff was very dedicated in his contributions to worship at Fredsville, including many hours spent editing funeral videos so families would have a long-term reminder of the messages shared about their loved one. The funeral pall in Jeff's memory will allow him to contribute to Fredsville's funeral services for many years to come.

Q:(to Meridith):Is there anything else that you would like to share about her husband Jeff?

A: Jeff always carried in his wallet, a little red card that had his confirmation verse on it.

Joshua 1:9 "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

I would like to thank Pastor Ken and Marcia Sandlin for bringing to Fredsville's attention the use of a Funeral Pall. And, I would like to thank Meridith Sandlin for deciding to spend the memorial money given to Fredsville in Jeff's name to purchase a Funeral Pall.

From Pastor Lee: Funerals are difficult. A funeral pall is one more way we can remember Resurrection hope in times of death. For those of you that have not yet made plans for your funeral wishes, I would encourage you to do so. There are many advantages to making your funeral wishes known now - while you are healthy. Funeral plans can be made by talking to me and/or working with your preferred funeral home.

photos of decorative details on the Funeral Pall



FREDSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

Date: Sunday September 28, 2025

Absent: Abby Brekke (Notes based on voice recording of meeting)

Call to Order: Brenda Cooper, President

Opening Reflection and Devotion: Meeting opened with reflection on “seasons of transition.” Members shared personal updates: hand surgery, new grandchildren expected, tree removal/yard changes, and Pastor’s upcoming vacation to Vermont. Prayer offered for Whitney’s transition, the congregation, and future staff.

Secretary’s Report: Approved previously via email and acknowledged during the meeting.

Financial Report: Financial statements were distributed (Linda absent but prepared reports).

- Building Fund: \$20,104.54
- General Fund: \$49,025.69
- Memorial Fund: \$8,279.40

Solar panel project rebate is still pending, Grassley’s office assisting. Farm lease was awarded to Kruger family at \$95,625 (\$425/acre), down from \$104,625 in 2024. Krugers expressed gratitude. Committee succession: Kevin stepping off Farm Committee; replacements to be found before annual meeting. Pastor’s Portico health benefits discussed; Council approved motion to adopt option comparable to “Gold Plus.” Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1.) **Passing of member Adeline;** visitation and funeral arrangements shared.

2.) **Open Secretary Position:**

- Job description updated and to be posted on church website, Indeed, and LinkedIn.
- One applicant received: interviews to occur after Pastor’s vacation.
- Interim coverage by volunteers and Pastor for phones, bulletins, and newsletters.

3.) **Youth Program “The Flock”:**

- Whitney offered to continue to help meet twice per month, but Council agreed on a clean break after October 12, due to knowing how accommodating Whitney is, and recognizing the time it takes for her new position.
- Discussion included possibility of parent-led or monthly youth gatherings, retreats, or new leadership.
- Budget note: ~\$500 invested in curriculum and materials for the year.
- Attendance historically 4–12 students; concern about competition with other local youth programs.
- Consensus: explore alternatives.

4.) **Eagle Scout Project:**

- Paver patio and pollinator garden progressing; plants and mulch to be installed.
- Funded partly by Larsen family memorial gifts.

5.) Cemetery Committee:

- Reaffirmed adherence to existing membership rules regarding burials.

6.) Staffing & Administration:

- Video recording volunteers: Payment logistics discussed; time sheets and employment paperwork to be completed by Meridith and Linda.
- Payroll start date may be backdated to cover volunteer work already completed.
- Upcoming meetings: Mutual Ministry and Finance committees to meet in October for budget planning.

Pastor's Report:

- *Worship*: School year began with Backpack Blessing; Confirmation Blessing Sept 14. Advent prep underway.
- *Pastoral Care*: Worship at care facilities; funeral care for families.
- *Education*: Confirmation launched with family meeting Sept 3. Six students to be confirmed Nov 9; Seven students continuing. Weekly Bible study meets at Carol A. house. Youth participated in Sunday School leadership planning. Youth gathering scheduled in Charles City Oct 12 engaged in Sunday School planning.
- *Spiritual Formation & Professional Development*: Attended Iowa Environmental Council Annual Gathering. Shared resources on creation care and climate justice. Reading/discussing "All We Can Save."
- *Evangelism/ Outreach/ Stewardship*: Represented congregation at NEIA Synod meeting on climate. Advocated for a "small grant" program to help small congregations like Fredsville. Discussed cemetery expansion with council.
- *Community Involvement*: Participated in "God's Work, Our Hands" project; active in climate care advocacy.

Council Representatives for the following Committees:

- 1.) Finance: Todd Mikkelsen
- 2.) Property: Tony Norton & Keene Petersen
- 3.) Social Ministry: Brenda Cooper, Wanda Nielsen, & Keene Petersen
- 4.) Christian Ed: Abby Brekke
- 5.) Mutual Ministry: Brenda Cooper
- 6.) Cemetery: Roy Stefan
- 7.) Endowment: Tom Verhulst
- 8.) IT: Amy Camarata

Upcoming:

- Mutual Ministry and Finance committees to meet in October for budget planning.
- Oct 1-13: Pastor on vacation
- Oct 15: Confirmation
- Oct 26: Bible Sunday - 3 year olds & 2nd graders

Closing Prayer: The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: October 26th following worship.

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Council Minutes

Date: Sunday October 26, 2025

Call to Order: Brenda Cooper, President

Opening Reflection and Devotion: Meeting opened with devotions reflecting on the Gospel lesson from Luke 18:9-14, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector."

Secretary's Report: Approved previously via email and acknowledged during the meeting.

Financial Report: Financial statements were distributed. Additional reports were comprised with year-to-date results. It was discussed to see if we could get a more thorough view of the utilities now that internet is on the same bill. Council would like to see if we could separate out the church vs parsonage vs villa for purposes of budgeting. Linda agreed to work on this.

- Building Fund: \$20,000.45
- General Fund: \$48,000.18
- Memorial Fund: \$8,269.40

New Business

Parish Secretary: 20 applicants received; few with direct church office experience but strong customer service backgrounds. Two finalists (both local) identified; reference checks underway. Both candidates desire deeper church engagement and community. Decision estimated within the week, pending remaining references.

Council Membership & Nominations: Three members conclude terms in February (Tom, Todd, and Brenda). Members will work to identify and contact potential nominees, with openness to diverse candidates. Newsletter may invite interest, and we will want to communicate commitment and expectations. Members will aim to have asks completed by December to avoid January rush.

Property & Grounds: Mowing/grounds: Property Committee will bid out 2026 mowing. Planning to be clear with expectations and will need proof of insurance (cemetery risk). Discussed volunteers assisting; formal bids still required. Eagle Scout project: sidewalks completed; waiting on plants and first hard freeze before seeding. Some edging work will take place in the spring. Donor family eager for progress updates.

Worship & Events:

Advent/Decorating: Options discussed for Nov. 23 vs. Nov. 30, will only need about an hour or so to complete. Razzle Dazzle: Continue community presence; consider interactive games (e.g., Spin/Plinko) with small prizes.

Pastor's Report:

- Worship - Finished up Season of Creation and have a busy November coming with All Saints, Confirmation, two baptisms, and then Advent starting.
- Pastoral Care - Funerals/burials: Recent services including private burial; dedication of new funeral pall on Sun., Nov. 2 (gift of the Sandlin family in memory of Jeff).
- Education - Confirmation group is going great-kids are connected and engaged. Sunday school and the weekly Bible study are going well.
- Professional Development - Attended the Tri-Synod gathering and is working with the Iowa Faith & Climate Network. Still coordinating the Eagle Scout project.
- Administration - Pastor currently producing bulletins and drafting newsletters for Nov/Dec. Awareness of ongoing email/text scam attempt.

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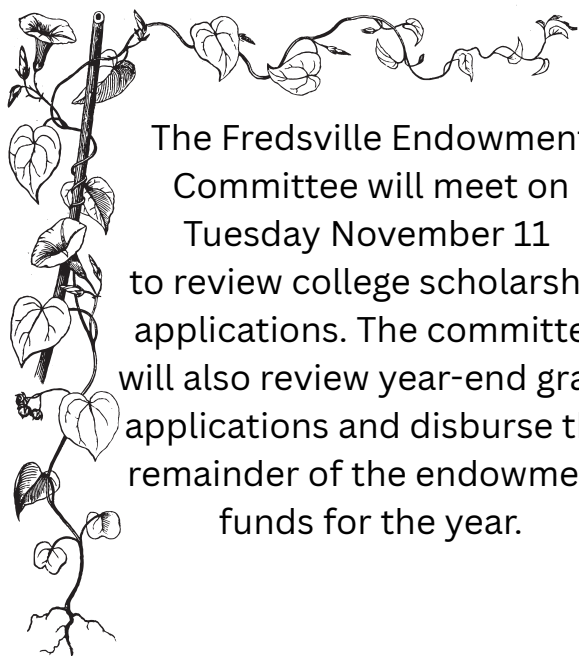
Upcoming:

Mutual Ministry-November 10 6:30pm

Finance-Will be set up in the next week or so.

Closing Prayer: The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: November 30 following worship.



The Fredsville Endowment Committee will meet on Tuesday November 11 to review college scholarship applications. The committee will also review year-end grant applications and disburse the remainder of the endowment funds for the year.

IS GOD INVITING YOU TO SERVE?

Parish Council

One meeting a month after worship

Recieve monthly ministry reports

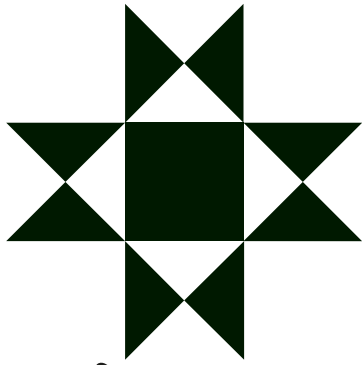
Help make finacial decissions

Help set ministry priorities

Engage with ministry teams

Support Congregational Community

This is important work.
please talk to Pastor Lee or Brenda



Lutheran World Relief

The Fredsville Quilters have been hard at work
This Fall they sent 50 Quilts & 29 Personal Care Kits
to Lutheran World Relief. These will be used to
share God's Love with our global neighbors.

Thank You Quilters !



International Student Thanksgiving Meal-Appeal from ThreeHouse

ThreeHouse is excited to host a Thanksgiving dinner for International College Students at UNI. The meal will be **Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6 PM**, and we would 'relish' your support!

This event has OUTGROWN OUR SPACE! This year we will be hosting at/with
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2410 Melrose Dr.

While ThreeHouse will provide the turkey, we would appreciate contributions of homemade favorites such as mashed potatoes, yams, green bean casserole, rolls, pies, and more. Please consider signing up to bring a dish that makes "Thanksgiving Dinner" special for you.

We anticipate around 100+ attendees (but don't worry about preparing potatoes for 100; together we will create a cornucopia). Once you sign up, you'll be able to see what others are bringing and can easily edit your entry if you like. Any leftovers will be shared with the students to take home.

Also, if you or someone you know may be able to prepare kosher or halal items- this will help meet the dietary needs of some of our students.

Thank you for all the help everyone has contributed in the past and for considering helping this year! This is a wonderful cultural experience for the students and a great way for us to express hospitality as we celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving!

- To sign up **Scan the QR Code ->**
 - **call 319-266-266-4071**
 - **email ross@threehouse.org**

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ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries
Lutheran Student Ministry



Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions from SundayandSeasons.com

Sunday, November 2 - All Saints Sunday

White

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 - The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom
- Psalm 149 - Sing the Lord’s praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)
- Ephesians 1:11-23 - God raised Christ from the dead & made him head over all the church
- Luke 6:20-31 - Jesus speaks blessings and woes

Sunday, November 9 - Confirmation Sunday

Red

“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- Isaiah 55:6-13 - God’s word is sure and never failing
- Psalm 98 - Sing a new song to the LORD. (Ps. 98:1)
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 - Faith and love amid persecution and adversity
- Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus

Sunday, November 16 - 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Green

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- Isaiah 65:17-25 - A new creation
- Isaiah 12:2-6 - With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 - Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ
- Luke 21:5-19 - Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake

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Sunday, November 23 - Christ the King Sunday

White

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- Jeremiah 23:1-6 - Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice
- Psalm 46 - I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)
- Colossians 1:11-20 - Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood
- Luke 23:33-43 - Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise

Sunday, November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Blue

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- Isaiah 2:1-5 - Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace
- Psalm 122 - I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)
- Romans 13:11-14 - Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep
- Matthew 24:36-44 - The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Sunday, December 7 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

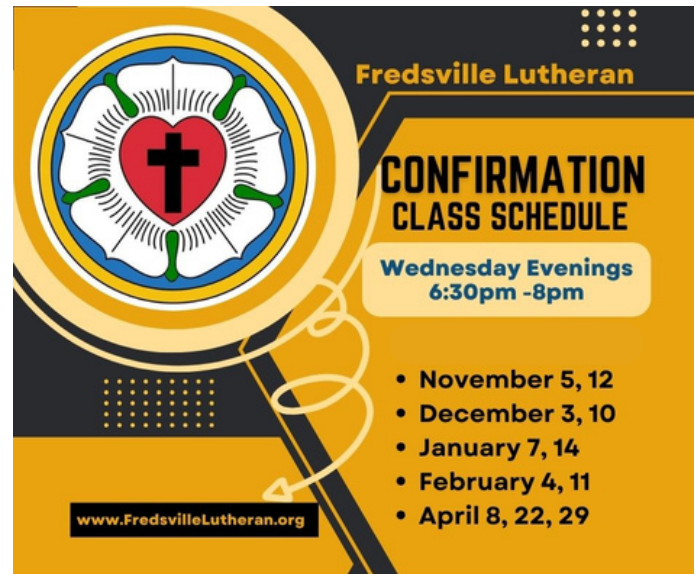
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At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

- Isaiah 11:1-10 - From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace
- Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 - May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)
- Romans 15:4-13 - Live in harmony, welcoming one another
- Matthew 3:1-12 - A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL						
2 All Saints Sunday Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am	3	4 Bible Study 9:00 am	5 Handbells 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30-8:00 pm	6 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	7 Pastor's Day Off	1
9 Confirmation Sunday Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am	10	11 Veterans Day 9am Bible Study 11am Bell ringing Sew Pillowcase Dresses 12:00-4:00 pm	12 Handbells 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30-8:00 pm	13 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	14 Pastor's Day Off	15
16 Two Baptisms Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am	17	18 Bible Study 9:00 am	19 Handbells 5:30-6:30 p.m. Conference Meal	20 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am	24	25 Bible Study 9:00 am	26	27 HAPPY Thanks Giving	28 Pastor's Day Off	29
30 ADVENT Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am			Looking Ahead December 3 Razzle Dazzle in Dike December 7 Christmas Play Practice 5pm - supper 5:30 - practice		December 14 Children's Christmas Play	