Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are called by God to follow Christ in
love and service to all.



November 1, 2026

We encourage children to feel welcome in church during worship. And we recognize that kids need to move and fidget while we share this time together. Tables and coloring pages are available to kids in both the front of the worship space and in the Commons. Parents, please feel free to let your kids move around as needed.

*(Congregation speaks the **bold print** in this program and on the screen.)*

Prelude
Claudius Cazan

Bethlehem Lutheran Choir
"O Lord, Bread of Life"

Welcome and Announcements
(please stand)

Confessions and Forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn
"For All the Saints"
ELW# 422

Greeting

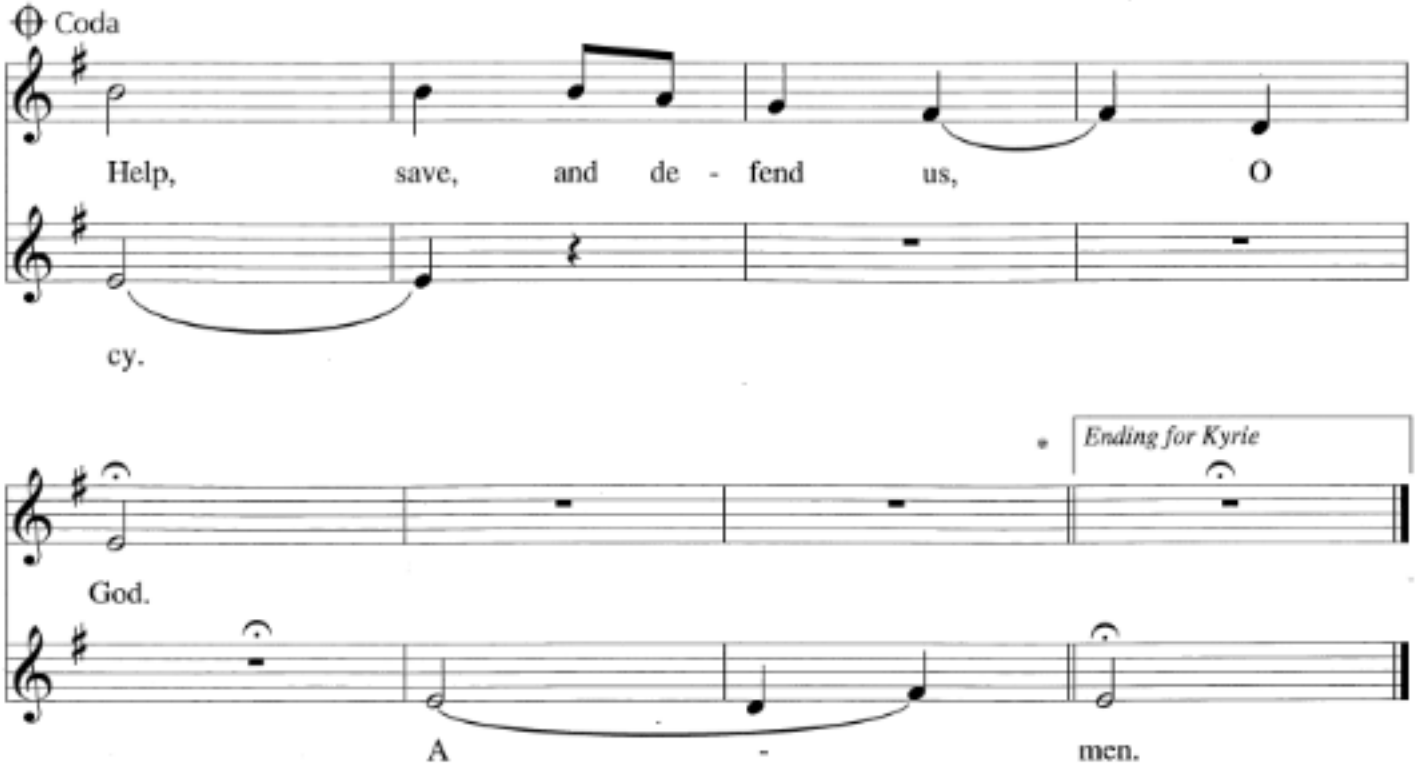
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,
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.
(be seated)

First Reading

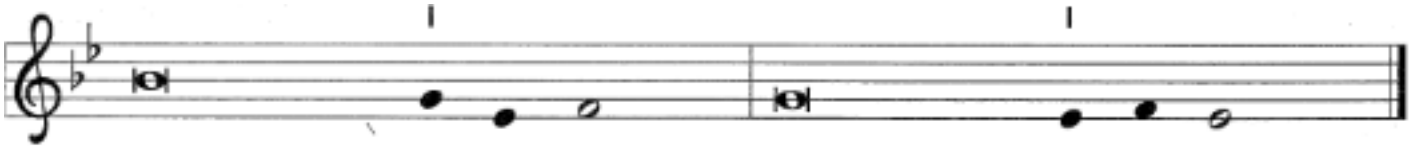
Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10
They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22



1 I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God’s | name together.
4 **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
9 Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
22 O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

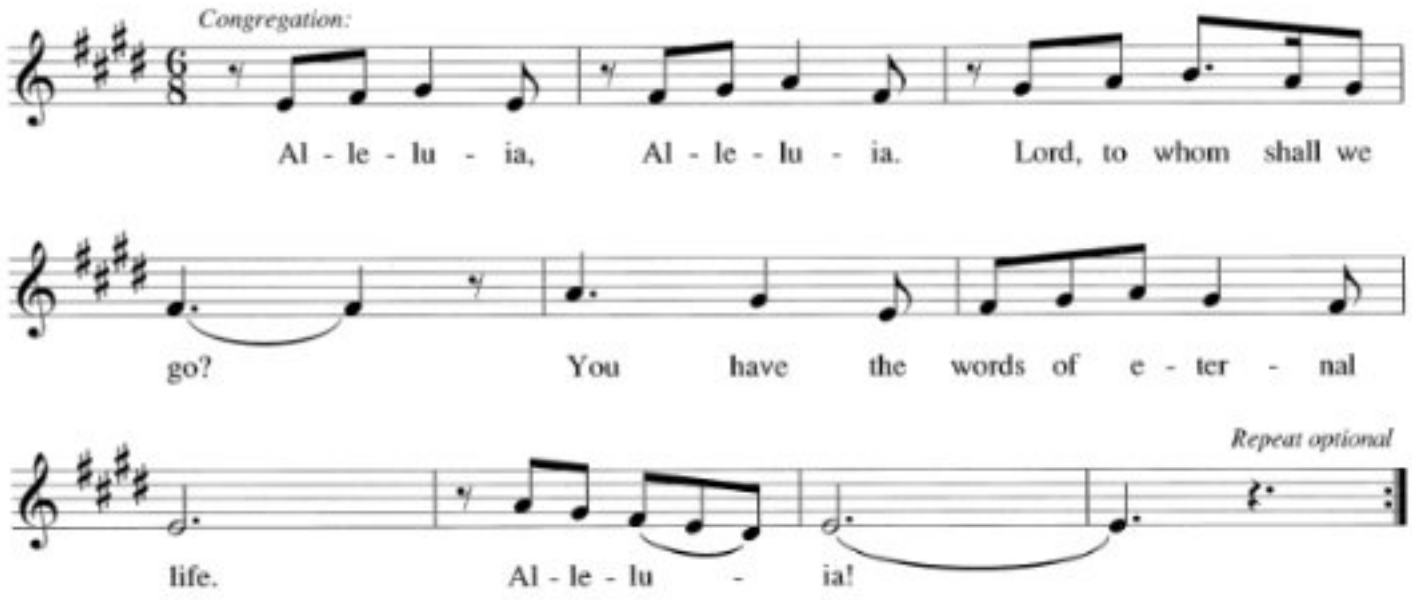
Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for
we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves,
just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Chris**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Death Be Never Last"
ACS# 1030



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever
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Remembering the Saints

Presider: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

All: **When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

A Reading from John:

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Presider: O God, we remember with thanksgiving those whom you have loved and who served you and your creation here on earth. Now they rest from their labors and surround your eternal table of glory. Keep us in union with all your saints and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen**

The names of the beloved saints are read.
A candle is lit for each.

Presider: Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Strengthen us to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep in you and wake in your likeness. To you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries and into our time and place. Strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. This we pray in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Presider: Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

(please stand)

The Prayers

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Greet one another with a word of welcome and peace.

(be seated)

Offering

Thank you for your offerings today. As Christ comes to us in the bread and cup of the holy table, we present ourselves through our own sacrifice of generosity to love and serve our neighborhood and the whole world. You can also give online at www.bethluth.org/give as a one time donation or as a recurring gift. Use this code to access the giving site.

(please stand)

The Great Thanksgiving



Sanctus





Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

(be seated)

Lamb of God



Distribution of Holy Communion

All are welcome at the table of Christ. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. As you come forward, you may also light a candle in rememberance of loved ones.

Communion Hymns

"Give Thanks for Saints"
ELW# 428

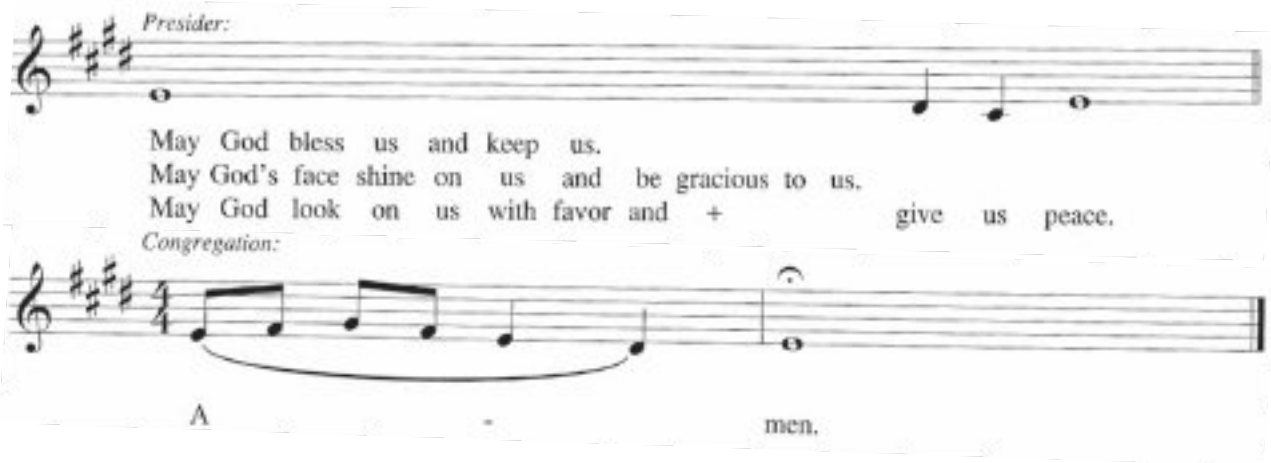
“Remember and Rejoice”
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(please stand)

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Benediction



Sending Hymn

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"
ELW# 619

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Claudius Cazan

Crumbs and Community
Tues., November 3, 6:30pm



The **Confirmation Class is inviting you** to an opportunity to sing, read scripture, discuss and pray together… but the best part is that there will also be **DESSERT!!!** That's right, the Jr. High kids will be preparing and hosting - it'll be some fun songs (like - camp songs, maybe?), hearing the Bible, discussion (not a sermon), and prayers. And after that, there will be a selection of desserts to share… YUM! The topic this time around is **Thankfulness**. Everyone is invited - even your neighbors and friends… what a great way to invite them to church - and don't forget to mention the desserts!
(Future Crumbs and Community will be on February 2 and April 20)

Flathead Warming Center
"Warm and Safe Season"

It's that time of year again, when we help to provide our homeless neighbors with one nourishing meal each month. Last Year, "over 6950 meals were provided," and YOU were part of that. Thank You!!

The Warming Center opened on Thursday, October 1st so please sign up on the forms in The Commons for the last Saturdays of the month and help as you are able. Thank you. For questions, please contact Sherry Korthase at 770-639-6621.

FLATHEAD WARMING CENTER

Pre-Election Day Prayer Service
Today 1pm at Northridge Lutheran Church



Northridge is having a Pre-Election Day Prayer Service today at 1:00pm. It is very simple, consisting only of prayer, scripture, and silence. All are welcome.

Annual Congregation Meeting
Nov. 8th after worship



All church members are invited to join us next Sunday after worship for our Annual Meeting. Find out what each committee has been working on this year and what the plans are for the coming year. We will also be voting on new council members and other issues. *One of the agenda items at the meeting is to review some proposed changes to the 1987 Resolution that created the Trust Committee and Fund. These changes will be summarized at the meeting but if you'd like a full red-lined copy to review, they are available in the Commons.*

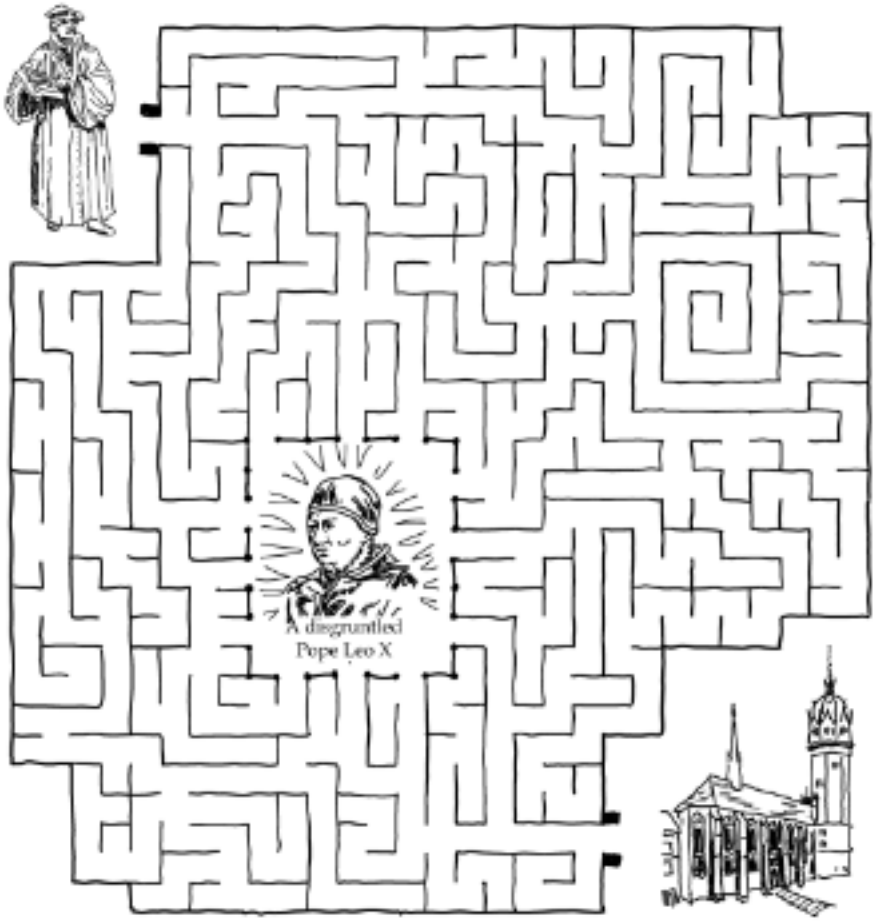
Flathead Respite Care Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! November's “First Tuesday” is the perfect opportunity to gather with friends and family for a great meal while giving back to a cause that touches so many lives. We are continually humbled by the kindness and generosity of our community as we support individuals living with dementia, the caregivers who walk beside them, and the volunteers who give so much of themselves. Every visit to our fundraiser at MacKenzie River Pizza, Grill & Pub helps strengthen and sustain our Respite program. Bring this voucher, snap a pic, or just pull up this FB post and show the server! Thank you for helping us make a difference—and please help us share the word this month!

Daren's Puzzle

The A-Mazing Martin Luther!

Oh no! Martin Luther has just finished writing his 95 Theses, but got lost looking for the Schlosskirche in Wittenberg where he would like to post a copy for people to discuss! Can you help him get there? Be sure to avoid the disgruntled Pope Leo X!



Legend has it that Luther nailed his list on the church door on October 31 of 1517, but it is not clear if that ever happened. More likely he posted it on a board near the entrace, a common practice in those days for all kinds of notices. Whatever actually happened, his theses were discussed and eventually lead to the Lutheran church we have today!

Maze designed by Daren Scott Wilson

Prayer Concerns: Illnes/surgery:

Carol Eckholt, Sharon Jacobson, Bev Taylor, Anna Ruby, and Nikki Brown.

Grief:

Kay Linquist and Family

A Special Thank You To Our Assiting Ministers:

Asst. Mnstr:	Bill Erickson
Reader:	Bill Erickson
Cantor:	Solveig Munson
Ushers:	Lorrie & Brin Grosfield, Linda & John Erfle
Greeters:	Delores Lynch, Vickie Cunningham
Altar Guild:	Karen Fisher
Communion Asst.	Bill Erickson, Daren Scot Wilson, Sarah Wangerin
Power Point:	Gwen Jones
Acolytes:	Grace & Ellie Wangerin

This Week at Bethlehem

SUNDAY	**11/01 All Saints Sunday**
9:00am	Worship/Sunday School
10:30am	Bell Choir Practice
MONDAY	**11/02**
10:00am	Respite Care, FH
6:00pm	Feeding the Flathead, FH
TUESDAY	**11/03**
10:00am	Fellowship Committee, FH
6:30pm	Crumbs & Community
WEDNESDAY	**11/04**
6:45am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH
10:00am	Respite, FH
10:30am	Spinners, CM
7:00pm	Choir Practice
THURSDAY	**11/05**
9:00am	Quilters, FH
9:00am	Knitters, FR
5:30pm	Flathead Valley Community Orchestra Practice, FH
SUNDAY	**11/08**
9:00am	Worship/Sunday School
10:30am	Annual Congregation Meeting, FH



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