

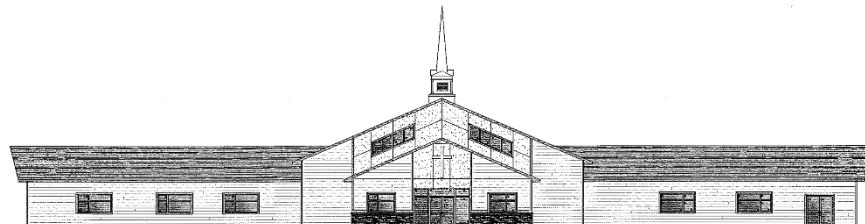
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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



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November 2024

Seek and You Shall Find



In the beginning was the Word. That Word made all things come into being. Yet the darkness has always tried to put the light of truth out (John 1:1-5). From the very beginning the enemy whispered to our parents, “Did God really say?” (Genesis 3:1). Ever since this first lie, we have been questioning and wondering.

Questions can be a good thing! They are good when you seek answers. Jesus said it best, “Seek and you shall find”. Unfortunately many people just stop at their questions. With a defeated shrug they check their brains at the door. But it shouldn’t be that way. There are good answers for our questions.

A healthy faith is a growing faith. And in order to grow we have to face up to questions. One big question facing Christians of every age is Bible credibility. What reasons do I have for trusting God’s Word? That’s a great question! A growing and healthy faith will ask questions like that.

Christians don’t have to take a leap into the dark. We have reasons for believing what we do. And it’s important to know those reasons. Do you really think questions you have are unique? People have been seeking for thousands of years. And the same questions keep popping up. It’s time to get solid answers.

Seek and you shall find said Jesus. But where should I go? You can start with a conversation with me, your pastor. Let me point you in the right direction. We also have a small but excellent library of books and videos you would do well to consider. I can recommend online resources as well. There are entire ministries devoted to answering your questions.

From time to time we also offer special learning opportunities. We have had community events with Faith Search. We took a church trip to the Creation Museum and Ark. Our youth have been attending a yearly conference at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. This year the convention is all about the reliability of the scriptures: How do we know we can trust God’s Word.

We have youth registered but welcome more. To check out online information go to: realityapologetics.com/mn/.

As a fellow seeker, I know it’s best to scratch the itch. Don’t let your questions just fester.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



Fall Dinner with a Touch of Norsk



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

**Doors Open at 3:00 p.m.
Serving: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

MENU

Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Squash, Corn, Bean Salad, Coleslaw, Cranberries, Lefse, Rye & White Bread, Choice of Beverage (Milk, Coffee or Water), Dessert Table with Scandinavian Delicacies

Free-Will Offering

****There will also be a basket raffle and general raffle during the Dinner.****

“Just a Reminder”

During this year’s Fall Dinner we **WILL NOT** be holding a traditional bake sale – but we **WILL** have a table set up selling nonperishable items such as:

- Jams/Jellies
- Syrup
- Honey
- Pickles/Canning

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

***Please price your items accordingly.**

We will also be selling packages of our “Lutheran Ladies Lefse”.

A Big “Thanks” for giving this a try!

First Lutheran Church Raffle!

First Lutheran Church will again be holding our popular basket raffle during the church dinner on November 13, 2024. Raffle starting at 3:00 PM with drawings at 7:00 PM. Baskets will be ready for bidding during a sneak peek on Sunday, November 10, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Tickets \$1.00 each, 6/\$5, wingspan \$25 (40 tickets). Come join the fun & take a chance on winning one or more of our beautiful baskets. Over 75 baskets to enjoy!

Tickets are now available for the general raffle. Bucket raffle ~ you pick which items you wish to win. It is time to return the favor to all your family, friends & co-workers who sell you stuff all year long! Please help by buying or selling raffle tickets to support our church mortgage. Tickets are available in the church office or from Kathy Wick.

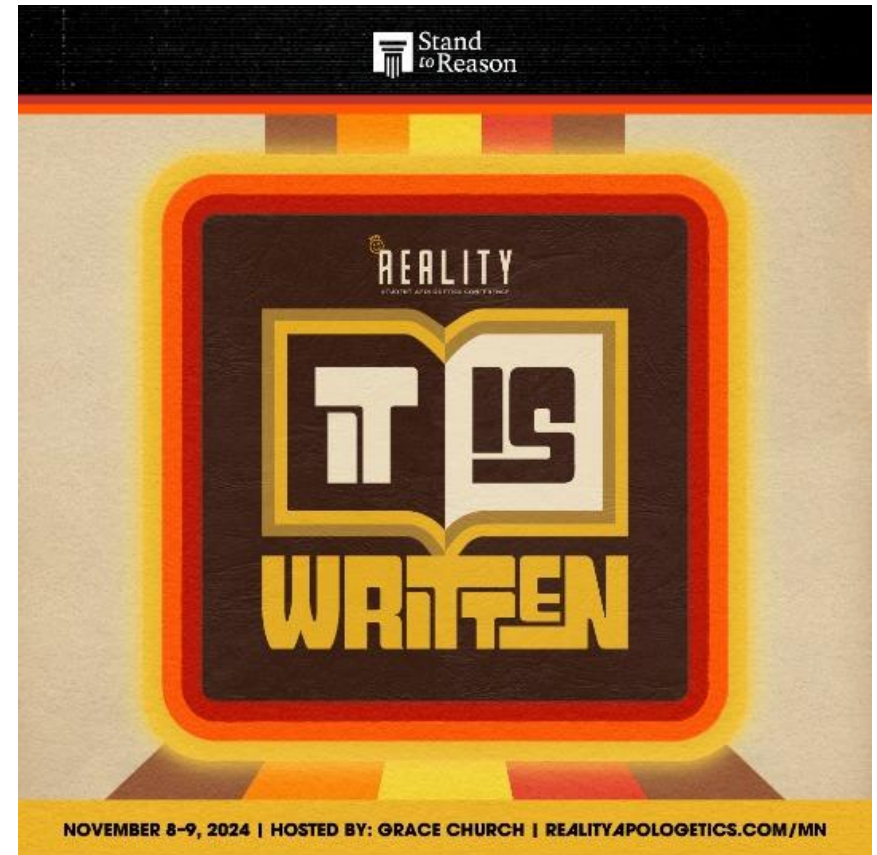
General Raffle - Tickets: \$2 each or 6/\$10

- Handmade Quilt
- \$200 Beef or pork package – O’Connell Cattle
- 10# Alaskan Fish
- Handcrafted oak trash bin
- Handcrafted cedar planter with plant
- Handcrafted wood & metal side table
- \$100 Nilssen’s gift card
- \$100 Walmart gift card
- \$100 cash



Drawing to be held at church November 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM.
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Youth Apologetics Conference



At this year’s Reality Student Apologetics Conference, we’ll meet the challenges raised against God’s Word. We’ll answer the critics and respond to the attacks. We’ll build a foundation for why we can trust the Bible. The confidence of Jesus can be ours as we respond to the world’s challenges when we declare, “It Is Written.”
Host: Grace Church, Eden Prairie. We will carpool from church or you may choose to book yourself a hotel nearby. You may choose to go both days or just Saturday.

For more information and to register:
<https://www.realityapologetics.com/mn/>



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1: Alexis Buhr | 12: Roxanne Anderson |
| Lane Prusak | 16: Brennon Colbeth |
| Lyle Prusak | 19: Bennett Colbeth |
| Curtis Glaesemann | Travis Anderson |
| 2: Jeff Paulson | 20: John Buhr |
| Lori Levendoski | Kathleen Barney |
| Larry Lien | 22: Alexis Sloan |
| 3: Evan Cain | Karter Kuhl |
| 4: Wayne Alvermann | 23: Michael Lund |
| 5: Miles Johnson | 24: Landon Kamm |
| Greyson Buhr | 25: Linda Marg |
| 7: Olivia Buhr | 26: Michael Barfknecht |
| 8: Emily Larson | Ella Pittman |
| 9: Hunter Gilbertson | 27: James Anderson |
| 10: Leah Isakson | Emmett Goodmanson |
| Linnea Fouks | 28: Alex Cain |
| 11: Janet Logan | Tristan Barney |
| Tanner Goodmanson | 30: Hunter Strenke |
| | Evan Larson |

CHILDREN & PARENTS



Christmas program practice will begin on **Sunday, November 10th**. Each child will have a part to memorize which will be sent home with him/her. Every role is important, so please help your child memorize their speaking part so they can proclaim the Good News of Jesus! The Christmas program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 15th at the 10:00 AM worship**

service. Help your child attend all rehearsals during the regular Sunday School time at 9:40 AM each Sunday. We will be meeting in the blue room. Please contact **Theresa Anderson at 715-263-2848** if you have any questions or if you know your child will NOT be participating in the program so changes can be made. We will be excited to see your child at church! Thanks!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Brad & Jo Nilssen

READERS

- 3 Linda McIntire
10 Lacey Kamm
17 Stacia Hoefflerle
24 Jody Hadac

COUNTERS

- 3 & 10 Hannah Eckwall & Janet Monson
17 & 24 Hannah Eckwall & Richard Selvig

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Hannah Eckwall

GREETERS: Laura Lieffring and Dean & Jane Scholz

USHERS

- 3 & 10 Anthony Holloman & Dale Wirth
17 & 24 Aaron Buhr & Neil Larson

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

- 3 Kristi Niles Family
10 Potluck – Youth Group Serves
17 Wayne & Patty Sullwold & Michelle Kuehndorf Families
24 Neil & Emily Larson Family

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for September \$18,778.65 (\$20,728.08 needed monthly)
September year to date offering \$163,867.93 (\$186,552.76 YTD Budget)

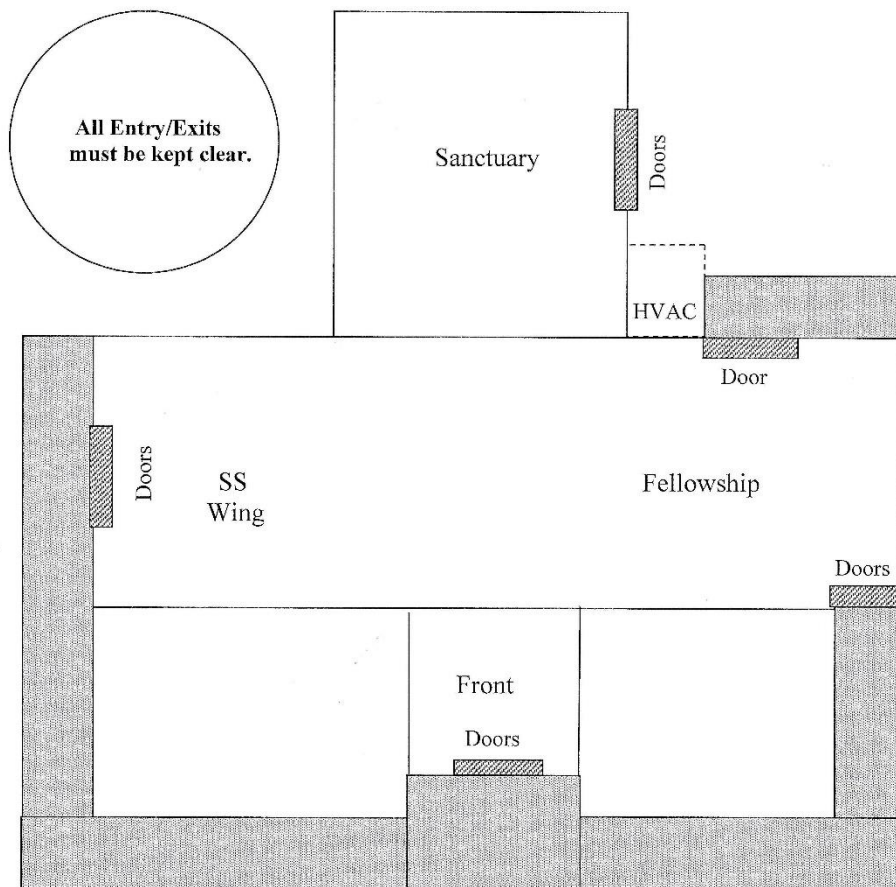
Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$624,060.66

PLEASE HELP!

Snow shoveling volunteers are needed by the week throughout the winter. A sign-up sheet is posted on a clipboard at the back of worship. Thank you for your service.

Snow Shoveling Volunteer Map

Volunteers will clear all sidewalks and entrances as shaded below. All auto parking is cleared by a hired plow.



The church supplies shovels, ice chippers, salt or you may bring your own.

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dixie Croes, Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), and Ashley & Hayden (Nancy & Roy McQuinn's granddaughter & husband) deployed to Middle East. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to LaMoyné Emerson on the death of his sister, Ovelia Emerson.

BAPTISM: Collins Grace Olson, daughter of Jordan & Bethany Olson

MARRIAGE: Congratulations to Kinzie Fleming & Josh Kuhn who were married on October 5th.

Congratulations to the following 10th grade students who will be confirmed on Sunday, October 27th:

Devin Alvermann	Brennon Colbeth
Andrew Buhr	Miles Johnson
Seth Cain	Ben LaBeree
Jerret Case	Natalie Petersen

Quilting Ministry Volunteers Needed: Join our quilting ministry and help spread warmth and comfort to those in need. We have lost several members. We are seeking volunteers to assist with quilting projects that benefit Lutheran World Relief. Tasks: cutting fabric, piecing quilts, binding and tying. No experience necessary! We will provide guidance and instruction. Quilters meet Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. Contact Dawn Peterson (715-263-2385) for questions.

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Mike Stener	Gloria Hedquist
Helen Moe	Gloria Hedquist
Alvin Paulson	Gloria Hedquist
Lee Wick	Gloria Hedquist
Mardell Anderson	Gloria Hedquist