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SALT SHAKER

November 2011

Worship Schedule
8:00 & 10:45
Education Hour
9:20

Nov. 1 ~ 7:00 p.m. All Saints Worship Service
Nov. 5 ~ 1:00 Adult Information
Nov. 6 ~ Food For Kidz (High School multi-purpose room)
Nov. 20-26 ~ Food For Kidz/Pizza Hut fundraiser
Nov. 23 ~ 7:00 Thanksgiving Worship
Nov. 24 & 25 ~ church office closed

***Please remember that the deadline for Salt Shaker items is the 15th of each month. Thanks!**

From the Pastor

I invite you to consider what follows to be a veritable cornucopia of items.

You're going to be hearing an awful lot about Stewardship this month. It will come via the spoken word and via the written word (mail, newsletter, bulletin inserts). My hope is that you'll pay attention to the information you receive ... think about it and pray about it. Especially the information about stewardship of Time and Talent. That's an area where it appears we have significant room for improvement of late.

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Extra worship opportunities this month – Tuesday, November 1, at 7 PM we'll celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Instead of a formal sermon, those worshippers in attendance will get the chance to share memories about their favorite saint. Then on Wednesday, November 23, at 7 PM we'll have our Thanksgiving worship. Plan to attend both services!

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The Fall 2011 letter from the Jacobson's, the missionaries we sponsor in Tanzania, is posted and available for reading on the Missions bulletin board. Check it out.

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If you keep your eyes open you should have no trouble spotting the posters around church regarding this year's Hunger Appeal. Included in this Salt-Shaker you should find an envelope you can use to contribute to the appeal. Please use these envelopes, and please be generous. On a related note, "Food for Kidz" will be taking place on Sunday, November 6th. Why not sign up for a two hour shift? Why not make a contribution to "Food for Kidz" (again, a generous one)? Why not do both?

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I figure most all of you have noticed the "Message Center" outside the church office. Many thanks to those of you who make use of it – and a word to those of you who do so anonymously. Anything submitted to the office anonymously goes directly into the circular file. It doesn't even get read. If the person submitting the idea/suggestion/request/complaint/criticism isn't willing to take responsibility for it, why in the world should any staff member bother reading it?

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Have a blessed Thanksgiving, and remember, this year as always you want to get your Advent shopping done really, really, really early.

Pastor Born

Greetings friends!

Here is a little of this and a little of that!

WOW! We collected enough school supplies & fabric to make 50 school kits. Thank you to everyone ~ for your generous gifts. Thank you to everyone ~ who helped with sewing or stringing the school back-packs. Thank you Sunday School kids ~ for filling the school kit bags. You are all awesome! Together as children of God we will reach out to God's children across the ocean. Our gift will give many children (50 kids) an opportunity to attend school. It is the little things that add up to make a big difference in the lives of others. God bless the school bags & the children who will receive them.

The Sunday School children ages preschool through ninth grade received new offering envelopes on October 2 with the hope that it promote healthy stewardship. Thank you Ellory Christianson for visiting all the classes to share her ideas on giving of time, talents & money as well as how good it feels to give back to God for the many blessings given to us. She also talked about how the offering monies are used mostly for mission projects. We encourage parents to teach their children how to use their envelopes and how important it is to their growing in faith. The amount given is not the focus of the offering envelopes but rather giving back to God on a regular basis. Our Sunday School children were excited to receive their new offering envelopes. We will continue to keep the kids and parents informed about what mission projects the offerings will be used for so they can be involved. We look forward to watching our kids grow in faith and understanding.

On October 16 ~ 9 children selected Prayer Pillows. Thank you Ruth Kendle for making the darling prayer pillows and Melissa Redepenning for making the Prayer Cards. It is a great way to teach our children about prayer.

We will be celebrating "All Saints Day" on Tuesday, November 1 at 7PM. We hope you can join us. We also hope that you will have time to stop by the "All Saints" banner located in the narthex lounge. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have died on the people cutouts and hang them on the Banner. Thank you Shawn Hintzen for making the cutouts! The "For all the Saints" banner will be carried in the processional at our All Saints worship on Tuesday, November 1. We will still have plenty of bells hanging on the banner representing all the names on the banner.....so the banner will make lots of noise as it is carried into the sanctuary to remind us that there are many saints and that God's kingdom is filled with joy. It is good to remember.

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with worship on Wednesday, November 23 at 7PM. I have been thinking about possible ideas for the service. I have an idea but I will need your help to make it work. You can help me in two simple ways. One way is to write a few lines about what you are thankful for... you may write it on the special form provided in this Salt Shaker & drop it in the collection box in the narthex or you may email it to me. The second way is to share a picture or two of something you are thankful for. You may email the pictures to me or drop them off in the same collection box. If you share a hard copy I will return pictures following the worship. Thank you in advance. prthomas@mainstreetcom.com I am looking forward to hearing from you by Nov.16. Your input will enhance our Thanksgiving Worship experience.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Becky

“Investing for Time and Eternity”

The Lord Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

As managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us, we have a responsibility to manage well what rightfully belongs to God. By storing up treasures in heaven, we safeguard that which we value. There, our treasures are not subject to destruction, damage or even inflation. Nor are they subject to theft since God provides the universe’s greatest security system!

There’s nothing wrong with saving or investing here on earth. In fact, Jesus gave a commendation to faithful stewards for that very action. But the primary place to invest is in what might be called “God’s Eternal Bank.” There are many ways to invest in that special “bank.” When given in the name of the Lord Jesus and for His sake, even a cup of water can be an investment in God’s Eternal Bank. Our financial resources can also be used in this way. Each time we give our tithes and offerings at First Lutheran Church for the glory of God, we are storing up treasure in heaven, “investing for time and eternity.”

The universal principle of giving is found in 2 Corinthians 9:7 — We are to give as we have decided in our hearts to give. In other words, giving (including when to give and how much to give) is a matter of the heart. It is the same principle Moses expressed in Exodus 25:2 — We are to give willingly from the heart.

Dr. George W. Truett was invited to dinner in the home of a very wealthy man in his congregation. After the meal, the host led him to a place where they could get a good view of the surrounding area. Pointing to the oil wells punctuating the landscape, he boasted, “Twenty-five years ago I had nothing. Now, as far as you can see, it’s all mine.”

Looking in the opposite direction at his sprawling fields of grain, he said, “That’s all mine.” Turning east toward huge herds of cattle, he bragged, “They’re all mine.” Then pointing to the west and a beautiful forest, he exclaimed, “That, too, is all mine.”

Dr. Truett simply placed one hand on the man’s shoulder and pointed heavenward with the other. “How much do you have in that direction?” he asked.

That’s a good question, isn’t it? No matter what our wealth and financial holdings here on earth may be, what really counts is what we have in store in heaven.

As you consider our annual stewardship emphasis, “Investing for Time and Eternity,” and as you consider how God has blessed your life, to use Dr. Truett’s question, “How much do you have in that direction?” And perhaps even more importantly, as you consider the year which lies ahead and your commitment to the Lord to give to this ministry, what will you — by faith — promise to give in the coming year?

Please plan to be present on “Commitment Sunday,” November 20, 2011, as we offer our Estimate of Giving Cards in thanksgiving for God’s blessings in the past and in anticipation of God’s provisions in the future.

“ . . . the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

GIVING IN SEPTEMBER

General Fund Receipts	\$26,349	Building Fund Receipts	\$12,579
Spending Guideline Need	\$27,604	Mortgage	\$11,348

ALL MEMBER *

STEWARDSHIP SERVING GROUPS

**TO WORSHIP THE LORD, TO GROW IN FAITH AND LOVE,
AND TO SERVE UNCONDITIONALLY !**

NAME LISTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

- The chairman will call you to help bake, serve, and/or clean up for the Sunday fellowship between services.
- The first Sunday of the month will be done by the youth group or other special interest groups.
- Check your calendars so you can choose which Sunday would be the best one for your schedule.
- You may also be called to bake or help **if** funerals or other events occur during your month.
- Your month comes up every 13 months and you will be asked to help on only **1** Sunday of your choice.

Thank you.

November 2011

Alter	Reid & Audree	352-3038
Bjork	Matt & Erin	351-4076
Dresch	Jerry & Dawn	351-7944
Griep	Jeff & Sue	352-5260
Holm	Gail	352-6844
Juelke	John & Boots	352-6058
Kottke	Richard & Sandi	256-7579
Leischner	Marlon & Janis	352-5339
Mau	Tammy	352-3544
Plant	Lou & Lori	352-3394
Ritter	Josh & Emily	250-5726
Schaeffer	Dick	351-6608
Suelflow	Denny & Kate	352-6716
Terwilliger	John	256-7478
Volkman	Andrew & Missy	352-3865
Wiens	Jennifer	493-3176

December 2011

Achter	Karen	352-3595
Bjorhus	Walt & Irene	352-2954
Dyrseth	Dorothy	351-8483
Eltgroth	Brenda	352-6177
Evans	Doug & Melissa	352-7893
Fiedler	Paul & Steph	554-7174
Grove	Rod & Barb	352-6112
Hegg	Bruce & Jackie	352-6451
Hubert	Gordy & Suzanne	352-5186
Ziethamer	LaRaye	351-8721
Kluempke	Paul & Sarah	256-4488
Larson	Bill & Kathy	352-3898
Lomax	Pat & Mary	836-2341
Mellgren	Mark & Jen	352-7927
Neal	Pat & Becky	352-6720
Ross	Lois	352-3875
Sayovitz	Jim & Jill	352-6990
Sebek	Justin & Sheyanne	352-3356
Sukke	LeRoy & Shirley	352-2095

*If you are over 75 and wish to have your name removed from the stewardship serving list please leave a message in the church office.

Living in Faith, Securing our Future One Year Update

Our debt reduction campaign has reached one year in duration. For the year starting in September 2010 and ending August 2011 the congregation has contributed \$182,555.50. This is a great start toward our goal of approximately \$500,000. We have met our obligations to Mark Davy & Associates and added close to \$20,000 to the building fund reserve, while meeting our monthly mortgage obligation for the past year.

In the near future new members will be contacted in regards to pledging to the project. Congregation members that have not pledged are encouraged to pledge now as well if they feel their situation has changed from September of 2010. Our goal is to retire the mortgage that runs until December of 2018, the principle on the loan just went under \$800,000. The original loan was for \$1.6 million. We are making steady progress toward this end, however, we are going to have to be diligent in our giving even in the years after this campaign ends in 2013. At this time we have \$168,000 in building fund savings. Hopefully we will have more than \$200,000 in reserve after the campaign concludes. Clearly, we will need to make building fund contributions in the years after August 2013 to meet our mortgage obligation.

At this time there is no plan to buy down principle as we have in the past, however, as this campaign concludes we will need to make a decision as a congregation as to what will be the wisest course of action in meeting our obligation. A huge thank you to all of you who have given so generously to Living in Faith, Securing our Future. With God's grace, we will see this through to its finish.

Daryl Oja
Stewardship Committee

Thrivent ~ Choice Dollars

Distribution of Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to First Lutheran Church by eligible Thrivent members.....total distribution amount = \$7,465

\$3,765	Trustees of First Lutheran for replacement, remodeling, maintenance, and upkeep of the church
\$2,000	New kitchen stoves
\$1,000	Church Debt Reduction
\$ 500	Nursery remodeling
\$ 200	Church Choir fund

Altar Flowers for November

Todd & Marcy Welberg ~ anniversary

Jim & Vurnie Wilson ~ anniversary

Marlon & Janis Leischner ~ 25th anniversary

Food Shelf Ideas ~ stuffing mix, packaged potatoes, sweet potatoes...any traditional Thanksgiving dinner fixings.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for all your prayers, the prayer shawl, visits, cards, phone calls and the concern shown during my hospital stays. Pastor Born and Pastor Becky thanks for your visits!

Marge Carlson

A request:

This month many of you will receive your 2012 offering envelopes in the mail. When making your contributions to First Lutheran, PLEASE use these envelopes and fill them out completely (making sure to use a separate envelope and check for each contribution). Also, please only use the envelopes for the current year. Everything gets recorded onto the computer from the information on these envelopes, so it needs to be complete. Thanks so very much!!!!

A Suggestion:

Every so often you may want to check out the variety of bulletin boards that we have.....

***The Rejoice Board** faces the stairwell and has current information about, and sign-ups for, activities going on here at First Lutheran

***The FLY Board** is the first board on the right as you head down the hallway towards the Christian Life Center and has our youth activities and information posted.

***The Auxiliary Board** is the second board on the right and has information and sign-ups for Auxiliary sponsored activities.

***The Missions Board** is the first board on the left, past the Library, and has updates and information about many of our sponsored mission projects.

***The Community Board** is the second on the left and here is where there are activities, dinners, help areas, etc. within our community and surrounding area.

A Huge Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with our Fall Rummage Sale, Bake Sale, and Lunch! Without all of the MANY volunteer hours and donations this event could not happen.

The total amount of money brought in (as of 10/23/11) was:

Rummage Sale ~ \$2,012.83

Bake Sale & Lunch ~ \$1,040.67

Also, thanks to the group of ladies who make the decisions as to where this money is to be distributed.....many areas, both here at First Lutheran and other benevolent causes, will benefit from your time and work.

Fair Trade Days in November

Each Sunday in November between services stop in the CLC to check out the displays. Many items will be included for purchase...coffee, chocolate, scarves, jewelry, and more.

What is Fair Trade?

Fair Trade offers us an alternative opportunity to exchange goods in a way that promotes care of both the worker and the environment. Fair Trade standards were developed as a way to guarantee human rights at all levels of global trade—from producer to consumer. When our families, communities, and churches purchase Fair Trade products, we honor our human connection with workers around the world and respect their right to receive fair prices for their hard work. Fair Trade can help build schools, homes, and health clinics. It ensures quality products for us and the chance for a better life for them. It reminds us that, until we are all whole, none of us can be, and that the choices we make are truly felt around the world.

How Fair Trade Supports Human Rights

Fair Wages: Fair Trade guarantees products minimum prices that take into account their productions costs. This increased income helps producers feed their families, stay out of debt and keep their land.

Children's Rights: Many children's rights are violated when families are forced to send their children into dangerous working situations rather than to school. Fair Trade cooperative can build schools close to home, pay teacher fees, provide scholarships and support children in their communities.

Women's Rights: Most Fair Trade cooperatives are required to document how many women members they have, how many hold leadership roles and how many own or co-own land. They must demonstrate that women have equal rights and responsibilities.

The Right to Organize: Fair Trade promotes direct relationships between international buyers and producers. These democratically organized, producer-run cooperative, artisan groups or worker unions offer equal employment opportunities for women and men, facilitate access to buyers, provide credit and offer training and technical assistance to members.

Environmental Rights: Fair Trade standards forbid the use of persistent organic pollutants, dangerous chemicals and other substances harmful to people. The standards also protect wetlands, virgin forests, watersheds, and encourage products to adhere to strict standards.

Indigenous Rights: Indigenous people frequently face discrimination based on language, culture, religion and ethnic identity. Fair Trade cooperatives can serve as a way to address political, cultural, military and territorial assaults on their way of life.

Reserve the date!

WELCA Potluck

Monday, December 5, 2011 6 p.m.

Invite a friend!

FLAGGS

“First Lutheran Guys & Gals Serving”

Thursday, November 10 at 9AM

Come join us for coffee, conversation & a contribution of a little time to work on a few projects that need to be done around the church. It’s a fun bunch!



Pray for all our leaders in our education program and all our young people. “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”



No Prayer Lunch in November. Happy Thanksgiving!



If you dine in or order take-out or delivery from “**Pizza Hut**” during **November 20-26** please indicate that you want to support “**Food for Kidz**”



Calling all MOMS! Join our Moms group!

Here is what is coming in the next few months:

Thursday, November 17 “Road trip” ... hmmm sounds like fun!

Wednesday, December 14 “Wrap & Appy.” Bring an appetizer to share and your Christmas gifts & wrapping paper & ribbons to wrap gifts.

Talk to Missy Volkmann 352-3865 for more details.



Do you like to sing? Would you like to be a Contemporary worship leader? We will be making a new schedule in the near future and would love to have you be involved. Please talk to Pastor Thomas.



Mitten Tree November 27 ~ Christmas

You are invited to hang mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves on the Christmas tree in the south entrance. Items will be delivered to local needy families. Warm your hearts by giving! Thanks!



Thanksgiving Service ~ I am thankful for:



Name (optional) _____ May I include your name? yes___ no___
Return to the special collection box in the narthex by Wednesday, November 16. Thanks!

November Birthdays

Nov. 1	Bill Haroldson Jan Bjork Heather Peterson Ryan Skorheim Breanna Evans	Nov. 14	Katy Proell Messer Bryan Evans	Nov. 25	Donna Neal Kim Olson Jerod Fischer
Nov. 3	Leah Amundson Kurt Heideman Ashley Berndt Jim Zilka	Nov. 15	Jillian Hujanen	Nov. 26	Marty Claussen Norah Anne Sebek
Nov. 5	Jim Juelke	Nov. 16	Matt Olson Melissa Evans	Nov. 27	Brian Wiechmann Paul Achter Gabrielle Volkmann
Nov. 7	Louis Hagl Blake Leraas Autumn Ross	Nov. 17	Jeff Weyer Shirley Sukke Colton Quade Todd Burrer Wyatt James Kuperus	Nov. 28	Mike Moe Breanna Emblom Mary Zilka
Nov. 8	Dean Rieland	Nov. 18	Tammy Tran Angie Christians	Nov. 29	Krista Graham Christopher Schmitz Erin Bjork Sara Geyer Kelly Terwilliger Nicole Lee Mellgren
Nov. 9	Peter Nelson Barb Fischer	Nov. 19	Dianne Rindahl Jim Carlson Scot Halverson Kierra Lynn Kuperus	Nov. 30	Molly Neal Pastor Thomas Pastor Born Jeff Sawyer Darlene Swank
Nov. 10	Beth Beste Curt Emanuelson Al Lemke	Nov. 20	Tim Soule Alyssa Juelke Hunter Broich		
Nov. 11	Jacque Fischer Karin Hujanen	Nov. 21	Linda Fasching		
Nov. 12	Clint Weilage Keegan Christians Keagan Hornick Emily Ritter	Nov. 22	Tanya Tate Vurnie Wilson		
		Nov. 23	Elaine Jensen		
		Nov. 24	Carol Rieland		
		Nov. 25	Chuck Hellie		

November Anniversaries

Nov. 9	Jim & Susan Peterson
Nov. 15	Marlon & Janis Leischner
Nov. 16	Pat & Ava Shields
Nov. 18	Ron & Marge Carlson
Nov. 22	John & Audrey Quistorff Rick & Diane Haskamp
Nov. 24	Todd & Marcy Welberg
Nov. 26	Bruce & Dianne Rindahl

FLY NEWS!!!

HEY YOU! YES YOU!!! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

November is World Hunger Monthwe also celebrate Thanksgiving with our families in November. It is true... we have a lot to be thankful for... so let's say thank you with our actions.

***Come to the "Food for Kidz" Sauk Centre Community Event
Sunday, November 6 1PM-3PM or 3PM-5PM shifts***

Sauk Centre School Multi-purpose Room

Attention Confirmands! This FFK counts as service hours. Everyone else it is a really cool thing to do. So sign up!

Youth will be doing cleanup after Kristin Wanquist's wedding reception on November 12 Watch for further details coming soon.

7th-12th Sharing Tree Lock-in

Friday, December 2 at 7PM - Saturday, December 3 at 7AM

We will have a variety of fun games & activities. We will also be shopping for gifts later in the evening. ☺ Then ~ we will go back to church to wrap the gifts.

Bring a snack to share and \$10.00 (or more) to put towards the cost of the gifts & activities.

Bring along a pillow & blanket or sleeping bag in case you get tired...ha ha!

Pick up a permission form and sign up on the Youth Board today!

You don't want to miss this event! Bring a friend!

We need some parents to help drive and chaperone ... We will have a 7PM-1AM shift and a 1AM - 7AM shift... Help us plan by signing up for a shift soon... we hope you can join in the fun too! It is a very good way to prepare for Christmas. God bless you!

10th ~ 12th Graders ...You are invited to FAITH TALK 9:20AM

Mark your calendars! 9th – 12th graders are invited to attend the SWMN Synod “Take My Hand” Psalm 40:1 -3 Youth Gathering in Mankato, MN on March 30-31, 2012. Details will be coming in January.

3rd – 6th Grade Sharing Tree
Sunday, December 4 Noon – 3:00PM

Come together as youth and make a difference for a needy family this Christmas. We will start with a Pizza lunch! Then ...we will go shopping for gifts for a needy family and then we go back to church to wrap them and do some special things for the family.

Bring \$5.00 (or more) to put towards the cost of the gifts!

Sign up on the FLY Board today - bring a friend! We need some parents to drive and chaperone ...help us plan by signing up on the FLY board too! We hope you can join in the fun.

Preschool – 2nd Grade Christmas Shop and Share

Help out a family in need this Christmas. Select an item to donate from the “SHOP and SHARE” display, purchase the item, wrap the item, and place the gift under the “Sharing Tree” by the FLY Board. Please return wrapped gifts with gift receipts by Sunday, December 5 so they can be delivered. What a good way to learn about sharing and giving to others. The display will be out in mid-November. Thanks in advance!

Mark your calendars!!!!
Sunday School Christmas
Program ~ December 18

Parish Education 6:15PM
Youth 6:30PM
Tuesday, November 8

November Parish Education News
November 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
November 13 10:45 3rd – 6th graders sing
November 20 Christ the King Sunday,
 Stewardship Focus
 Advent Wreath-making
November 27 Thanksgiving weekend ~
 Yes we have Sunday School! Advent 1

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Nov. 6 Madison Greenwaldt, Paige Weber
 Jamie Jennissen

Dec. 4 Makayla Leraas & Tyler Hagl
The Confirmation Youth serve at the Coffee Fellowship in the Christian Life Center following the 8AM service. You should have received a new schedule and instructions. If not ... talk to Pastor Thomas. Thank you for serving!

Mitten Tree

Mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves
November 27 – Christmas

Place items on Christmas tree in the south entrance. Items will be delivered to local needy families. Consider buying mittens for the “Mitten Tree” instead of purchasing small gifts for one another at church. Warm your heart – Keep someone warm

We pray for:

Adult Information class on "Lutheran Christianity", November 5

Food for Kidz event, November 6

SWMN Jr. High Youth Gathering, November 18-19

Thanksgiving, November 23

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Those listed on the gold-colored Prayer Bookmark included in the bulletin each Sunday

L.I.F.E. groups
Bible Study groups
Sunday School
Confirmation
Adult Education
Women's Circles
FLC Auxiliary
Young Couples group
FLAGGS
Stewardship serving groups
Funeral Ministry
Moms group
Retirees
Book discussion group
Quilters
Church Council
Trustees and Committee members

Prayer Time

Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in Church Library

(Every member is being prayed for throughout the year.)

If you would like the prayer group to pray for you or if you have a special prayer request, join us on Tuesday morning or contact Barb Wanquist to schedule a time for prayer.

Attention Parents!!! The Sunday School Family Wreath Making event will take place on Sunday, November 20 during the Education Hour. Details will be coming soon! Mark your calendars!

November 20-26 is "Food For Kidz" Pizza Hut Fund Raiser Week!!! If you eat at Pizza Hut (or order takeout or delivery) please tell Pizza Hut you want to support "Food for Kidz" Thanks in advance

God, the Potter...

Have you ever watched a potter work with clay? Before the potter can begin to mold and shape the clay, he must first center the clay in the middle of the wheel. If it is not completely centered, it will eventually tear apart before the pottery piece is finished. In the same way, God cannot begin to properly work with us in this life unless we are perfectly centered in him. As the wheel turns, it has to be done at a slow and steady pace. If the wheel goes too fast, the clay will tear apart. We have to have patience with the Lord on how he wants to work in our lives. We need to let God mold, shape, and transform us in the same slow and steady manner. In our fast-paced, self-centered world, we seem to want everything instantly. With God, we need to slow down and depend on his time frame. If we don't, we will only get frustrated and impatient, and most likely find ourselves cracked and broken. Most important of all, we will miss out on his plans for us. As the potter continues to work with the clay, his hand is pushed down on the clay to create an opening. Then by using his hands, working on both the inside and outside of the clay, he molds, shapes and transforms what was a solid piece of clay into a beautiful pot. Likewise, God reaches into our souls and spirits and it is there that he works at molding and transforming us. Because God is working inside of us, it can sometimes be painful and unpleasant as he works to remove the bad and negative qualities that we have and replaces them with the good and positive qualities that he wants us to have. When the potter begins working with clay, he knows exactly the kind of pottery piece he wants in the end. Before God works in our lives, he knows exactly what he wants us to become in life because he has our life perfectly planned for us.

Children's Prayer Time

*Dear Lord, Be with me every day,
Protect me when I work and when I play,
Guide me when I learn and when I pray;
Hear me, Dear Jesus*

Amen

--- Author Unknown

God as your

Jehovah Makkeh (Pronounced: Juh-HO-vah MA-keh)

Jehovah Makkeh is our Lord the smiter and corrector. We are certainly not perfect in how we live our lives and God wants nothing more than to mold us and shape us according to His Word so we can live a successful and productive life. The Lord who smites is also the Lord who heals, molds and shapes us into a new person. We live in a world where the devil wants to crush us and shatter our lives. But God wants all of us to live and work together in a unified manner. When we are unwilling to be “broken” (to surrender our wills to Him) we will be crushed by the devil and our own circumstances. But when we fall on the Rock---Jesus Christ—He will help us find a way to overcome the difficulties that are threatening to overwhelm us. Sometimes it is costly to be true to God, but when we do what is right, God will always fight for us. God does not destroy people, but when our choice is disobedience over obedience, we are essentially choosing death over life and letting the turmoil, problems, and our troubles overcome us. We will fall when we try to carry our burdens alone and the weight of them will crush us. Look to *Jehovah Makkeh* to be there to protect us.

God as your Jehovah Makkeh will defend and protect anyone who will keep his or her heart open to Him.

(2 Chronicles 25:7-8, Isaiah 53:4-5, Isaiah 53:10, Psalm 51:17, Hebrew 12:15, Hebrew 10:26-27, Proverbs 22:15, Hebrew 12:5-8, Jeremiah 18:1-13, Proverbs 16:4, 2 Corinthians 4:7)

From “The Names of God” by Marilyn Hickey

WE ARE AS CLAY POTS

“We have this treasure from God, but we are like clay jars that hold the treasure. This shows that the great power is from God, not from us.” 2 Corinthians 4:7

If you have every seen or worked with a clay pot, you will find it to be quite sturdy and yet very fragile. In the Bible, God refers to us as clay pots. Is it because we can be sturdy one day and then the next, when the storms of life hit us, we find ourselves so fragile—full of cracks and maybe even broken in pieces? When we look back at our life, we will probably find many cracks that have been carefully glued back together. So why would God entrust us, as clay pots, to spread his love in this world? Is it because he knows our weaknesses and he knows that when we try to fulfill His purposes, we get cracked and broken? We should not be ashamed of all the cracks in our life, nor should we be afraid to show how God has mended us. It is our broken and mended life that he wants us to use as a testimony to others. God’s desire is to fix the broken pieces in our life. So, if you feel broken and cracked because of circumstances in your life, or because of choices you wish you had made differently, or if you know you have disappointed God in your walk or in your talk, tell him you are sorry. Don’t let your life remain in pieces on the floor. God will forgive you, pick you up, mend you and make you whole again. He will use you, even when you are cracked and mended, to demonstrate His power. Forget about the guilt trips and self-pity parties. Let God change your life and let his amazing power be visible through your cracks.

PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER

Dear Lord, We know this journey of life wasn’t meant to be traveled alone. Please be with us as we travel through the seasons of our life. Direct our footsteps and share in our journey, the one you have planned for us. When circumstances get complicated for us and we let our worries overwhelm us, help us to see that you are always beside us—loving us, holding us, protecting us, leading us and guiding us.

- Give comfort and strength to those who are ill and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Be with those who are hungry and homeless and help them in their struggles. Move us to unselfishly give of our time and resources to support the "Food for Kidz" event.
- Help us walk with confidence, knowing you have molded us for a specific purpose in life. Show us your ways and what you have prepared for us to do.
- Help us respect and love your creation so that we can be wise stewards of all you have given us—the land, water, natural resources, and all living creatures.
- Bless all members of this church. May we serve you with joy and gratitude.

This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

"But you are our father, Lord. We are like clay, and you are like the potter. You created us..." Isaiah 64:8

Nov. 1, 2011 All Saints 7:00 p.m.

Acolytes	Gavin Nelson & Austin Nelson	
Crossbearer	Molly Weyer	
Candlebearer	Angel Dresch	
Comm. Setup	Ken & Mary Nelson	
Ushers	Sam Schnell	Mark Anderson
	Betty Schnell	Paul Skorheim
	Doug Johnson	JoAnn Pedersen
	Dan Knutson	Richard Schaeffer

Nov. 13, 2011 8:00 10:45

Acolytes	Gabi Sawyer	Makayla Leraas
	Marshall Hujanen	Brianna Pagel
Comm. Setup	Jeanette Anderson & Gail Holm	
Comm. Assts.	Scott Dymoke	Laurie Jennissen
	Dave Sillerud	Greta Jennissen
Greeters	Gil & Joyce Alverson	Janet Born
Ushers	Sam Schnell	Jan Terfehr
	Betty Schnell	Paul Skorheim
	Doug Johnson	JoAnn Pedersen
	Dan Knutson	Richard Schaeffer
Readers	Scott Dymoke	Dianna Nelson

Nov. 23, 2011 Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 p.m.

Acolytes	Sarah Bushard	
	Breanna Thompson	
Comm. Setup	Ken & Mary Nelson	
Comm. Assts.	Shawn Hintzen	
	Alyce Hintzen	
Ushers	Sam Schnell	Mark Anderson
	Betty Schnell	Paul Skorheim
	Doug Johnson	JoAnn Pedersen
	Dan Knutson	Richard Schaeffer
Reader	Barb Wanquist	

Nov. 6, 2011 8:00 10:45

Acolytes	Abby Welberg	Joseph Gerhartz
	Breanna Thompson	Cory Quade
Comm. Setup	Jeanette Anderson & Gail Holm	
Comm. Assts.	Dorothy Marker	Beth Beste
	Jerry Moffitt	Sharen Kutter
	Shirley Sukke	Judy Wieggers
Greeters	Dave & Deb Sillerud	Eugene & June Anderson
Ushers	Sam Schnell	Mark Anderson
	Betty Schnell	Paul Skorheim
	Doug Johnson	JoAnn Pedersen
	Dan Knutson	Richard Schaeffer
Readers	Alicia Bertram	Betty Dean

Nov. 20, 2011 8:00 10:45

Acolytes	Sam Proell	Shaun Wiese
	Erik Ekola	Paige Weber
Crossbearer	Leah Larson	Jamie Jennissen
Comm. Setup	April Quistorff	
Comm. Assts.	Dorothy Marker	Mike & Jeanne
	April Quistorff	Bushard
Greeters	Jan Altmann	Salli Brown
Ushers	Sam Schnell	Jan Terfehr
	Betty Schnell	Paul Skorheim
	Doug Johnson	JoAnn Pedersen
	Dan Knutson	Richard Schaeffer
Readers	Chuck Hellie	Ellie Scott

Nov. 27, 2011 8:00 10:45

Acolytes	Logan Hinnenkamp	Tyler Hagl
	Derek Wiechmann	Grant Struss
Comm. Setup	April Quistorff	
Comm. Asst.	Jim & Mary	Jeanette Anderson
	Zilka	Wendy Hagl
Greeters	Jim & Vurnie Wilson	Jim Bushard
Ushers	Sam Schnell	Mark Anderson
	Betty Schnell	Paul Skorheim
	Doug Johnson	JoAnn Pedersen
	Dan Knutson	Richard Schaeffer
Readers	Gail Holm	Sarah Nelson

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Prayer Time 10:30 Retirees 7:00 All Saints Worship Service	2 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 Choir	3	4 10:00 Pericope	5 1:00 Adult Information Class
6 8:00/10:45 Worship 9:20 Education Hour 1:00 Food For Kidz 6:30 LIFE Group	7 9:00 Mission Quilting 7:00 Auxiliary Board	8 9:00 Prayer Time 10:30 Retirees 6:30 Committees 7:45 Council	9 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 Choir	10 9:00 FLAGGS 6:30 Scouts	11 10:00 Pericope 6:00 wedding rehearsal and dinner	12 3:00 Wanquist/Sandvig wedding and reception
13 8:00/10:45 Worship 9:20 Education Hour	14 9:00 Mission Quilting	15 9:00 Prayer Time 10:30 Retirees 6:00 Scouts 7:00 Rachel Circle	16 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 Choir	17 8:30 Foster Grandparents 9:15 Esther Circle 1:15 Naomi Circle Moms Group	18 10:00 Pericope	19
20 8/10:45 Worship 9:20 Education Hour 6:00 Boy Scouts 6:30 LIFE Group —Pizza—	21 9:00 Mission Quilting —Hut—	22 9:00 Prayer Time No Retirees —Food—	23 No Confirmation 7:00 Thanksgiving Worship —For—	24 Happy Thanksgiving ~office closed —Kids—	25 ~office closed —fundraiser—	26
27 8:00/10:45 Worship 9:20 Education Hour No Adult Education	28 9:00 Mission Quilting	29 9:00 Prayer Time 10:30 Retirees	30 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 Choir			

