

*Neither do I condemn you, go and from now on sin no more.* (John 8:11)

It is interesting how an experience or an event can provide an opportunity of insight which absorbs your focus and expression. I find in the midst of our life together at Wangen Prairie certain Scripture passages will become a reoccurring theme of expression. Towards the end of the summer the 'Parable of the Sower' (Mt 13, Mark 4 & Luke 8) became a common resource guiding the sermon time. Preparing the soil, sharing the Gospel, being aware of various toxic influences which corrupt opportunities to grow and flourish, echoed throughout our worship together.

In October, the John 8 text of the woman caught in adultery, became a passage of reflection and insight for my journey and expression of faith. At the beginning of the month, I had the opportunity to attend the LCMC National gathering at Hosanna Lutheran in Lakeville, MN. The theme of the event was Discipleship. We had 3 Keynote speakers sharing various insights on the understandings, practices and challenges of being a disciple in today's context. The third speaker's theme was on obstacles to discipleship. He focused on the perception of Christians being easily offended and hypocritical. He used a personal experience of when a neighbor sinned against him by stealing some of his property and attempting to sell the property at a garage sale a week later. Throughout his speech I found myself reflecting on the John 8 story when the Pharisees and scribes brought a woman caught in the act of adultery to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to respond to the Law which calls for the woman to be stoned. Jesus responds by affirming the presence of sin and called on anyone without sin to throw the first stone. Beginning with the older ones they walked away without throwing their stones. *Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."* (John 8:10-11)

The Keynote speaker did a great job reminding us to not be a Pharisee or scribe, yet he provided little in how to reflect Jesus. All I could gather was that he stopped having contempt for his neighbor. There is more to being a Christian than a changed mindset. There is love. *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.* (John 15:12) Jesus' act of love to the woman caught in adultery was to call her to no longer be a slave to sin. Later on in John 8, Jesus reminds us that being a slave to sin will separate one from God. Freedom from this slavery is found in Jesus. *If the Son sets you free you will be free indeed.* (v.36)

How are we to proclaim: Sin is present. I do not condemn you. Go and sin no more? At the end of October, I was hoping to have my opportunity to follow through on this faith expression. Someone contacted me wondering if our church had a benevolence fund to support people struggling to make ends meet. I said yes, we have a 'Helping Hands Fund.' As this opportunity to give played out, it became very obvious that it was a scam. It was a very elaborate fraud with multiple phone numbers, participants, a convincing cover story and a fake address. Finally, I had one of the participants on the phone. I was excited to share, this is a scam, I do not condemn you, do you want to know Jesus who can free you from sin's grip. I only got to this is a scam and then they hung up.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, may His loving embrace give you the strength to be free from sin and call others to this freedom.

In His Grip,  
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## COUNCIL MEETING, Sunday October 16:

Lori opened meeting with Prayer.

Secretary report was read and approved.

Treasures report was presented, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

### Old Business:

- Update on the back door and bathroom door. Still waiting on contractor, Tom will check on replacing the mens bathroom door as soon as possible.
- We will ask Larry to join us next month for an update on the changes possibly made to our constitution pertaining to definition of members.

### New Business:

- David Flom will plow snow for us again this winter.
- Christmas Day is on Sunday this year looking for ideas. Looking at decorating for Christmas on Nov 27th after church.
- Lori would like all to ponder ideas for special Sundays we could incorporate like soup cookoff, or chili feed, possibly once a month or so and invite the public. Please bring ideas to the annual meeting.
- Missions for November, 1st one will be Kenyon Food Shelf, second one is pending.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer.

Shirley Husbyn

## The Saints we lost in this past year:

*Doug Felton*

*Doris Husbyn*

*Muriel Duncan*

*Gene Schiell*

*Arleigh Berg*

### October Missions:

**Marie Sandvik Center: \$750.00**

**Nate's Community Garage: \$750.00**

**Helping Hands: \$500.00**

**Ukraine Missions: \$15.00**

**Fall Drive: \$25.00**

**Gideons: Amount pending - will update when known**



## MONTHLY MISSION: All Seasons Community Services



All Seasons Community Services is a small community based, grass roots organization providing resources of food, clothing, and household goods to low-income families in need. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.  
530 2nd St, Kenyon, MN 55946  
507-789-6162

**2nd November Mission: PENDING**

## Some upcoming events:

- ✳ Be on the watch for Christmas family information upcoming.
- ✳ **November 12: Health Fair at Cannon Falls Library:** See flyer in newsletter
- ✳ **November 13: UNDIE Sunday!** Bring underwear (and socks) to be distributed to the needy in the area.
- ✳ **Starting November 20:** There will be a **special Advent series** this year, with a daily email and some other special things going on throughout Advent. More information coming on this in the next couple of weeks! If you get the weekly bulletin email, you are on the email list for Advent and don't need to do anything. If you don't get that weekly email and want to be a part of the series, please let Sarah know at [dandsbanner@gmail.com](mailto:dandsbanner@gmail.com) so I can get you on the list.
- ✳ **November 27: First Sunday of Advent** - LOTS happening this day!
  - Brief Advent candle lighting at the beginning of the service
  - Celebration meal for the public to follow church sponsored by Thrivent - Requesting donations for area food shelves and homeless shelters, particularly for young women and their children. High demand items right now that they are very short on are:
    - Larger sized diapers (For kids through aged 3)
    - All feminine hygiene products
    - Paper towels
    - Toilet paper
    - Laundry supplies
    - Basic non-food items needed for daily living
  - Decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season
- ✳ **December 4: Deadline to order poinsettias through Wangan Prairie.** Form attached at end of newsletter. You are welcome to bring your own plant(s), if you prefer, but please fill out form and give to Sarah so you can have your memorial/honorarium listed in the bulletin at Christmas!

## Weekly Verse to Ponder



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Oct 30-Nov 5: *Ask anything in my name, and I will do it!* John 14:14 (NLT)

Nov 6-12: *But if you listen attentively to his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and a foe to your foes.* Exodus 23:22 (NRSVUE)

Nov 13-19: *God is with you in all that you do.* Genesis 21:22 (NRSVUE)

Nov 20-26: *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSVUE)

Nov 27-Dec 3: *Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you.* 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

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Please email Sarah at [dandsbanner@gmail.com](mailto:dandsbanner@gmail.com), call 507-789-4611 during the day, or call 913-685-3031 (cell phone) to leave a message if you want anything included in bulletin or newsletter. Bulletin deadline is Thursday evening, newsletter is the 25th of the month.

CANNON FALLS LIBRARY

# HEALTH FAIR

Because education is the best medicine

**NOV. 12, 2022**

10 am to 2 pm  
Cannon Falls Library

306 Mill St. West



Visit the library and learn about how to be healthy as you live, work and play; and find out what you can do to have a healthier community and world. Hear from AARP, Mayo Clinic, the Minnesota Department of Health, Goodhue County Public Health and others. Ask a veterinarian how animal health connects to ours. Pick up a safe disposal kit for unused medications. Activities and information for all ages.

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Lori Pasch is once again putting together a poinsettia order for the Advent season in honor or memory of loved ones. There will be two size options this year. **You are also welcome to provide your own plant(s), but please fill out the form below so we can get those people you want to uplift in the bulletin for Christmas! Thanks.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 6" plants (\$14 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 8.5" plants (\$28 each): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I am providing my own plants

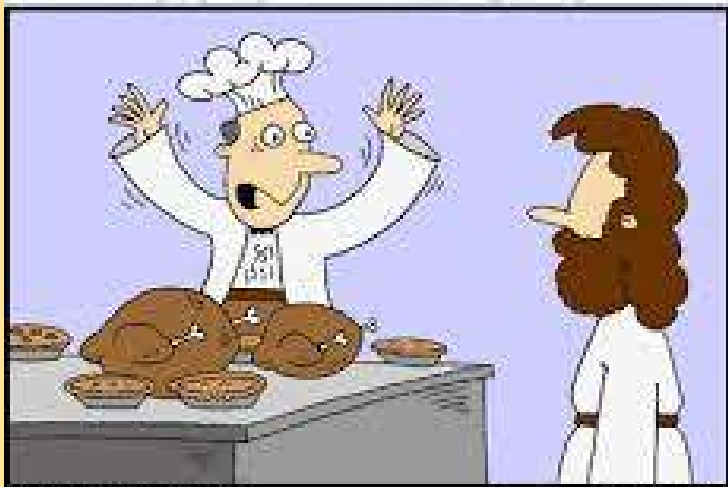
# of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

In MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Wangen Prairie  
and write Poinsettias in the memo*

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 4**



(See Matthew 14:14-21) 11-24-1989

HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE INVITED?!?



11-23-2005

I HAVE TO AGREE WITH NANCY ... THE BELT POP IS TOTALLY WHEN YOU TRANSITION FROM THANKFULNESS TO GLUTTONY

*A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22*



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# Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Thursday of November




AMERICA  
CANOE  
COLONY  
CORNUCOPIA  
ENGLAND  
FALL  
FAMILY  
FEAST  
FREEDOM

GRATITUDE  
HARVEST  
HOLIDAY  
INDIANS  
MAIZE  
MAYFLOWER  
MILES STANDISH  
NEWWORLD  
NOVEMBER

PILGRIMS  
PLYMOUTH  
PUMPKIN PIE  
PURITANS  
SQUASH  
STUFFING  
THANKSGIVING  
TURKEY  
YAMS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		Sam - Quilting		9:30am - Bible Study		Jesse Bauer Birthday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight saving time ends 9am - Worship/Communion	Electron Day 9am - Quilting			9:30am - Bible Study	Veterans Day	10 a.m to 2 pm: Health Fair at CE Library
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Undie Sunday 9am - Service of the Word 10:15am - Council Meeting	Sam - Quilting			9:30am - Bible Study		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sam - Worship/Communion	Audrey McKee's Birthday 9am - Quilting		Den O'Jax's Birthday	Thanksgiving Day 		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
First Sunday of Advent 9am - Service of the Word Meal after church Bring donations of non-food items Decorate church after Christmas	Sam - Quilting					