

From the Pastor

As the end of the year approaches, we come to a time of evaluating where we are as a church.

The month of November allows us to assess our finances as well as invite church members to dedicate themselves to a certain dollar amount that they want to commit to church use. We know that giving is an integral part of discipleship, and if we want to faithfully serve God, then we must consider how we are using our money. There are many investment opportunities available to each and every one of us, but only within the church are we able to use our dollars to advance the cause of Christ's kingdom.

On November 19th we will hold our annual Church Conference. During that meeting, we will be able to review this last year as well as look forward to the future. We will be able to see where and how our money is spent and how you can continue to be a part of God's work in Forest Lake.

Additionally, during this month, we will be discussing the topic of stewardship and the great blessing that it is to give generously to Christ's church.

Our sermon series for this month is called "Testimony is...". We will take a look at what it means to share God's story in your life and have the opportunity to hear testimonies from our fellow church members. God is alive and active in our day to day, but sometimes we are blind to His presence. My hope is that this series can help us better understand the importance of our own testimony, and my prayer is that God would grant us the courage to speak up and share that story with others.

Our giving and the way we steward our money is a testimony in and of itself. Money talks, as they say, and it has a keen way of highlighting our priorities. We have a choice to make between a worldly view of wealth and the values of God's kingdom. As Christians, where will we align our pocketbooks?

Monthly Church Events

| Nov 1 | 4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal |
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| Nov 2 | 10:00am - Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - PAX - Julie 7:00pm - N/A Meeting |
| Nov 3 | 8:00am - Grow Group |
| Nov 4 | 9:00am - United Methodist Men |
| Nov 5 | SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR HOLY COMMUNION 10:00am - Worship 1:00pm - Reception - Ellen Chell 3:00pm - Girl Scouts |
| Nov 6 | 6:45am - Breakfast Club 8:00am - Monday Morning Men - Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H. |
| Nov 7 | 7:00pm - Boy Scouts |
| Nov 8 | 10:00am - Birchwood 4:30pm - PAX- Andrew 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal |
| Nov 9 | 10:00am - PAX - Sue 1:00pm - UWF Exec Board 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote) 7:00pm - N/A Meeting |
| Nov 10 | 8:00am - Grow Group |
| Nov 11 | 5:30pm - Adult Fellowship |
| Nov 12 | 10:00am - Worship |

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We have some stories to share throughout this series but let us not stop there! If God has been working in your life, if he has revealed himself in new ways, if you have had an experience of his power, please let us know! We need to hear these stories! We need to be built up by one another's testimonies!

For The King,

Pastor Andrew

ECHO UPDATE

In ECHO we are continuing our study of the 12 disciples. But, we decided to take a break before Halloween and have a game night. The kids made paper helicopters and had helicopter races in the stairwell, a game where they had to keep the balloon in the air while they put the balls in the basket, and pumpkin cookies. Fun was had by all and they even got their parents to play the balloon game.



Miss Sue Director of Children's Ministries

| Nov 13 | 8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H. |
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| Nov 14 | 6:30pm - AD Council |
| Nov 15 | 11:30am - Romeos & Juliets 4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal |
| Nov 16 | 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote) |
| Nov 17 | 8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck |
| Nov 18 | 7:00am - Food Distribution |
| Nov 19 | 10:00am - Worship 5:30pm - Masquers |
| Nov 20 | 6:45am o Breakfast Club 8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast @ PERKINS 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H. |
| Nov 21 | 10:00am - Rebecca Circle 7:00pm - Boy Scouts |
| Nov 22 | NO EVENING PROGRAM S OR COMMUNITY MEAL |
| Nov 23 | OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY |
| Nov 24 | 8:00am - Grow Group |
| Nov 26 | 10:ooam - Worship 6:30pm - Boy Scouts |
| Nov 27 | 8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H. |
| Nov 29 | 4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal |
| Nov 30 | 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote) |

Youth at Forest Hills

Youth Group Update:

This November we are starting a new Series called Mirrored. "Mirrored" takes a look at different attributes and characteristics of God that reflect in us. As humans, we are created in the image of God, and in this series, you will dive into some of those pieces of the image of God that are in us. This series focuses on self-discovery with students and how they are truly a part of God's beauty.. This two-week journey will help students see how the God of the universe is reflected in them.

Week 1.: Holy and Glorious Week 2: Unity and relationship

After that we will have a one off message on November 15th. There is no youth group on November 22nd as we get ready for Thanksgiving.

Blessings Pastor Cassi

Grow Groups

We had a wonderful turn out for our Chosen grow group series. We are now moving into a time we call off-season. Pastor Andrew will lead us for a traditional style Bible study in the sanctuary on Wednesday nights following dinner.

Starting in December, we will have a short Advent grow group series. We will be offering two classes on Wednesday nights and one on Sunday mornings.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Thank you, Pastor Cassi



November Birthdays

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy! If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

| Gary LaVigne | 11/01 | Matt Lindholm | 11/9 | Sue LaVigne | 11/18 |
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| Darrell Benson | 11/6/45 | Lillian Kilgore | 11/11 | Lillian Bruno | 11/19 |
| Carter Rosenbaum | 11/9 | Andrew Bonsell | 11/15 | Bethany Bonsell | 11/27 |
| | - | | - | Lee Dugdale | 11/28 |