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The Shepherd's Staff

November 2026

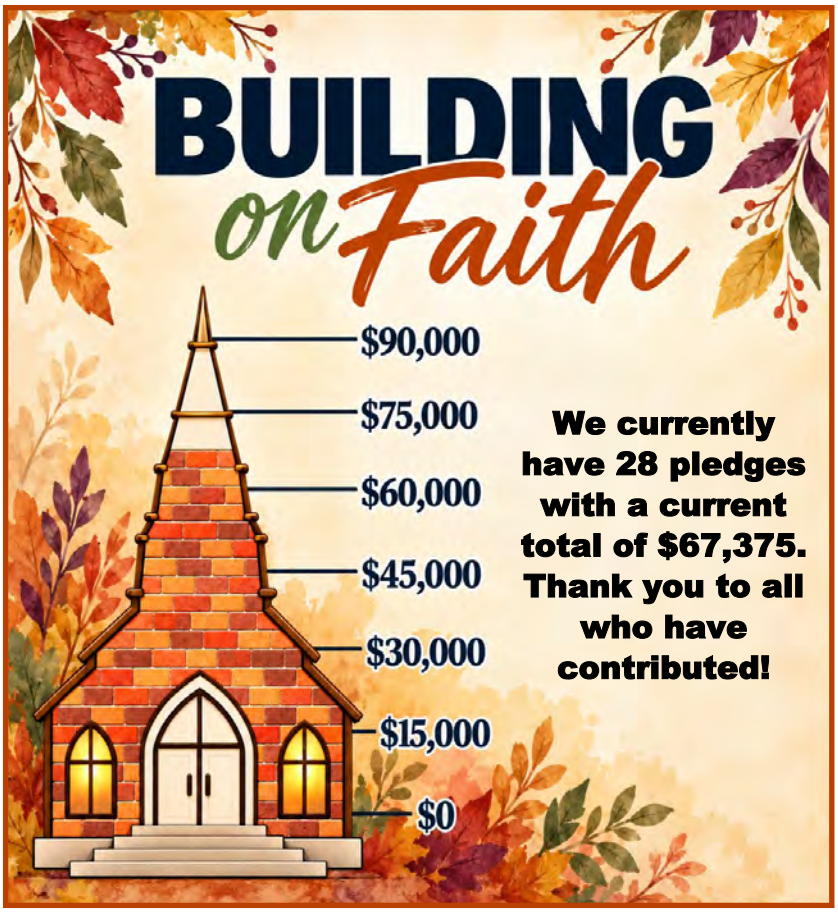
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2027 Stewardship Appeal

Commitment Sundays:
November 15
November 22





From the Senior Pastor:

3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-6

Just over a year ago, I traveled with Jennifer to Dell Rapids for an in-person interview with the LCDR Call Committee, eventually resulting in LCDR extending me a call to serve as your pastor. It has been a whirlwind of a year, in the best possible way. I give thanks for the opportunity to serve in God's ministry with you here in Dell Rapids. I give thanks for the ways in which LCDR and the community have made us feel at home in this place. When I started this call at the beginning of 2026, Pat Eidsness provided me with words of assurance and affirmation that have rung true and I expect will continue to ring true. "They just want to love their pastor and for their pastor to love them and be involved in their community and their lives." Pat was spot-on, which is no surprise to any of you, I'm sure. We have enjoyed weaving our family into the community of Dell Rapids and experiencing all that the community and school district have to offer!

As we move into the fall, the traditional stewardship season for rural communities and congregations, I am joyfully astonished by your response to the Building on Faith, Growing in Fellowship financial appeal. As I write this, contributions have exceeded $60,000 from both large and small donations! We will continue this appeal, as planned, through the spring, asking for 300 hundred families to commit to a $150 donation this fall and another $150 donation in the spring. This allows us to spread the timeline of donations and have as much of the congregation involved as possible in this appeal. LCDR has been under some form of construction or improvement for the last year or more and we are finally bringing the restoration following asbestos abatement to a close.

Looking forward to 2027, budgeting is also on my mind as we assemble a budget that will allow for the level and quality of ministry you expect from LCDR. With increasing utilities costs, increased budget for building and property maintenance, and accounting for a facility assessment to help us make best use of the facilities we have and make recommendations for any future improvements, the 2027 budget will be robust. I trust that this congregation will move forward in faith in continuing to support the ministry, which continues to lead people to Christ, raise our children in the faith, and continue to provide ministry and faith formation opportunities for all generations that we serve here at LCDR. As we look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday, I encourage you to continue to give thanks for all God has done for us as we serve in ministry together.

Thank you for continuing to gather for worship and other ministry activities, continuing to make suggestions for how make LCDR an even better community to be a part of, and thank you for faithfully following where God continues to lead us in ministry, sharing the good news of Christ crucified and risen for the sake of the world with everyone we meet!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Willie Rosin





CHURCH THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving Break.

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Alyssa Zweifel, Past President
Kathy Bongers, Secretary
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Lindsey Ronfeldt, Regan Small, Scott Zellmer, Steven Munk, Bob Harms, Sue Bredlow, Lisa Wilber, Jackson Peppel.

From the Seniors and Intergenerational Minister:

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

Have you ever imagined what heaven would be like? I attended a Women's Retreat the first part of October out in the Hills on "Heaven is for REAL; Heaven is for You" presented by Pat Eidsness.
She intertwines scripture into what heaven is.

1 Corinthians 2:9 –
"But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"-

Isaiah 65:17-19 –
"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed."

Imagine Heaven in Revelation 21:21, 22:1-5
"And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.
When I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

The Bible is to reveal God and bring about faith. The common theme is all about love, all about hope, and all about Jesus. God always comes down to recreate and renew us. She also intertwined books on those who have experienced near death experiences and their stories. Stories which are then followed up by scripture.
It was a fascinating time.
Pat has agreed to do this presentation at LCDR after the Holidays. Watch future newsletters and announcements for more information on when this will be presented.

Peace,
Pastor Sue Grinde

General Fund Financial Snapshot
September 2026

Monthly Total Income Goal:	$39,499.99
September Total Regular Income:	$38,082.32
September Expenses:	$37,964.27
YTD through September:	
General Fund Income	$337,757.39
General Fund Expenses	$362,784.37
	(25,026.98)

7.5% of Offering is given to Synod monthly



Christmas Goodies Cookies Needed

As you begin to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season, we ask that all 5th -12th grade families plan on bringing 2 dozen cookies/ bars to our annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser on **December 13**. Cookies will be available between services and sold by the pound.

Proceeds go to Youth Ministry.





If you would like to donate a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center or easily order through the One Church App. The cost is $25/ poinsettia and the deadline to order is Tuesday, December 8. You may take your poinsettia home any time after Christmas Eve Worship.

Scan QR code to order!



80+ Birthdays

November 14: Merle Graves





No Youth Activities November 25 Thanksgiving Break!

There will be NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES on Wed., November 25 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. This means that there will be no High 5, Route 67, Confirmation or any other youth activity. We will resume with activities the following week on December 2, which will begin our Intergenerational Advent Events with a soup supper at 5:30 pm and Intergenerational Event at 6:15 pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

From the Youth & Worship Leader:

As the old adage goes, time flies when you're having fun, and this must explain how we are turning the calendar from October to November! It is hard to believe that we are already knocking on the door of the Holiday Season.
The Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids is blessed to have the kind of opportunities for our youth, their families and the congregation as a whole that cause time to fly by. At the center of these activities is a sense of community, fellowship, service, and faith that flows through the sanctuary and the Sunday School rooms, St. Peter's Hall and out into the Dell Rapids community. I encourage you to look on the pages of this month's Shepherd's Staff to find more information on what to expect at LCDR this month. We are blessed to be busy, and for this I give thanks!

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."
Psalm 100: 4-5
~John



Youth Wreath Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas wreath fundraiser! We sold over $4,000 in wreaths! Expected delivery date remains November 19 or 20. Please watch for more details as that weekend draws near.

FOOD COUNTY FAIR STORE

County Fair gift cards are available in increments of $25, $50 and $100 to purchase in our church office. Our youth ministry receives 5% back. A great way to support LCDR Youth Ministry at no cost to you.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

November 4
- 3:30 pm High 5!
- 5:30 pm Simple Supper
- 6:15 pm Route 67 and Confirmation

November 11
- 3:30 pm High 5
- 5:30 pm Simple Suppers
- 6:15 pm Route 67 and Confirmation

November 18
- 3:30 pm High 5
- 5:30 pm Simple Supper
- 7:00 pm Youth Movie at Dells Theatre

November 25 No Youth Activities
- Thanksgiving Break - No Activities
- Activities will resume on Wednesday, December 2 for our Intergenerational Advent Event.

If you have any questions, please contact John at 605-370-**8092** • **lcdryouth@siouxvalley.net**

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- ⇒ **Live Worship posted for 8:30 am Worship services at LCDR**
- ⇒ **Follow LCDR on Facebook**
- ⇒ **Subscribe to our YouTube channel**
- ⇒ **Find current activities and worship materials on our website at lcdr-sd.org**
- ⇒ **Download the One Church App**

Visit our website, lcdr-sd.org, to find links to videos, apps, and more!



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Log in to our new One Church app to set up your giving. If you prefer to sign up online, visit lcdr.onechurchsoftware.com.

From the Record Books

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Designated to Chapel Fund:
$75 in Memory of Dar Stucke





SUNDAY SCHOOL





November

November 1
- 9:30 am Sunday School

November 8
- 8:30 am Nursery-Kindergarten Sing 2 Year Old Prayer Pillows
- 9:30 am Sunday School

November 15
- 9:30 am Sunday School

November 18
- 3:30 pm 5th Graders take Christmas Photos during High 5!

November 22
- 9:30 am Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice Upstairs for Grades 1-5)

November 29
- No Sunday School Class-Thanksgiving Break

Looking Ahead.....

December 6
- 9:30 am Sunday School (Chirstmas Program Practice Upstairs for Nursery-Kindergarten)
- 10:45 am Grades 1-5 Sing

December 13
- 9:30 am Sunday School(Christmas Program Practice for all)
- 5:00 pm Christmas Program

If you have any questions, contact Darcie at darciekringen@lcdr-sd.org



No Sunday School November 29. Thanksgiving Break!

"All Earth Is Hopeful"



Advent Soup Suppers and Activities

Soup Supper served by our youth on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. ALL members of the LCDR congregation are invited to join our Confirmation and Route 67 youth on Wednesdays in Advent for an Intergenerational Celebration with a lesson and fun activities.

Evening schedule:
5:30—6:15 Simple Supper
6:15—7:00 Intergenerational Advent Event

These Wednesday evenings in Advent are for ALL ages! We would love to see you join us!

ALTAR GUILD

November Altar Committee Team : Carmen Rogen, Sue Bredlow, Jacque Wallin, Bev Rieck

Thank you for your time and dedication!

If you would like to become more involved with our preparation for worship, then you should consider becoming part of the Altar Guild! This mission serves our entire congregation. Our work is meaningful and very rewarding. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Sue Bredlow at 605-321-1185.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you, a family member or friend would like a Prayer Shawl, please feel free to take one from the rack in the back of the sanctuary.

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."
~Janet Severi Bristow



Every Sunday our services requires:

- Ushers
- Scripture Readers
- Communion Servers

Your help is vital in our services running smoothly. If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to ask! Our goal is to equip everyone with the information they need to make assisting in Worship enjoyable and simple.

We have made signing up to volunteer for these services even easier by using Sign Up Genius. November is now open for volunteers.

SIGN UP in the welcome center, visit lcdr-sd.org and click on Get Involved, or just scan the QR code.

THANK YOU to those willing to help!

BIBLE STUDY and HOLIDAY GOODIES

Saturday, November 21
3:30 PM at Dells Nursing and Rehab

The *Gather* Bible Study and Holiday Goodies will be on Saturday, November 21 at 9:00 am at Dells Nursing and Rehab.

All women of the congregation are invited to attend and share some holiday treats.



On Sunday, November 1, we will observe All Saints Sunday at both worship services as we remember and honor those who have gone before us in faith. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one in the past year, we invite you to join us and light a candle in their memory.

All those present are welcome to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have passed, whether recently or many years ago. Together, we will take a moment to reflect, remember, and give thanks for the lives of those who have touched our hearts, finding comfort and hope in God's promise of everlasting life.

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2027 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

As we look ahead to 2027, we are excited to continue growing together in faith, fellowship, and service. At the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, we are connected through meaningful worship, opportunities to serve, relationships that strengthen our church family, and outreach that extends God's love beyond our walls.
Our 2027 stewardship appeal, Connected for a Purpose, reminds us that each of us plays an important role in the life and ministry of LCDR. Whether through staying connected and informed, sharing our time and talents, or supporting our ministries financially, every contribution makes a difference.
Commitment Sundays will be November 15 and 22 during both worship services. Throughout November, watch for special mailings, temple talks, and messages from congregation leaders as we celebrate the generosity of our members and invite everyone to prayerfully consider how they can connect, serve, and give in 2027.
Together, we can continue building a vibrant, welcoming congregation where God's love is shared within our church and throughout our community.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DELL RAPIDS
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2026

Adoption of Agenda: President Zach proposed that we amend the agenda to move unfinished business regarding our HVAC to the first item so that Bill Nelson won't need to stay for the whole meeting. Motion to adopt the amended agenda by Bob; seconded by Dane. All members voting yes; motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Bill Nelson - HVAC: Bill Nelson from the property committee reported regarding our HVAC system. We had a software glitch and, in the process of repairing/ resetting that, it was discovered that there is no local company that supports our system. We may want to consider another system with a simpler approach that is easier to work with and also can be serviced locally. We have a quote from Howe for $1,900.00 to change the air handling unit for the office area only. This should probably be done fairly soon to avoid more problems. Discussion and questions followed. If the system fails this winter, we could have major expenses. Scott made a motion to amend the building and property maintenance budget to add $6,000.00, earmarked to replace the office and sanctuary HVAC controls system in 2026; seconded by Pastor Willie. All members voting yes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda: All reports have previously been made available to members. Regan made a motion to approve the consent agenda (committee reports and September minutes) seconded by Sue. Bob spoke regarding the Building on Faith appeal. It's been doing very well so far but he hopes to see more small contributions. We definitely need to get the maintenance fund built up. Pastor Willie mentioned that he would like to see a narrative budget in the annual report which would explain how funds are being used. Sue Bredlow also spoke, highlighting items in the worship committee report. The committee has adopted a policy that if Sunday School is not scheduled, we switch to one service on that Sunday. All members voting yes on approval of the consent agenda; motion carried.

Committee Reports: Education - Discussion was begun on the budget for 2027. We will get 2026 numbers and finalize the budget next month. Upcoming events are: Goodies with Grandparents, Prayer Pillows for 2 year olds, Christmas decorations the kids will be making for the first Wednesday Advent event, Christmas program, and treat bags for the Christmas program. The group reviewed events that happened in September - confirmation, 3rd grade Bibles and nursery Bibles. Property - The cement slab that will be used for the bike rack and the current garbage bins has been poured. We will be looking for a group of folks who would be willing to help build the enclosure fence. The parking lot sealing has been completed. Various aspects of landscaping maintenance continue and tree trimming will be done in the near future. A bid to rekey the doors has been received. The Adam L. Thompson Foundation has been contacted to see if they are willing to work with us in replacing our current AED unit and/or aiding in updating the cords that are past their expiration date on our current unit. Many of the products are currently on backorder. The boiler and heat system have been checked out and are ready to go. The asbestos recovery project is proceeding. The wall/floor trim has been installed in all the lower level rooms and hallways. All furnishings have been moved back into the lower level rooms. The black grip strip to be placed on the new step covers in the south stairwell has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives. The installation of the curtains is very near to being completed. Painting is underway. F.M. Acoustical tile was selected as the contractor for the sound boards to be used on the ceilings in the Fellowship Hall (to cover the old AC unit holes and to reduce sound in the Hall). They will install nine 4x8 sound boards. They are in the process of getting samples. Stewardship - Fall stewardship messaging for 2027 needs of LCDR were discussed. The budget for 2027 will see several line items that will need to be increased. The budget line for facility insurance will see a decrease of approximately $7000. Pastor Willie will estimate the approximate percentage of giving increase that will be needed for 2027 to maintain staffing, facility needs, and utility and supply costs. Messaging this fall will include discussion for One Church use in an attempt to increase usage of the app and communication needs. The 'Building on Faith' effort is in progress. Currently, we have had 25 persons contribute a total of $61,775. This includes two large contributions and some moderate contributions. Church on the Street is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2027. Laundry with Love is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2027. Worship - It was decided that the practice of youth communion should be mentioned in the announcements. November 1 is All Saints Sunday with the traditional lighting of the candles at both services. Pastor Willie suggested the use of a large hollow cross box outline filled with sand that we can place white tapered candles in as an alternative to what we have done in the past. The committee agreed to collaborate with someone that has woodworking skills to get this made. This cross, when constructed, could have multiple uses throughout the church year. Christmas trees are normally set up for the first Sunday in Advent which is November 29th. Regan has some ideas for the decorating this year. Youth/Family Ministry - No report at this time.

Member Actions; Wedding of Anna Symens and Gabe Baker, baptism of Blakely Larson

Treasurer's Report: Dane presented the treasurer's report. September thankofferings look good. He reviewed a couple of items that were not included in the report. He commended the staff on reporting expenses. Treasurer's report approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Willie reported that the Building on Faith appeal is going well. A draft budget will be presented in Nov. He would like to have Lisa and Alyssa help with that. We are looking at a significant increase. He wants to have a deep spring cleaning when Sunday School is done. He wants to see if we are storing things that we should get rid of. We are in the process of upgrading to a digital phone system. Ministry events include a baptism, homecoming, ball games, presentation of bibles, camp sunday, scouting for food, worship committee meeting, staff meeting on Thursday, trunk or treat, all saints Sunday, election day, November 7 Christensen funeral at funeral home, prayer pillows, veteran's day, nursing home worship on the 17th, council meeting, and staycation Nov. 21 and 22. LCDR will be one of the voting locations. Regan reported on some plans for Christmas decorating in which her committee is involved. They are looking at possibly replacing some trees and an outdoor nativity. She is looking for some people who are interested in providing Thriven grants for some of that.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Sue has been working out worship schedules for DNRC. Young at Heart was held on the 18th and is scheduled again for the 15th of November. She has a retreat in the Hills led by Pat Eidsness. She would like to get Pat here for a Sunday next year to do the presentation. She will be asking the kids to put together trick or treat bags. Blue Christmas is planned for December 6th. This is for people who have difficulty with Christmas due to loss or other reasons. It will consist of a worship service, readings, candle lighting, and refreshments. There will be Intergenerational advent services on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. They will consist of simple supper, devotions, hands-on activities and hot chocolate.

New Business: Arrielle's Hours: Pastor Willie is suggesting that Arrielle's job needs to be boosted to 40 hours per week. The job description for which she was hired no longer covers what she does. She does the secretarial work, works on the website, is a major contact with the One Church app and does financial secretary duties. 32 hours a week is not enough time to cover all those duties. Discussion followed. Pastor Willie made a motion to increase Arrielle's hours to 40 hours per week with a Monday through Friday 8 hours per day schedule to begin January 4, 2027. Motion carried.

Nominating committee: The nominating committee for new council members consists of Alyssa Zweifel, Kathleen Bongers, Scott Zellmer, Steven Munk, Shanna Moke, Tom Morris, Kayla Carstensen, and Sue Bredlow.

Executive Session: No executive session was needed.

Announcements: Next meeting November 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Committee reports are due by noon on Monday, Nov. 16

Adjournment: Motion carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Submitted by: Kathleen Bongers
Church Council Secretary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School/Coffee & Treats 10:45 am Worship Service	2	3 Primary Election at LCDR (Check Polling Place)	4 1:30 pm Quilting 3:30 pm High 5! 5:30 pm Simple Supper 6:15 pm Route 67 Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Practice	5 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl	6	7
8 8:30 am Worship Service/N-K Sing/2 Year Old Prayer Pillows 9:30 am Sunday School/5th Graders get Costumes/Coffee & Treats 10:45 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Thanksgiving Potluck	9	10	11 1:30 pm Quilting 3:30 pm High 5! 5:30 pm Simple Supper 6:15 pm Route 67 Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School/Coffee & Treats 9:45 am Altar Guild Meeting 10:45 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved **John Gone	16	17 2:00 pm DNRC Worship Service	18 1:30 pm Quilting 3:30 pm High 5!-Take Christmas Photos 5:30 pm Simple Supper 6:15 pm Route 67-Movie at Theatre 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Council Meeting	19 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl 3:30 pm Staff Meeting	20	21 9:00 am Gather Bible Study
22 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School/Grades 1-5 Christmas Program Practice/ Coffee & Treats 10:45 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Put up Christmas Trees **Pastor Sue Preaching	23	24 8:00 am Newsletter Deadline	25 1:30 pm Quilting	26 Church Offices Closed	27 Church Offices Closed	28
29 First Sunday in Advent 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Coffee & Treats 10:45 am Worship Service	30					

Pastor's Sabbath Day

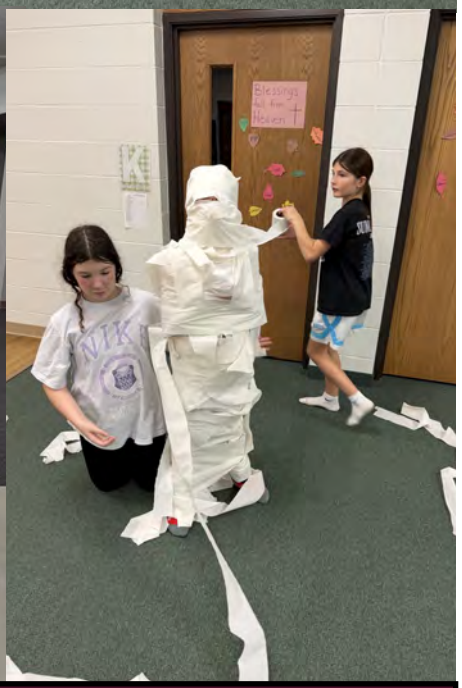


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Coming Up at LCDR

11/1	**All Saints Sunday**
11/8	**2 Year Old Prayer Pillows at 8:30 Service/N-K Sing/Thanksgiving Potluck**
11/15	**Healing of the Nations During Worship**
11/17	**DNRC Worship at 2:00 pm**
11/18	**Youth Movie at Dells Theatre**
11/21	**Gather Bible Study at DNRC**
11/24	**Newsletter Deadline**
11/27	**Church Office Closed 11/26-11/27 for Thanksgiving Break**