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All the People of the Church

THE CHURCH OF HOPE

November 25, 2018

"I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you." John 11:22

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

(* = for those who are able, please stand)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Welcome & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

The Choral Introit **"This is the Day"**

This is the day...(this is the day),

That the Lord has made...(that the Lord has made),

We will rejoice...(we will rejoice),

And be glad in it...(and be glad in it).

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day...(This is the day)...That the Lord has made!

The Prelude

***Prayer of Invocation**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord has said, "Zion is my resting place forever; for I have desired it.

All: "I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.

One: "Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.

All: "There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David, a lamp for my anointed one."

***HYMN** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* **no. 12**

WE EMBRACE & CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

***A Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

O God of mercy, woe be upon us, for we do not obey you. We confess one baptism, yet we foster divisions in Christ's body. We observe the Lord's Supper but work not for Christ's peace. We confess our reluctance to extend your favor to those we don't like. Forgive and restore us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. You are a God of dominion; we live by your grace alone.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

no. 581

THE ANTHEM

The Sanctuary Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 23:1-7 OT p. 299

New Testament Reading Revelation 1:4b-8 NT p. 245

The Gospel Reading John 18:33-37 NT p. 112

Sermon

WE RESPOND AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *"The Apostles' Creed"*

***HYMN** *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"* **no. 268**

The Receiving of Our Tithes and Offering

***Doxology**

no. 606

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and the

glory forever and ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* no. 667

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CORPORATE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God...And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you...*

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

*Ask and it shall be given unto you...Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you...*

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

****The Postlude***

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"Family News"

Welcome to Church Today: All church members & friends, please fill in your "attendance" on the red Fellowship Pads located at the far end of each pew. Thank you.

To Our Visitors: If you are a visitor with us today, we welcome you! To help us know of your presence, we invite you to complete the blue "Visitor/ Information" card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Do You Have Someone to Add to Our Prayer List? If so, please jot down & drop in the offering plate their name, and who in church they are related to (if anyone).

Prayer Concerns: Please lift up in prayer the following members & friends of the church who are facing or recovering from illness or surgery -- Pastor Jan Chandler, Connor Kratochvil, Wanda Wren Emmanuelson, Louise Mc Daniel, Leonard Mahler, Denice & John Muzzarelli, Jim Kratochvil, Rosemary Hillman, Kevin Whelchel, Anna Arrambide, Katie Walton, Phyllis Maskel, Edna Cressey, Bob "Chico" Mack, Janice Tambling, Tom Tambling, Mike Finn, Kristen Lucca, Helen Lamons, Jackie Marks, Megan Bugg, Linda Wilson, Berny & Pat Conley, Gina Clover, Linn Winter, Marilyn Corneglio, Ed Kujawa, Brian Bexson, Wanda Burg, Rita Morgan, Mary Ann White, Lynn Jenco, Michelle Hall, Harold & Marge Mahler, Ryan Lodrigue, Dustin Marcum, Donna and Jon Beitel, Crystal Nelson, Cassie Wehrle, Tor Sandeno

Food pantry donation for November is any canned, nonperishable food and pasta. Peanut butter and jelly are always a welcome item in the pantry.

Hanging of the Greens We will be hanging the greens and decorating the sanctuary following worship today. Many hands make light work and we always seem to have a pretty good time putting us the decorations. We will also be serving pizza following the decorating. Hope to see you all there!

Festival of Trees and Tree Lighting Join us tonight at the gazebo as we celebrate the holidays with the lighting of the town tree, hear the story of the first Christmas, and welcome Santa to Gardner. Following the program, the children can meet with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at Curley's and come to First Midwest Bank as the trees and Christmas goodies will be there. Come and bid on a tree or other goodies. The program starts at 6:00pm.

The Prairie Singers The schedule of performances is posted on the bulletin board in the entry. They will be in Morris, Coal City, Ottawa, Dwight, and Seneca this year. The program is "Cold Was the Stable"

CHURCH OF HOPE CALENDAR

Nov.	25	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship
		11:30am	Hanging of the Greens followed by pizza
	29	9:00am	Pastor Jan's Lectionary Group
Dec	02	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	04	Noon	Women's Christmas Party at Gardner Restaurant
	06	9:00am	Pastor Jan's Lectionary Group
	09	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship
	13	9:00am	Pastor Jan's Lectionary Group
	16	9:00am	Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship—Sunday School Christmas Program
	20	9:00am	Pastor Jan's Lectionary Group
	23		No Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship
	24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
		11:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship with Communion
	25		MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!
	26-Jan 5th		Pastor Jan will be on vacation
	30		No Sunday School
		10:15am	Worship

The World According to Mister Rogers

(excerpts taken from "Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers")

"I wonder if we might pledge ourselves to remember what life is really all about—not to be afraid that we're less flashy than the next, not to worry that our influences is not that of a tornado, but rather that of a grain of sand in an oyster! Do we have that kind of patience?"

"It's really easy to fall into the trap of believing that we do is more important than what we are. Of course, it's the opposite that's true: What we are ultimately determines what we do."

"I need thinking time when someone asks me a searching question. I wonder why it seems to be so uncomfortable for many people to wait through the silence. People of all ages have deep feelings, and if we have the patience to wait through the silence, it's often astounding what people will tell us."

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

November

- 2 - Jeff Bexson
- 11- Tom McDaniel
- 12 - Kelly Steichen, Cole Anderson
- 13 - Brock Kratochvil, Drew Anderson,
Ethan Gerber
- 14 - Carolyn Kraft
- 15 - Polly Hoffman



2018 SESSION & DEACON'S MEETING DATES @ 6:30PM

January 16	July No meeting
February 27	August 19
March 20	September 16
April 17	October 21
May 15	November 18
June 17	December 16

PER CAPITA FOR 2018 IS \$36.34

All members of the church, if you are able, please send in your 2017 per capita. Per Capita for 2019 is \$38.47.