



November Parish Messenger

Northland Lutheran Church

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From the Deck of Pastor Bill

A number of years ago when we lived in Austria, we decided to invite an Austrian friend and his family to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. Since Thanksgiving is an American holiday and Europeans have little knowledge of its history, our friend asked if we could tell the thanksgiving story as a part of our time together. We decided to do one better. We (Sue, our daughter Anna who was an exchange student in Germany at the time, her friend and I) decided to do a play...online script, costumes, props and all.

There was a problem though. All four of us Americans spoke very little German and our Austrian friends (aside from the father) spoke little to no English. Our solution, Google Translate. This was back in 2012, and online translation was nothing like it is today. The results were hilarious. With the combination of a not-so-great script, really bad translation and our equally really bad pronunciation, if it had not been for our friend translating our translation, nothing would have been understood.

The story behind the first thanksgiving, in many ways, is equally misunderstood. There were Pilgrims and there were Indians and there were a couple days of eating, but there was no Turkey, stuffing, Pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce. And actually, it was not until 1863 at the urging of writer, Sarah Josepha Hale, that Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation that the third Thursday of November was to be a day of Thanksgiving. Hale's and ultimately Lincoln's motivation was to see a very broken country unified...at least for a day.

Our country today is also very divided but on both sides of the political and moral divide there is a common denominator, a reason that, if we would, we can agree on. God in the past has been and is today worthy of our thanksgiving. He has blessed us with so much. Unfortunately, too often, way too many of us fail to acknowledge that.

The early settlers were faced with many hardships. Oftentimes, they feared for their very lives and yet being alive and having food gave them reason enough to thank God. You and I have far more than they could have ever imagined or dreamed and every part of it, directly or indirectly is from the hand of a loving God who is far more loving to us than we could ever deserve. Lets live out, not just on Thanksgiving Day but every day the command in Psalm 100 where it says...

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

² Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Happy Thanksgiving

Just a reminder Day Light Savings time ends October 31.



3rd Dylan Olson

4th Nick Patrick

5th Laura Krogwold

9th Austen Lane

17th Marlene Olson,
Kristin Van Epren
Myah, Maci Heschke
Larry Barikmo
20th Roger Olson
22nd Richard Lashua
23rd Patricia Louison
24th Alf Thompson
25th Erin Lausha
26th Mary Oligney
27th Dean Lashua
28th Seth Voie
29th Kay Sanders



NOVEMBER 2026 AT A GLANCE

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Thompson

USHER: Jim Wrolstad & Kristi Wrolstad

TUESDAY QUILTERS Sewing Retreat October 30 and 31, 9am to 8pm

November 3 Election Day 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Each Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:00 AM Book of Revelation for 8-10 weeks

Prayer meeting each Tuesday at 1:00 pm at church

AA MEETING: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

November 9 Town of Harrison meeting 6:30 PM

MEN'S MINISTRY: Sunday, November 1st following Worship.

COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, November 8th following Worship

POST SUPPER MEETING Sunday November 15th following Worship

TUESDAY QUILTER'S: Tuesday, November 17th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

THANK OFFERING Sunday November 22 for Samaritan's Purse 2nd offering

November 29 No Sunday School

NORTHLAND LADIES GROUP Saturday Nov. 28 9:00 AM Christmas tree trimming
POTLUCK BRUNCH TO FOLLOW

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

November 1 Craig A.

November 15 Carl T.

November 29 Kevin D

November 8 Bruce M.

November 22 Dale T.

Save the Date

December 20 Sunday School Christmas Program

Northland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2026

Attendance: Robbie Lashua, President – Present, Larry Barikmo – Present,

Tom Kellnhauser, Vice-President – Present, Pamela Dahle – Present

Jessie Glodowski, Secretary – Present, Shelly Erickson – Absent (Excused)

Daniele Oligney, Treasurer (Ex-officio) – Present, Doug Thompson – Present

Pastor Bill Stukenberg (Ex-officio) – Present Lana Reagles – Present

Amber Olson – Present, Guests: Roberta G., Keith R., Dianne E.

I. The meeting was called to order at 11:17 am by President Robbie and Pastor opened with a prayer.

II. The Secretary's Report for June needs a correction to "Signage for public notice can be updated, but must remain posted until 4 quarters have passed of acceptable nitrate level tests, per the WI DNR." Motion made to accept secretary's report with said changes made by Robbie L, second by Tom K. Motion carried.

III. The Treasurer's Report for August was accepted with no changes.

- 8/31/2026 Checking Balance = \$31,186.15
- 8/31/2026 Savings Balance = \$192,092.66
- Cash Flow for August 2026 = -\$1578.80 (Propane and front door bill)

IV. Pastor's report – Pastor Bill remains thankful to be here, and things are going well.

V. Old Business:

- Robbie is continuing to gather bids for the parking lot project. Numerous material options include (but not limited to) gravel, blacktop and recycled blacktop. Council should have numbers at the next meeting or so.
- Guest Roberta G provided paint samples of coordinating colors for the painting project as well as flooring samples for future flooring updates. Council voted for 3 colors: Paperwhite SW7105, Safari SW7697, Cream & Sugar SW9507. (All samples were Sherwin Williams, but can be color-matched elsewhere.) Amber O and Roberta will research bids for painting.
- Electrical work in the kitchen/fish room was completed by Richard Lashua.

VI. New Business:

- Council was presented with 2 options for affordable security cameras. Discussion was held on options, council favored the option without a required monthly subscription.

Motion to order Wyze security cameras made by Pam D. Second by Amber O.

Motion carried.

- Discussion on reviewing membership rolls.
- Pastor made recommendations for 4 new members: Clifford & Marian Schmidt, and Kevin & Suzi Limberg. Motion to accept these 4 new members made by Larry B,

Second made by Doug T. Motion carried. New member Sunday date will be established sometime after the Lutefisk supper has passed.

- Next monthly council meeting on Oct 11 is to include the Annual Budget Review.

VII. Motion was made by Larry B to adjourn, second by Doug T. Motion carried.
Meeting

adjourned at 12:40 pm and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

These minutes have not been approved. Council Secretary, Jessie Glodowski