

Joys and Prayers

We give thanks this Thanksgiving for our families, our friends, neighbors and church family. Thank you to all those who support those in need of prayer and healing.

Prayers for Betty Hazen's daughter, Edna for healing after her knee surgery.

Continued prayers for Greg Klendl's daughter, Carmen as she comes to grips with her husband's terminal illness. For wife, Cindy as she deals with autoimmune illness and for Greg as he approaches back surgery.

Prayers for Kimberly Martinson, daughter of Russ & Sue Hitz, who has been in Luther Hospital for over 7 weeks.

Prayers for Pastor John Hazen who is still in the healing process, and will be retiring from the ministry at the end of the year. Cards of encouragement can be sent to John Hazen, 355 South 2nd St., Medford, WI 54451

Home Bound or in Care Centers

June Harvey, Danielle Mensing, Jane Larsen, Mary Ellen Lidgerding, Rick Jenson, Ramona Reidt, Betty Hazen, Dorothy Wreford, Loren Heffern, Carolyn Hubbard, Barbara Laatsch, Rosella Blakley, Rose Marie Johnson.

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Sunday Bulletin

November 23, 2025

Welcome

WORSHIP WARM-UP

"Holy, Holy" FWS #2039
"Great Is the Lord" FWS #2022
"Bind Us Together" FWS#2226

PRELUDE—by Bell Choir
Blessed Assurance
-arr. by Ramsdell & Groth

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 9:1-2)

Leader: Let us praise the Lord with our whole hearts;

People: We will tell of all the marvelous things God has done.

Leader: Let us be filled with joy because of our God.

People: We will sing praises to your name, O Most High!

*OPENING SONG

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal # 139

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, Creator of all, in your wisdom, you have bound us together so that we must depend on others for the food we eat, the resources we use, the gifts of your creation that bring life, health, and joy. Creator God, we give thanks. Holy be the hands that sew our clothes so that we do not have to go naked; sacred be the hands that build our homes so that we do not have to be cold; blessed be the hands that work the land so that we do not have to go hungry. Creator God, we give thanks. Holy be the feet of all who labor so that we might have rest; sacred be the feet of all who run swiftly to stand with the oppressed; blessed be the feet of all whose bodies are too broken or weary to stand. Creator God, we give thanks. Holy be the sound of children laughing to take away our sorrow; sacred be the sound of water falling to take away our thirst; blessed be the sound of your people singing to heal our troubled hearts. Creator God, we give thanks. Holy be the bodies of those who know hunger; sa-



cred be the bodies of those who are broken; blessed be the bodies of those who suffer. In your mercy and grace, soften our callous hearts and fill us with gratitude for all the gifts you have given us. In your love, break down the walls that separate us and guide us along your path of peace, that we might humbly worship you in Spirit and in truth.

Amen.

For Thanksgiving, from *Common Prayer* by Shane Claiborne

SPECIAL MUSIC by Bell Choir
For the Beauty of the Earth and **Amazing Grace** -- arr. by Ramsdell & Groth

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "God Gave Us Thankful Hearts"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 145

Romans 8:26-28

MESSAGE "Giving Thanks for the Goodness of God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER HYMN "God Is So Good" Faith We Sing # 2056

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal # 94

OFFERING PRAYER

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. **Amen.**

*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" Hymnal # 77

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE Sonatina in F Major by Anton Diabelli

Upcoming Events

November 23, 2025

Sarah Zarbock, our Parish Nurse to be in office most Fridays from 9:30 am-11:30 in the conference room. Feel free to stop by to meet or visit with any health or faith concerns. Will not be in November 28.

Foot Clinic Meet & Greet with Nurse Jacki Bruchert, TODAY! 10:00 am in the Narthex. Everyone Welcome! Jacki Bruchert is an RN in Podiatry at Marshfield Clinic in Eau Claire, and is a Certified Foot Care Specialist. She is passionate about holistic health and wellness. When not caring for feet, she enjoys walking pilgrimages on the Camino de Santiago in Spain and spending as much time as possible outdoors, whether camping, gardening, or just walking. She has been married for 32 years and is mom to one son and one daughter, as well as 2 spoiled dogs, Libby and Lulu.

Mom's Group, 1st Monday of the month 6:00-7:7:00, Fireside Room.
Childcare available.

Messy Church, 2nd Sunday of the month 10:30-Noon

It Takes a Village Monday, November 30 Respite Care cancelled. Join us Monday, December 22 for Celebration Night, ornament making, cookie exchange, dinner & much more!

CPR/AED Training, DATE CHANGE Thursday, December 4, 5-8 pm 3 hour program to certify. \$10 free will donation. To register contact Sarah Zarbock at zarbocks@gmail.com or 715-308-1698. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

Prayer Shawl Ministry , Third Thursday of the Month,4:00 pm Fireside room for more information contact Margaret Hastings or Sarah Zarbock.

Choir Practice Mondays 2:30-3:30.
No choir practice on Monday, Nov. 24.
Choir will resume Mon., Dec. 1

Care Bucket for Stepping Stones, bring in your change!
Sunday, November 30th.

Monday's Meal November 24

Menu subject to change

Chicken & Dressing Casserole,
Cooked Carrots, Cranberries,
Sweet Treat

