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FRLC Mission Statement: "To live and love
 as God commands, accept His grace, and
 share the Good News."

ALL ARE WELCOME!

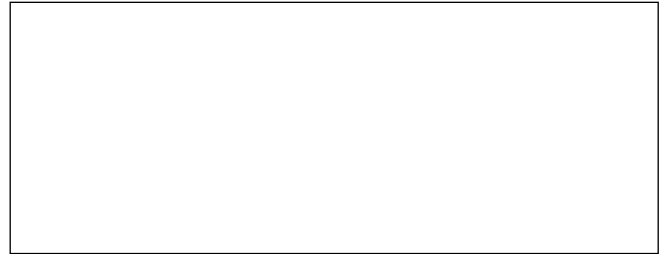
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10 AM WORSHIP



THE PARABLES † *November 2023*

Turkey Bingo!

Sunday, November 12
 Doors open at 5:00 PM
 Games 5:30 – 7:30 PM
 Come join us for a night of family fun!

More details inside.

FRLC
Thanksgiving
Service

Sunday, November 19
 at 6 PM



November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTE: This calendar is based on typically scheduled activities. Please consult the activity coordinator for the most current meeting method, guidelines, and information		Prayer Chain: Babs Strom 525-6200 Coffee: Jericho, Sue Baker, 341-4181 Altar Guild: Kay Libby & Heather Mindestrom	1 5:30-6:30p Fish Force 6:45-7:30p Confirmation 7p Choir	2	3	4
23rd Sunday Pentecost 5 10a All Saints' Day in-person & online 10:45a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship	6 6p Adult Bible Study	7 9a Bulletin Deadline 5:45p Exec. Council 7p AA	8 5:30-6:30p Fish Force 6:45-7:30p Confirmation 7p Choir	9 10:30a W&M 1p WELCA 5p Riversong Rising	10	11
24th Sunday Pentecost 12 10a Blended Worship in-person & online 10:45a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship 5:30-7:30p Turkey Bingo	13 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Finance	14 9a Bulletin Deadline 7p Council 7p AA	15 9a Parables Deadline 5:30-6:30p Fish Force 6:45-7:30p Confirmation 7p Choir	16 1p FR Readers 5p Riversong Rising	17 Property Clean Up	18 Property Clean-Up
Consecration Sunday 19 10a Contemporary Worship Worship in-person & online 10:45a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship Property Clean Up 6p -Thanksgiving service	20 6p Adult Bible Study	21 9a Bulletin Deadline 7p AA	22 7p Choir	23 Thanksgiving 	24 Property Clean Up (if needed)	25 Property Clean-Up (if needed)
26th Sunday Pentecost 26 10a Worship in-person & online 10:45a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Fellowship Property Clean if needed	27 6p Adult Bible Study	28 9a Bulletin Deadline 7p AA	29 9a Parables Assembly 5:30-6:30p Fish Force 6:45-7:30p Confirmation 7p Choir	30 9a Outreach 11a Hospitality	<i>Please be aware that Kindred Paths Nature School may be on the church grounds or inside the building Monday through Friday; be on the lookout for youngsters. ☺</i>	

Date	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assist.*/Counter	Coffee Fellowship
5	Chris & Ann Rankila	Jacque Eubanks	Sheila Laiti*/Ken Peterson	Baker
12	Rex & Elda Hein	Beth Luikart	Rolf Carlson*/Dave Edblom	Berntson, Miller, Peterson, Williams
19	Wayne & Peggy Dahlberg	Carol Surine	TBD	Hoeg
26	Jon & Beth Luikart	French River Kids	TBD	Carlson, Fiebiger

FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Message from Pastor Kim



A Brief Theology on Halloween-

From Dressing like ghosts, witches, scare crows, perhaps even superman.. Halloween has been part of our culture for hundreds of years, although the giving of candy-part is a bit more recent. The roots of Halloween are actually deeply religious, and nothing to be AFRAID of but to enjoy fully with friends, neighbors and communities.

The name itself comes from "All Hallows 'Eve," of course, a carnival-like inversion celebrating the shadow side of life...ghosts and ghouls and such...just before the great festival celebrating the saints. Its deep roots may well include folk traditions of honoring the dead, appeasing evil spirits, and marking the end of the summer harvest and the beginning (in the Northern hemisphere, at least!) of the darkest days of the year.

All Saints Day is the additional celebration — *Día de Muertos* or *Day of the Dead* is a two-day holiday that reunites the living and dead. Families create ofrendas (Altars of offerings) to honor their departed family members that have passed. These altars are decorated with bright yellow marigold flowers, photos of the departed, and the favorite foods and drinks of the one being honored. The offerings are believed to encourage visits from the land of the dead as the departed souls hear their prayers, smell their foods and join in the celebrations!

Day of the Dead is a rare holiday for celebrating death and life. It is unlike any holiday where mourning is exchanged for celebration.

But whatever its origins, Halloween today is worth thinking about. It has become one of the most popular holidays in North America, second only to Christmas, and at its best it's a magical, playful night of community-building and neighborhood-making.

From this point of view, we might even call it a sacramental glimpse, if only for one night, of how the world is supposed to be: homes decked out in mischievous fun, doors opened to visitors of all ages, a spirit of wit and excitement in the air, and simple, sweet gifts given to children — all children, not just "our" children! — dressed up as heroes and villains alike.

It's easy to grumble about "all that sugar," "marauding teenagers," "a waste of time," and so forth. But think of it: when else do we intentionally spend this kind of time together as a community? When else do we do something as a neighborhood that's this intergenerational? This open to all? This playful, goofy, and plain old fun? When else do our yards and doors open to so many? And when else are so many gifts given out, often by strangers, to strangers, just for the sake of delight and joy?

And there's an even deeper side to all of this, too: in many neighborhoods, lines of social division, segregated lines of race and class, for example, are often crossed on Halloween night. In such moments, Halloween can become an all-too-brief time of sharing experiences and resources, catching sight of a true "commonwealth" too often obscured from view on the other 364 nights of the year. And what's more, there's now some intriguing social science showing a strong correlation between a community's health and the extent to which it celebrates Halloween.

At its best, then, Halloween amounts to a vivid portrait of what "neighborhood" actually looks like. That alone is worth celebrating. And after all, what better way to honor the dead, prepare to celebrate the saints, and enter together the darkest time of the year than to embody — with equal parts creativity and joy — the *loving our neighbors as ourselves* to which Jesus calls us every day?

†Pastor Kim Sturtz

Upcoming Events

Turkey Bingo



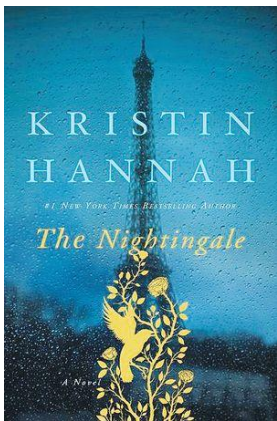
Sunday, November 12
Doors open at 5:00 PM
Games 5:30 – 7:30 PM

- Games are 50¢ - \$1.00
- Get on 50¢ game free if you bring a non-perishable food item (one per player per evening).
- Grand prize is a gourmet turkey dinner!
- Good food available- hot dogs, sloppy joes, nachos, pop & coffee.

Proceeds directed to the Two Harbors Area Food Shelf.

Event Sponsored by: Thrivent Team in Action, FRLC Hospitality Committee

French River Readers



For November, there is another Book Club in a Bag offering, The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. The book should be available by Wednesday, October 25th, on the ledge to the right of the upper doors at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. **We will meet to discuss the book** - which takes place during World

War II - at 1 PM November 16th in the Fireside Room at church. Please note the new meeting time for the winter months. Carolyn Marino will be the host. Also, November is the month we collect board books, to encourage the youngest readers to develop a lifelong habit; they will be distributed to a local charity.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com.

Scandinavian Fest

Mark your calendars for our Scandinavian Sale on December 9 this year.

We're offering a soup and sandwich lunch option with or without your choice from our dessert menu, and vendors will fill the fellowship hall with their wonderful products.

We're looking for all the usual cookies and baked goods, pantry items, craft items and glassware to fill the narthex with a festive holiday atmosphere. There will be a bread baking day, a cookie packing day, set up and clean up opportunities, as well as workers needed for the different shifts on Saturday.

Want to learn how to make Christmas pie? Can you drop off a poster or two at some of your usual stops? Do you knit, craft, work with wood, paint, or get together with friends to make anything?? What is your favorite holiday cookie, bread, or candy? Do you know someone who might want to have a table? Or friends who may want to come to the sale? There are so many ways to participate!!

Please consider how you can help make this a wonderful day of outreach and fellowship during our Advent Season.

****See page 5 and 6 of this newsletter for an order form!****

Scandinavian Festival contacts:

Comments or questions –
Barb Jackson 525-5992

Or Peggy Dahlberg 525-4469

Bread baking – Carolyn Marino 525-6431

Lefse – Bonnie Smrstick or Peggy Dahlberg

This is our major fundraiser for benevolence and projects. Thank you for your support!

Take Note



All Saints Day takes place on Sunday, November 5th.

If you would like to have a departed loved one honored, forms are available on page 9, the usher stand or in weekly emails. Please turn in forms to the FRLC Secretary mailbox or in the drop box by the lower doors. Thank you.

Riversong Rising



To become familiar with the songs by Riversong Rising, try searching them on YouTube before coming to church, and then you will be prepared to sing along!

Property Committee

Greetings from your Property Committee!! We're looking for volunteers to take on a job or two to get things done before the snow flies. If you could help with any of the following, we'd love to hear from you:

- Refinish the bench and put it away for the winter
- Move the pulpit (fellowship hall) and memorial rack (narthex) to the BS building
- Move the door (table storage area) to the BS building
- Find a home for the magnasite reader (furnace room)
- Clean vents in the bathrooms and kitchen
- Remove/recycle buckets of sanitizer (women's bathroom)
- Replace flat tire on dolly (furnace room)
- Move wood chips off parking lot
- Cut down garden (main entrance)
- Install blinds (we have them) in the pre-school space
- Move pavers for snow removal
- Trim Days for Girls closet (fellowship hall)
- Wash inside windows (not stained glass)
- Clean stained-glass windows (water only)

This list is also posted back at the welcome center. It would be very helpful if you would indicate any job you are willing to take care of.

It's been a long time coming, but the time is NOW! The plan is in place to remove old and install new carpet in the fellowship hall. Work will begin on Friday, November 17th and continue on Saturday and Sunday (18th and 19th) and finish up on Friday-Saturday-Sunday (24th, 25th, 26th) if needed.

Many hands will make the project go faster and be a time of good fellowship; lunch will be provided for the crew. If you are able to help on any of those days, please let Ken or Barb know.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our church property chores!

Red Cross Blood drive Thank You!

Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who helped make our October blood drive a success. The American Red Cross collected 34 units of blood, which will help ensure that blood is available during this time of a national blood shortage. We worked with wonderful staff members from the Red Cross and a great group of volunteers from FRLC who helped the day run smoothly.

Thirteen donors were from FRLC. We enjoyed visiting with them and our neighbors from our North Shore Community as they went through the blood donation process on a beautiful fall day by the lake.

The Outreach Committee appreciates the help of those who volunteered for this event: Sue Baker, Denise Carlson, Jim Dahlberg, Rod Garver, Sue Garver, Elda Hein, Joel Huenemann, Gail Johnson, Beth Luikart, Jon Luikart, Carolyn Marino, Heather Mindestrom, Rhonda O'Leary, and Ann Rankila. Please watch for our next drive in April of 2024!

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank offers a variety of volunteer opportunities to get involved in their hunger-relief work. Friends and members of FRLC are invited to participate in a **food-packaging event on Wednesday, November 15th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**



Adults and youth (minimum age 8; parent/guardian required on-site) must be able to stand, lift, bend and follow food and personal safety procedures. Closed-toe shoes are required, as well as shirts that cover shoulder and armpit areas. Clothing and jewelry should not have loose, dangling beads. See www.northernlakesfoodbank.org for volunteer information or FAQ's as well as a youth application for those under age 18.

Would you like to join us? Contact Sue Baker, 218.341.4181 or drjockmock@msn.com, with questions or to sign up. A commitment is needed no later than November 1st.

FRLC Choir



FRLC Choir rehearsals are underway! We are rehearsing on **Wednesdays at 7 P.M.** We need and welcome new singers!

Happy Birthday

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Allison Libby | 20 Carly Twining |
| 2 Dani Marks | 22 Linda Hauge |
| 3 Sarah Baker | 22 Andrea Ruberg |
| 3 Clint Endicott | 23 Dan Dornfeld |
| 3 David Fiebiger | 24 Bonnie Majerus |
| 3 Cale Hendricks | 25 Nick Lukkonen |
| 7 Jackson Hill | 26 Kristy Vatne |
| 7 Riley Panger | 28 Devyn Aug |
| 8 David Edblom | 28 Duane Bakken |
| 8 Pr. Kimberly Sturtz | 29 Cade Fladmark |
| 10 Adrianna Dahlberg | |
| 10 Justin Hill | |
| 11 Tressa Clement | |
| 12 Rachel Janezic | |
| 13 Bernie Jackson | |
| 13 Brenda Panger | |
| 16 Tim Strom | |
| 16 Avery Vatne | |
| 17 David Libby | |
| 18 Colleen Jeronimus | |
| 18 Emily Marino | |
| 18 Babs Strom | |
| 19 Richard Sather | |
| 20 Kylie Slette | |



Happy Anniversary

- 1 Duane & Deanna Bakken
- 2 George & Judee Sundstrom
- 25 Dave and Leslie Holck



See something wrong? Help update our records by contacting the office with changes. If you know of someone who needs to be added or deleted from *The Parables* mailing list, please contact us.

Switching to receive by email is also an option!

Thank you!

Lessons This Month

November 5 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost ~All Saints' Sunday

[Micah 3:5-12](#); [Psalms 43](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:9-13](#); [Matthew 23:1-12](#).

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

November 12 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

[Amos 5:18-24](#); [Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16](#); [Psalms 70](#); [Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#); [Matthew 25:1-13](#).

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

November 19 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Consecration Sunday

[Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18](#); [Psalms 90:1-8 \[9-11\] 12](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#); [Matthew 25:14-30](#).

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

November 26– Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#); [Psalms 95:1-7a](#); [Ephesians 1:15-23](#); [Matthew 25:31-46](#).

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come.

French River Lutheran Church

Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

FRLC Financial Facts

September financials will be reported in *The December Parables*.



Service Teams

Everyone at FRLC is encouraged to participate on a Service Team. If you are not sure which team you are on, please contact the office. Teams serve a different month each year. The schedule for the next three months is:

Team	Captain	Month
Jericho	Sue Baker 218-341-4181	Nov `23
Galilee	Cheryl Moe 525-5011 Bonnie Smrstick 730-7443	Dec `23
Jerusalem	Barbara McNickol 525-5417	Jan `23

A 2023 calendar is available for coffee fellowship sign-up. Look for it on the Welcome Center in the narthex.



2023 SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS ON THE SHORE & OLD-WORLD BAKED GOODS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 9:00 A.M.



Please fill out this form and give it to Barb Jackson or turn it in to the WELCA/Women of French River mailbox (lower level near bulletin boards).
THANK YOU!

WHAT CAN I BRING?

- cookies/breads for the Bake Sale
(please identify your baked goods for packaging)
- candy
- canned goods for the pantry
- crafts/goods for the Christmas Shop

HOW CAN I HELP?

- I will pack cookies on Friday, Dec. 8 at 9 AM
- I will help make cardamom bread on Friday, Dec. 8 at 9 AM
- I will work Saturday, Dec.9 (available_____)
- I will help with clean up Saturday, Dec 9 at 2 PM
- I will participate in a bread-baking day on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 9 AM
(contact Carolyn Marino)
- I will make lefse on Thursday, Dec. 7
- I will help decorate on Friday, Dec. 1 at 9 AM
- I will rent a space (\$15 per 8' space; please enclose payment)
- Enclosed is a donation

Your name/contact number: _____

Scandinavian Christmas on the Shore

&

Olde World Baked Goods



**FRENCH RIVER
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**5310 RYAN RD
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9TH
9 AM – 2 PM**



**FANCY BAKED GOODS
LEFSE ☆ CANDY SHOP**

ARTISANS & CRAFTERS ☆ PANTRY ☆

Fika Café

Soup choices: Chicken Wild Rice or Beef Barley – \$5.00

Sandwich choices: Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese on a
Croissant – \$5.00

Dessert choices: White Christmas Pie, Fruit Soup, or Brownie
with Lingonberries – \$5.00

Beverage included with each food purchase



Merry Christmas God Jul

Hyvaa Joulua Froehliche Weihnachten

Glaedelig Jul Joyeux Noël

QUESTIONS? CALL 218.525.5659

French River Lutheran Church

MEETING MINUTES – October 10, 2023

“To live and love as God Commands, accept His Grace, and share the Good News”

2021-2024		2022-2025		2023-2026	
Sheila Laiti	P	Sue Baker	P	ArMand Nelson	P
Ken Peterson	xx	Rolf Carlson	xx	Dave Edblom	xx
Haeli Pettis	P			Adam Marks	P
Loren Slette	P			Others	
				Pastor Kim Sturtz	P
				Barb Jackson	P
				Jon Luikart	P

P-Present XX-Excused MSC-motion made, seconded, carried □-Action Item

1. **Call to order @ 7:00 PM by Sheila Laiti**
2. **Devotion:** Sheila Laiti and Barb Jackson
3. **Adjustment to the agenda**—a few additions were made to new business
4. **Outdoor Worship and Gathering Space**
 - A. Jon Luikart - reported on how this project start and provided a summary of our project and financials
 - B. 29 households financially contributed
 - C. 42 individuals contributed their time and talented
 - D. Blessed with many talented people in the trades and supplies contributed
 - E. Raised \$105,691 for the project to cover ~\$90,500 in costs for Phase 1, leaving ~\$14,000 to start Phase 2 tasks like completing electrical and rock around shelter
 - F. Dedication of shelter on October 29th
 - G. Working on a building use policy (Pastor Kim, Adam, Sheila)
5. **Devotions for council 2023**
 - A. Nov – Rolf Carlson
 - B. Dec – Ken Peterson
 - C. Jan ‘24 – Pastor Kim
6. **Offering Counters:** *helps with communion
 - A. October 15 – Sheila / Rolf*
 - B. October 22 – Loren* / Adam
 - C. October 29 – Sue* / ArMand
 - D. November 5 – Sheila* / Ken
 - E. November 12 – Dave / Rolf*
7. **Financial Report – Loren**
 - A. Jon Luikart agreed to serve as the manager/trustee for the ETrade Memorial Fund account.
 - B. Loren working with Phil to transfer manager/trustee to Jon Luikart and Shelly Peterson
 - C. A little behind on budget in September and expenses were less.
 - D. There are 5 Sundays in October, so might catch up a bit.
 - E. Approve taking \$928.45 from Capital Improvement fund to reallocate for decking and filling out appropriate paperwork if needed. MSC (Sheila/Adam)
 - F. Scheduled budget meeting for Oct. 25 at 6:00. Still waiting for some committee 2024 Budget figures. If any not received, will use last year’s figures.
 - G. Financial reports will be emailed, probably this week.

8. Secretary’s Report:

- A. Approved September’s secretary’s report via email on September 16th. (*majority approved plus the president*)

9. Pastor’s Report – Highlights for past month

- ✓ Timber Frame PHASE 1 Done
- ✓ Lake Superior Conference - NEMN Synod New Hospital Essentia Chaplaincy Visit Oct 10th
- ✓ Sabbatical Pulpit/Pastoral Care in Process
- ✓ Getting everything processed for Sabbatical Continuing Ed in India (passports, visa, and vaccines, oh my!)
- ✓ Wedding to officiate for non-members Amy Jensen & Andrew Heifer at Pier B Oct 21, 2023
 1. Pastoral Visitations /Hospital or Home Visits: 13 by Phone or in Person
 2. Outreach – 100-year celebration early ideas in process
 3. Hospitality - Turkey Bingo Planned and planning happening
 4. Stewardship - Consecration Sunday Nov 19th, Time and Talent Forms need to be filled out and returned.
 5. Childrens’ & Youth Ministry - Faith formation — most meetings done via email due to families busy schedules
 6. Sunday School -Officially underway— begun on Sept 24th with children leaving after receiving communion during the service
 7. Confirmation — two youth are working on getting work done for confirmation
 8. Adult Ed— Bible Study on Monday Early Evenings —Great attendance and good reflections happening Mondays 6pm
 9. Worship & Music - Advent Planning in process — 4th Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve Morning— A basic service planning for morning. Lessons and Carols for December 31st
 10. ArMand taking over for Skipper Sironen as the Worship & Music chairperson. The Council thanks Skipper for her many years of serving as the chairperson for this committee! 😊
 11. For 100th anniversary, Barb suggested challenging congregation to make 100 gifts of \$100 to charity of their choice – Pastor will pass this idea along to the Stewardship committee

10. Standing Reports: **reports submitted*

- A. Approved standing committee reports. MSC (Loren/Sue)
- B. Christian Life (*liaison: ArMand Nelson, Adam Marks, Haeli Pettis*)
- i.Faith Formation (Youth/Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Education/Bible Study)
 - ii.Hospitality (Compassion/Care*: Prayer Shawls, Wellness/BP Screening, Sunshine Ministry, Scrap Happy Quilters)
 - iii.Long Range Planning
 - iv.Memorial
 - v.Worship/Music (Altar Guild)
- C. Mission Life Committees (*liaison: Sue Baker*)
- i.Outreach* (Seafarers; Scholarship; Compassion/Care: CHUM, MN Foodshare, Days for Girls)
 - ii.Stewardship (Eco Faith)
- D. Operations (*liaisons: Dave Edblom, Loren Slette*)
- i.Audit (*Carol Surine, Carolyn Marino, Kim Marks*)
 - ii.Finance
 - iii.Property
- E. Women of French River (WOFR* / WELCA) Auxiliary
- F. Executive Committee (Pastor, President, VP, Secretary)
- i.Mutual Ministry (Pastor, President, Steve Berntson, Carol Surine, Kim Burke, Ken Peterson)
 - ii.Staff Relations

11. Correspondence - none

12. Old Business

- A. Sabbatical pay policy – tabled for November budget planning
- B. Fellowship Hall floor - will be done the two weekends between turkey bingo and the Scandinavian festival
- C. Photo directory report – ArMand
 - i. Continue to receive photos from people
 - ii. 5 families signed up for photos in a Superior location
 - iii. ArMand reviewed book layout with Pastor Kim
 - iv. Pastor Kim read a proposed FRLC summary to include in photo book
- D. Health care
 - i. Talked to Portico rep, Pastor’s current plan is similar to Portico Silver plan
 - ii. Pastor and council discussing options, not including Portico health care

13. New Business

- A. Outreach committee suggested to the Council that the adding a vote for church start time be added to the Annual Meeting Agenda
- B. Approved removing from membership roll, 6 former members that no longer attend here and asked to be removed during the phoning for the photo directory project. MSC (Loren/Adam)
- C. Property insurance audit recommendation
 - i. Discussed proposal that we purchase 3 keyed bank bags @ \$30/bag and purchase a safe
 - ii. Tabled discussion until next month when full council present

14. Upcoming:

- A. Council Meeting minutes email approval by Sunday, October 15th
- B. Parables Deadline —Friday, October 18, 2023
- C. Budget: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
- D. Executive: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 5:45 P.M.
- E. Finance: Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.
- F. Council: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

15. Meeting adjourned at 10/10/2023 at 8:59 P.M. MSC (Pastor Kim/Loren)

16. Closing with The Lord’s Prayer

Submitted by Sheila Laiti, Secretary

All Saints’ Day



All Saints’ Sunday

PLEASE REMEMBER:

(Name of loved one(s) who passed since last All Saints’ Day, Nov. 6, 2022.
Please include date of death.)

(Your name, phone number, and relationship to the name(s) submitted above.)

Please return this form to the FRLC Secretary mailbox by October 30. Thank you.

FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH STEWARDSHIP



If you have completed the Time & Talent and Estimate of Giving 2024 forms, thank you! If not, there's still time to respond and submit them. Forms are available from the October issue of *The Parables* and from the standing shepherd in the narthex. Once completed, forms may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

Our gifts will be lifted up during the November 19th worship service.

What will "Growing a Generous Faith" look like for you in 2024? Perhaps it's time to try something new, venture out of your comfort zone, or put your spiritual gifts to the test.

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Ways to Worship

FRLC offers in-person worship, as well as the option to continue to worship virtually.

- To worship virtually, visit www.frenchriverlutheran.org or send your email address to our office, frlc5310@gmail.com, and receive a weekly email to the direct link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/FrenchRiverLutheranChurch>

- Visit www.frenchriverlutheran.org

HOME PAGE for a link to archived services.

Please contact the office with any inquires. If you call and reach voicemail and need quicker assistance, please email the FRLC office.

In case of an emergency please contact Pr. Kim Sturtz at 218.393.7444 or frlcpastorsturtz@gmail.com

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