

THE HERALD

November 2024

Beloved siblings in Christ,

We are in November and that much closer to Advent! This month, we have celebrated All Saints Day and will celebrate Christ the King Sunday on the 24th. We will also be Hanging the Greens that Sunday! Thanksgiving is the last week of the month, on the 27th. Then we are into Advent and Christmas will soon follow. Advent starts on the 1st of December, and it tickles me that this year Advent Calendars will line up with the actual dates of Advent. I am continuing my Back to Basics sermon series; on the 3rd, we talked about the Christian Calendar; on the 10th, we will talk about Baptism, and on the 24th we will talk about Christ: Priest, Prophet, and King. As we move into December, we will be going over the Confessions.

I write this on November 5th, as everyone is going to the polls to vote. Regardless of who wins, I anticipate we are about to enter a time of turmoil and political unrest. Let us remember that God comes before any particular person, party, policy, or poll. The greatest commandments we can follow are to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These commandments will be even more important as we enter into this time. As we move into the coming days, do not let these times turn us against God or against one another. Let the words of the hymn We Are One in the Spirit be both a guide and a prayer:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land;

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one;
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Blessings of peace and comfort,
Pastor Erica

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04 – Carolyn Pester
05 – Vivian Jones
07 – LaVerne Whitmarsh
09 – Mike Lagueux
10 – Denise Lagueux
11 – Jim Pester
19 – Emily Hennings
20 – Jay Weyers
25 – Kennedy Hunzeker
27 – Delia Thompson
28 – Gina Meester



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 – Frances Beaurivage & Sue Nelson
19 – Denise & Mike Lagueux



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB



Anyone may join or renew their membership in Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) is made to our endowment fund.

CIRCLE

Circle will meet on December 3rd at 10:00 am in the Gibson Room. All are welcome!

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates available in the narthex!



Cooler weather is just around the corner – make sure you have your tea and coffee!

TACO NIGHT!!

Sunday, November 10, 2024

5-7 pm

Free will donations for all-you-can-eat tacos and fixings!!

Silent Auction Items

Lots of Taco-rific FUN!!

Donations will go towards our 2025 mission trip and PDA disaster assistance.



DUCs will meet following worship on Sunday, November 17th for their 'Friendsgiving' potluck. Please bring a food item to share with the group. Friendsgiving will also include a 'Murder Mystery' and then we'll play games until 2pm. Hope to see you there!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, November 24th for our annual hanging of the greens.

POINSETTIAS

It may seem early but it is time to place orders for Poinsettias that will decorate the sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas season. The options this year are a 6 in poinsettia for \$13 or an 8 in poinsettia for \$30. The deadline to place an order is November 12th. Order forms will be available in the narthex & parking lot entrances. You may also contact the church office (402-477-3401 or assistant@heritagepres.org) to place an order.



NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR AT HERITAGE

Please welcome Evan Mott as our new choir director here at Heritage. Evan is a Junior at UNL, studying Music Education. He grew up in Omaha where he found his passion



for music. Fun facts that aren't obvious: He has a beloved cat named Skippyjon Jones, he likes to go on runs, and he has completed all of his New year's resolutions he's ever made. Learning about the world and other people is one of his greatest pursuits. Thus, he feels blessed to be given the gift of this community's voices, and can't wait to see what he can learn from them. He hopes to meet all of the church members and would like to extend a welcome to them to sing with the choir, anytime.



All Saints' Day Ofrenda

2024-2025 SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024: *Andy Singaas
Sydney Miller

Class of 2025: Amanda Miller
Lew Sieber

Class of 2026: Frances Beurivage
Belle Kendle

*denotes 2nd term

2024-2025 COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Christie Werner (Prayer Chain Chairman)
Ruth Hunzeker
Sue Nelson
Vivian Jones

We would love to include more pictures from events & activities in the newsletter. If you happen to take pictures during church functions please forward them to the church office – assistant@heritagepres.org.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

November 26, 2024

Items received after this
date may not be included!

NOVEMBER 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 10:00 AM Al-Anon Boy Scouts | 2 |
| 3 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship w/communion | 4 <i>Girl Scouts</i> 20306 | 5 10:00 AM Circle | 6 | 7 | 8 10:00 AM Al-Anon Boy Scouts | 9 |
| 10 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship TACO NIGHT | 11 | 12 Poinsettia order deadline | 13 | 14 <i>Boy Scouts</i> | 15 10:00 AM Al-Anon Boy Scouts | 16 |
| 17 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship DUCs Friendsgiving | 18 <i>Girl Scouts</i> 20306 | 19 | 20 | 21 <i>Boy Scouts</i> | 22 10:00 AM Al-Anon Boy Scouts | 23 |
| 24 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship w/communion Hanging of the Greens | 25 | 26 December newsletter deadline | 27 | 28 Happy Thanksgiving! | 29 10:00 AM Al-Anon | 30 |

Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.