

November 1, 2004

Where there is no Vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18A,KJV)

Lectionary Readings & Sermon Titles

Nov. 7 - All Saints

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

or Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: "For All the Saints"

Nov. 14 -

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: "He Gave Thanks"

The Communion of Saints

The Apostles' Creed is our baptismal document. It is a brief statement of the larger beliefs of the Christian Church. This creed has been around for many centuries, and finds its way into many different communities of faith.

One of the articles simply states that we believe in the communion of saints. A simple sentence. But, what does it mean for us. It captures the beauty of the Hebrews' passage that affirms that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, and they encourage us as we race through this life. What lies behind that text is the affirmation of resurrection and eternal life. For me, it is a different view of the world. God calls people into this great enterprise to live as though time had been bent into a different shape, and that the past, present, and future are somehow connected like a crazy staircase in a Salvador Dali painting.

This simple affirmation also reminds us that we all come to this place through the good efforts of many who have gone before us. What we have here at Southminster is not our doing, but God's work through human hearts, hands, and minds. We are reminded of almost 60 years of faithful work by some many who now cheer us on from a different shore. Add to that 60 years, all the experiences of prior commitment in places of worship all over the world, and you have generations of faithfulness as a legacy right here in our midst.

We are encouraged by those who race is finished, but the race is not over until we are done. It is a marathon, not a sprint. What I am most impressed by when I watch the coverage of one of the great marathons is that it is more important to finish than to win, and that really finishing is what it is all about. The crowds stay until the last one is across the line, and the last one is accorded the same respect as the first one across the finish stripe. We are not finished here, and we are paving a way for our children to run the race. Their future and our present are intertwined in such a way that if viewed from the right perspective, they are the same.

All Saints' is a life affirmation, often walked in the shadow of death. It is an affirmation that we are part of a larger communion. Hear the cheers?

Dr. Sam Haun





PRAYER CHAIN

Pat Cox is writing the Prayer Chain Letter for November. If you have a request or an update, please call 747-0082.

SYMPATHY

Southminster congregation extends deepest sympathy to Jane Trumbo and her family on the recent death of her mother in West Virginia.

THANKS

We wish to thank our Southminster family for your prayers and concerns following Arthur's recent heart surgery. Dr. Haun, members of the Prayer Chain, Men's Breakfast group, Mariners, and so many others, thank you for all your kindnesses.
Arthur and Martha Barr

Mailing Address Change?

Phone Number Change?

Email address Change?

Please keep the church records updated by turning in any new information to Barbara in the church office, or marking it on the attendance pads on Sunday morning. Thank you.

CATCH-UP TIME

The end of 2004 is near and many of us are finding ourselves behind in our 2004 Southminster Pledge. **Now** is the best time to catch-up, so that budgeting for 2005 can begin. If for some reason you need to adjust your pledge, please call the church office. For the rest of us, it's catch-up time. --Your Stewardship Committee

RECYCLING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

We need ALL your: Newspaper, Magazines, Office & School Papers, Shopping Catalogs, Mail

Please Do NOT Include:

Plastic, Glass, Metals, Trash

There is a green and yellow recycling bin in the parking lot – called Paper Retriever. The church is paid for paper collected and placed in this receptacle.

MARK THOSE CALENDARS.....

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY TO START



Thanks so much for your interest in Bible Study at Southminster.

The Pastor's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 10am and 5:30pm. The topic will be "Stewards of the Household of God".

Both the morning and evening sessions will cover the same material each week.

Adjustments to time and place might occur to make sessions more accessible and convenient.

Please contact Sam if you have questions.
Peace and thanks, Sam

FELLOWSHIP GROUP TO MEET

Mariners will meet Friday, November 12 at the home of Pat & Allen Cox. Please call Pat for food assignments.

Thanksgiving Dinner.

12 Noon, November 14.

Menu: Pork loin roast, Dressing, Waldorf Salad, Greenbeans, Rolls and Pumpkin Pie.

Price: \$5 per person, \$15 Max per family.
No charge children under 5.

Reservations must be in by Wednesday, November 10. Yes, we said **RESERVATIONS**.

Call church office, mark the attendance pad, or e-mail Barbara Sezate.

ABUNDANCE IS:

1. Being ready to share
 - not because we have to
 - but because we want to
2. Giving back – not giving up
3. Caring and Sharing
 - a. Our time – church upkeep, committees, office assistance, Marshall School, etc.
 - b. Our talents – choir, teaching children, youth, adults
 - c. Our ALL – prayers, devotion, money



International Gift Fair will be held this year at the Fellowship Congregational Church, Saturday, Nov. 13, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday Nov. 14, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. As usual, the gifts will be from a worldwide market helping the “little guy” earn a living. The church is located 2900 S. Harvard with plenty of parking. Come one, come all!!

Those cooking for the homeless this month were Alice Joy McBride, Pete Vorenkamp, Kathy Wright, Fred Dimit and Libby Parrish. Lennie and Paul Stringfield and Mark Evans



Denomination: The presbytery of Northern Waters has 63 churches and 8,060 members in northeastern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin, and Gogebic County of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. The presbytery has a visioning task force that is providing leadership and nurture in the task of putting the love of Christ into action. God has been good to the Northern Waters Presbytery, and its members are doing all they can to share God’s goodness with others. Rev. Sharon Johnson is executive presbyter and Elder Nancy Grittman is stated clerk.
Presbytery: First Church Nowata; Oka Achukma Church, Broken Bow; Presbytery Council Meeting; Mountain Fork Church, Eagletown.
World: Peace!

served at the shelter.

All items needed for the second 10 Home Health kits for Aids Patients in Malawi were donated and all 20 kits will be sent to Louisville as soon as the Tracys return home from their travels, as this is Ken’s “baby”.

Feed-My-Sheep for November is non-perishable food fit for a Thanksgiving Feast. Our baskets will go to families from Marshall school and Southminster youth will fill the baskets on Sunday evening Nov. 21. Everything will need to be at the church by then. We will want to buy turkeys to complete the feast so some cash will be welcomed. This is part of our stewardship “sharing our abundance”.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Homer Hanson, David Pennington
2. David Trumbo
4. Polly Vella
6. Sybil Barton, Anna Casey, Margaret Hartman
7. Debbie Robson
10. Tom Coffman, Zachary David Moss
11. Mary Cahall. Sharon Coffman, Margaret Moritz
15. Robin Hatfield Rylander, Athena Smith, David Teegarden, Jordan Walker
16. Eileen Blankenship, Sarah Beverly Hoke
17. Benjamin Loub
18. Ben Goodman, Emily Hedgecock, Robert Blocker
19. Bill Lohrey
21. Pat Cox
22. Samuel Dester
25. Kathy Wright
27. Mary Casey
29. Richard Stewart
30. Thomas Broge, Jr., Fran Grigsby



THE VISION

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Monday, November 1

6:00pm Mid-Hi Bible Study
6:30pm Deacons

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day

Wednesday, November 3

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
7:00pm Chancel

Sunday, November 7

VISION DEADLINE

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
3-8:30 Youth
6:00pm Tintinnabulators
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

Monday, November 8

6:00pm Mid-Hi Bible Study
6:30pm Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 10

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 11

Veteran's Day

12:45pm Knitters

Friday, November 12

6:30pm Mariners

Saturday, November 13

9:00am PWCT
9:00am Southminster Workday

Sunday, November 14

Commitment Sunday

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
Noon Thanksgiving Lunch
12:15-1:30pm Youth Bells
3-8:30 Youth
6:00pm Tintinnabulators
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

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