

November
2020

United in Faith News

NOVEMBER

Why are we
Here?
We are to be
**God's
hands,
feet and
voice
in the
world.**



From the desk of . . .

Pastor Carla



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

Psalm 13:1-2 "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?"

Now that we have passed the six month mark for our global pandemic time (Coronatide as some of us call it), many of us are exhausted from the alertness and vigilance required during this time of COVID. We want to throw in the towel and be done with this already. Some of us may feel that mitigation measures have caused more problems than they have solved. Some of us may feel so lonely and isolated that we are holding onto our mental health by a tiny, thin thread. Most of us have lost patience with our families and neighbors. We are irritable and short-tempered. Sometimes, we look up, shake our fist at the sky, and shout, "How long, O Lord? Why are you making us wait? Why aren't you saving us?"

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

In many different circumstances in the Bible, God calls people to patience and steadfastness in times of challenge and difficulty. Keep up the work of God and wait on the Lord, even if the time of trial seems longer than expected.

James 5:7-8 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Abraham and Sarah waited for a VERY long time for God's promises to come true (for them to have a child). Jacob had to wait seven years to marry Rachel (he married her sister Leah first, but their dad made Jacob work seven more years before marrying Rachel). Moses and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years before entering the promised land. Mary was informed that her child would be the Son of God, but he didn't really embody that role until thirty years later. And the longest wait of all is the

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At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:

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Jesus is
Lord and
Savior

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Reflect
God's **Love**

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Pray and
listen for God's
guidance

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Continue to
strengthen
faith

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Include **All**
in God's
work

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Meet people
**where they
are**

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR CARLA, CONTINUED..

Christian church's waiting for the return of Christ (the early church thought it would happen within a generation or so).

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Set your heart on things that are life-giving and hope-bringing. United in Faith's peace poles, food pantry, and supportive community all bring me joy and hope. Spend time investing in the people around you (safely) and opening your eyes to inspiration wherever it comes to you. God is present all around us – inside us, in our neighbor, in the people who serve others during difficult times. Stay steadfast in God's word and your faith. Keep up the good work of God's kingdom. Love your neighbors, yourself, and your God fiercely. This pandemic may not end quickly, but we are not without hope in the meantime. God is always our strength and our hope, ever-present in times of trouble. May God dwell richly in your life this month!

Pastor Carla

UPCOMING IMPORTANT *United in Faith* DATES TO NOTE:

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day & Faith Promises Forms (due)



Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm we'll have a Virtual Thanksgiving Service and Pie event! Some of you may remember when we have gathered in person and shared prayers of thanksgiving, communion, and pie. This year, we'll do the same, only virtually. Join us for an online Thanksgiving Eve service – on ZOOM – followed by a Virtual Pie Fellowship time – also on ZOOM. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89359343885?pwd=aFpRdDIQUGpSejFZVVIGczZHV2tOUT09>

Or you can call in 1 312 626 6799 from Chicago area (use Meeting ID: 893 5934 3885, Passcode: 253704)

Advent - During the season of Advent, we will use a daily devotional entitled Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2020, written by Jenny Smith. Each UIF family will receive one booklet at home to utilize during Advent (first Sunday in Advent begins November 29th). If you prefer to get an e-book version, please go to cokesbury.com and search for the e-book of Jenny Smith's devotional (e-book cost is \$1.29).

In the same mailing, you will also receive a Thanksgiving bookmark, intended to help you stay grateful and focused on gratitude for God's blessings.

Christmas Eve & Day – unknown, not planned yet...probably a virtual and an in person option, but times and formats are very much up in the air for now!

Wednesday, December 30 at 7pm Virtual "Farewell & Godspeed 2020!" (subtitled: "Kick 2020 To The Curb") Join with your fellow church members to give 2020 a good sendoff (because aren't we all glad to be done with this year already?). Bring something that you can toast with (champagne, ginger ale, sparkling juice, or whatever you choose!).

United in Faith Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report – September, 2020

Nine Months
Ended
09/30/20

Unrestricted:

Income (excluding investment activity)	\$ 75,454
Expenditures	<u>197,883</u>
Income over (under) expenditures	(122,429)
Investment Income and changes in market value	<u>5,059</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted net assets	<u>\$(117,370)</u>

Educational Endowment:

Investment Income and changes in market value	(2,320)
Scholarships paid out	<u>(6,000)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Educational net assets	<u>\$ (8,320)</u>

Harriet Kurz Endowment:

Thrivent Investment income and changes in market value	18,294
ELCA Fund A Investment income and changes in market value	<u>19,766</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Harriet Kurz Endowment net assets	<u>\$ 38,060</u>
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Total net assets</u>	<u>\$ (87,630)</u>

Comments:

2020 income from church operations is lower than spending by \$8,746 in September and lower by \$122,429 YTD without Special Gifts.

Income includes \$460,418 in estate gifts from:

Harriet Kurz - \$375,000 in January
Anita Perske - \$1,727 in January
Dorothy Goos - \$3,989 in May
Shirley Anderson - \$4,703 in June
Chester Plecinoga - \$75,000 in June

General Investments returned a loss of \$3,643 for September & a gain of \$5,059 YTD.

Educational Investments returned a loss of \$5,096 for Sept. & a loss of \$2,320 YTD.

Harriet Kurz Endowment returned a gain of \$5,029 for Sept. & a gain of \$38,060 YTD

Total Expenses for nine months are higher than income by \$122,429 but are \$7,107 under budget due to Tuck-pointing, Garage Door Repair, Roof Repair, & HVAC Compressor replacement.

A \$3,000 donation was made to the Metro Chicago Synod's Covid-19 Emergency Fund.

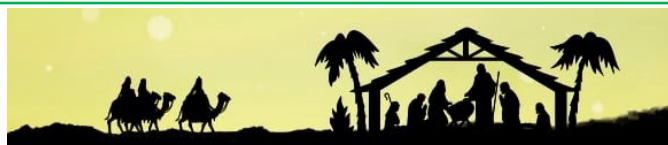
Virtual Nativity Display

Pastor Carla is compiling a Virtual Nativity display for the Advent season. Please email me

(revctp@unitedinfaith.org) pictures of nativity displays that you have in your home (or that you yourself have taken in other locations). Let me know where it comes from if it isn't in your home.

Pastor Carla will compile these into a video to be shared during the season of Advent 2020.

Pictures due to Pastor Carla by December 1st.



GIRL SCOUTS at UiF!

Hello everyone! Just a quick note to let you all know that the UiF Girl Scouts are still going strong! Our girls and leaders are a hearty bunch, and have been meeting outdoors since September, now that it is getting darker earlier and colder, we are beginning to move mostly indoors to meet. The Brownies have been making new friends at the park and in our parking lot, and having fun as only Brownies and Daisys can! The Juniors have been working on some badges and some crafts. The "Older Girls" (the Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors have been meeting as well, sometimes playing around, sometimes discussing. Last year, right before the shut down, the older girls were working on Peace Poles for the church (you may remember that we had them on display for Girl Scout Sunday in March.) I finally got them finished up and put up at church and I must say the girls did a FABULOUS job on them! There is one by the front entrance and one by the back entrance. They bear the slogan "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in different languages. The languages are: English, Algonquian (Native American language), Spanish, Polish, Hindi, Arabic and Tagalog. For more details see: www.worldpeace.org We all know the world could use MORE PEACE! We are still open to new girls for our troops, if anyone knows of a girl who might be interested in having fun and meeting new friends.



The Church Office is open on Wednesdays from
10:00 am until 2:00 pm
**PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK UP YOUR
2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES.**
Call first at 773-283-2326

SERVING IN WORSHIP:

November 2020

	9:30 AM SERVICE ON-LINE	11:00 AM SERVICE IN-PERSON	11:00 AM SERVICE USHERS/GREETERS
November 1 All Saints	on line	Please go directly to your seat.	TBD
November 8 Pentecost 23	on line	The bulletin will be on the seat.	TBD
November 15 Pentecost 24	on line	Please leave the building immediately after worship	TBD
November 22 Christ the King	on line	Please no socializing in the building after worship.	TBD



Nov 4	Grace Jewell
Nov 5	Steve Chobot
Nov 11	Zachary LaCour
Nov 14	Margaret Yokas
Nov 15	Marion Hansen
Nov 16	Betty Bolaris
Nov 19	Ken & Marilyn Ricker
Nov 20	Lorraine Enderle
Nov 21	Matthew Callgreen
Nov 24	Maya Powell
Nov 26	Carole Enger; Kara Escalante
Nov 30	Mary Roberts; Harold Edmonson

UNITED IN FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH EDUCATION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

United in Faith Lutheran Church has established an Education Endowment Scholarship Fund which is available to members of our congregation. Students who have a financial need can apply for assistance. Eligible awards can be for any Christian pre-school through high school as well as any post-secondary school and can include special educational needs or gifts at any level of education.

Each application is carefully reviewed by the Education Endowment Scholarship Committee. Awards are based on need and funds available. The application forms are available in the church office and must be completed in full to be considered for a scholarship for the school year 2021-2022 and returned no later than February 28, 2021. Place the completed form in the church mail box marked "Scholarship" located in the hallway or give to any scholarship committee member or you may mail to the church office marked "Attn Scholarship". All information on the application will be treated as confidential.

- Applicants must be active members of United in Faith Lutheran Church.
- Identify, to the best of your knowledge, all school related expenses for the school year, plus any other source of income or assistance you have to meet those expenses.
- Applicants and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/legal care giver(s) must participate in the life of United in Faith Church. This can include but is not limited to: serving as an acolyte, usher, reader, assisting minister, Sunday School aide or teacher, participation in fund raising activities, and assisting with church events to the extent that is reasonable and possible.
- Attendance at worship is required.

The Committee will then give careful consideration for awards on each application. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision by March 31, 2021. An applicant may receive a scholarship in subsequent years as long as they meet the requirements. Scholarship amounts may vary from year to year based on the number of applicants and funds available each year.

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining this committee, please contact Bonnie Maginnis 773-237-5357.

The Education Endowment and Scholarship Committee
Pastor Carla, Bonnie Maginnis, George Schultz

Why I Drive a Hybrid? By Pastor Carla



The Justice Ministry has asked me to write a little “testimony” on hybrid and electric vehicles. Since 2014, my husband and I have owned 2 Toyota hybrids and 1 Nissan electric vehicle. We made these decisions for financial and environmental reasons. Even hybrid and electric vehicles use natural resources, but we have looked closely at the trade-offs and we decided that they were wiser financial and environmental investments. We sought to minimize our family's carbon footprint (not easy as an active family of five in the suburbs). We wanted to support newer environmental technologies (without being the guinea pigs for entirely untested products). When we “crunched” the numbers, it was clear that these vehicles would cost less than the less fuel-efficient vehicles we had driven before. The large batteries in hybrid and electric cars are designed for longevity (usually 10 years), but they can carry a significant cost if they fail (part of the consideration, especially if you're buying a used hybrid or electric vehicle).

Though electric and hybrid vehicles have been on the market for many years, many people still don't know much about them. There are three main types: hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and full electric. Most of these vehicles have a higher expense at purchase, but a lower over-time use cost (less gas or minimal electricity).

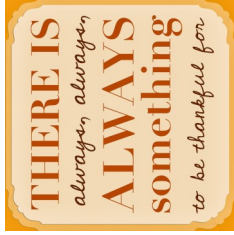
Hybrid cars are fueled with gasoline only (no plugging in or worrying about electric engine being charged). Many car makers offer hybrid versions. I drive a Prius V, which is a station wagon sized car and gets 40-45 mpg (my previous car got approximately 20 mpg). Hybrids recapture some energy during braking and store it as electricity which means that city driving is more fuel efficient in a hybrid (city and hwy mpg is often comparable). My Prius shuts down the gasoline engine and runs only on electric when stopped at a light (no “idling”).

Plug-in hybrids can be fueled with both gasoline and electricity from an outlet or charger. Generally, these are electric cars with a supplemental gas engine. In some plug-in hybrids, the gas engine generates energy to power the electric engine. Others function more like a hybrid, with the option to plug-in to pre-charge the battery to save fuel. Fuel economy is harder to compare since these vehicles can run on electric, gas, or both. Plug-in hybrid fuel economy can be sensitive to driving style, driving conditions, and accessory use.

All-electric cars must be plugged in to charge the electric battery. Darryl drives a Nissan Leaf, which is an economy brand all-electric vehicle (as opposed to the Tesla, which has a much higher price tag, but similar technology and a longer range). You can't take a road trip in most electric vehicles, but charging stations (sometimes free) are available - maybe you've seen the free Volta charging stations at the HIP. Electric vehicles have “zero emissions” – no tailpipe pollutants (although the power plant producing the electricity may emit them). Electric motors accelerate faster (“it's all torque”) and require less maintenance (no oil changes). Our Nissan Leaf has a max distance of 80 miles on a full charge (can be longer with thoughtful driving). Fully charging an all-electric vehicle with a 100 mile range and depleted battery would only cost about the same as operating an average central air conditioner for six hours.

The biggest question we get about our Nissan Leaf: Where do you charge your electric vehicle and how long does it take? A Level 1 charger can be connected to a normal grounded outlet (the same kind you can plug a toaster into), which fully charges the battery from 0% in about 12 hours. We usually charge our Leaf overnight. Since we don't drive 80 miles at a time, it rarely takes longer than 5-7 hours to reach 100%. Level 2 chargers can be found at many hospitals, office complexes, schools, Whole Foods, Walgreen's, and municipal buildings, fully charging a battery from 0% in about 4 hours (some free, others cost up to \$3/hour – compare that to your last gas fill-up). You can also economically install a Level 2 charger in your home. CHAdeMO DC fast chargers can be found in a few locations and can “fast charge” to 80% capacity can take 30 mins.

Pastor Carla



NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Faith Promises Sunday 9:30 AM On-Line Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School via Video 10:30 AM Coffee Hour on ZOOM 11:00 AM In-Person Worship with Communion	2 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Worship Planning - ZOOM Meeting	3 3:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:15 PM Women's AA - ZOOM meeting	4	5 9:00 AM Food Pantry	6 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Men's AA - Fellowship Hall	7 9:30 AM Al-Anon - ZOOM meeting 4:00 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous - ZOOM Meeting
8 9:30 AM On-Line Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School via Video 10:30 AM Coffee Hour on ZOOM 11:00 AM In-Person Worship with Communion	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry	10 3:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:15 PM Women's AA - ZOOM meeting	11	12 9:00 AM Food Pantry	13 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Men's AA - Fellowship Hall	14 9:30 AM Al-Anon - ZOOM meeting 4:00 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous - ZOOM Meeting
15 9:30 AM On-Line Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School via Video 10:30 AM Coffee Hour on ZOOM 11:00 AM In-Person Worship with Communion	16 9:00 AM Food Pantry	17 3:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting - Choir Room 7:15 PM Women's AA - ZOOM meeting	18 3:00 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM SAVE THE DATE - Post Election Gathering via ZOOM	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry	20 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Men's AA - Fellowship Hall	21 9:30 AM Al-Anon - ZOOM meeting 4:00 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous - ZOOM Meeting
22 9:30 AM On-Line Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School via Video 10:30 AM Coffee Hour on ZOOM 11:00 AM In-Person Worship with Communion	23 9:00 AM Food Pantry	24 3:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:15 PM Women's AA - ZOOM meeting	25 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Service and Pie Party via ZOOM	26 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving	27 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Men's AA - Fellowship Hall	28 9:30 AM Al-Anon - ZOOM meeting 4:00 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous - ZOOM Meeting
29 9:30 AM One Combined Service 10:30 AM Coffee Hour on ZOOM 11:00 AM In-Person Worship with Communion	30 9:00 AM Food Pantry	1 3:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM MIC Meeting - ZOOM Meeting 7:15 PM Women's AA - ZOOM meeting	2 11:00 AM Mid Week Advent Service	3 9:00 AM Food Pantry	4 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Men's AA - Fellowship Hall	5 9:30 AM Al-Anon - ZOOM meeting 10:00 AM NLOB drop off/pick up only 4:00 PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous - ZOOM Meeting

Worship Schedule



November and December

ALL 9:30 AM
and 11:00 AM
WORSHIP
SERVICES
WILL HAVE
HOLY
COMMUNION

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

NOVEMBER 1 -
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
9:30 On-Line Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

NOVEMBER 8 - Pentecost 23
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

NOVEMBER 15 - Pentecost 24
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

NOVEMBER 22 -
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

NOVEMBER 29 - Advent 1
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

DECEMBER 6 - Advent 2
9:30 On-Line Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

DECEMBER 13 - Advent 3
9:30 On-Line Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

DECEMBER 20 - Advent 4
9:30 On-Line Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:00 In-Person Worship Service

DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
TBA

DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
TBA

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