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### November Servants

#### Greeters

1 –  
8 –  
15 –  
22 –  
29 –

#### Liturgist

1 – Tiffany Nieman  
8 – Liz Gerber  
15 – Morgan Gerber  
22 – Judy Baer  
29 – Rose Black

#### Video Tech

1 – Cathy Rich  
8 – Cathy Rich  
15 – Cathy Rich  
22 – Cathy Rich  
29 – Cathy Rich

#### Dial-a-Devotion

1 – Janet Lobdell  
8 – Norma Klipping  
15 – Eleanor Homes  
22 – Pat Phillips  
29 – Janet Lobdell

#### Fellowship

1 –  
8 –  
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#### Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe, Lisa Dascher,  
Roberta Rogers, Cathy Rich



## November 2020 Newsletter



**Pray for Healing:** Bruce Wuebben, Ryan Plager, Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Gary Broge (father and father-in-law of Greg and Bonnie Broge), Kayleigh Gerber, Chris Wood, Mervin Lobdell, Verla Lobdell, Ken Gritzmaker, Vivien Rose Dascher, Pookie Schubert, Maury Howe, Pat Milliken, Ryan Wuebben (Bruce Wuebben's son), Marcia Pax, Joyce Knight, Marcia Lobdell, Judy Baer, Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Dennis Dunn (friend of Bruce Wuebben), Dean Obert, Dorothy Montgomery, Arlene Kryder, Jodee Offerman (Renee Buisker's friend), Mark Mader, Bonnie Vondra (friend of Sally Buchenau), Pauline Lutz, Johanne Wingert, Larry Buchenau, Eileen Snapp, MaryLou Bunker-Langy (Mervin Mader's cousin), Judy Buchenau, Howard Rowe (friend of Jeff and Judy Baer), Michael Reimers (Merv Mader's grandson), Kris Sanders (Barb Feiner's daughter), Sharon Schwartz, Deloris Siemens, Lisa Prindle (friend of Janice Myelle), Judy Welch, Robert Hartwig, Darryl Wybourn, Dave (Bonnie Broge's brother-in-law), Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), Vernon Baer, Myron Coaty, Tam Kryder, John Gorz (Sue Bussian's brother)

#### **In treatment:**

Linda Farwell (friend of Ryan Stockton), Triscia Nickel, Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister), Todd Miller (Myrna Seuring's nephew)

#### **Our home-bound members and friends:**

Ben & Gail Mayer – Liberty Village, Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village/Hawthorne Inn); Pauline Lutz, Al Owens, & Carol Fluegel (all at Lena Living Center);  
Chris Liles (Oakley Courts);  
Joyce Brinkmeier – Presence St. Joseph Center  
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI



- 11/2 Kelsi Lane, Sharon Koch
- 11/4 Norma Klipping,  
Colleen Rakowska, Lily Stockton
- 11/6 Doug Robieson
- 11/7 Karrie Martin
- 11/8 Tam Kryder
- 11/10 Austina Saavedra-Lincoln
- 11/11 Nicholas Borchardt, Pete Brown,  
Danielle Thomas
- 11/13 Brian Eilders, Linda Korte,  
Nicole McFadden
- 11/15 Erin Asche, Brooklyn Hudson,  
Blakeley Hudson, Gail Mayer
- 11/16 Merlyn Barker, Cameron Kryder,  
Addison Kryder, Brayden Kryder  
Megan Renner
- 11/18 Cathy Rich, Evan Voreis, Eric Voreis
- 11/20 Connie Robieson
- 11/22 Arlene Kryder, Kurt Snyder, Mike Taft
- 11/23 Emily Stich
- 11/24 Boyd Wingert
- 11/28 Matthew Morrison, Aaron White
- 11/29 Karen Kryder
- 11/30 Nancy Chapin

- 11/1 Jay & Karlyn Kempel
- 11/12 James & Diane Burke
- 11/16 Kelly & Janet Lobdell
- 11/21 Ben & Gail Mayer
- 11/23 Brian & Jamie Eilders
- 11/26 David & Nancy Etnyre

**Offering envelopes for 2021:** If you need a packet of offering envelopes for next year, please call the church office (369-5291) or email Chris ([lenaumcchris@gmail.com](mailto:lenaumcchris@gmail.com)) by November 30<sup>th</sup> . Please specify whether you need a weekly or monthly set of envelopes. Thank you

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The November/December issue of “The Upper Room” is available for pick up from the table in fellowship hall.

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**Daylight Savings Time ends November 1<sup>st</sup>** -- Reminder to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

## ***From the Pastor's Desk....***



November is a month of remembering. We begin the month with remembering all the saints who have gone before us, honor veterans and remember to vote in the middle, and go out from the month in thanksgiving.

The people of God are frequently called to remember in the scriptures. Remembering isn't done to allow us to become stuck in past memories, but so that we can be reminded of who we are as we move forward through our present into the future. When we forget that we are a people of God, God's chosen, God's beloved, we can easily go astray. The winding path away from God may look different for each of us, but one thing all those paths usually have in common is that they hurt us and those around us.

By remembering, we join ourselves with God's people throughout all time who have walked the winding paths and found that God was there too, even when we thought we had gone too far astray. So this month we pause and remember. We remember those who have taught and guided us, who showed us how to hope, live, and strive toward God. We remember that they weren't always perfect but they were saints – God's chosen and beloved, and in remembering them, we remember we are too.

We pause and remember those who are willing to sacrifice great cost to fight for an ideal. Who are willing to put others before themselves, and do what it takes to build each other up. We remember those who face the wars of life with a determined courage. In remembering them, we remember that we too are called by our baptismal vows to courageously “resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever form they present themselves.”

We remember to be thankful. Thankful for the wonderful celebrations, and thankful for the hope, support, and courage that gets us through the struggles. Thankful that God always finds us no matter how far we, or our society, or the year 2020 strays down the wandering paths. Thankful for saints, and veterans, for challenges, and for celebrations. Thankful for the call to remember.

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**Reminder:** All church members are invited to attend Lena UMC's 2020 Church Conference with Rockford District Superintendent, Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer, at 10:30 am on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> by Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed next week.

(SPRC will meet with Rev. Fabiola by Zoom from 10-10:30 am that morning.)

## November 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9 AM Worship</b> <b>in person and</b> <b>on line</b> <b>through</b> <b>Facebook + All</b> <b>Saints Sunday</b> Daylight Savings Time ends	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm – Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>  Election Day	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9am-4pm Girl Scouts Robotics Day – Fellowship Hall
<b>8</b> <b>9 AM Worship</b> <b>in person and</b> <b>on line</b> <b>through</b> <b>Facebook</b> <b>10:00 SPRC</b> <b>10:30 2020</b> <b>LUMC</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Conference –</b> DS Fabiola Grandon- Mayer on Zoom 6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study hosted by Edlers at the church	<b>9</b>  6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>  <b>6:30 pm –</b> <b>Finance Mtg.</b> <b>7:00 pm – Ad</b> <b>Council</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Virtual Annual Conference
<b>15</b> <b>9 AM Worship</b> In person and on line through Facebook	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm – Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 6:45 am – Men’s Bible Study (tentative)
<b>22</b> <b>9 AM Worship</b> In person and on line through Facebook	<b>23</b>  7pm - Stagecoach Quilters	<b>24</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving  Office closed	<b>27</b>  Office closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9 AM Worship</b> In person and on line through Facebook  <b>1st Sunday</b> <b>of Advent</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>				



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8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – SPRC; 10:30 am – 2020 Church Conference by Zoom  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 pm – Girl Scouts  
9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Finance; 7 pm – Ad Council meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Stagecoach Quilters  
26<sup>th</sup> - Happy Thanksgiving! – office closed

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Sunday 9 A.M. Children’s worship 9 A. M. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
10:30 A.M.