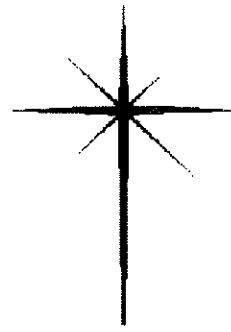


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## New update on our receipt drive:

Corner Market \$ 16,544.52  
Sun Mart \$ 53,214.48



## Wahoo Super:

Wahoo Super is discontinuing their receipt program. They have replaced it with the "Best Choice Save A Label" program.

**Save Best Choice Labels... It's Just that Easy.** Just save the labels of Best Choice products. Be sure to save the UPC portion (proof of purchase). Your organization will earn \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPC's sent to us.

## Let Us Know Your Email Address!

If you would prefer "THE STAR" via email let us know. Also, having an email address can help us update people faster and without postage costs. Simply email the church office at:  
[wahoo.bethlehem@windstream.net](mailto:wahoo.bethlehem@windstream.net) and give us your email.



Psalm 107: 1

' Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

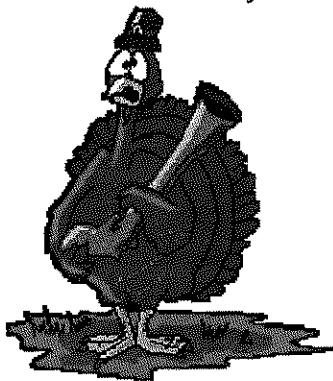
Every November we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving. This day has roots from the first people who came to this land. I thought this month I would share a brief history of how Thanksgiving came about as a National Holiday.



Most stories of Thanksgiving history start with the harvest celebration of the pilgrims and the Native Americans that took place in the autumn of 1621. Although they did have a three-day feast in celebration of a good harvest, and the local natives did participate, this "first thanksgiving" was not a holiday, simply a gathering. There is little evidence that this feast of thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can, however, be traced back to 1863 when Pres. Lincoln became the first president to proclaim Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since. However, since most school children are taught that the first Thanksgiving was held in 1621 with the Pilgrims and Indians, let us take a closer look at just what took place leading up to that event, and then what happened in the centuries afterward that finally gave us our modern Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the Mayflower were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast - including 91 natives who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days.

Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.



Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. There was no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly-discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums. This "thanksgiving" feast was not repeated the following year. Many years passed before the event was repeated. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of thanksgiving was proclaimed. On June 20 of that year the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. It is notable that this thanksgiving celebration probably did not include Native Americans, as the celebration was meant partly to be in recognition of the colonists' recent victory over the "heathen natives". By then, it had become apparent to the settlers that the natives were a hindrance to their quest for more land, so the good will they shared at the first feast had long been lost. A hundred years later, in October of 1777 all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson opposed the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her Boston Ladies' Magazine, and later, in Godey's Lady's Book. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season.

Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the fourth Thursday in November.

Every year the President of The United States makes a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. It has been my practice to read that proclamation at the start of our Thanksgiving Eve Service. I hope this history adds to your Thanksgiving Celebration.

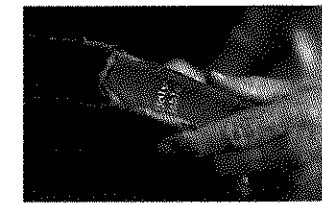
**Pastor Carl**

## Welcome New Members

On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming New Members. If you would like to join us at Bethlehem please let Pastor know. We have a number of people who will be joining that Sunday. We will receive new members at both the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 AM Service that day.



## Our Members at South Haven in Wahoo:



Betsy Brodahl  
Harold Bartek  
Chersty Person  
Jacque Lindgren  
Ron Hulse

## Middle School Ministry:

### November Wednesday night MSM meals:

- Nov. 2nd Mann's & Schnakenberg's
- Nov. 9th Servant Event at Matt Talbot
- Nov. 16th Pearson's & Zeleny's
- Nov. 23rd NO CLASS Thanksgiving Eve
- Nov. 30th Iversen's & Lindstroms



**Wednesday Night Supper**

### October Acolyte Schedule

- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Carissa Koranda & Josie Schnakenberg
- 11:00 am Ethan Stratman & Morgan Novak
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Seth & Ty Syverson
- 11:00 am Jacey Sutton & Kallynn Zeleny
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Aspen Arent & Alex Wagner
- 11:00 am Carissa Koranda & Michael Klahn
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sarah Iversen & Tucker Hancock
- 11:00 am Mallory Lindstrom & Maddie Mann



## Altar Guild Members Needed!!!

Several guild groups are in need of a member or two. If you would have an interest in being part of a group, please contact Melanie Kersten at 443-3388, or at [sk95741@windstream.net](mailto:sk95741@windstream.net). This is not exclusive to women. Thank you!



## Offering Counters:

We will be updating the list of Offering Counters this fall for the year 2012 and if you might be interested in this church service project contact Jerry Johnson at 402-277-0807 or [jajohnson1927@gmail.com](mailto:jajohnson1927@gmail.com). The task is for 1 month per year, working in teams (husband and wife or two individuals) counting the Sunday morning offerings, other special offerings during that month, completing a report for the Financial Secretary (which is rather simple) and making a bank deposit slip and depositing the funds in First National Bank. The job takes about 30 to 45 minutes per service.



### **Offering Counters 2011:**

- November** — Steve & Melanie Kersten
- December** — Jerry & Marilyn Volin

## Bethlehem Women News:

Our October meeting was held the 20<sup>th</sup> with 10 present. President Mary McKay opened with a reading "Invest and Invite". Arlene Johnson gave a report on convention that included a few more items than her STAR Article last month.

3,012 school kits were completed during the weekend. That total along with the 5,000 completed during the summer at Camp Carol Joy Holling met the goal of 8,000 school kits for Lutheran World Relief from Nebraska! Hooray! Also \$6,214.00 was received for the Mission Offering that goes to church wide and Lutheran Campus Ministries in Nebraska.

President Mary announced that Winter Retreat is January 14<sup>th</sup> in Grand Island. Registration blanks are in the church office. The program will include the Todd Burpo Family who wrote the book "Heaven is For Real".

Our Spring Gathering will be at First Lutheran in Fremont on March 31<sup>st</sup> this next year. We will display our quilts and other kits on November 6<sup>th</sup> and then pack them up to go to Lutheran World Relief. We have completed 45 school kits, 29 layettes and health kits to go with the quilts and so we are asking for shipping help again. There is a container in the lobby – please help us out. It takes \$2.25 for a quilt, \$1.40 for a school kit, \$2.65 for a health kit, \$1.30 for a layette, Plus \$11.60 to ship an 18 lb. carton of soap. Any and all donations of money for shipping will be appreciated!

Elaine Hennings gave our lesson on "Gifts We Have Been Given" and Joan Norenberg served a delicious fall dessert.

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

No quilting in November or December

November 17<sup>th</sup> Noon Regular meeting in the Fellowship Hall

## Mission Interpreter:

*By Arlene Johnson*

Mosaic is a serving arm of our church. It was formed in 2003 with the consolidation of Bethphage mission in Axtell and Martin Luther Homes in Beatrice. It now has 12 locations in Nebraska as well as other locations nationally.

### **Mosaic at Bethphage Village in Axtell**

Founded as Bethphage, Mosaic at Bethphage Village in Axtell became known as the "miracle of the prairie" for its dedication to helping people with disabilities grow toward independence soon after its founding in 1913. The location now serves more than 100 people. Mosaic School in Axtell, Neb., offers an educational program that emphasizes functional academics, pre-vocational skills, communication/speech, social skills, sensory integration, and community activities. Occupational and physical therapy services are also included in the curriculum as needed per individual student.

### **Mosaic at Bethphage Village Retreat Program**

Bethphage Village maintains two fully-equipped retreat centers. Retreat participants, through hand-on experiences, learn about Mosaic's services and become knowledgeable advocates for people with disabilities.

## Mission Interpreter cont.:

*Nature's Mosaic* treats visitors to an 80-acre natural prairie wonderland. It provides fully accessible hiking trails, fishing, picnicking and the opportunity to observe prairie wildlife, plants, fish, insects and the migration of waterfowl each Spring and Fall.

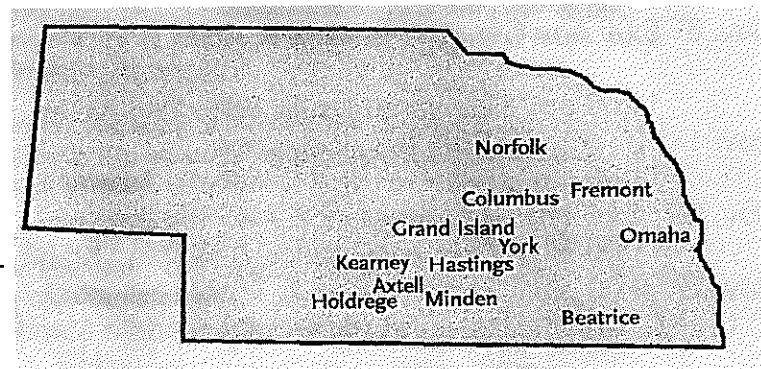
**Mosaic in Beatrice:** Mosaic has been providing services in Beatrice for more than 50 years. Martin Luther Homes started in Sterling, Neb., in 1925. The organization moved to Beatrice in 1956 to a newly-built campus. Since that time we have expanded into the community and currently provide supports to over 170 individuals who reside in various living arrangements including their own home or apartment, their family home or on a campus setting at a home where services are provided around the clock. In 2003 Martin Luther Homes consolidated with Bethphage to become Mosaic. Mosaic in Beatrice has been accredited through The Council on Quality and Leadership since 2002, achieving its third consecutive accreditation in September, 2006.

**Mosaic in Omaha:** Mosaic currently serves more than 250 people and employs almost 300, making it one of the largest providers in the Omaha metropolitan area and one of the largest Mosaic agencies in the country. Mosaic offers a wide array of residential settings in the Omaha area to best accommodate the individual needs of each person. Mosaic prides itself in its commitment to vocational growth and independence for people with disabilities. Our goal is to provide quality services in order to reach the dreams, satisfy the interests and meet the needs of the people we serve.

**Mosaic in Northeast Nebraska (Columbus/Fremont/ Norfolk)** Mosaic as Bethphage, began providing services in Northeast Nebraska in 1993. Serving Columbus, Fremont and Norfolk. Mosaic Provides services and supports to nearly 100 people in residential, day and school transition services.

**Mosaic in South Central Nebraska (Holdrege/Kearney/Minden)** Mosaic in South Central Nebraska was established in Holdrege, Nebraska in 1892. The Agency offers community based, 24-hour assisted living, supported apartment living, host homes and a variety of day services. The agency currently serves 60 individuals.

**Mosaic in Tri-Cities Nebraska (Grand Island/Hastings/York)** Mosaic in Tri-Cities Nebraska was established in 1981 in Grand Island, Nebraska. The agency offers a variety of services including assisted day services, supported employment, host homes, 24-hour assisted residential, supported living and school transition services. The agency currently serves more than 200 people among the three communities.



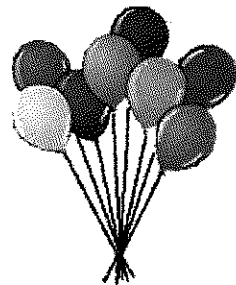
# Happy Anniversary

## November Anniversaries

Kevin & Collette Rathke	11/6
Derek & Brooke Betka	11/7
James & Kristine Peterson	11/7
Dave & Jordan Rasmussen	11/11
Lawrence & Colleen Lindquist	11/18
Steven & Angela Olson	11/25

Tianna Coffey	11/9
Rich Schooling	11/9
Andrea Callan	11/10
Samantha Grandgenett	11/11
Logan Scott	11/11
Kayleigh Betka	11/12
Robbie Koranda	11/12
Amy (Johnson) Ataya	11/14
Sierra Duckworth	11/14
Helen Hansen	11/15
Elmer Semrad	11/18
Betty Edstrom	11/19
Stevie Nelson	11/19
Kailey Strait	11/19
William Iversen	11/20
Chandler Buch	11/21
Phillip Carlson	11/21
JoDell Hajek	11/21
Ryan Hall	11/22
Gerald Johnson	11/23
Taylor Luben	11/23
Amy Shreck	11/23
Amanda Borreson	11/24
Connie Hageman	11/24
Roger Fisher	11/25
Jessie Lausterer	11/27
Hannah Marks	11/29
John Sutton	11/29
Vicki Simons	11/30

**If you do not see your birthday or anniversary, please let Michelle know in the office at 443-3160 so we can correct our database. Thank You!!!**



# Happy Birthday!

## November Birthdays

Sara Rosencrantz	11/1
Glenn Peetz	11/2
Samuel Biggerstaff	11/4
Amy O'Sullivan	11/4
Angela Olson	11/4
Warren Kennedy	11/5
Katelyn O'Brien	11/5
Carrie Fick	11/6
Galen Boldt	11/7
Diann Chvatal	11/7
Kimberly Brodahl	11/8
Laurie Pearson	11/8
Jennifer Peterson	11/8
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## First Step Preschool

October was a busy month for the 3 & 4 year old class at **First Step Preschool!** We had a camping theme to learn about the letter C. There was a real tent for the children to play in and the highlight was cooking smores over our classroom "campfire."

For the letter D, we had a dinosaur week! The students were able to be paleontologists and dig for dinosaur fossils at our sand table. We also went on a dinosaur egg hunt and learned a fun rhyme about dinosaurs.

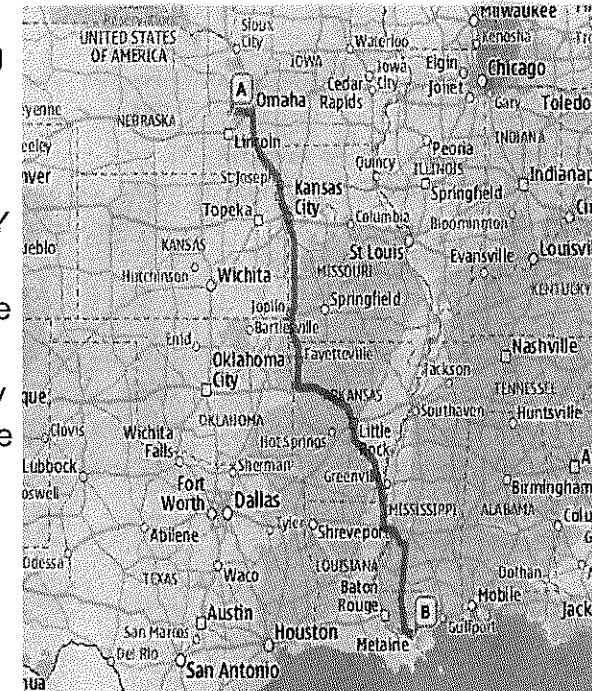
During Fire Safety week the class was visited by 5 firefighters from the Wahoo and Ithaca volunteer fire departments. They talked about calling 911 in emergencies, having a family meeting spot outside the home in case of a fire, and how to stop, drop and roll. They showed the preschoolers the uniform and equipment they use and let the kids take a look inside a fire truck and ambulance.

We ended our fun month with a Halloween Party! During the month of November, the class will be focusing on our families and all the blessings God has given to us.

*Ms. Jamie & Ms. Sandy*

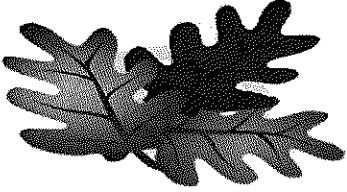
## Bethlehem Lutheran Youth

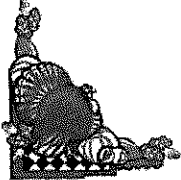

The Bethlehem Lutheran Youth will be providing coffee & refreshments on Sunday mornings between services for a donation to get to New Orleans and back, 2135 miles. For every dollar we will travel 1 mile, so if you donate \$1 the BLY kids go 1 mile, \$5 they go 5 miles, \$10 = 10 miles, etc. We have 27 people registered for the National Gathering and 25 registered for the LYON Assembly in Kearney Nov. 18-20. Gaddy Zeleny, Alison Brodahl and Judy Stukenholtz are on the LYON assembly planning team, so they are very excited to share it with so many friends from Bethlehem!! The theme is **EXTREME FAITH MAKEOVER**. Lots of serving, singing, and spirit lifting will be taking place there!!!



# NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		<b>1</b> 9-11 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Mom's Club OB 6:30 PM NA Meeting
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Traditional Service HC 10:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 11:00 AM Praise Service HC	<b>7</b> 8:30-11 AM Preschool 12:30-3 PM Preschool 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 Worship & Music	<b>8</b> 9-11 AM Preschool 9:00 AM WIC <b>No Quilting in Nov</b> 10:00 AM Mom's Club OB 1:00 PM Saunders House HC 6:30 PM NA Meeting
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Traditional Service HC 10:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Forum 11:00 AM Praise Service HC	<b>14</b> 8:30-11 AM Preschool 12:30-3 PM Preschool 5:00 PM Girl Scout Cookie Sales Mtg. Fellowship Hall	<b>15</b> 9-11 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Saunders Text Study 10:00 AM Mom's Club OB 1:30 PM Aktion Club 6:30 PM NA Meeting
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