

Turn in your pictures! We will be taking pictures today and next Sunday, Oct. 15 after worship. If you have a family or individual picture that you would like to have in the directory, please email your picture to Natalie at felcwgtn@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Today is your last chance to order your Pizza Ranch pizzas. They will be ready to deliver/pick-up by October 18. Thanks!

Together with the United Methodist Church, we will have a “Trunk-or-Treat” on Sunday, October 29 at 4 pm. We will also accept candy donations or allergy safe items if you’re not interested in decorating a trunk! Please bring donations to the candy box in the fellowship hall by Sunday morning, October 29 or let Brenda Richards know if you want to participate so we can plan accordingly and we’ll let you know exactly when to show up, etc. Thank you!

Fall has arrived and there is a chill in the air. The need for warm winter apparel is here. To meet the need, The Coat Closet is open. Information has been sent to Love, INC participating churches, District #518 Schools and social service agencies. Individuals and families in need may access The Coat Closet by making an appointment by calling the Love, INC office (507-727-7291). In addition, an attempt is being made to have open hours on Monday, 10 am-noon; Wednesday, 4-6 p.m.; and Friday, 2-4 p.m. Please share this resource information with anyone you believe is in need of winter apparel. Coats in sizes 2T to adult XXL, snowpants, adult to children’s size boots, hats and scarves are available. Also available are a wide variety of gloves and mittens. Donations are always welcome. The Coat Closet accepts new and gently used clean items. Monetary donations are also accepted to purchase specific size boots. To begin the season, the largest need is children’s boots. With your support and God’s blessing, The Coat Closet reaches out to a community in need.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is underway. Boxes are ready to be filled with school supplies, health items, stuffed animals and special toys. Church members may participate in this mission in several ways.

1. Donate items to be packed in the boxes
2. Pack a box as an individual or family by purchasing items
3. Purchase a pre-package box including postage for \$20
4. Pay the postage of \$10/box

Our goal for Christmas 2023 is 50 boxes. Donations of items, filled boxes or monetary gifts are due Sunday, November 12th. Boxes will be packed Wednesday, November 15th, by KFC students. All boxes need to be delivered to the American Reform Church, Worthington, MN by Friday, November 17th.

Volunteers are needed to help clean the church October 9-15 while our custodian is on vacation. There is a sign-up sheet on the office window of times and what is needed to be done. Thanks!

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October 8, 2023 – Hear O Israel

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

OPENING PRAYER

PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG

“Ancient Words”

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9 (p. 142-143)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Lisa Waldner

SPECIAL GUEST – Akhona (Ondini Circuit, South Africa)

A LITANY FOR PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28-31 (p. 825)

MESSAGE

Pastor Jeanette

SONG

“Spirit of Gentleness”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

“Pass It On”

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

W&P 46, “Go in Peace and Serve the Lord” (sing twice)

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Cooper Scripture

ACOLYTE: Ethan Nixon

SOUND: Doug Frisch

POWERPOINT: Terry Morrison

PIANIST: Eric Parrish

VAN DRIVERS: 10-8 Matt Russell (360-5835)
10-15 Midg White (360-3215)

GREETER: John Kramer & Todd Hallstrom

FACEBOOK LIVE: Becca McGaughey

COFFEE: Bob & Bonnie Bents & Sandy Poppema

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 92

Attendance a year ago: 91

Attendance Last Wednesday: 10

Facebook Live: 188

Gift Cards will be available in the office during office hours and during coffee hour on Communion Sundays. Thank You!

There will be a private, family gathering for DeLane Johnson (1927-2022), wife of Dean Johnson, at the Worthington Cemetery on October 21, 2023. Please keep her family in your prayers.



Members: Dennis Zierke, Kathy Craun, Kathy Summers, Rosie Merkel, Glenda Lais, Doris Selberg, Val Veen, Pearl Aaker, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Linda Towne, Todd Hallstrom, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen

Members in Nursing Homes: Mary Ferguson, Sandra Jones, Roger Larson, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson, Sandra Marsh

Members in Care Facilities: Joan Doeden, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Hilde Brisson, Stan Elsing (Merle Elsing's dad), Tammy Hector (Merle Elsing's cousin), Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son), Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son)

Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR October 9-15, 2023

Monday	9:00AM	Bulletin Deadline
9	6:00PM	Worship & Music Team
Tuesday	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
10	2:00PM	GriefShare
	6:30PM	Day Care Association
Wednesday	3:30PM	KFC (Kids for Christ)
11	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	Worship
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	6:30PM	Card Ministry
	6:30PM	Confirmation
	7:30PM	Youth Group
Thursday		<u>EVNAGEL DEADLINE</u>
12		
Friday		Pastor's Sabbath Day
13		
Saturday		
14		
Sunday	8:45AM	Sunday School
15	9:30AM	Worship/Communion – "Ruth" - Confirmation

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: (Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

In celebration of Pat & Lynette Demuth's wedding anniversary.

Wednesday Night Meals – We are looking for help with preparing and serving the meals on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Brenda Richards or Pastor Jeanette if you would be interested in helping with this ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Centennial Hall for the dates that are still open. If anyone has a Thrivent card that they would like to use, it would be appreciated.