



# Faith in Action

*Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together"*

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**November 2015**

## Fearless Generosity

Beginning on Sunday, October 18 we began a four week financial stewardship emphasis for our congregation called "Fearless Generosity". We will talk about how to become more faithful and generous stewards as we explore what it means to practice: fearless living, fearless sowing, fearless living and fearless service. Each week we will focus on one of these concepts during worship. We hope you will be present each week. And then, on November 8 we will join one another in presenting our commitments of giving in support of the ministry and mission we are called as the Faith United Methodist congregation. And after worship we will enjoy a meal together as well as a time of fellowship. The week before the 8<sup>th</sup> you will receive in the mail an estimate of giving card for 2016 as well as a bookmark with some questions for your reflection as you pray and think about your commitment to Faith Church for 2016.



### 10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class meets at 10:50 a.m. in the Fireside Room. On October 4th we began a study entitled "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today" by Adam Hamilton. Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible. The book begins with foundational questions such as, how and when was the Bible written? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? How literally must we read it? And, Is the Bible ever wrong? From there, Hamilton considers the real questions people frequently ask that continue to divide Christians and denominations alike. We invite everyone to participate.

**Beginning November 29** Gil Kinnunen will lead the class in looking at Advent and Christmas songs & hymns. If you have suggestions of songs you would like to know about, please let Gil know.

## Basket & Book Sale

**Saturday, Nov. 21 • 9:00–3:00**

### You are INVITED ...

to come and shop for that unique gift basket or good book to give to that someone special in your life ... or keep for yourself to enjoy!

Various basket sizes, prices, & themes.



### Lunch Available:

Hot Turkey Supreme on a bun with chips, dessert & drink — Only \$6.00 plus **FREE COFFEE** while you shop!

# November Birthdays

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11/3 — Louis Eberly Vesta Latch Thoren Grotjohn	11/14 — Lynnette Bonkowske Dana Scopatz	11/21 — Michael Bougie
11/4 — Catherine Espeseth	11/16 — Alexi DeNardo Mfon Jonathan	11/23 — Susan Filter
11/6 — Bruce Opp Austin Suchecki	Roland Hunter Angela Kaiser	11/26 — Janessa DeNardo 11/29 — Alice Walsh Heidi Vanderhoff

• If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/changes. Happy Birthday, everyone! •

## Thank you to and for during October...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Gloria Gurtin, Julie Kelly, and Maryanne Maurer
- **Liturgists:** Ann Beardshear, Tim Pippert, Bruce Opp, and Pat Giorgini
- **Serving refreshments:** Jenny Kranz, Karen Cohoes, Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, and Pat & Paul Williams
- **Communion Steward:** Karen Cohoes
- **Thank you** to Bonnie Dick, Ruth Campion and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the Oct. newsletter
- **Thank you!** "Pastor Gail and Faith UMC, Thank you for providing us with a home for the past year. We are no longer in need of your hospitality as our group has had low attendance for quite some time and we have decided to close. We appreciate the gift you have given us by opening up your church a year ago." — the Gamblers Anonymous group
- **Thank you** to our financial campaign speakers: John Kemp and Barbara Schroeder
- **"Dear friends** of Faith UMC, Thank you so much for the prayer shawl. I use it every day and it makes me thankful for your thoughtfulness." — In Faith, MariAnne (Young)
- **Thank you!** "The Soup and Salad event on October 24 was another good one! We sold 85 lunches and made \$731 (after expenses!) A big thank you to all who donated the delicious food, and to Ruth & Chuck Martin for making the soup. **Another big thank you** to all the awesome volunteers: Bonnie Dick, Gloria Gurtin, Jody Sielski, Lynn & Fred Mens, Rose & Steve Larsen, Lynn & Bill Bonkowske, Carol Schuldt, John Kemp, Sharon & Christina Yekaldo, Dan Miller, Judy Pfenning, Barb Schroeder, Lori DeNardo, JoAnn Loutsch, Bill Short, Roxanne Napier, and Taffy Storck. If I missed anyone, I am sorry; please know that you are appreciated, too!" — Judy Turk

## THANKSGIVING BEATITUDES

- *Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?*
- *Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.*
- *Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.*
- *Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.*
- *Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.*
- *Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.*
- *Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.*

—Author unknown

### Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care
- ♦ **MariAnne Young** has been having problems with balance.
- ♦ **Ruth Martin** has been having problems with balance.
- ♦ **Matt Solheid** is receiving chemotherapy treatment
- ♦ **Katy Alfveby** was hospitalized; she is now in rehab.

### Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*

**Ongoing Concerns:** (these will be listed for 3 months. Please contact the church office for concerns to remain on the list longer.)

- ♦ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.

### Concerns beyond our doors:

- ♦ Those being persecuted for their faith
- ♦ Those separated from family
- ♦ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ♦ Those who are hungry
- ♦ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ♦ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ♦ Those who grieve
- ♦ Those who are uncertain about the future

### We Extend our Sympathy:

- ♦ Our sympathy to **the family of Elois Barnes** who died October 2. Her memorial service was here at Faith on October 10.
- ♦ Our sympathy to **Ray & Patricia Fjerstad** on the death of Ray's mother.

### November Money Pot

**The Money Pot** welcomes your change! If you have loose change, take it off your hands on Sunday or any time during the week and support the offering of the month. November's money pot donations benefit the **Walk to End Hunger** event highlighted below. For more information, please talk to John Kemp. The money pot is located in the church lobby.

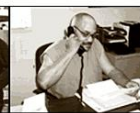


### **THE WALK TO END HUNGER IS COMING**



The **Walk to End Hunger** is a family-friendly 5K fun walk presented by The Mosaic Co. held on Thanksgiving morning, **November 26, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** in the Mall of America, and is a great way to

start the holiday off right – giving back before you give thanks! Since its inception in 2008, the Walk to End Hunger has raised over \$1,200,000 to help support hunger relief organizations working to eliminate hunger in the Twin Cities metro area. 100% of the net proceeds of the Walk to End Hunger are distributed to the partner organizations. To register, visit us on the web at [www.walktoendhunger.org](http://www.walktoendhunger.org) or via the Neighbors, Inc. website for info and links. Registration is \$25 for adults & free for youth. Raise \$100 in funds and you'll receive an official "Walk to End Hunger" t-shirt. Sign-up today! Join the team from Faith!



**The Prayer Chain is active.** If you have a prayer concern, contact Carol Schuldt at 651-306-0542.

Please make sure the pastor also knows of the prayer request, so that she can respond to pastoral care needs. Pastor needs to know about telephone prayer chain requests in order to share the concern on the e-mail prayer chain as well. If you wish to be involved in this ministry by being either on the telephone chain or the e-mail chain, please speak to Pastor Gail.

**Hospital Calls:** If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

*For your personal devotion time this Fall:*

Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issues** of devotional publications *The Upper Room* (daily readings in regular or large print), or *Alive Now*. These booklets are found on the table by the parking lot door.



# Steps on the Journey

I have been watching the two trees outside my office window in the front yard of the church. It has been interesting to watch them change color this fall. The one went from a beautiful shade of green to a bright orange-red. It seemed like it happened over night. It has stayed the orange-red for several weeks. Finally now the leaves are starting to drop. The other tree was a deep green and has stayed that green most of the fall and is only now beginning to change. It is only partially changed and the leaves are a yellow orange. The tree is still over half green. Only a few leaves have changed. What is fascinating to me is they are the same kind of tree. But their behavior this fall has been very different. They are next to each other so you would think they get the same amount of sun and water; same conditions, different result.

That is the same way with us as Christians. We grow up in the same place. We hear the same sermons. We participate in the same activities. But we end up seeing the world and God in different ways. We show our faith in different ways; all of them beautiful in their own way. It makes for interesting conversations about our faith. It makes for fascinating times to hear where each of us sees and experiences God. They may be different but they are our experiences of God and the conversations and discussions help us see and hear about places where our faith and our life as disciples of Jesus come together and where we are pushed to think in ways we had not thought before.

As we move into the season of Thanksgiving it is one more thing to be grateful for. It is part of what helps us grow as disciples of Jesus and live the life of a disciple. It is one more step on the journey.

*Peace in Christ,*

*Gail*



## Meeting with the District Superintendent set for November 5

Thursday, Nov. 5 our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Johnson, will be with us for the evening. Starting at 6:00 p.m. he will be with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for their annual meeting with the D.S. Then at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Johnson will hold a church conference for the purpose of setting the pastor's compensation package and receiving a recommendation from the church council that we set up a church trust for receiving estate gifts from members of the congregation. After the church conference there will be a time of introduction and a chance for Dan to get to know us.

**All are welcome to attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting.**

## Graceful Journey – November 9

**Monday, Nov. 9,** Val Walker from the Minnesota United Methodist Foundation will be with us for the next Graceful Journey presentation. This evening will be a conversation about the importance of wills and trusts regardless of age. We will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## Walk to End Hunger and Neighbors, Inc.

*Neighbors, Inc., is one of the food relief organizations to collaborate on and benefit from the Thanksgiving Day walk. A big thank you to all who've walked for Neighbors in the past. We hope to see you back this year!*



**Dawn Kinnunen, John Kemp, Gil Kinnunen**

## Christmas with Faith Church and Neighbors, Inc.

Faith Church will again be sponsoring individuals through the Neighbors Christmas program. This year Neighbors has made a change in the Christmas adopting. It will be called "Christmas for Kids". There is also a change for the seniors: the age is no longer 55 and older; it's changed to 65 and older. I will be getting our kids and seniors names in the early part of November, so be watching for ways to help. I will also be looking for help with Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. One thing Santa asks is for food donations to our food shelf. I will have sign-up sheet by the week of November 8. Thank you,  
Karen Cohoes, 651-456-0388



**Give a meaningful gift this holiday season.**  
Donate blood.

## Faith United Methodist Blood Drive

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

1530 Oakdale Ave. – WSP  
To schedule an appointment call Bonnie @ 651-442-4166  
Or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Enter Sponsor Code: FaithUMC

Give Something that Means Something® Schedule your appointment today.  
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## How Does Our Garden Grow?



Faith UMC's Neighbors, Inc. vegetable and herb garden has stopped producing—sort of. The garden itself has been cleaned up for the season, but we still have a few boxes of green tomatoes that are turning red, purple or yellow and will be delivered to the food shelf in November.

This is the fifth year of our garden and the best year by all measures—weight, units, and market value.

Through October, we delivered 260 pounds of veggies (beans, cucumbers, herbs, lettuce, peppers, potatoes, squash and tomatoes)—94 pounds more than last year and 26 pounds more than our previous best year.

We also measure numbers of units or packages of veggies and herbs. Through October, we have doubled our output from last year and are 50% ahead of our previous best year.

Another measure is market value, the cost to purchase a similar quantity of veggies at the grocery store. Through October, we delivered over \$1,123 worth of veggies and herbs, tripling last year's output and doubling our previous best year.

Remember, we still have tomatoes ripening, so all of these numbers will increase during the month of November. We have been blessed this growing season.

## Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Pastor Gail** is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off. Please call her at home (612-722-3001) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

## Facebook Page

Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at: <http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>

## Book Collection for the November 21 Basket & Book Sale

Do you have books you would like to dispose of? Looking for a place to recycle them? This fall with the basket sale we will be having a book sale. We will accept books of all kinds, text books, paperback books, children's books, you name it. If you want to start bringing books to the church place them on the bench in the Fellowship Hall by the book racks. If you have questions, contact Judy Pfenning, 651-224-0886 or e-mail [judympfenning@gmail.com](mailto:judympfenning@gmail.com).

►NOTE: WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF CLOTH BAGS FOR THE BOOK SALE. Thank you!

## UMC Market

The redone UMC Market is now available for use. If you shop on line you can go through the UMC Market portal/website and a percentage of your purchase can be designated to Faith UMC. Signing up is free. Most churches are already listed on UMCmarket. When you go to [UMCmarket.org](http://UMCmarket.org), you will click on the get "Get Started" button. You will simply sign-up with your email or through Facebook, find your church, and start shopping and donating. Giving couldn't be easier.



## DARTS Respite Care

Caring for an ill or frail loved one can be a demanding and exhausting responsibility. Caregivers need a break from time-to-time. This period of relief is important because feeling better helps them care better. Well-trained, compassionate DARTS respite volunteers stay with the person in need of care allowing the caregiver to run errands, exercise or participate in a church activity to reduce the stress of caregiving. For more information visit [www.dartscares.org](http://www.dartscares.org). "We care so they can care better"



## Coming Events

**November 8** – Celebration Sunday

**November 21** – Books & Baskets

**December 5** – Breakfast with Santa

**December 16** – Blood Donor Drive

## Help Wanted!

The **Basket Sale/Book Sale** fundraiser is right coming soon, **on Saturday, November 21**, and we ask for help with assembling the baskets. Come join the fun Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. and stay to help assemble baskets as long as you want. We also welcome "new" donation items and baskets; For more information, contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or Lynn Bonkowske at 651-455-6542.



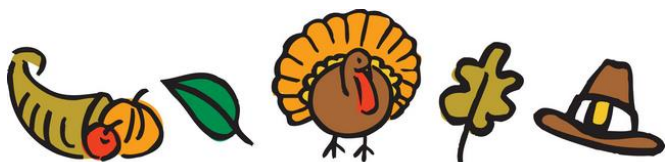
## Church Clean Up Day Saturday, Nov. 7

On Saturday, November 7 we will be doing clean-up both inside and outside the church building. There will be to clean up, windows to wash, floors to sweep and much more. We will begin around 9 a.m. and finish around noon. Come for an hour, or for the morning. Many hands make the work light.



## Hanging of the Greens

Come help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Come join in the fun on **Saturday, November 28**. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and plan to finish around noon. We hope you can join us! For more info contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or [judyturk123@gmail.com](mailto:judyturk123@gmail.com).



SO MANY BLESSINGS

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### United Methodist World Service Fund



The offering we make each week empowers ministry within our congregation and in response to the needs of our community. It also helped support the work of ministries beyond the local church that reach people who are in desperate need to feel the touch of love and reconciliation. Through the **World Service Fund**, our church supports a great tradition of United Methodist support for Higher Education. Providing scholarships and loans, a network of college chaplains, and an ongoing relationship with 113 colleges, universities and seminaries that are part of our connection – together we open doors to education for many deserving students. This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you. You are invited to give generously as a way to share of our gifts, tithes and offerings.

Learn more about the work of our General Board of Higher Education & Ministry at

[www.gbhem.org/education/collegiate-ministry](http://www.gbhem.org/education/collegiate-ministry)

## Need a day brightener or thought provoker?

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!* Every Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting phone message. So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!

# November 2015 Calendar

Sun., 11/1	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 11/2	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 11/4	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 11/5	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
	6:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Church Conference with D.S. Dan Johnson
Sat., 11/7	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Clean Up Day
Sun., 11/8	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration Meal & Program
Mon., 11/9	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 11/11	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 11/12	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
Sun., 11/15	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 11/16	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 11/18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 11/19	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly
Sat., 11/21	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Basket & Book Sale
Sun., 11/22	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 11/23	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sat., 11/28	9:00 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens

Sun., 11/29	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 11/30	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 12/2	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 12/3	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat., 12/5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa
Sun., 12/6	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 12/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 12/9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 12/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 12/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group

## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **11/7, 11/21, 12/5 & 12/19** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men are invited to join us! For more info, please contact Bill Short at [bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us](mailto:bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us) or 651-552-0736.

## 2016 Calendars are Here

2016 Calendars with gorgeous pictures and Bible verses are available now! With Christmas right around the corner, these calendars make a great gift for relatives and friends, or a nice stocking stuffer. The large wall calendars are \$7.00 ea., pocket calendars are \$5.00 ea. See Judy Turk or Lynn Bonkowske to purchase your calendars, and of course, don't forget to get a set for yourself!



# November 2015 Worship Schedule

## **November 1 — All Saints' Sunday** — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44*

Sermon title: "New Possibilities"

*Remembrance of those who have died in the past year & dedication of memorials*

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: George Brown

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward: Marsha Spatafore

## **November 8 — Celebration Sunday**

*Scripture Readings: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44*

Sermon title: "Experts or Faithful"

*Dedication of 2016 financial commitments*

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Mike Schwendinger

Celebration Lunch

## **November 15 — 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8*

Sermon title: "With a Genuine Heart"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

## **November 22 — Thanksgiving Sunday**

*Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37*

Sermon title: "What Do We Give Thanks For?"

*3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receive their Bibles*

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Marsha Spatafore

Fellowship Time host:

## **November 29 — 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*

Sermon title: "Standing Up Straight"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

## Breakfast with Santa



Volunteers & food donations are needed to help with Breakfast with Santa. To help, please contact Karen Cohoes at 651-456-0388

## “Give a Little Gift” Campaign for Walker Health Care Center

Each year the auxiliary of Walker Health Care Center (in Minneapolis) collects new, unwrapped items to create a personalized gift bag for residents of Walker Health Care. Donations can include socks (men's & women's), pocket tissue, cookies and crackers in individual containers, candies & chocolate, sugar-free candy, knick-knacks (small items to put in a resident's room), small stuffed items, religious items, slippers, decorative scarves, jewelry, women's and men's watches, DVDs, CDs, chap stick, lotion or monetary donations (checks make to Walker Methodist Foundation with GALG in the memo) and the auxiliary will buy personalized items for the residents as well as gift cards to the coffee shop and gift shop at Walker.

Donations should be at church by Sunday, November 29 to be delivered on time. Items can be placed under the table between the church office and Pastor Gail's office. Money can be placed on the counter in the office.



**Now is the time** to order your Poinsettia to help beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas (and then take the plant home with you).

Plants with 5-7 blooms in 6.5" pots are available in **red**, **white**, and **pink**, and cost \$9 each. Please contact the church office with your order and dedication no later than **November 8**.



## Coffee Concerts with Gerrit

**10:00 a.m. Thursday mornings—once a month**  
**St. Stephen's Church, W. St. Paul**

**November 19 – “Glasses are Not Just for Drinking!”**  
Become part of a musical experience!

**December 17 – “A Feike Asma Tribute”**

Gerrit will present a program of hymn arrangements as well as video clips of the famous Dutch organist who became Gerrit's role model. Coffee and Dutch treats, baked by Gerrit, will follow the presentation.

*\* If you are able to attend, please bring some “goodies” to pass. If you would be available to help with hospitality (making coffee, set up & clean up) please see Gerrit.*

# KIDS IN SEARCH

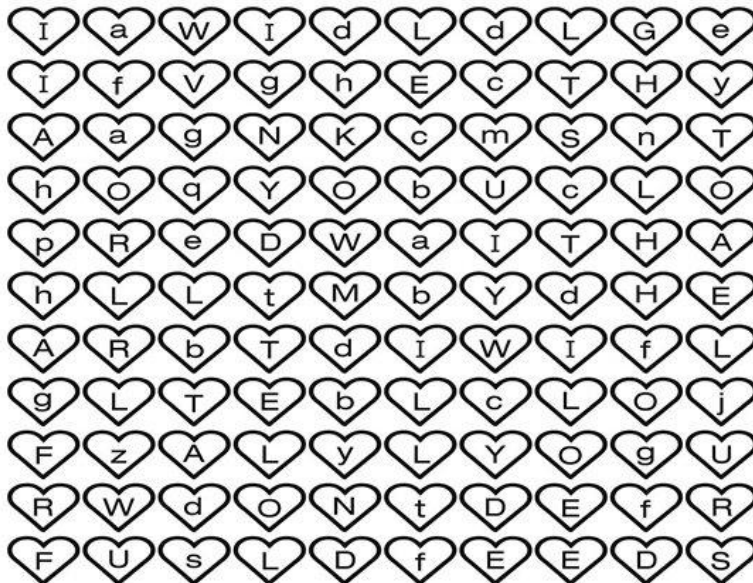


## With all my heart



This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

*Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.*



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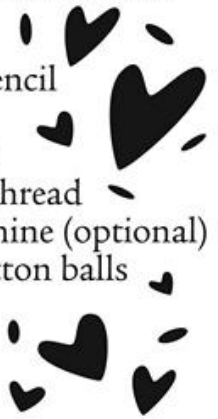
**PSALM 9:1, NIV**

## Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

### What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV





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## *Sunday Worship Schedule*

We invite you to join us this Sunday  
for worship, study and fellowship:

- Worship — 9:30 a.m.
- Fellowship time — 10:30 a.m.
- Children's and Youth Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.

## *Thanksgiving Blessings*



**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



Sunday, November 8  
**is when we will celebrate**  
the generosity of this  
congregation related to  
our financial stewardship.  
We will enjoy a wonderful  
lunch and program  
after worship.