

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

**Matthew 17:20**

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## Pastor's Corner

“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.”

Isaiah 11:1

In our lives the stories so often feel like stumps. Cut off from possibility. Left to die with no hope, no promise, no growth. Whether it's financial collapse, the loss of a job or relationship, or the burdens of factors outside our own control. Our lives are filled with these places where destruction and desperation can surround us and consume us.

The place of the stump is a place where we often get stuck and we're left in a place of hopelessness. What good could possibly come from a stump that has been sawn off? Where do we turn when all that is left is roots and a barren flat surface?

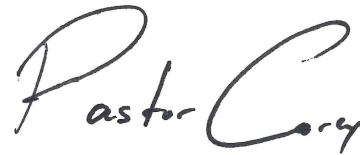
God.

The one who has created out of nothing, who brought out the nation of Israel from slavery and hopelessness, who sent his Son to bring hope to a hopeless world. It's only in God that we can find new life out of the depths and darkness that our lives so often carry us to.

As we step closer towards Christmas we're going to be spending a few weeks hearing the words of the prophets. They're words that are spoken in judgment to a powerful people who have lost sight of where God stands in our lives. But they are also words that are compassion to a broken people who have seen all their hope and promise stripped away. The prophets give us a glimpse of who God is, one who humbles those who exalt themselves but who also exalts those who are humbled.

While we listen to these words of the prophets this fall listen to how God is calling you. Hear the voice of the one who brings life out of the barren stumps and roots of our lives. Imagine the new life that is possible. Hope for the Savior that is to come. For the God who brought life out of the broken places of a scattered Israel is also able to bring new life out of you.

God's Blessings,



Pastor Corey Lange

## Building Design Taskforce

At its October 8 meeting, the Dilworth Lutheran Church Council appointed a Building Design Taskforce. The task force's goal is to present building solutions for our ministry needs. Ministry needs this taskforce will address include roof repair, meeting the needs of our current worship and learning ministries, and HVAC. They will work with contractors and/or architects and will present solutions for our ministry needs to our congregation. Please pray for this small group as they seek to help us best follow Jesus here at Dilworth Lutheran Church.

This taskforce comes from nearly two years of work in the congregation, beginning in April 2018, when at an all-congregation retreat, people began naming significant building needs. The timeline on page 2 shows significant work which went into appointing this taskforce:

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**April 2018:**

At our All-Congregation Ministry Goal retreat, congregation members named over seventy-five ministry areas where they believe that God is calling us to serve. These include youth and family ministry, inspiring worship for people of all ages, handicap accessibility and caring for our building and church campus.

**October/November 2018:**

A small group of Dilworth Lutheran people, our Vision Committee, condenses the work of the All-Congregation Goal Retreat into three goals, 1) grow faith in children and youth, 2) grow faith in people of all ages in worship and service, 3) best use our building for serving Christ here in Dilworth, including retiring mortgage debt.

**November 2018:**

At the Fall Congregational Meeting, Wednesday and Sunday School leaders share that they are quickly running out of space, with over two hundred boys and girls registered for our learning ministries! Congregation members spend time in small

groups considering solutions and praying for God's guidance on our ministries.

**April/May 2019:**

Members of the Church Council Executive Team and pastors interview over a dozen small groups in the church in determining ministry priorities, particularly in regard to the building.

**July, 2019:**

A small group of Dilworth people challenges the congregation to match their \$40,000 donation to pay off our existing mortgage.

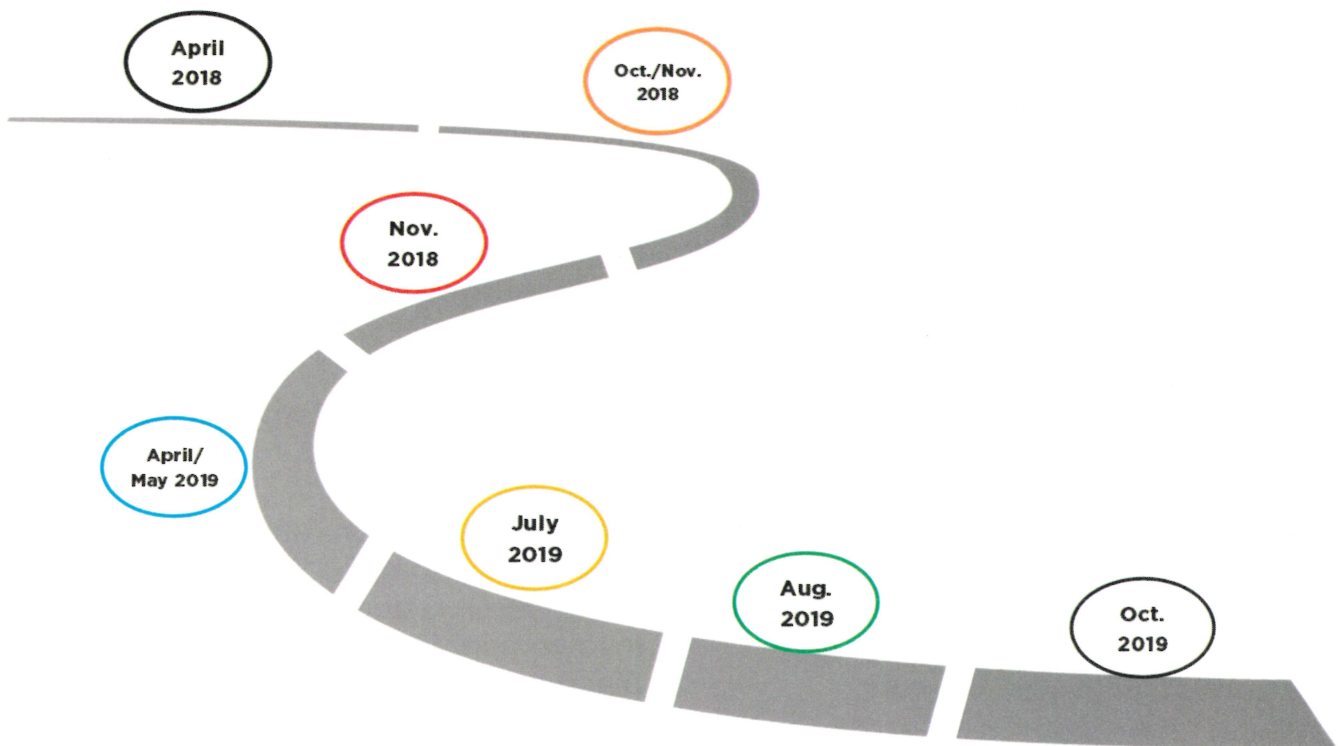
**August 2019:**

The Long-Range Planning Committee organizes congregational responses regarding our mission and our building and shares building needs with the Church Council.

**October 2019:**

The Church Council appoints a Building Design Taskforce to come up with a plan for using our building to best meet our mission of making Christ known. Committees submitted names for consideration to this task force.

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## Building Design Taskforce

Those appointed to the Building Design Taskforce are named below.

### **Todd Nelson, *Taskforce Chairman***

Todd is a general contractor and owner of Todd Nelson Construction. His activities at Dilworth Lutheran Church include being a choir member, the Evangelism Committee, former Council President, pastoral call committee member, and grandpa of Sunday School kids.

### **Kevin Peterson**

Kevin is a sprinkler-fitter. He currently serves on the Long-Range Planning Committee and was a counselor at Camp Emmaus. He is a Wednesday School dad.

### **John Johnson**

John is an engineer at Bobcat. Here at DLC, he volunteers for building projects, service projects and is a Sunday School dad.

### **Anna Erickson**

Anna works at TF Powers Construction in Fargo. She sings in the choir, serves on the Worship and Music Committee and is active in the 4-G Women's Group.

### **Dan Oman**

Dan works at Tecta America Dakotas, a commercial roofing contractor. Here at DLC, he volunteers for building projects, particularly in the Education Wing, and is a Sunday School dad.

### **Amanda Paquin**

Amanda is the nurse manager at Serenity Assisted Living's Memory Care Home. She is a member of the Education Committee, and serves as our Wednesday School superintendent, as well as being a Wednesday School mom.

### **Libby Martin**

Libby is a design specialist at Thomsen Homes in Fargo. She serves as a Sunday School teacher, youth ministry volunteer for middle school, confirmation mentor and Sunday/Confirmation youth parent.

## New Member Welcomes!

On Wednesday October 9 and Sunday, October 13, we welcomed new members to our Dilworth Lutheran Church family. Each brings a certain joy and energy to our congregation. Their faith promises to be a special blessing to us as we serve the Lord together. Look for an opportunity to introduce yourself today!

### **Brad and Sara Anderson Grant (15), Dylan (13)**

Dilworth

Brad, Sara, Grant and Dylan heard about Dilworth Lutheran through friends and they are a part of our Wednesday night life. You'll frequently find Sara serving Wednesday meals and leading a confirmation small group. Brad is in sales with Microsoft and Sara is a client specialist with Ameriprise Financial. They enjoy watching their boys play basketball and baseball. They come to Dilworth from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Moorhead.

### **Sarah Bitker**

Dilworth

**Austin (19), Logan (15), Dylan (12), Gavin (9)**

Sarah and her boys worship on Wednesday nights and heard about DLC through friends involved in our confirmation ministry. Sarah works as an administrative assistant for Clay County. Their whole family loves sports and being outside. They come to Dilworth from Trinity Lutheran in Moorhead.

### **Brian and Sarah Christopherson Ava (13), Isaac (9)**

Dilworth

The Christopherson family recently moved to Dilworth from the Twin Cities. They were drawn to DLC because of their daughter's involvement in our Wednesday night life. Since then, Brian joined

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our Finance Committee and Sarah has been active with the 4G Young Women's Group. Brian is an accountant and Sarah is a teacher. Family interests include kick-boxing, Legos, and Tic Toc videos. They transfer from Mount Calvary in Excelsior, MN.

**Jamie Johnson** Dilworth  
**Rylie** (11), **Neelie** (7)

Jamie and her girls live in Dilworth, where Jamie owns and operates a home daycare and sells Limelight cosmetics. Jamie has taught Wednesday School for a number of years here at DLC. The family keeps busy with the girls playing soccer and being in swimming. They come to Dilworth from Hope Lutheran, Fargo.

**Earl and Shirley Listul** Moorhead

Earl and Shirley are returning to life in Dilworth and life at Dilworth Lutheran Church. They lived here for many years, then lived in Detroit Lakes, and are returning to Moorhead to be closer to family. For many years, Earl owned and operated Earl's Grocery here in Dilworth. They enjoy playing cards, reading and their grandkids. They come to Dilworth from First Lutheran, Detroit Lakes.

**Kevin and Nancy Nelson** Glyndon

Kevin and Nancy live and farm outside of Glyndon and Nancy works as a construction company office manager. After many years of watching grandkids in programs here, Kevin and Nancy are now making DLC their church home. Their son Tyler Nelson and daughter Kristi Fabre and their families are also members of Dilworth Lutheran. It's good to be in the same place as five grandchildren, who are their favorite partners in adventure. They come to Dilworth from Glyndon Lutheran.

**Alex and Brittiany Rasmussen** Moorhead  
**Aiden** (11), **Kendra** (8), **Callie** (3),

The Rasmussen family moved to Dilworth after moves with Alex's financial analyst job with John Deere, with the last from Iowa. DLC is Brittiany's church of her youth. You'll regularly find them sharing a pew with Brittiany's sister, Tara Snyder, and her family. All three little ones are a part of our Wednesday night life. In their free time, they watch kids' activities and you'll often find Brittiany at Target. They come to Dilworth from St. John Lutheran, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**David and Tara Snyder** Glyndon  
**Ava** (5), **Oliver** (3)

David, Tara and their kids are regular Wednesday night worshippers at Dilworth Lutheran. You'll often find them sharing a pew with Tara's sister, Brittiany Rasmussen, and her family. David is a firefighter at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, and Tara works at Sanford in Fargo. They enjoy outdoor activities, watching their kids, and trips to Target. They come to Dilworth Lutheran from First Lutheran, Fargo.

**Kris Wilkens** Fargo

You'll recognize Kris from her music ministry here at Dilworth Lutheran, where she plays the organ, accompanies the senior choir, and leads our Wednesday night worship band as well as a monthly Sunday band. Kris loves music and it's her passion to share God's grace through it. By day, Kris is an abstracter and in title production at PlainsTitle. She enjoys the lake, her family, and especially her first grandchild. Kris transfers here from Grace Lutheran in Ada.

## News from the Council

### Budget 2020 and Building Design Taskforce

The Church Council received reports from all committees at its October meeting. Ministries this fall are off to a strong start. In addition to regular business, the council received the first draft of a 2020 budget. This budget reflects our current ministry goals of 1) growing faith in children and youth, 2) growing faith in people of all ages in worship and services, and 3) stewarding our building and resources carefully, giving special attention to paying off existing debt.

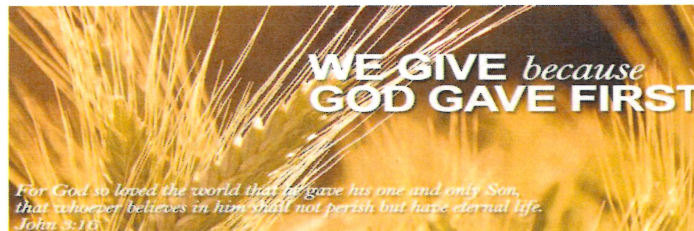
The Church Council appointed a Building Design Taskforce. This taskforce has been tasked with 1) taking ideas shared by the congregation in the spring of 2019 during interviews, and sharing them with contractors/architects who can address our building needs 2) coming up with long-term solutions for roof issues, 3) finding a financially responsible plan to address our building needs. Please see the corresponding article on the Building Design Taskforce.

As always, detailed minutes of the Church Council are available at the Coffee Station in the Gathering Area, or by email, from our office administrator, Ryan Cameron, [ryan@dilworthlutheran.org](mailto:ryan@dilworthlutheran.org).

### High School Bible Study

Do you need a place to catch up with your friends? To connect after a long day of school, practice, homework? Do you want to connect with God in a new way?

Join us Wednesday nights at 6pm for High School Bible Study. Grab some food, and then meet with Pastor Corey and other high schoolers in the new youth room in the education wing. Join us as we talk about our weeks and learn about how God is present in our lives.



### Give Electronically with Give+

Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.

Now you can give by text! Simply text the amount to (218) 293-4018 and follow the instructions.

Speak with Ryan in the office or visit our website to learn more.

### Online Memorial/Honorary Offering

Dilworth Lutheran Church is proud to announce that now you can contribute in honor of, or in memory of a friend or loved one online at [www.dilworthlutheran.org/online-offering/](http://www.dilworthlutheran.org/online-offering/)



### Middle School Youth Gathering

Calling all 7th and 8th grade confirmation students!

The NWMN Middle School Youth Gathering is November 22nd and 23rd. The gathering takes place at Luther Crest Bible Camp. Enjoy a weekend of Fun, Faith, and Friends. There will be music from the Red River Worship band, many amazing speakers, as well as the Night Life Activities. The cost for the trip is \$150, and you can use your youth account money. Registration forms are in the church office, forms need to be turned in ASAP if you wish to attend.



## 4G: God, Gals, Goodies and Games Fall Calendar

4G is Dilworth Lutheran's young women and young-at-heart's women's group. It meets monthly for prayer, laughter and togetherness. All are welcome at 4G events. Please come as you are able!

**October 25:** Trunk-or-Treat in the Faith Life Center here at church, from 6-7pm. Please email Pastor Elizabeth or sign up at the Gathering Area clip boards if you can set up or clean up! We'd love your decorated table, costumes, candy or just you! The kitchen and set-up will be directed by Gina Mastin.

**October 26:** Compost and God's Creation, 9-10:30am at Pastor Elizabeth's house. We'll have pumpkin-spice-crockpot-latte, prayer, and we'll tour the fruits of this summer's book read, *Girl, Stop Apologizing*: the Hiller's compost and flower gardens. Please email [pastorelizab@dilworthlutheran.org](mailto:pastorelizab@dilworthlutheran.org) for address and directions. The Hillers have two cats so please take allergy meds as necessary. Kids are welcome.


**November 19:** 7pm, Gather at church in the Faith Life Center for a book conversation on the book, *Educated*. This highly acclaimed memoir by Tara Westover shares her story of growing up in Idaho to a father opposed to public education. She never attended school. She spent her days working in her father's junkyard or stewing herbs for her mother, a self-taught herbalist and midwife. She was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom, and after that first taste, she pursued learning for the next decade. This night of joy will be hosted by Leah Anderson.

**December 3:** 7pm, Faith Room, Christmas Event. Hosts Gina Mastin and Amanda Olson will be bringing wood nativity scenes for everyone to either paint or stain. Please bring a \$5 gift for a fun gift exchange that goes along with the story of Jesus' birth.

## All Saints' Day Worship

**November 3rd - 8:30 & 10:30 am**

**November 6th - 6:45 pm**



All Saints' Day was originally set aside to commemorate the martyrs from the early persecutions of the church whose names were never recorded and thus whose memory was in constant peril of being lost. Over time, this celebration was extended to remember all who have lived and died in the faith and now rest eternally and triumphantly from their labors. The Reformation reclaimed the New Testament confession that all those who have been baptized into Christ and declared righteous by grace are the saints of God, individuals full of as much holiness as sinfulness.

During All Saints' Day we recall the saints when we name those persons who have died in the last year, and others beloved to the congregation, who now live now in the glory of God.

This year, we remember:

**Norma J. Holte, Amanda L. Perkins, Julius A. Brown, Muriel A. Frisco, Shirley A. Bergquist, Jerome G. Kicker, Carmen L. Bowden, Clifford D. Tollefson, Mark L. Holweger, Charlene Gilbert, Gloria J. Skalsky, James E. Empting**

During worship, you will be invited to remember beloved who have died, by lighting a candle in their memory.

If we live, we live to the Lord,  
and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or whether we die,  
we are the Lord's.

*Romans 14:8*



## 2019 Confirmation:

### Affirmation of Faith

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—  
*Ephesians 2:8*

We thank God for these young men and women who will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Please pray that their faith will increase.

#### **Kaden Joseph Altobelli**

Parents: Kaaryn and Joe Altobelli

#### **Hailey Jane Andres**

Parents: Ken Andres and Tanya Andres

#### **Brody Wesley Carlsrud**

Parents: Cory and Amanda Carlsrud

#### **Raegan Marie Dawson**

Parents: Matt and Torrey Dawson

#### **Justin Dean Eck**

Parents: Nicole and Jason Eck

#### **Emma Marie Friend**

Parents: Keith and Amy Friend

#### **Gracie Elizabeth Giesinger**

Parents: Jennifer and Jonathan Chisholm, and Brad Giesinger

#### **Ella Mae Grafstrom**

Parents: Erick and Lisa Grafstrom

#### **Brayden Dale Johnson**

Parents: Shane Johnson and Mandy Jessen

#### **Myah Gabrielle Johnson**

Parents: Ann Johnson and Shaun Johnson

#### **Kendra Helen Kennedy**

Parents: Julie Kennedy and Kurt Kennedy

#### **Braydenolan Manston**

Parents: Bruce and Andrea Manston

#### **Evelyn Linda Moe**

Parents: Eric and Janae Moe

#### **Isaac Jacob Nelson**

Parents: Dana and Carol Nelson

#### **Tia Rose Nicholas**

Parents: Travis and LeeAnn Nicholas

#### **Madison Nicole Perleberg**

Parents: Julie and Jeremy Perleberg

#### **McKale Nathaniel Pierson**

Parents: Abby and Justin Schreiber

#### **Annabelle Lynn Rebrovich**

Parents: Tyler and Leah Rebrovich

#### **Ingrid Andrea Rygg**

Parents: Ole and Trisha Rygg

#### **Braedon Lee Stebleton**

Parents: Tammy Stebleton and Kevin Stebleton

#### **Megan Kay Thune**

Parents: Matt and Jana Thune

#### **Donovan John Verdi**

Parents: Anthony and Nicole Verdi

## Trunk Or Treat

Halloween is coming! Friday night, October 25, 6-7pm, we will be having Trunk-or-Treat INSIDE the Faith Life Center here at Dilworth Lutheran Church!

We're setting up tables in the Faith Life Center, and you are welcome to come, share your candy and set up a table, or just come through with your kids for candy! It's a great night of fellowship, laughter and some amazing costumes! Please sign up in the Sunday/Wednesday School office or at the Information Center in the main gathering area.



## Mission Trip Wrap Up



This summer 12 youth from Dilworth Lutheran went on a mission trip to North and South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. Pastor Corey, Hannah Miller, Lisa Grafstrom, and Carol Nelson accompanied them for the journey. Along the way they saw and heard from many different people about their sufferings and how God helped them find their path in life. On Wednesday, September 18th and Sunday, September 22nd these 16 people shared those experiences with the congregation, as well as serving communion, ushering, and reading. Ella Grafstrom and Brayden Manston shared their personal experiences from the trip. Alivia Olek and Brendan Willman were brave enough to narrate the slide show presentation, and they did fantastic. The joys, junks, and Jesus moments from the trip are what makes it so memorable. Kayden Altobelli, Isaac Nelson, Sydnie Spitzner, Aubrie Brown, Braedon Stebleton, McKale Pierson, Gracie Devier, and Megan Flatt also participated in the trip and service. There are not enough thank you's for how much the support from the members of Dilworth Lutheran mattered. Without everyone's help the mission trips would not be as successful as they are.

Thank You!

Interested in the High School Mission Trip 2020? Contact Pastor Corey  
[pastorcorey@dilworthlutheran.org](mailto:pastorcorey@dilworthlutheran.org)

Or Middle School Mini Mission 2020?  
Contact Hannah Miller  
[youthministry@dilworthlutheran.org](mailto:youthministry@dilworthlutheran.org)

## DLC's Famous Lock-ins



The 7th grade lock-in was on September 20th. As part of the kickoff into confirmation, all seventh graders are invited to spend all night locked into the church. They play games, go bowling, and create bonds with one another. These bonds help them to grow in their faith life. Part of the lock-in involves a scavenger hunt through the church, this allows them to explore and learn about the many things that go into church life. From Sunday School to the sacristy, these youth are able to become more familiar with ways they can serve and worship.

The 8-12th grade lock-in is rescheduled for November 1-2nd due to weather, and will consist of a trip to SkyZone, devotions, a midnight run to Walmart, and of course, Sardines! To sign up please email Pastor Corey at [pastorcorey@dilworthlutheran.org](mailto:pastorcorey@dilworthlutheran.org) or sign up in the church office.

The DLC Lock-ins are always a blast even though everyone is exhausted the next day!



## Gentle Run and Yoga with Devotions!

Join us at 7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of every month for a light run with yoga and spiritual devotions!

Next class will be:  
November 26 @ 7 pm



## BIO Girls Fundraiser Event

BIO Girls is a ministry that Dilworth Lutheran hosts each spring. Beautiful Inside and Out is a Christian ministry teaching young women life skills, physical fitness and to trust in God. We have the chance to support this ministry by eating at Granite City on Sunday, November 3, from 11am to 9pm. Mention BIO Girls and 20% of your tab will go to fund our program. Granite City is located at 556 Lizzie Place East, West Fargo, ND. Questions? Please contact Mandy Cochran, our BIO Girls coordinator, at [cochrana78@yahoo.com](mailto:cochrana78@yahoo.com).

## Youth Milestones

### 3rd Grade Bible

In baptism parents make promises, and one of those is to place the Word of God in the hands of their young people. It's such an amazing blessing each year to watch as our 3rd graders receive their Bibles as a part of keeping this promise. This year 22 3rd graders were a part of our Bible Milestone as we learned how to use the Bible to look up stories and verses, what some of our church members' favorite Bible verses are, and what order the books of the Bible are in.

### 1st Grade 10 Commandments

We can't wait to have our 1st grade classes join us November 17th and 24th at 9:40am in our Faith Life Center as we learn all about the 10 Commandments, what they have to tell us about who God is, and how we can follow them in our lives.

## New Thursday Fellowship

Retired men, we are happy to introduce a new fellowship opportunity just for you!

Come on out to the church on the first Thursday of every month from 10 am to 11 am and enjoy hot coffee and fresh treats.

Next fellowships will be  
November 7th and December 5th



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DLC!

**Oct. 25:** 6 pm DLC Trunk-Or-Treat

**Oct. 26:** 9-10:30 am Compost and God's Creation

**Oct. 27:** 11:45 Confirmation Service

**Oct. 29:** 7 pm Gentle Run, Yoga, and Devotions

**Nov. 1-2:** 8-12th Grade Overnight Lock-In

**Nov. 3:** 8:30 and 10:30 am All-Saints Worship

**Nov. 3:** 10:30 am Sun. school kids sing during worship

**Nov. 6:** 6:45 pm Wed. school kids sing during worship

**Nov. 17:** 9:40 am 10 Commandment Milestone class in FLC

**Nov. 17:** 9:40 am Men's Pancake breakfast during fellowship hour

**Nov. 17:** 9:40 am 2020 Budget Forum in Faith Room

**Nov. 17:** 11:30 am Sun/Wed School Christmas program rehearsals

**Nov. 19:** 7pm 4G Women's group book conversation

**Nov. 20:** 6 pm 2020 Budget Forum

**Nov. 22-23:** Middle School Youth Gathering

**Nov. 24:** 9:40 am 10 Commandment Milestone class in FLC

**Nov. 24:** 9:40 am Youth selling caramel rolls during fellowship hour

**Nov. 24:** 9:40 am All Congregational 2020 Budget Mtg.

**Nov. 24:** 11:30 am Sun/Wed School Christmas program rehearsals

**Nov. 27:** 6:45 pm Worship with Thanksgiving fellowship after

**Nov. 28-29:** DLC church offices closed

*Happy  
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