



Pastor Sorensen's November First of the Month Letter

As the Calendar turns from October to November, I am tempted to make this an “infomercial” letter telling you all the things that are happening in November and early December.

- All Saints’ Sunday November 5: remembering the saints in our lives.
- Pledge Sunday, November 12: making financial commitments for 2024.
- Bagels with the Board November 12: discussing upcoming [constitutional changes](#)
- Sunday, November 19 at 1 pm a Special Congregational Call Meeting
- Wednesday, November 22 Thanksgiving Eve worship and Pie Fest
- Sunday, December 3 guest preacher The Rev. Eric Shaffer
- Sunday, December 3 Board presentation of 2024 budget
- Sunday, December 10 Annual Meeting with the approval of budget and first vote on constitutional changes

Maybe you just read that list of upcoming key events, and say, “Wait, what?” I’ll come back to that...

What I want to share with you are what I think are a couple other very exciting developments here at Christ Lutheran Church. Your Finance Team is beginning the process of discerning if now is the time for CLC to launch its next capital campaign. There are many steps involved in this process and

ultimately, the congregation will vote on whether to move forward. But everything starts someplace, and this is the place and time when those conversations are beginning.

Also, a fledgling group of leaders are beginning to meet and ask questions wondering if there is a new way to coordinate and communicate around the various internal and external ministries at CLC. What organization structure would allow new ministries to be birthed, and gracefully allow other ministries to Hospice. Is a Ministry Faire in the future? Wait and see.

Now, as I have successfully buried the lead (as my journalism friends would say), yes, the Church Board has scheduled Sunday, November 19 at 1 pm as the time and date for a Special Congregational Call Meeting to consider the candidate brought forward by the Call Committee. After months of work, hours of prayer, discernment, and discussion the Call Committee is ready to bring a candidate forward to the congregation.

Some of you might be wondering, Who? Who is the candidate? That will be shared with the entire congregation on Sunday, November 12. To be considerate of the candidate and their current ministry call, it is common not to reveal the name until closer to the congregational meeting date. But rest assured, the Call Committee has done their work and is presenting a candidate whom they believe has been brought to CLC through the guiding of the Holy Spirit.

These are exciting, busy, challenging days ahead for the life of Christ Lutheran Church. I would ask for your prayers for all that is about to happen in these next few weeks.

See you in worship,

Pastor Scot