



TELSTAR

Our Mission Is To Be Committed Christians Inviting Others To Join Us.



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We belong to one another!!!

Recently, I just started reading a book 'Live Together' written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was a Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident, and key founding member of the Confessing Church. He says in his book, "Christianity is community through Jesus and in Jesus. No Christian community is more or less than this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ." I think the key point here is 'only through and in Jesus Christ' because Jesus forgave us, died for us, and rose for us. Only Jesus can fully love us and save us. In this pandemic situation it reminds us again that we belong to each other only through and in Jesus Christ. Please, keep in mind that we belong to one another only through Jesus and in Jesus Christ who is our Savior and Redeemer! Amen!

Lots of events, ministries, and meetings are scheduled in November through December; collecting winter gears like coat and glove, collecting basic necessities, Christmas program for kids, All Saints Sunday, Soul Sisters outing, sermon series on stewardship, AED&CPR training, etc. You can find all the information on this November newsletter. It's great for us to have all of them even in this pandemic situation. As we know, no one can stop us doing God's missions and ministries. We are here to serve God and people. BUT, please, proceed them and join them with caution; masks with social distancing. Your safety is our top priority!!! Please, don't forget that we belong to each other through and in Jesus Christ!

From November 8th, sermon series will be starting. The theme of the sermon series is Stewardship. Through this sermon series we will be focusing on the givers, not what our church needs. We will be focusing on our relationships with God and with what we have. We will be focusing on how we can be a good steward and have the joy of generosity. Lots of good examples and tools will be presented by this sermon series. Please, join us! And also, please don't forget that our new worship time from November is 10:15am (Adult Sunday School is 9am). November worship services will continue outdoors. Please, join us!

Stewardship Sermon Series

11/8 (Week 1) - Stewardship is Relationship

11/15 (Week 2) - Good Steward (Gratitude)

11/22 (Week 3) - The Joy of Generosity (First Fruits)

Please, stay safe and well!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



We have begun collecting hats, coats, gloves, and basic necessities for distribution. If you have any items hanging around that you feel could be used, please consider donating! We are also looking to fulfill basic necessities. We have begun collecting everyday items such as; laundry detergent, shampoo/conditioner, hand/body soap, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. As the colder weather approaches many people are being forced to forego these items to keep the heat on at home. Let us be the amazing stewards Christ has called upon to be there for them in their time of need. If it is an item you use, most likely it is something another uses, consider donating!

SAVANNA FUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 10AM

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John LeComte with 10 members present. Pastor David Yim opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to members. An addendum will be added regarding the discussion of face masks being worn outside. Susan Michelle Jepsen moved, seconded by Mary Irons, that the minutes be approved as amended, and the motion passed.

Vivian Eaton presented the financial reports. The copyright license has been moved from the Education committee budget to the Worship committee budget for 2021.

Jason Moore moved, seconded by Kris Yingling, to approve the financial report and the motion carried.

TRUSTEES: Bob Davidson presented a budget for 2021, which includes several new projects and 2 long-term projects. Jason moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, to buy an air ride seat for the lawn mower at a cost of \$350 and the motion passed. Since we no longer have a boy scout troop to sponsor we have a trailer, camping supplies, and a canoe. We will keep the trailer as it could be used on mission trips. Kris moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, that the camping supplies and canoe be donated to the Mt Carroll boy scout troop and the motion carried.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS: They are working on the 2021 budget.

EDUCATION: Sunday School started last week after church but future plans are up in the air due to the pandemic.

WORSHIP: We will continue to have worship outside through the month of October. Future plans may include adding a Saturday service and live-streaming in order to reach more people.

EVANGELISM: Pastor Dave, Mary, and Molly Andersen have been visiting. Pastor wants to visit with each member and these visits have been well-received. Cards are being sent out monthly by Kids Kards.

OUTREACH: Kris moved, seconded by Susan Michelle, that we hold Trunk or Treat at the same time as the city's Trick or Treating, and the motion carried with 1 opposed.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: Pam Darrow reported they discussed the Christmas Children's party, Trunk or Treat, and having a winter coat drive at Bridges.

UMW: UMW Sunday will be next Sunday, the 27th. Members are having a churchwide bakeless bake sale to raise money for their mission pledge of \$1800. A special mission recognition award will be presented during worship.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave provides each member via email a copy of his report, which is attached to these minutes. He conducted Ruth Morfey's funeral and visitation outdoors at the church yesterday. Jason mentioned the good comments he has heard from campers at 7 Eagles campground, Ruth's business, about Pastor Dave's visits and worship services during her illness.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Michelle moved, seconded by Kris, that we use the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines regarding face masks, which states while we are outside masks do not need to be worn by individuals if they are social-distancing at least 6 feet apart, and the motion carried. Masks must be worn if within 6 feet of each other and at all times when in the church building.

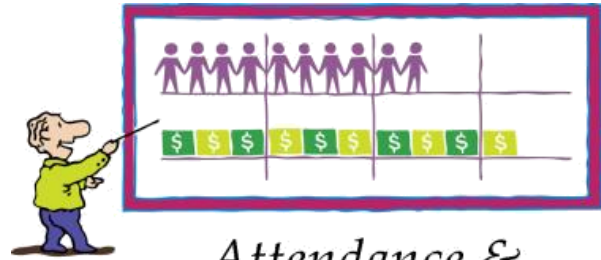
The Service Club has asked to meet at the church once a month. Kris moved, seconded by Bob, that they be allowed to meet for a one-time fee of \$50, and the motion passed.

Pastor Dave closed the meeting with prayer, followed by adjournment at 11:13AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Andersen

Date	Income
September 27	\$ 1,846.00
October 4	\$ 2,987.00
October 11	\$ 1,805.00
October 18	\$ 1,255.00
Total Income	\$ 7,893.00



*Attendance &
Financials*

Attendance

Week	Sun.	SS
Sept. 27	69	
Oct. 4	54	
Oct. 11	63	
Oct. 18	44	
Avg.	58	



In Our Prayers

Suzie Berg, Judy Dunn, Cindy, Emilee Deerer, Sherri Miller,
Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck,
Frank & Lois Grove, Kris Yingling,
Beth Wickes, Suzanne Atherton, Claire Winterburn,
Big Meadows nursing home.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm, Dorothy Taylor, Frank
Grove, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Military Personnel and their families



NOVEMBER

- 1 Chelsey Sprouse, Ruth Moore
- 2 Steve Yenney
- 3 Jordyn Jackson
- 5 Brennan Cavanagh
- 6 Teresa Bauer
- 8 MaryEllen Dreger, Garrett Badtke,

- 10 Katie Floming
- 12 Renee Baker, Matthew Floming
- 15 *Susan and Glenn White*
- 16 Matt Ihle, *Jim & Deb Ketzel*
- 17 Ann Johnson, Dan Holcomb

- 20 Dan Reitemeier, Karissa Hartman

- 23 Cody Hartman, Kara Lenhardt
- 24 Joan Arb
- 25 Carmen Holcomb, Martha White
- 27 Patt Fosdick, Deb Fosdick

- 30 Joe Michels, Vivian Eaton

We will be having an AED/CPR training class here at the church in December. We are looking for 2 or 3 more people who are willing to learn these life saving techniques in case someone would ever need them while in our building. If that sounds like something you can do, contact the office to get signed up!!

REMINDER TO
"FALL BACK" ONE
HOUR AT 2AM ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER
31ST.





During this season of giving thanks, please remember those who are food insecure. Our food pantries are always in need of financial support. It's as easy as including your donation with your weekly offering. Just specify on the offering envelope how much and which food pantry you would like to support. The Savanna Food Pantry serves all of Carroll County and the West Carroll Food Pantry serves all families with a child enrolled in the West Carroll school district, including the preschool and Right Steps Family Center.

Thank you!

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

The time has come again for the annual Savanna Children's Fund Christmas Program. We would like to support 20-25 kids this year by buying them Christmas presents. Reminder the children sign up with the fund, they provide us with specifics as to sizes, wants/needs/ desires, and we provide wrapped gifts matched to their requests. Most of the time it is clothing related. The organizers of the fund will be getting a listing to us. If you are interested in helping but do not want to go to the store and shop, a monetary donation is always welcomed! If you want to shop on your own, that too is great! Whichever works best for you! We have an amazing group of volunteers to take an afternoon to shop and fulfill the wishes of the children. Please let us in the office know which you prefer. We will begin collecting money/presents in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



On November 3rd at 6:30pm we will celebrate our Thank Offering service led by Deeann Kramer. Bring your offering “box” with you. If you have not purchased items to fill your two hygiene bags for the West Carroll food pantry yet, stop by the new Dollar Tree store in Clinton our by Fareway. They have many of the items available.

See you on the 3rd!

Questions, call Mary Irons at 815-541-8487.

SOUL SISTERS’

SR. CENTER TOUR & “TRIVIA”

DATE: Friday, Nov. 13th

TIME: 1:00 P.M.-- Meet at church

(carpool available) & then tour the new
Carroll County Community Senior Center
in Mt. Carroll. Dairy Queen treat after tour.

2:30-ish—play Cindie’s “Trivia” at church

BRING: Your face-covering (required)

\$ for your afternoon treat

HOSTESSES: Pam Darrow & Cindie Bulik

ALL ladies are welcome to join us as we explore our community and enjoy a fun activity in Christian fellowship, so feel free to invite your friends!

RSVP: Linda Jachino (815-541-4760)



First United Methodist Church of Savanna, Illinois

November 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 TIME CHANGE 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Outdoor Worship, All Saints Day & Communion	2 9am–Body & Soul Yoga 1pm– Sewing Ladies 3:30-5pm-WC Food Pantry	3 6:30pm– UMW Thank Offering	4	5 9am–Body & Soul Yoga 9am– Bible Study	6	7
8 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Outdoor Worship	9 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 1pm– Sewing Ladies	10 4pm– Finance Committee Mtg	11 Veterans Day	12 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 9am– Bible Study 1:30pm– Inter Church Council Mtg on Zoom	13 1pm– Soul Sis- ters outing & trivia	14 NIC Annual Con- ference
15 8am– Trustees Meeting 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Outdoor Worship 11:30am– Ad Council Meeting	16 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 1pm– Sewing Ladies 3:30-5pm– WC Food Pantry Telstar Deadline	17	18	19 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 9am– Bible Study 3pm– Worship & Health Team Mtg	20 Thrift Shop	21 Thrift Shop
22 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Outdoor Worship	23 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 1pm– Sewing Ladies	24	25	26 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 Office Closed	28
29 9am– Sunday School 10:15am– Outdoor Worship 1st Sunday of Advent	30 9am– Body & Soul Yoga 1pm– Sewing Ladies					



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