

Here is a photograph of a woodcut print. It's by Rev. Orville Running. "Mr Running", as we called him, was my art teacher and mentor in ministry. For years and years if I was in the Decorah, Iowa vicinity, and every holiday I was, I would call Orville up and drop by. He was able to critique my art-work and ministry, while blinking. He was a great blinker. His memory is precious to me.

As a woodblock printmaker, the question he faced was, "how much wood to cut away and how much to leave alone?". The low areas he cut away would be white when the woodblock was inked and printed. The uncut areas were the ones that caught the ink and printed black. "What to leave in, what to leave out" as rocker Bob Seger sang.

Orville's print shown here is titled "November". It's kind of stark. Trees without leaves and snow between the weeds. I think he cut away just enough and not too much.

What to cut out, what to leave in. Pretty good questions for our lives too. As the leaves continue to fall and the ground begins to freeze we are invited into winter; sheltered indoors; in our places of meditation. Ponder what Jesus left in and what he cut out. His "art of living" guides us through the cold months until it is warm again and we prepare for Easter.

Celebrate and Serve y'all!

Pastor Mike



BIRTHDAYS

May you have a special day and a blessed year!

- 1 Ellie Mae Alms
- 14 Maschall Bloomstrand 14 - Theo LaFave

17 - Reese Franklin

20 - Diana Gilbertson

20 - Emily Lofgren

- 2 Gerald Anderson 4 – Alvin Eidem
 - 14 Cynthia Anderson 17 – Gene Benck
- 5 Kayleen Jakes
- 6 Tyler Soden
- 7 Andrea Benck
- 7 Brantley Huppert
- 9 Darren Bloomstrand 21 Lee Franklin
- 11 Christina Donley Hains 23 Susan Andrews
 - derson 23 Emeree Munsen
- 12 Debra Anderson 13 – Linnea Soden
- 23 Robert Soden
- 13 Ryan Hanson
- 26 Amanda Jepson
- 13 Dayne Whipple
- . 29 – Dennis Finstad

If your birthday doesn't appear on our monthly birthday calendars, please let Phyllis know so she can add it.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 19 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program

- Dec 24 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Eidsvold
- Dec 26 10:00 a.m. Joint worship at Bethlehem
- Jan 5, 2022 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade confirmation
- Feb 16, 2022 6:00 p.m. 9th Grade confirmation
- Mar 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7



Turn your clocks back 1 hour When you go to bed Saturday

CARING FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Giving of our time and talents is one way of serving our faith community. Thank you to the following individuals who will serve this faith

community during November.

<u>Bethlehem</u>

Altar Guild:

Ann Whipple

Church cleaning: Marlyce Bayer Linden Johnson

<u>Eidsvold</u>

The Eidsvold sign up sheet is on the registration table and will also be passed around so folks can sign up for the rest of November and December.

Church Cleaning:

Nov 7- Anne Girdeen and family Nov. 14 -Nov. 21 -Nov. 28 -

Indoor Registration/Ushers

Nov. 7 - Tana Langer Nov. 14 -Nov. 21 -Nov. 28 -

Parking Lot FM Transmission Registration

Nov. 7 - Anne Girdeen and family Nov. 14 -Nov. 21 -Nov. 28 -

Altar Committee— Karen Brostrom

put unused communion cups in refrigerator after worship, discard used cups in garbage and wash cup containers

NOVEMBER READERS:

<u>Bethlehem</u>

Nov.	7 - Ann Whipple			
Nov.	14 - Lora Drenth			
Nov.	21 - Leah Johnson			
Nov.	28 - Phyllis Beastrom			
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<u>Eidsvold</u>

- Nov. 7 Tana Langer
- Nov. 14 Mandy Jepson
- Nov. 21 Michelle Plote
- Nov. 28 Carol/Angie Peterson

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PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS

Pierce County is offering COVID-19 booster shots to those eligible. Appointments for both Moderna and J&J booster doses are available by phone at 715-273-6755 and on the Pierce County website https://piercecountycovid19vaccine.as.me/schedule.php

Diane H-Robinson, Pierce County's Public Health Nursing Manager answered the most common questions about the booster dose.

- What's a booster shot? "For some viruses, the amount of protection you get from a vaccine starts to wear off over time and an additional dose of the vaccine can boost your immune response. We give boosters all the time for vaccines like Tdap, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and per-tussis."
- Who should get a COVID-19 Booster dose? "Some Pfizer and Moderna recipients are eligible for a booster dose at least 6 months after their second dose. People aged 65 and older and people aged 50-65 at high risk of severe COVID-19 are eligible. People aged 18 and older at high risk due to medical conditions or job exposure may get a booster after assessing individual risk. ALL J&J recipients should get a booster at least 2 months after their initial shot."
- Is it ok if I get my COVID-10 booster and flu shot at the same time? "Yes! If your provider offers them both on the same day, it is safe and effective to get them both. Pierce County Public Health won't be offering them both at the same time due to staffing limitations."
- I hear that mixing and matching COVID-19 vaccines is ok. Which booster should I get? "We are advising people to get the same booster dose as their initial vaccine in most cases. Mixing has been demonstrated to be safe and effective. We will allow people to mix and match if they have a different preference."

COVID TESTING SITE— Ellsworth COVID-19 Drive Up Community Testing Site at Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or who has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for the virus is eligible for testing. Please note the following:

- All testing is drive-up without appointments. Pre-registration on the day of your test is recommended to speed up the testing process: https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/
- The test is free and no insurance is needed.
- Parents/guardians must be present to consent for testing minors aged 1 to 17. Children under 12 months old are not eligible for testing at this site.

To get the most current information on testing, vaccinations, quarantine and isolation guidelines, and number of cases visit: https://covid-piercecounty-wi.hub.arcgis.com/

At this site you can get the most current information for any state and county in the nation.

SCHOOL KITS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS				
	Bethlehem	Eidsvold	Total	
School Kits	49	53	102	THANK YOU for providing Hope and a
Personal Care	Kits 13	4	17	Future for children and their families around the world.

A **Worship and Service Committee** has been established as a result of our Cottage Meetings a number of years ago. We are looking for your ideas that you would like Incorporated into our service to make it uplifting and rewarding. *Do you play an instrument or have a child that does?*

Would you be willing to sing in a small group or choir? It doesn't require a lot of time. Melody Perrin has plenty of music to choose from and is also eager to meet a couple times before church to practice and then present at worship.

To kick off the Thanksgiving season, we would like the choir to sing on Sunday, November 14. Anyone that would like to sing in the choir can meet at 9:30 a.m. before worship on November 14th.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Melody Perrin 303-895-7852 harmonypen@yahoo.com or Tana Langer 715-222-4058 <u>langerlt@att.net</u>.





Holiday Gift Box Program

NO SHOPPING GIFT BOX COLLECTION

Again this year, we will not be shopping for a family. However, there are many families in the Ellsworth school district that are in need of our help.

When: November 14th until November 28th

How: Determine what you would spend on a gift.

1—That amount can be given to Eidsvold Lutheran Church or Bethlehem Lutheran Church. If you write the check to your congregation, you will receive credit for your donation. **Please put on the memo line:** "**Gift Box Program**"

<u>OR</u> 2—You may write your check out directly to "Ellsworth School Foundation/Gift Box Program <u>OR</u> 3—cash always works too!

A collection box will be available at each church beginning November 14 through November 28th.

Goal: \$1000 + (last year we collected \$1450)

This amount will buy gifts for 2 families of five who are in the Ellsworth school district so they can also have a blessed Christmas. If your family wishes to sponsor a family, contact Phyllis for the website and more information. Let's bring Christmas joy to families in our area!

Thank you for your participation. You can also mail your donation to addresses below.



THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY !

In November we thank God for our many blessings! Yet many in our area are

hungry and do not have enough. Each week in November, bring the following suggested donations to church so we may bless our food shelf as they continue to serve folks in our area!

November 7 - paper products, soap, toiletries

- November 14 soups, canned tuna, chicken
- November 21 prepackaged foods like cereal, pasta macaroni and cheese, snacks

November 28 - canned fruits and vegetables

OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED TO:

Eidsvold:	Bethlehem
Eidsvold Lutheran Church W6111 County Rd EE Bay City WI 54723	Judy Anderson W2062 U S Highway 10 Maiden Rock WI 54750

Check out our parish website & Facebook

Worship times will also be posted on these.

https://www.bethlehemeidsvoldchurches.com/

https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem.Eidsvold