

## From the Pastor...

I love the Psalms – they have survived centuries and still resonate with us today. Jesus quoted them, and they are some of the only scripture passages from the Bible that if you start a verse, others can almost automatically finish the verse. For instance with Psalm 23 – if I say, “The Lord is my shepherd...” you might automatically think, “I shall not want.”

Why have the Psalms survived, and why do they still appeal to us the way they do? I think the Psalms still resonate with us today because their words are directed to God. They aren’t words about God – they aren’t the long histories of kings and queens and battles, or the stories of who married who and what the names of their children were, and what they did to get in trouble or what they did to please God. The Psalms aren’t teachings like the ones that were attributed to Jesus in the Gospels, that tell us how to live. The Psalms are unique in that they are words that are directed to God. They are the prayers and appeals of people to God. And in these prayers and appeals to God, the Psalms touch on a variety of human experiences.

There’s something for everyone in the Book of Psalms. If you’re having a good day and you want to give thanks to God but feel awkward coming up with your own words for how to do it – you can find a Psalm that gives thanks. Angry and wanting revenge against someone at work or the person in the car who cut you off while driving here? You can find a Psalm requesting God’s wrath come to your “enemy.” Filled with grief and sadness? There’s a Psalm for that, too. In fact, there are more Psalms of lament than any other kind of Psalm you’ll find in the whole collection.

After leading virtual worship with you during the early days of the pandemic, I look forward to meeting and worshiping with you in person this month!

~Pastor Melanie

## November Celebrations

### Birthdays

11-1 Scott K.  
 11-3 Audrey B.  
 11-5 Nicholas J.  
 11-7 Ben A.  
 11-8 Karl L.  
 11-9 Emma A.  
 11-10 Glenna Q.  
 11-11 Rondy Q.  
 11-17 Aiden V.  
 Tom W. Sr.  
 11-18 Yvonne B.



### Prayer Chain

If you would like to be on the prayer chain to receive prayer requests, please contact Michelle in the church office at 651-462-5276.

### Thank you

Thank you for the wonderful gift of a teapot and tea bags (enough to last me for a year!) as the congregation’s gift for Pastor Appreciation Month. I am so blessed to serve with you in this community! It is a gift to be your pastor and I can’t wait to see what this coming year will hold. Thank you again, not only for the thoughtful gift, but for your partnership in the gospel as we make a difference in our community.  
 - Pastor Holly

# November 2022

### SERVANT SCHEDULE

#### November 6:

**Usher:** Denny Hebrink

**Greeter:** Pat Rylander

**Live Stream:** Ryan Rodacker

**Soundboard:** Lisa Rodacker

**Coffee Service:** Linda Richnofsky and Deb Hulbert

#### November 13:

**Usher:** Tom Sausen

**Greeter:** Dave Freemore

**Live Stream:** Ryan Rodacker

**Soundboard:** Deb Hulbert

**Coffee Service:** Carole Aalderks and Janet Rasmussen

#### November 20:

**Usher:** Chris Sycks

**Greeter:** Tom Warneke

**Live Stream:**

Elizabeth Rodacker

**Soundboard:** Lisa Rodacker

**Coffee Service:** Cathy West and Connie Warneke

#### November 27:

**Usher:** Cyndi Turbeville

**Greeter:** Ed & Karen Kramer

**Live Stream:** Alec Aastuen

**Soundboard:** David Aastuen

**Coffee Service:** Chris Sycks and Donna Keacher

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship w/ Communion <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints' Sunday</i>	7 	8 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group <i>Election Day</i>	9 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12  Set your clock back one hour before you go to bed
13 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship	14	15 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group 7pm SPRC	16 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting	17	18	19
20 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship	21	22 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	23 7-8:30pm NA meeting	24 	25	26 
27 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship 10:50am Church Conference	28 11am Worship at The Meadows	29 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	30 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7pm Choir 7-8:30pm NA meeting			



## Joy Bells

Joy Bells is an opportunity to help those in need this Christmas. We provide a full Christmas Dinner and funds for gifts for the children of families in need. Bea Z. has agreed to coordinate this drive, now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year.

We ask that you either donate cash to the Joy Bells program or purchase \$25-\$50 gift cards at Target or Walmart and bring them or mail them to the church (PO Box 247).

We will see that the families receive the gift cards and a coupon from Bruce's Foods for a Christmas Dinner for their family. We're hoping and praying that you will be generous as always, so we, Wyoming UMC, can do our part to bring a blessed Christmas to children and their families. If you have any questions, please call Bea at 612-270-1396. Stay tuned for updates on the deadline for bringing in the gift cards.

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## Christmas Tea Going Forward

The women that have hosted our Christmas Tea for years, have decided that it is time to have this ministry come to an end. Many thanks to those who have faithfully hosted this event for so many years. If anyone is interested in taking on this tradition and making it their own or starting something else in its place, please contact Karen K. who would be happy to share her knowledge of the tradition. Every year the Christmas Tea collected donations for Joy Bells.

# Wyoming United Methodist Church Messenger



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## All Saints' Sunday



November 6 is All Saints' Sunday, where we will light candles for loved ones who have died this last year. During the worship service, we will invite people to come forward and share the name of the person they're lighting a candle for, then light a candle. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year or so and would like to light a candle for them on that Sunday, consider yourself invited to this celebration of all those saints who have shined their light in this world and made a difference in our lives.

## Choir Update

The Wyoming UMC choir is alive and well, thanks to changing to a new format that allows us to have enough voices for all four parts. We're aware that more people would like to join choir but are prevented due to child-care concerns. Wednesday night rehearsals are temporarily suspended but we'll resume rehearsals on November 30 and, at that time, look at some possible Sunday rehearsals following worship.

## Stagecoach Day Recap

A sincere "Thank You" for your help from your Missions/Outreach Team! 18 people from our church walked or rode in the Stagecoach Day Parade on Saturday, September 17. \$279.50 was collected for the Care Crew from freewill offerings and only one pie remained at 1:00pm! Many, many people helped cut and serve pie, clean up, and visit with our guests. We didn't have as many children stop by our craft & bubble machine table as in previous years but those who came were very grateful for the "kindness" craft.

## Fall Dinner Returns!

What a blessing it was to once again welcome people to our church building and offer them a turkey dinner with all the fixings! In talking with a number of the people who came, we heard how grateful people were to have this dinner offered again and how many people from the community that they saw that they hadn't seen in years. This year's dinner was run by a new "head crew" of Cathy, Denny and Jane and they all did an amazing amount of work to get this all put together. We couldn't name all the people it took to put this meal on, but we are grateful to all of you, and especially pleased several of you helped out with the meal for the first time.

As last count, we had 289 people come through our doors for either dine-in or take out and we raised \$3559.75 for Lakes Center for Youth & Families. Well done, good and faithful servants!

## Worship Services in November

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, we kicked off a 4-week sermon series on Psalms: Conversations with God. Whether you are experiencing joy or grief, peace or anger, you are not alone. The Psalms are filled with people talking with God from all sorts of perspectives. Join us as we consider our own conversations with God alongside those of our spiritual ancestors.

As we turn to the season of Advent, starting November 27, we will explore the songs of the season as we anticipate the coming of the long-awaited Messiah.

### November 6

All Saints' Communion Sunday

Conversations with God: Psalms of Lament Psalm 13

### November 13

Conversations with God: Psalms of Wisdom Psalm 1

### November 20

Conversations with God: Psalms of Thanksgiving Psalm 148

### November 27

Songs of the Season: Born to Deliver Isaiah 40:1-5

*The land yields its harvest, God, our God, blesses us. - Psalm 67:6*



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