



The Mountain Top Echo

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Byron MN

Reaching Out ... Sharing Christ NOVEMBER 2026

Pastor's Newsletter --- November 2026

I was listening to the weather report on a local television station recently. We are approaching the end of October and there is no sign of an official first day of snow. We have had an extended time of extremely warm weather for this time of year. How will this season of cooler weather in the fall change in November? We can be thankful for the Lord's blessing right now.

Can you believe it; we are approaching the major holiday season of the year. In a few weeks America will gather around our tables to celebrate Thanksgiving. I want to tell you a story about five kernels of corn. It was a family tradition on my wife's side.

The men would gather the children and grandchildren and guests around the table. Each person would grab a kernel of popcorn off their plate and while holding the kernel they would describe one thing they were thankful for that year. The person beside them would go next until all had a turn and then the next round started. If you remember popcorn prayers in youth group, you are listening to others and at the same time concentrating on your own thankfulness. It can be a great time of blessing upon family and friends.

You live in a great country by the blessing of God. Don't forget to do your duty as a citizen and vote in this upcoming mid-term election cycle. The residents of Minnesota are some of the highest active voters in the nation. Let us not slack off because it is a mid-term election, but speak our voice by our vote.

We have much to be thankful for at Grace of Rochester and Mount Moriah-Byron. What five things are you thankful for? You can be thankful for more, but it is good to celebrate our faith and corporate unity together first and foremost.

We have the opportunity at the end of November to celebrate with our families. Let us sing praises to God as we also look forward to the December Advent and Christmas season.

In Christ,

Pastor Gueldner
Grace-Rochester and Mount Moriah-Byron

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CMS Stewardship Ministry

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

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Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

Electronic Giving: Our church invites you to consider our electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church. If you are interested in participating in this program, speak with financial secretary, Tammy Vosberg. You may also contact Tammy with any questions at 507- 289-2850 or via email at dtvosberg@gmail.com





Call Ardi Gibbs for the date of the next **LWML** meeting.



Prayer Chain: Ardi Gibbs is our Prayer Chain Leader. Please contact Ardi with your prayer requests or if you would like to join the prayer chain team. (507) 254-6564 / ardig775@gmail.com



Justin Hahn	November 11
Pastor Schwartz	November 23
LuVern Throndset	November 30



Don & Tammy Vosberg	November 8

Mt. Moriah Congregation:

The days, months, and years have gone by and you were patient with me as your pastor. We have been so thankful and blessed to be a part of Mount Moriah and you will always hold a special place in our hearts and lives. We have shared many events with you; baptisms, confirmations, deaths, funerals, trunk and treat, Bible Classes, Worship services, and those special times of fellowship before Worship. It is very difficult to leave and yet it is a joy to know that you will be uniting (God willing) with another congregation. You see God is always in charge. May He continue to bless you in all that He will do in your life.

Pastor and Karen



Another Thank You! ----

Mount Moriah Family,

We want to thank you for the Reformation Sunday gathering at Mt. Moriah and your generosity to us. Thank you very much for the cards and monetary gifts. You have been very open to us, sharing your time and love with us. And in summary, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your kindness over the years.

Pastor and Karen





Grace In Action Bake-a-Thon ---

All are invited to join us for pie-baking fun and fellowship in the Grace kitchen on **Saturday, November 21, beginning at 1:00pm.** No experience necessary! Sign the sign-up sheet on the Grace-In-Action bulletin board (or call the office). Orders for cherry, apple, apple cranberry, pumpkin, and pecan pies will be taken through November 18.

There are Pie Order Sheets with prices on the bulletin board just outside the Mt. Moriah office. The secretary can scan and email orders to Grace but they have to be there by Nov. 18. Pies can be picked up on Sunday morning, Nov. 22nd. Payment may be at that time.



VETERANS DAY CONCERT

You are invited to a night of great music from excellent young musicians from Nebraska. Sixty-five students from Concordia High School in Omaha are excited to share some Band, Choir, and Orchestra pieces with you.

The concert will include a variety of music (patriotic, sacred, and general selections) and will feature the ensembles together as well as separately.

November 11, 2026 Trinity Rochester 7:00PM.

The Concordia music program is led by our old friend, Peter Klemp, who led the music program at RCLS for several years. He grew up in Minnesota as one of the Klemp Family Singers in Carver County where his father was a pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne.

Plan to join us!





Veteran's Day ---November 11

LWML Byron Food Shelf Drive:
Instead of doing a Food drive this year, LWML will be collecting **non-perishable items** for the food shelf. The drive will begin November 1 and end December 1.

The boxes are in place and ready to be filled! They need such things as toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, hairbrushes, and combs, etc. Basically, anything that is not food and is a daily life necessity. A suggested list will be posted at a later date. More info to follow.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation at Grace Lutheran - Rochester!

To learn more about this important mission, come hear our guest preacher, Rev. Mark Moss on November 15th. Rev. Moss will also lead Bible study at 10:45a.m., where he will share how these books are making an impact on the Christian Church around the world.



Worship Assistant Schedule for November 2026	Altar Guild for Month of November – Darla Klepel
11/1/2026 – All Saints Day Worship w/Communion – 8:00 a.m. **Pastor Gueldner**	**Elder** – Don Vosberg **Reader –** Verona Kruse **Music** – Margaret Karst
11/08/2026 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship – 8:00 a.m. **Pastor Gueldner**	**Elder** – Brant Klepel **Reader –** Aleesa Kobi **Music – Jeff Rehwaldt**
11/15/2026 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Communion – 8:00 a.m. **Pastor Gueldner**	**Elder** – Brant Klepel **Reader –** Dave Welsh **Music** – Ruth Benning
11/22/2026 – Last Sunday in the Church Year Worship – 8:00 a.m. **Pastor Gueldner**	**Elder** – Don Vosberg **Reader** – Kristie Hahn **Music** – Justin Hahn
11/29/2026 – First Sunday in Advent Worship w/Communion – 8:00 a.m. **Pastor Gueldner**	**Elder** – Shane Amundson **Reader** – Kim Amundson **Music** – Dave Welsh

Veteran's Day
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Thanksgiving Word Search

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Feast Harvest Family Stuffing Parade Turkey
Mashedpotatoes November Cornucopia Cranberry
Pilgrims Blessings Pumpkin Autumn Gratitude



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