



VINJE

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

9:30 AM

gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*For joy and for laughter, for the blessings we experience every day, we say **Thank you, God***

*For those who have gone before us to teach us about the abundance of your love, we say **Thank you, God***

*For the times of struggle and heartache, when we know you were there with us, we say **Thank you, God***

*For your grace and love when we fall short, for helping us to start over again, we say **Thank you, God***

*For the times when we share what we have so that others can have, too, we say **Thank you, God***

God of our whole lives, we thank you for meeting us right where we are, and giving us all that we have. Help us to live lives of gratitude. Help us to give what we have. Help us to say with our words and our actions:

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

HYMNAL #840

PRAYER OF THE DAY

welcome...we're glad you're here!

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God with us today. We know that God loves and welcomes all people and so we do our best to do the same. Feel comfortable being who God created you to be in this space and listen for the ways that the Holy Spirit is calling you to faith and a deeper love for your neighbor. Thanks for joining this community of faith, service, and worship today. You are always welcome!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 KINGS 17:8-24

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE**

GRATEFUL

MARK 12:38-44

HYMN

HYMNAL #807

COME THOU FOUNT OF
EVERY BLESSING**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"GRATITUDE IS ONE
OF THE GREATEST
CHRISTIAN VIRTUES;
INGRATITUDE, ONE
OF THE MOST
VICIOUS SINS."

BILLY GRAHAM

*At Vinje, we believe all
people are welcome
at the Lord's Table
regardless of any
circumstance.*

OFFERING**HYMN**

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

#836

OFFERING PRAYER**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****HYMNS**NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION
AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

HYMNAL #462

HYMNAL #465

BENEDICTION

*God has blessed you to be a blessing,
So, serve others as God has served you,
Forgive others as God has forgiven you,
Love others with the same love God has for you,
And bless this world by being the blessing God made you to be.*

Amen.**HYMN**

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

HYMNAL #881

DISMISSAL*Go in peace, serve the Lord.***Thanks be to God!**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS Justin Ask
Seyward Ask

COMMUNION Lynn Peterson
Jeff Holtkamp

ORGANIST Tim Burns

LECTOR Paul Tinklenberg

SLIDES David Peterson
Stewart Ness

CAMERA Anthony Buzzeo

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Remember in Prayer

We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Don Handahl, Marvin Turnipseed,
Jim Loehr, Kerry Selseth, Ted Olson,
Karen Wiehr

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Lane Leedahl, Merle Berkeland,
Shirley Brandt, Trevor Hansen,
Dianne Christenson

BEREAVED

Family and friends of Raymond Smith
following his death on November 8.

Family and friends of Helen Langager
following her death on November 10.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin, broadcast, bus, or coffee.

Sponsors are needed for these upcoming weeks: 12/24, 12/31, 1/14

THANK YOU

This week's broadcast, bus and coffee are sponsored by **Brandon & Kirsten Zumwalt in honor of their 10 year wedding anniversary.**

This week's bulletin is sponsored by Myron Dunlavy in celebration of what would have been **Myron & Marilyn's 60th wedding anniversary.**

VINJE HAPPENINGS

Curious as to what happens around here other than worship? Here's just a few things that have been going on lately...

On Monday, the Advent lanterns were hauled up for the basement...yep, it's that time of year again! Thanks in advance to our Vinje youth for hauling the rest of the décor up and to our dedicated team of decorators who will get to work next week. (Want to help? Email Melissa.)

On Tuesday, the staff worked to update some online giving links. Did you know that you can easily make your stewardship pledge or donations to the Light of Christmas Fund or to a variety of other funds right on our website?! Check it out at www.vinjechurch.com.

Wednesday was another evening of kids and chaos! More than 100 kids learned, played and snacked before and after worship.

On Friday, we gathered to say goodbye to longtime Vinje member, Helen Langager. Thank you to all those that baked treats and helped in the kitchen.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WED, NOV 22 | CHURCH OF ST MARY
6 PM WORSHIP | 7 PM PIE

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship which will be hosted by St. Mary's. And of course, you'll want to stay for pie and fellowship following the service!



EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS HOSTS NEEDED

SAT, DECEMBER 2 | 8 AM-5 PM

Vinje will once again be hosting ELCA's Equipping Congregations Day and we need your help! We are looking for Vinje members to be here that to greet attendees, answer questions, etc. If you can help, please email Melissa at melissah@vinjchurch.com!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

SUN, DECEMBER 10 | 10:30-11:15 AM
WED, DECEMBER 13 | 6:30-7:15 PM

We are conducting a congregational meeting (two date/time options) focused on strategic planning around Vinje's purpose and mission. We will have tabletop discussions, facilitated by our council members, and opportunity for our members to share thoughts on how we would like to see Vinje described in our community.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We would like to have all stewardship pledges collected by November 30th. You can submit the pledge card that was mailed to your home, pick up a pledge card from the Welcome Desk or submit your pledge online. We look forward to continuing to "Grow Together" in faith along side of each and every one of you.



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:00 PM FAITH & FINANCE MTG
6:00 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

NO ACTIVITIES, MEAL OR WORSHIP AT VINJE

6:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP @ ST MARY'S
7:00 PM PIE FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Nursery care is available during all worship services in Loving Arm's Pre-K Room located in the east hallway.



CIRCLE OF WELCOME DONATIONS NEEDED

Our Vinje team is preparing for the arrival of the family we are supporting through LSS's Circle of Welcome program, and we need your help in gathering supplies. Please find the link on Vinje's website of needed items. Donations are requested by November 26.

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE!



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