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## **Worship the Lord with gladness!**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gate with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100 is one of the great expressions of thanksgiving in the Bible. It calls us to realize that we belong to God, and to praise Him for His goodness, mercy, and truth.

In the summer of 2008, I wrote a chapter for a book, *Paradigms for Ministry*, on Psalm 100. And in that chapter, I shared how I was struck by a phrase that speaks of expressing thanks in a tangible, willing way: “Serve the Lord with gladness”.

There have been times in my life that my service to God has been more grudging than glad. I do what I consider my duty, but I’m not always happy about it. Oswald Chambers put his finger on that kind of unthankful attitude when he said: “The will of God is the gladdest, brightest, most bountiful thing possible to conceive, and yet some of us talk of the will of God with a terrific sigh—‘Oh well, I suppose it is the will of God,’ as if His will were the most dreadful thing that could befall us. . . We become spiritual whiners and talk pathetically about ‘suffering the will of the Lord.’ Where is the majestic vitality and might of the Son of God!”

As we enter November, a month of the year when we set aside time to remember God’s goodness, let us also remember that true thankfulness is more than being grateful for what we possess. It’s an attitude that permeates our relationship with the Lord so that we may serve God and his creation with gladness and joy.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Carl

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am Quilting & Prayer Shawls	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship/ Sunday School  Pastor Chris	7	8 9:00 am Quilting & Prayer Shawls	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship/ Confirmation Class  Pastor Carl	14	15 9:00 am Quilting & Prayer Shawls  6:00 pm Church Council Mtg	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship Service  10:00 am Breakfast/ Sunday School  Pastor Chris	21	22 9:00 am Quilting & Prayer Shawls	23	24  Thanksgiving	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship Svc 10:00 am Fellowship/ Confirmation Class Food Shelf Sunday  Pastor Carl	28	29 9:00 am Quilting & Prayer Shawls	30			

## November 2022

**Team Oberton:** Gary & Susan Oberton, Marilyn Mueller, David & Maggie Petersen, Dave & Sharon Cina, Kathy Wray, Doug & Jackie Wiherski, Gary & Tracy Statema

## December 2022

**Team Bueckers:** Norb & Jan Bueckers, Ken & Judy Shorter, Lonnie & Shauna Stokes, Roxie Flicek, Charlie & Anna Hansen, John & Phyllis Nelson, Don & Heddie Wolbeck, Wade & Kayla Sandbakken, Rick & Donna Lundgren



Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Gary & Pam Bellamy  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup> David & Maggie Petersen

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Ford  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Carla Fritz-Wolff  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Darline Molde  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Ken Shorter  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Sandy Bjorge  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Morgan Statema  
Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Emily Oberton  
Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Gary Statema  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> John Nelson  
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Our Church building at Bethany is a pretty big building and heating and cooling this house of worship is a kind of invisible, but necessary part of Sharing the Good News of Jesus here in Cushing. We heat and cool almost entirely with electric heat. We have heat pumps out back that efficiently move cool air into the building in summer and warm air in during cooler temps. Then when winter does come, we have a set of electric boilers that heat water for the floor to keep us warm.

And of course, this electricity costs money and there are environmental costs for the work it does for us. So, we have been looking at adding a 50,000DC KW solar array to our property. An array this size will provide electricity enough to meet all or most of our electric needs. At our annual meeting we approved by a 27 to 4 vote a resolution that allows us to test the feasibility of this idea. We decided to contract with KB Electric of Bowlus to build us this system in the spring, contingent upon getting financing from a low interest loan from our Electric Cooperative, along with raising funds from our members with a capital campaign.

In about 90 days we will conclude our campaign and report our results at a congregational meeting. It is hoped that we will be able build this system without changing our annual budget expenditures. This will depend on the loan terms and the success we have with raising funds to capture this sunlight. After the 10-year loan is finished we will have free energy for the next 15 or more years. We believe this idea fits in well in Cushing where self-sufficiency has always been valued.