



## Pastor's Corner

### Thank You — 감사합니다

As we enter November, the season of Thanksgiving, I want to begin with two simple words: Thank you!

During Pastor Appreciation Month in October, I was deeply touched by the love and kindness shown to me. From a tumbler with an encouraging message about the calling of a pastor to thoughtful gifts, handwritten cards, and cupcakes with a special message, each expression of appreciation reminded me of your love and care.

What especially warmed my heart was seeing the Korean word “감사합니다” (Gam-sa-ham-ni-da: Thank you) written on the cupcake box. Being so far from my home country, Korea, it meant a great deal to see those familiar words in my native language. Though it was a simple gesture, it showed such thoughtful care and respect for my language and culture. It reminded me that genuine love can touch our hearts across different languages and cultures.

As I reflected on your kindness, I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's words: “I thank my God every time I remember you” (Philippians 1:3). These words beautifully express my heart for all of you.

I thank God for the privilege of serving as your pastor. Your prayers, encouragement, friendship, and faithful service are blessings that mean more to me than words can express. My gratitude is not only for the gifts I received, but also for the joy of worshiping together, praying for one another, and sharing life's joys and challenges as a family of faith.

Through ministry, I have learned that the church is not built by the pastor alone, nor by our own strength. It is through God's grace and guidance that we grow together as the body of Christ. The church is a faith community where the members of Christ's body are being built up together through God's grace and guidance.

We are a family called by God's love to serve one another and walk together in the journey of faith. Every prayer we offer, every small act of kindness, every hour willingly given in service, and every word of encouragement we share with one another helps strengthen and build up our church community through God's grace.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I encourage each of us to remember the people God has placed in our lives. Is there someone who needs to hear a simple “Thank you”? A kind word, a handwritten note, or a small act of love can bring great encouragement and joy.

Thank you for walking this journey of faith with me. May we continue to share God's love and encourage one another as we serve Him together.

May God's peace, joy, and blessings fill your hearts and homes this Thanksgiving season.

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Hyuntae Kim, Ph.D.



| November 2026                                                    |                                               |                                                                            |                                                                           |                                                                          |                                               |                                          |
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| Sun                                                              | Mon                                           | Tue                                                                        | Wed                                                                       | Thu                                                                      | Fri                                           | Sat                                      |
| 1<br>9:30 am Joint Worship with Holy Communion at Our Savior's   | 2<br>10:00 am-5:00 pm<br>Bazaar Item Drop-Off | 3<br>10:00 am-5:00 pm<br>Bazaar Item Drop-Off                              | 4<br>10:00 am-5:00 pm<br>Bazaar Item Drop-Off<br><br>6:00 pm Confirmation | 5<br>10:00 am-5:00 pm<br>Bazaar Item Drop-Off<br><br>5:30 pm Bible Study | 6<br>10:00 am-7:00 pm<br>Bazaar Item Drop-Off | 7<br>9:00 am-3:00 pm<br>Christmas Bazaar |
| 8<br>9:30 am Gilmanton Worship<br>11:00 am Our Savior's Worship  | 9<br>6:00 pm<br>Charge Conference at OS       | 10                                                                         | 11<br>2:00 pm UWF<br><br>6:00 Confirmation                                | 12<br>5:30 pm Bible Study                                                | 13                                            | 14                                       |
| 15<br>9:30 am Gilmanton Worship<br>11:00 am Our Savior's Worship | 16                                            | 17                                                                         | 18<br>6:00 pm Confirmation                                                | 19<br>6:00 pm Council Meeting at OS                                      | 20                                            | 21                                       |
| 22<br>9:30 am Gilmanton Worship<br>11:00 am Our Savior's Worship | 23                                            | 24<br>6:00 pm<br>Community Thanksgiving Service at Central Lutheran Church | 25                                                                        | 26<br>Thanksgiving Day                                                   | 27                                            | 28                                       |
| 29<br>9:30 am Gilmanton Worship<br>11:00 am Our Savior's Worship | 30                                            |                                                                            |                                                                           |                                                                          |                                               |                                          |

*Refreshments are served after church at Our Savior's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.*

| November Worship Helpers at Our Savior's |                            |                   |                                 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                          | Greeters/Ushers            | Worship Leader    | Money Counters                  |
| 11/1<br>Joint OS                         | Leah Pichler               | Mary Beth Pichler | Leah Pichler, MS and G Members  |
| 11/8                                     | Jim & Gloria Williams      | Katie Sandberg    | Mary Beth Pichler & Jan Bechel  |
| 11/15                                    | Jay & Kolleen Branger      | Mike Bruning      | Jay Branger & Linda Johnston    |
| 11/22                                    | Randy & Dora Johnston      | Ann Yelle         | Jane Kleven & Katie Sandberg    |
| 11/29                                    | Rita McDonnell & Ann Yelle | Mary Beth Pichler | Mary Beth Pichler & Jay Branger |

### Happy Birthday!

11/3 Trent Helgeson  
11/3 Beau Pehler  
11/4 Jane Kleven  
11/5 Dustin Poeschel  
11/7 Troy Nordahl-Klevgard  
11/10 Amber Clouse  
11/10 Landon Elliott  
11/13 Kenneth Schieche  
11/15 Donna Loomis  
11/16 Jean Reuter  
11/18 Bill Lier  
11/20 Chad Thompson  
11/21 Jessica Poeschel  
11/21 Missy Thornton  
11/22 Kolleen Branger  
11/22 Donna Moy  
11/23 Kristine Pehler  
11/26 Skylar Nelson  
11/27 Jennifer Sandberg  
11/28 Jan Bechel  
11/28 LaMonte Johnston  
11/29 Mark Johnson  
11/29 Thomas McDonnell  
11/29 Kaitlynn Ottum

### Happy Anniversary!

11/2 Pat & Mindy Fichtenbauer  
11/25 Stan & Judy Winsand

### Keep in Prayer:

Members who are in long-term care facilities  
Military veterans  
Firefighters, EMTs, police, and military personnel  
Brothers and sisters in Christ around the world

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note that Montana Salem UMC will be closed for painting and winter until Easter Sunday.

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference will be held Monday, November 9, at 6:00 pm at Our Savior's UMC.

### THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Join us for a Community Thanksgiving Worship on Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00 pm at Central Lutheran Church.

### PASTOR APPRECIATION

We are thankful for Pastor Kim's faithful leadership, dedication, and the many ways he has blessed our church family throughout the year. This was a wonderful opportunity to share our gratitude, enjoy sweet treats, and celebrate the impact of Pastor Kim's ministry in our lives. Also, check out the Korean message on the cake top below!



**"Honor those who labor among you and serve the Lord faithfully."**



# **“Christmas...Walk Right In” Bazaar**

## **Saturday, November 7, 2026**

### **9 am – 3 pm**



*Baked goods  
Candy  
Lefse  
Rosettes  
Branger Pickles  
Craft & Quilt Items  
Plants  
Garden Décor  
Garden Produce  
Grandma's Cupboard –  
Antiques & Collectibles*

*We will be serving  
fancy Christmas treats,  
coffee and tea, for  
people to “walk right in  
and sit themselves  
down.”*

**Our Savior's United Methodist Church**  
**210 N. Eau Claire St., Mondovi, WI**

Tour of individual homes will not be included this year

# Laity Sunday 2026

## Together by Grace: Be Grounded in Love

On October 11, we gathered at Our Savior's UMC for a special joint worship service celebrating Laity Sunday.

Our lay members took the lead in worship through the welcome, prayers, Scripture readings, testimonies, and the Stewardship Moment. Mary Beth Pichler delivered the message, Brendan and Sarah Williams shared their personal testimonies of God's love, and the joint choir offered special music, "He Looked Beyond My Fault."

It was a meaningful time of worship and fellowship as we celebrated our unity in Christ. We are grateful to everyone who participated and helped make this special service possible.



## Grounded in Love: Our Testimonies

### Brendan's Testimony

Recently, Sarah and I have been traveling back and forth to the Twin Cities for her medical care. During those drives, we've been listening to a lot of Christian music. One song that has especially spoken to us is "Ever and Ever Before" by for KING & COUNTRY.

The song talks about marriage vows, particularly the promise to love each other "in sickness and in health." When we made those promises, we never imagined we would be living them out so soon.

As Sarah and I have walked through these health challenges, we've had to make difficult medical decisions, often very quickly. It has been a season that has tested our patience, our faith, and our love for one another.



When I think about God's love, I think about what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast."

Those words have taken on a deeper meaning for us.

We have to be more patient than ever before, especially when things don't go as expected. We have to show kindness, even when doctors make decisions we don't agree with. We have to resist envying people who aren't facing the same struggles, and we have to remain humble when things go well.

Through all of this, God has shown us His love in so many ways. We have also learned how much we need the love we have for each other.

I think again about the traditional marriage vows:

"For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part."

When you first get married, you know there will be challenges. But you don't necessarily expect serious illness to come so suddenly or so early in your marriage.

For us, it came quickly and unexpectedly. And through everything we've been facing, we've had to trust God more than ever before.

### Sarah's Testimony

When I think about God's love and how I've experienced it during this season of my life, I would say that God's love is both complex and simple.

His love is eternal. It never ends. It is unconditional, and it cannot be earned. It doesn't waver or change with our circumstances. It is full of grace and mercy, and it is sacrificial—so much so that God gave His one and only Son for us.

God's love is so much more than a word. He shows us His love in so many ways.

As many of you know, I've been very sick over the past year. Recently, we learned that the stomach ulcer I've been dealing with had completely eaten through my stomach. I've needed a feeding tube, and I'm now facing surgery without knowing exactly what to expect.

This has been one of the hardest seasons of my life. I never imagined that at 23 years old, a hospital would become my second home.

But in the middle of these difficult circumstances, I've experienced God's love more than ever before.

I've felt His peace when I've had frightening symptoms and during doctor's appointments, even when the diagnoses kept getting worse. There have been times when my circumstances could have left me feeling completely empty, but instead, I've felt full because of Jesus.



I've experienced God's love through our church and the community of people who have surrounded us with love and support.

I've also seen God's love through Brendan—in the way he loves me and takes care of me. I will forever be thankful for the man of God he is. Our marriage has shown me how beautifully marriage can reflect God's love.

I've seen God's provision for us in so many ways: providing what we need, sustaining my body until surgery, and helping the doctors develop a plan so quickly. I believe God can take what was meant for evil and use it for His good and glory.

That doesn't mean I haven't struggled.

I've questioned why I have to be on a feeding tube, why we're facing financial difficulties, and why we have to go through surgery and so many other challenges.

I've experienced anger, frustration, worry, and doubt. But even in those moments, God still prevails, and His love continues to prevail in my life.

He is slow to anger and so full of grace toward us, even when we're struggling.

Without God and His love, none of this would matter. I believe we all walk through trials and hardships in life, but God's love can be seen in so many ways, even in the middle of those difficulties.

My prayer today is that whatever you may be walking through, God's love will prevail in your life and that you will know He is close to you.

Thank you.

*Our Savior's, Gilmanton &*

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