***Celebrating the Richness of God’s Grace***

***Proclaiming the Kingdom: beginning in Chisago County***

*+ Please stand if you are able*

*To enhance our worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer Bell Choir

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Mission Moment Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child

Call to Worship

Worship with Song (please stand or sit as you wish)

Children’s Message

+Hymn #92  *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Bible Reading Mark 12:28-34

Message Pastor Dale

+Hymn #408  *The Gift of Love*

Offering *Agnus Dei* Choir

+Offering Response #79 vs 1 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

+Hymn #549  *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

+Benediction

+Dismissal

 Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, November 19**

 4 – 6p Community Meal – Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

 6:00p Bell Choir

**Tuesday, November 20 Newsletter Deadline**

 NO Women’s Bible Study

 6:00p Finance – office

 7:00p Trustees – lounge

 8:00p Church Conference – lounge

 8:30p Church Council - lounge

**Wednesday, November 21**

 7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

**Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving**

Office Closed

**Friday, November 23**

Pastor’s Day Off

Office Closed

**Saturday, November 24**

**Next Sunday, November 25**

 9:00a Worship

10:15a Fellowship

Last week’s offering: $5,468 Budgeted Weekly: $3,561

Monthly giving (Nov.): $9,003 Budgeted Monthly: $15,429

Attendance last Sunday: 103

**Children at First**

* ‘Worship Bags’ are in the foyer for children to borrow
* A Nursery for babies and toddlers is available every Sunday

**Please Pray For:** Cole Anderson; Sandy Danielson; Brad Elshaug;

Brian Elshaug; Trevor Oehme

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Fellowship:** Join us for coffee & treats in the fellowship hall following the service.

**Our Mission Focus this month: Operation Christmas Child!**

**Volunteer at OCC Processing Center**: Millions of shoeboxes are collected during National Collection Week, the third week in November every year. Before these special gifts can bring hope and joy to children around the world, each one has to be carefully inspected and made ready for overseas shipment by volunteers like you. You can help prepare shoeboxes for delivery by volunteering at the processing center. About 80,000 volunteers serve annually at the processing centers. We have 2 dates of opportunities for volunteer groups. Volunteers must be age 13 and older. **Saturday, December 15,** 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm-20 openings. Register Deadline is November 18th. Contact Kari Caldwell at jkcaldwell5@gmail.com or call Church Office and leave your name, email address and date you want to register for.

**“To-do” List:** The Trustees have posted a “To-do” list on the bulletin board in the foyer of projects that need to be done around the building. Choose a project and cross off when completed. Please contact Lloyd Jones, 651-213-3110 if you need any materials to complete a project.

**Women’s Bible Study:** Beginning Nov. 27 – a new four-week women’s study to focus our hearts & minds on the true meaning of Christmas. Please join us! Tuesdays, 9:15a. Questions? Contact Cindy Kopp, 651-257-8526.

**Snow Shoveling:** The Trustees are making a call list of people to help with shoveling off the sidewalks on Saturdays and Sundays this winter.

If you would be able to help, contact Lloyd at 651-675-7261.

**Church Conference:** Our annual Church Conference will be held Tuesday, November 20, 8:00 p.m. in the lounge. The purpose of the Conference will be the setting of pastoral compensation, election of officers, caring for membership issues, and the affirming of our Lay Speaker, Paul Prokosch.

**Coping with Holiday Grief: Hope and Healing** – This is an opportunity for all who struggle this time of year with grief as they continue to mourn the loss of dear loved ones. It will be offered on Tuesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Parmly on the Lake Chapel. Chaplain Ron Gerl will be leading it. Please consider attending and invite a friend you think might be interested.

**Church Decorating for Christmas:** Come Thursday, Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. to help us decorate the church for Christmas!

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***November 18, 2018***

 ***9:00 a.m.***