

# SHALOM



Sunday, November 3



## **DEACON FOR NOVEMBER**

Randi Vaile (450-0123)

### **Greeters**

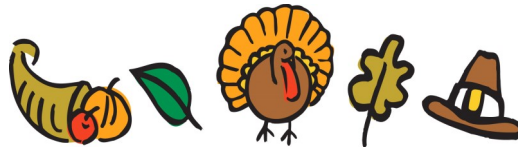
#### **November:**

- 3
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- 17 Janis Williams & Teresa Hauge
- 24 Jean Walters & Norma Scheidecker

#### **December:**

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- 8 Martha Brown & Marty Clague
- 15 Gordon & Leah Gallagher
- 22 Erinn Ackley & Dan & Eliza Seifert
- 29 Miles & Betsy LaRowe

(If you cannot greet when scheduled, please, trade or find a replacement.)



SO MANY BLESSINGS

# HARVEST DINNER & BAZAAR



*November 3  
11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Red Lodge Community Church*



**Veteran's Day  
Monday, November 11**



Sierra Metcalf	11/2
Rick Nesson	11/2
Tom Croston	11/8
Tate Nordstrom	11/8
Fran Graham	11/11
Jodie Christensen	11/12
Lael Gabrian	11/12
Jim Noe	11/13
Sally Hilderman	11/14
LuAnne Brown	11/14
Lauri Judd	11/15
Judy Christensen	11/18
Hanna Kohley	11/18
Marge Nearpass	11/19
Tim Nordstrom	11/19
Marcia Henigman	11/20
Katie Nordstrom	11/20
Steve Beard	11/21
Russ Born	11/24
Laurie Williams	11/27
Brooke Roseland	11/28
Kitt Quinn	11/28
Donna Ritter	11/28
Betsy Scanlin	11/29



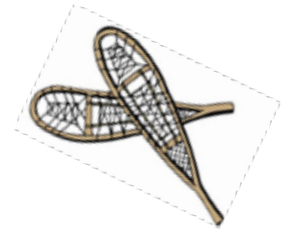
Erik & Lorna Olson	11/14
Brian & Sharon Roat	11/26
Charles & Joyce Lindberg	11/29

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**





## Notes From The Sky Pilot's Page



November 2019

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2 (NRSV)

What does it mean, to keep alert in prayer? To be watchful, attuned, aware and vigilant? And praying with thanksgiving, with gratitude and generosity begs the question, how do we do both, to be vigilant and grateful?

Perhaps we are being told to have vigilance to the movement of the Spirit within the prayer. While you are praying, what are you sensing? Hearing? Feeling? Are you being guided to share your story of gratitude with your neighbor? Are you being urged to a next step of generosity out of that gratitude? Keeping “alert in it” encourages us to be mindful of the relationship with God in which we pray. It might sound something like this,

“Lord, heal our nation!” response: go vote.

“Lord, heal my neighbor!” response: take them dinner

“Lord, make it stop snowing!” response: shovel your neighbor’s walk

“Lord, heal my relationship!” response: pick up the phone

Keeping alert in our prayers means listening. Listening to the still small voice of the Spirit, listening to others in our conversations and listening to our heart. Keeping alert in our prayers with thanksgiving means taking ourselves out of the equation and focusing on the other. When our focus is on the other, we are spurred to action. An action that will be filled with grateful vigilance.

Paul writes this letter from prison, not in a prayer of being freed from his chains but rather in a prayer to be given the opportunity to share the mystery of Christ with others. Colossians 4:3, “At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison...”

Understanding praying in a state of vigilance takes more than a passing glance at our prayers. It takes heart-work; focus and diligence. When you gather together to give thanks and partake in your Thanksgiving meal this year, make those prayers diligent; make them work.

Peace to you and yours this Thanksgiving!

Pastor Pam





Community  
Thanksgiving Service  
and  
Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, November 24  
5:00 pm  
Red Lodge Community Church  
Featuring a  
Community Choir  
with  
Special Guest Musicians

Special Offering to benefit the  
Red Lodge Ministerial Association's  
Neighborhood Fund

## Deacon and Church Council

### First Annual Training and Dinner

Thursday November 7

Deacons: 2:30 pm – after dinner

Church Council: 4:30 pm – until finished

The deacons will begin their training at 2:30 p.m. and wrap up by joining the Church Council for dinner. (The deacons will bring salad and dessert.)

After dinner the deacons will stay to clean up. The Church Council will arrive at 4:30 to set up for dinner, joining the deacons for the meal and a time of fellowship. The Church Council will hold a short business meeting at 6:15 pm and follow that with their training. (The council will bring hot casseroles.)

Topics that the training for both Deacons and Church Council will cover:

Boundaries and Ethics (30 mins)

By-Laws and Standing Rules (45 mins)

Visioning the Future for our Congregation and Community (90 mins)

If you are discerning serving our church as either a deacon or on church council,  
this is the perfect day for you!



“No one has ever become poor from giving.”

—Anne Frank

“God gave us five senses; it is sheer ingratitude to worship him with any less.”

—Martin Luther

“Greed says the more you get, the more you have. Christ says the more you give away in love, the more you are.”

—Frederick Buechner

“Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.”

—W.J. Cameron

## Church Council Minutes October 24, 2019

In attendance: Facilities Management, Jay substituting For Skip Bratton. Stewardship and Missions, Linda Hanson, Deacons, Randi Vaile, Treasurer, Lori Judd, Pastoral Relations, Steve Hansen, Vice Moderator, Donna Ritter, Executive Committee, Pastor Pam, Lori Judd, Audrey Clark, Debbie Awes, and Debbie Tomicich.

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Awes. Pastor Pam led us in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections. The budget proposal was also presented. It is on file in the office.

Financial Secretary's Report: Neighbors in Need collection was \$825.00. Roots of Justice, Seeds of Change offering was \$462.00. One thousand dollars was received from The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Cycle Yellowstone Coalition. (We served breakfast for the cyclists when they were in Red Lodge this summer.) We currently have 50 pledging units, totaling \$122, 686.00 in commitments for 2020.

Treasurer's Report: Lori informed us that the church has acquired new Quick books Software.

Pastor Pam's Report: She was very happy with the proceedings of her official installation. The ceremony was recorded by Jay. Pam will send the recording for viewing or downloading by Vimeo. She also reported that there is a plan to repeat the "Seeds of Injustice, Roots of Change" workshop again in the spring. She has worked with council regarding updates of the bylaws. Community engagement is proceeding in a very positive fashion. Pastor Pam has quite a few commitments working with the greater church at large. These include: The Mimanagish Reinvestment Team, National Finance Office Retreat, monthly clergy gathering in Billings, and mentoring Lisa Harmon, co-pastor at First Congregational Church in Billings. She is also studying for her Doctorate of Ministry online, and will be traveling to Pittsburgh November 17<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> for that. She is certified in clergy coaching as well.

Community wise, a weekly play group has been established here at RLCC. Sunday school is in flux, due to very few children being present in church, and leadership issues. The Community Thanksgiving service will be held here on 11/24/19, which will raise discretionary funds for pastoral emergencies such as gas, lodging, electric bills, etc. Pam also conducted a memorial service for a Beartooth Industries client.

Council Report, Debbie Awes: She reports that the finance committee met a few days ago, and prepared the proposed budget to be presented at the annual meeting. The expected budget shortfall has historically been made up by end of year giving, open collections, and funds from endowments. Pam proposed reviewing the budget at the end of it's cycle, to determine how funds were actually allocated. Steve H. motioned that we do so, Jay seconded, and all were in favor.

OnA: This ministry has been meeting regularly and has determined that the large majority of our church feels that we are already an open and affirming church. Debbie A. read the statement they have prepared. (can the statement be included here?) Further input will be solicited via the Shalom and an anonymous suggestion box in the foyer. Jay motioned, and Linda H. seconded that we adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee and to present for a vote at the annual meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the proposal that we officially become an OnA congregation. All were in favor.

Office Administration: It has become apparent that it is impossible for Lynette to accomplish all necessary administrative duties in a 20 hour work week. We are particularly in need of additional tech support to include data base development, slide presentations, and web page development. This would result in additional open office hours in order to better serve our congregation and the community. Bob Moran Endowment funds can be used to fund such a position. Audrey moved, and Steve H. seconded that such a position be created, with the Executive committee in charge of advertising, interviewing, and hiring a qualified person for anticipated needs of 20 hours per week. All were in favor.

Committee Overlap: It has become evident that there is significant overlap of the duties of the finance, memorial, financial secretary and executive committees. This creates confusion about expected duties and wastes time. The council recommends that the finance and memorial committees be absorbed into the Executive Committee, resulting in centralized financial administration and oversight. This would necessitate advance notice of a proposed change in the bylaws, to be voted on at the January 2020 Annual Meeting. Steve H. motioned and, Jay seconded that the finance and memorial committees be abolished and their duties absorbed into the executive committee. This would then be voted on at the January 2020 Congregational meeting. All were in favor.

Stewardship and Missions report: They would like access to the names of persons who pledge to the church, in order that hand written thank you notes be sent. All were in favor of this proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Audrey Clark, Secretary.



# November 2019

## November

- 2 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
- 3 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am—5:00 pm **HARVEST DINNER & BAZAAR**
- 4 Monday 9:30 am Great Books  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 7 Thursday 2:30 pm Deacons & Council  
4:30 pm Church Council  
5:30 pm Facilities Management
- 9 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
- 10 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
- 11 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 12 Tuesday 1:00 pm Quilters
- 13 Wed. 1:00 pm Stewardship & Mission
- 16 Sat. 9:00 am Choir
- 17 Sunday 10:00 am Worship
- 18 Monday 9:30 am Great Books  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 24 Sunday 10:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm **Community Thanksgiving  
Worship & Potluck**
- 25 Monday 9:30 am Great Books
- 26 Tuesday 4:30 pm Deacons
- 28 Thursday **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- 30 Saturday 9:00 am Choir

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*We are especially Thankful for you!*



November 2019



Our Mission: "The Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people to gather for worship, fellowship and to study God's Word. We seek to be servants of our Lord in the care of all people."

#### HOW TO REACH RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.**  
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.