

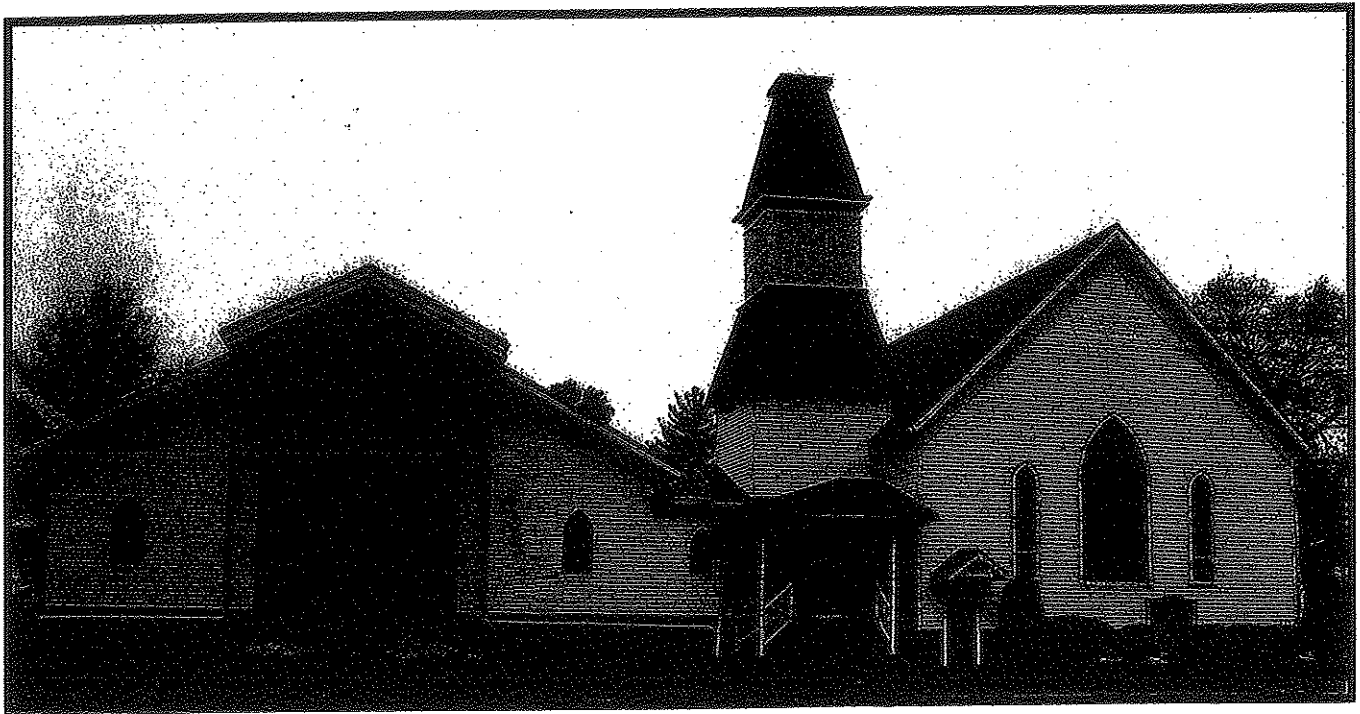
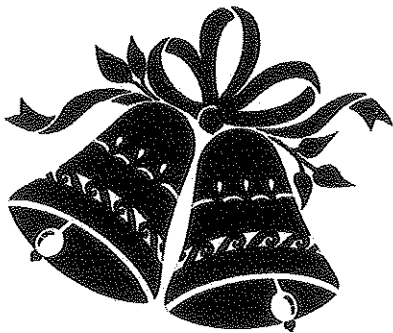
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November Church News



SOME THANKSGIVING FACTS

from The National Archives, Washinton DC

During the Autumn of 1621, at least 90 Wampanoag joined 52 English people at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, to mark a successful harvest. It is remembered today as the "First Thanksgiving," though no one back then referred to it in that way.

There is an engraving in the archives that gives the assumption that the Pilgrims landed on uninhabited land, when, in fact, it was Wampanoag territory. The Pilgrims were not the first Europeans the Wampanoag had had contact with. Some of the Wampanoag people already knew English, though some tribal leaders were wary of the English. They did, however, form an alliance with the Pilgrims and taught them about hunting and planting that saved the Pilgrims from starvation, which made the harvest festival of 1621 possible.

What seemed to be peace between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag was short-lived. War broke out within a generation, and the Wampanoag lost their independence and much of their territory. That is one of the reasons why Thanksgiving for some Native Americans is not a reason for celebration but a painful reminder of the hard impact the European colonization had on Indigenous People. The following poem is one person's reflection on his personal feelings about how the Native Americans are perceived and treated in the United States of America. This man made a career in the Indian Health Service among other national task forces.

"Who Has Given More than the Indian?"

attributed to Allen Cayous, circa 1975

You have taken our land

You have changed our lives

Destroying what was once our livelihood

You have taken our children

And forced them to live as you live

You have taken our young people

To fight in wars where some have died far from home

All this and more have happened to us

Yet when we receive help from

The Indian Health Service

The Bureau of Indian Affairs or anyone

I see in your eyes

And hear in your voice

The belief that you are giving us

Something for nothing

You government people should think about this

And then answer me one question,

"Who has given more than the Indian?"

During the Civil War, on October 3, 1863, President

Lincoln made a proclamation that Thanksgiving was to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November every year and for decades to follow.

We have much for which to be thankful. At our house, we engage those who sit at our table to talk about things they are thankful for. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving as you celebrate with family and friends.

---Musings from the desk of Pastor Joel

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: Will Meet on November 6, & 13 at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CHOIR: Will meet on Thursday, November 7 at 6:3- p.m.

BEARS PACKER PAPER CHALLENGE: The first round of the Packer-Bear challenge will be completed on November 17, 2024. Feel free to deposit your paper goods to vote for your favorite team in this annual conflict. This year, the Food Pantries are asking to concentrate on paper towels as that is the most needed item. Remember, every donation allows for the purchase of more food for hungry families. Collection containers will be available in the church on and after October 27, 2024.

WOMENS'S FELLOWSHIP: Will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 9 a.m.

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on November 20, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Rose Room

DIACONTE: TBA.

WOMENS'S FELLOWSHIP: Will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 9 a.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: Will be here at Seward Congergational Church on Wednesday November 27 at 6:30 p.m.

REMINDER: All contributions for the CHIMES newsletter are due to the Office by the 3rd Friday of every month.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Monthly Budget \$6,731.92

September

January -September

General Fund Income \$5,282.15
Expense \$ 9,146.54

\$50,188.75
\$78,141.33

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARY

16-Pastor Joel & Cathy Hicke

14- Mary Asche
Nash Cunningham
18-Ella Rose
22-Jill Viel
30- Robb Klinger

Board of Trustees Meeting
Seward Congregational Church
September 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Peggy Whitney.

Present were Peggy Whitney, Matt Cowman, Char Remer, Effie Hoppe, Nancy Kirby, and Pastor Joel Hicke.

Old Business

After discussion, a motion was made by Matt to accept the \$1800 bid from Gacob to remove the tree from the backyard of the parsonage. Nancy seconded, and the motion passed.

Deck update: Matt needs to talk to Randy about helping to finish the deck.

New Business

After discussion, a motion was made by Effie to switch to Rise internet for the church. Matt seconded and the motion passed.

The Aurand house threshold needs to be fixed which will include a door and frame. This will cost approximately \$500.

The door into the kitchen needs to be repaired. Lapps will look at this on Saturday, September 21 at 8 am.

Dakota Plumbing will come and fix the leak in the kitchen sink faucet.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Peggy to discontinue the ad on the church page of the Gazette going forward. Effie seconded and the motion passed.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Char to allot \$350 for the Trunk or Treat in Pecatonica, and for a report to be brought back to the trustees following the event. Nancy seconded and the motion passed.

Minutes were read by Pastor Joel; a motion was made by Effie to accept the minutes as read; Matt seconded and the motion passed.

Effie gave her finance reports and the update on investments from Maury were discussed. Char made a motion to accept the reports; Matt seconded; and the motion passed.

Pastor's report was given and discussed.

Effie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt seconded; and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Hicke

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Bible Study 7 p.m.	7 Women's Choir 6:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12	13 Bible Study 7 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Bear/Packers Paper Challenge	18 Seward Historical Society 6:30 p.m.	19 Women's fellowship 9 a.m. bring 2 dozen cookies	20 Trustee's 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23
24 Communion	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30

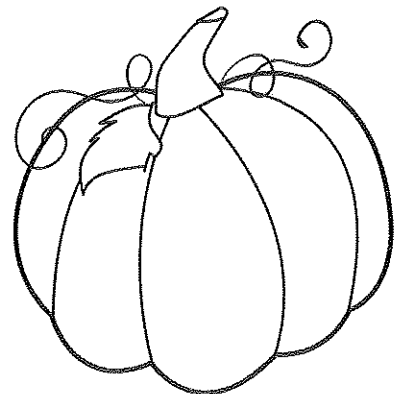
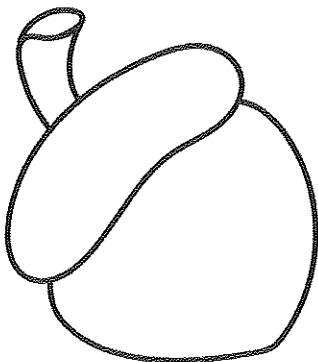


**THANK YOU
GOD**



I will give thanks to you
Lord with all my heart!

Psalm 9:1



TEN COMMANDMENTS

I
You shall have no other gods before me.

II
You shall not make for yourself any
graven image.

III
You shall not take the name of the Lord
your God in vain.

IV
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it
holy.

V
Honor your father and your mother.

VI
You shall not kill.

VII
You shall not commit adultery.

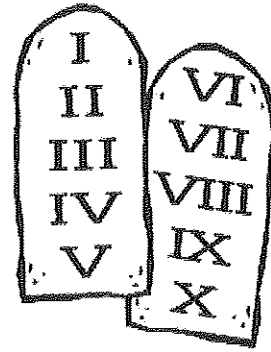
VIII
You shall not steal.

IX
You shall not bear false witness.

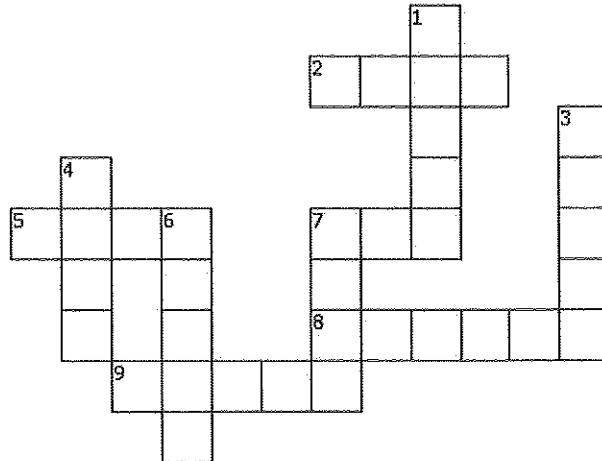
X
You shall not covet.

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. You shall not make for yourself an _____. (a false god)
5. You shall have no other _____ before me.
7. You shall _____ commit adultery.
8. You shall not _____. (kill)
9. You shall not give _____ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

DOWN

1. You shall not _____. (to want something that belongs to another)
3. _____ your father and your mother.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it _____.
6. You shall not _____. (to take what does not belong to you)
7. You shall not misuse the _____ of the LORD your God.

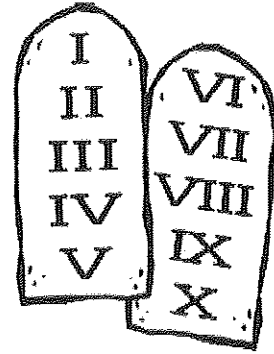
FALSE	IDOL	STEAL	HONOR	MURDER
NAME	COVET	HOLY	NOT	GODS

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The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words... Exodus 20:1

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



X	G	V	A	C	U	J	N	O	D	Y	W	Z	S	M	L	P	E	I	T	B	R	H	F	K	Q
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 19-10-9-16 _____
2. 8-4-15-18 _____
3. 14-4-21-21-4-20-23 _____
4. 23-9-8-9-22 _____
5. 24-4-20-23-18-22 _____
6. 15-9-20-23-18-22 _____
7. 15-6-22-10-18-22 _____
8. 4-10-6-16-20-18-22-11 _____
9. 14-20-18-4-16 _____
10. 5-9-3-18-20 _____

NAME	ADULTERY	COVET	FATHER	MOTHER
IDOL	SABBATH	MURDER	STEAL	HONOR

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Ten Commandments

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E	D	H	S	S	H	O	N	O	R	L	S	O	O
S	Y	T	T	T	O	L	H	O	L	Y	P	T	E
V	D	L	E	E	R	D	S	L	O	D	I	H	V
H	T	C	A	N	S	I	T	E	I	L	T	E	A
B	S	O	L	N	I	F	A	T	H	E	R	R	I
I	H	O	E	D	N	A	M	E	O	P	A	L	N
S	N	O	I	S	I	C	E	D	A	E	E	H	N
P	D	V	C	O	V	E	T	R	N	N	S	E	E
U	O	M	N	B	L	M	G	A	N	D	H	A	O
R	G	F	T	E	E	N	O	I	O	M	V	L	E
E	U	H	S	C	S	D	H	I	L	O	R	D	S

- GOD
- IDOLS
- FATHER
- ONE
- LIE
- GOOD
- COVET
- LORDS
- NAME
- VAIN
- DECISIONS
- MOTHER
- COMMANDMENTS
- TEN
- STEAL
- HONOR
- SABBATH
- HOLY
- PURE

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