

The Generosity Challenge October 29-November 19, 2023

We will have stewardship sermon series on October 29 thru November 19, 2023. The sermon series will be titled "The Generosity Challenge". "The journey home-the journey to discovering your best self-begins with this fundamental truth: we are created in the image of a loving and generous God."

There are two distinct truths on which we can all agree: We were born to be generous. We hunger for happiness.

Why, then, do we always want more, but not give more? We often find ourselves further and further down a road that has led us away from the happiness we seek. Perhaps there is another way, but we need help finding the path.

In this sermon series, you will be introduced to a "GPS" system to do exactly that. Divided into four weekly themes, the devotions promise to lead you back to the loving, generous, and truly happy self you were born to be. With Generosity, Gratitude, Prayer, and being Sealed by Faith, you'll find your way home.

Sermon Titles and Scriptures:

Nov. 5	Grounded in Gratitude	1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 & Philippians 4:4-6
Nov. 12	Revealed Through Prayer	Genesis 12:2-4 & Luke 11:5-13
Nov. 19	Sealed by Faith	Luke 12: 13-19 & 2 Corinthians 8:3-5
Nov. 26	A Light Has Dawned	Isaiah 9:2-7
Dec. 3	The Mothers of Jesus	Matthew 1:1,3,5,6,16,17

Ellsworth Methodist Church
402 N. Douglas Ave.
Ellsworth, Ks 67439
Temp-Return Service Requested

Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission

Finally posting pictures of our Kids with a Mission Trunk or Treat that we did for the Kids of the Kingdom kids. It was a cool and rainy day, so it worked out perfectly to move it inside for the same fun!! The 4th graders did a good job of planning and creating the event!! Stories and treats were shared!



Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the gifts and cards of encouragement. Betty and I feel it is such a blessing to serve this church and community with them. God Bless

A few Words of Praise

PTL for all the children we had in church on Moment 4 Missions Sunday. Thank you for helping us out, KIDDOS!!!

25 Baptisms at Brothers In Blue

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors who are current members or whose parents are current members of the Ellsworth Methodist Church. If you would like more information or an application, please contact Roberta Waymaster.



**JOIN OUR CHOIR
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!**

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 8th at 7:00 PM— PRACTICE
November 15th at 7:00 PM— PRACTICE
November 19th—CHOIR SINGS DURING
WORSHIP SERVICE



Dinner is Served

Ellsworth Methodist Church's Annual Soup Supper

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Serving begins at 4:30 PM

Ellsworth Methodist Church—3rd & Douglas
(In the church Fellowship Hall)



Chicken Noodle Soup

Chili

Vegetable Beef

Homemade Pies

Free will donations accepted

Consecration & Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 19th

Everyone is invited to enjoy a Consecration dinner on
Sunday, November 19th after worship.

Please bring a side dish or dessert

Menu:

Turkey and Ham

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Stuffing

Rolls

Coffee, Tea, and Water

Pot Luck of side dishes, salads, and desserts.

Table Service will be provided



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING BUFFET DINNER

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Ellsworth Senior Center

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM



RSVP by Monday, November 20th, 4 PM

Simply call the Presbyterian Church Office, 785-472-5557. If you are **dining in** at the Senior Center, you are invited to bring your favorite holiday dish to share if you would like, a side or a salad. If you prefer to place a **“carry out”** order, please provide your name, address and phone number. Home **delivery** is available in Kanopolis and Ellsworth. Please provide your name, address, and phone number.

If you would like to make a donation or help please call the office at 785-472-5557!

thankful thankful thankful thankful

The following is taken from “God’s Purpose for Your Life.” A Charles F. Stanley Devotional

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

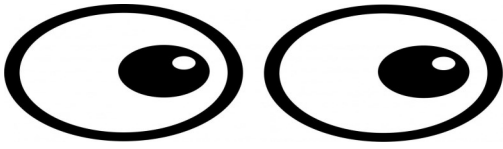
God’s will is for you to be grateful regardless of what happens to you. So what truth can you focus on to help you give thanks when everything seems to be against you?

First, remember that God is always in absolute control, no matter how challenging things seem. This is the key to being able to endure emotionally and mentally during difficulties. Regardless of what pain you’re experiencing, who has turned against you, or how you’ve failed—the Father is still in control and can lead you to overcome.

Second, count on the fact that “God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God” (Romans 8:28). If He’s permitted some issue or challenge to touch your life, it is for a beneficial purpose. Of course, there may be some hardships you face that you will never comprehend this side of heaven. However, you can be completely certain that He still loves you and has your best in mind— and that is always cause for praise.

So today, thank Him that you’re never helpless or alone. Your God can always handle whatever problems you face and will give you the strength, wisdom, and hope you need to endure.

Jesus, I praise You for being in control and turning everything for my good. Thank You, Lord Amen



AHEAD

Food Bank is December's Moment 4 Missions project.

We would like to encourage you to use the "Reverse Advent Calendar" list of foods to supply Ellsworth's Food Bank.

Your food items can be left at the church or church office.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2nd—4th—GMC NW Kansas District Heartland Provisional Annual Conference
November 4th—Ordination Service Pastor Dennis will be ordained
November 5th—Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 7th—EMW Annual Soup Supper
November 8th—Choir Practice at 7:00 pm
November 15th—Choir Practice at 7:00 pm
November 19th—Consecration Sunday & Potluck
November 23rd—Thanksgiving Day/Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Dinner

NW Kansas District Heartland Provisional Annual Conference
November 2nd –4th, 2023
Pathway Church Westlink Campus
2001 N Maize Rd
Wichita, Ks. 67212

Thursday, November 2nd

4:00 pm—6:00 pm—Registration
6:30 pm—8:00 pm—Opening Worship

Saturday, November 4th

9:30 am –11:30 am—Ordination Service
11:30 am—12:30 pm—Reception

Friday, November 3rd

8:30 am—10:30 am – Opening Worship & Business Session
11:00 am—12:5—Workshop 1
2:15 pm—3:30 pm—Workshop 2
6:45 pm—8:30 pm—Closing Worship
Guest Speakers: Bishop Scott Jones and Carolyn Moore



GET TO KNOW OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The new year has begun for our church college students. How exciting for them! Many of their dreams are just beginning. Jaycee Cunningham, and Macy Gustin both plan to graduate in December, according to their mothers. Gavin Webber is back at Hays in his second year of studies, and he is joined in Hays with Remington Cravens who is hard at work finishing his degree. Haley Chamberlain is also planning to graduate at December from Emporia State and her sister Jennifer is beginning her college career at Barton this fall. Megan Murphy is Linda Davis's granddaughter and she is our loan K stater. We have watched her grow as she visited her grandparents. You may remember she was part of an art exhibit at the art gallery this past fall, showing us some of her artistic abilities. We have some very talented young people, that deserve our prayers. let's be faithful lifting them up in prayer to our God, who knows the path that they are on and the needs they have.

Thank you for your generous moments for Mission offering in August. Contact Stacey, Pat or the church office for further information about your students.

Ellsworth Methodist Church

November 2023

November Calendar:



Recent Prayer Requests:

Alan Falk, Arleta Carlton (Lesa & Jerry Houston's Mom)
David Bontrager, Hadley West, Heather West Father,
Eddie, Pastor Dennis & Betty Carter, Linda & Scott Davis,
Judy & Gerry Gebhardt, Lois Hendricks, Patty & Steph King

Continued Prayers for:

Sylvia McNeal, Nancy Stonebraker
Ron Hall, People in Hawaii, Papa Dwight Thacker (Friend of Ridinger Family),
Alice Robson, Anita Hoffhines, Nola Newcomer,
Jim Schulz, Dan Kruse (Lacy Miners' father),
Dorothy (Pastor Dennis & Bettys' granddaughter)

Continued prayers will be listed for 3 months. please contact the church office to continue on the list.

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

9:30 am—Sunday School (Adult, HS, Preschool—4th)
10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary

11:00 am—Children's Church in basement
8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

Tuesdays:

8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

Wednesday:

12:00 pm—Pastor's Bible Study at ECF
3:05 pm—Kids of the Kingdom
3:45 pm—Kids with a Mission (Meet Nov. 8th & 29th)
3:45 pm—Pastor meets with Remi

6:15 pm—Jr/Sr High Youth Group

Thursdays:

8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

Thursday, November 2nd—4th

Heartland Annual Conference (More info on pg

Sunday, November 5th—Holy Communion

12:00 pm—Information Meeting & Mosaic Walk thru

Tuesday, November 7th

4:30 pm—EMW Annual Soup Supper

6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting moved to Nov. 14th

Wednesday, November 8th

8:30 am—Ministerial Alliance Meeting

7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday, November 9th

2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Sunday, November 12th

10:45 am—Moments 4 Missions (Christmas Store)

Monday, November 13th

6:30 pm—Finance/Stewardship Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

10:00 am—Aktin Club meets in parlor

6:30 pm—Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 15th

7:09 pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, November 19th—Consecration Sunday/Potluck

8:00 am—Methodist Men Breakfast before SS

6:00 pm—4-H Ash Creek Meeting

Monday, November 20th

2:00 pm—Prairie West Devotional

Tuesday, November 21st

6:30 pm—Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, November 23rd

Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Dinner

6:30 pm—Education Team Meeting

Sunday, November 26th

12:00 pm—**NO** Potluck after Worship Service

2:00 pm—Good Sam's Service

Monday, November 27th

6:30 pm—SPPR Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th

10:00 am—Aktion Club meets in parlor

Nov. 80+ &

Shut-In Birthdays

4th—Sylvia McNeal
310 E. 11th, Ellsworth

26th—C. Byrne Wood
1309 Aylward, Ellsworth

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Bulletin Mission Outreach

Good Sam Shut-Ins

Georgina Bates is currently delivering bulletins to a few in the community.

(* Deliver Our Daily Bread)
(Bulletin Delivery contact: Office 785-472-3870)

Altar Flowers

The Honor & Glory
Fellowship is in charge of
Altar Flowers.

Ushers

(Usher contact:
church office 472-3870)
Josh Webb
Amanda Webb
Allen Nicholas

Young Disciples

5—Pastor Dennis
12— Rosemary Whitley
19—Pastor Dennis
26—West Family

(Young Disciples contact:
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

Children's Church

5—Alice Robson
12— Kourtney Maisog
19—Mary Walker
26—Pat Allen

(Children's Church contact:
Church office 472-3870)

Task Force Co-Chairs

Dora Maze (785-472-3640)
Deb Furgason (785-472-8956)

Task Force List

Janet Carswell, Linda Janssen, Rosa Landon,
Stacy Gustin, Rosemary Whitley, Georgina Bates,
Alice Robson, Penny Swift-Kelly

Liturgist

5—E D Law
12—Betty Carter
19—Daran Frevert
26—Kenzie Stoecklein

(Liturgist contact:
church office 472-3870)

***“Give thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus
for you.”***

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Communion

Rosemary Whitley
Carole Larsen
Kourtney Maisog

Guardian Angel

5—Nancy Stonebraker
12— Amanda Webb
19—Deb Furgason
26—Amanda Webb

(Guardian Angel contact:
Deb Furgason 472-8956)

Nursery

Shylo Travnichek
5—???
12—Sharon Marsh
19—West Family
26—Nancy Stonebraker

(Nursery contact:
Heather West 785-531-0843)

Moments for Missions

**Christmas
Store**



Ways to view Worship Service:

Eagle cable channel 2 at 10:45 am and 12:45 pm on Sunday.

YouTube where you can watch the recorded service (after 1:00 pm):

<https://bit.ly/3Fz7ouR>

LIVE on our church Facebook Page at 10:45 am

<https://www.facebook.com/ellsworthmethodist>

Pastor:

Rev. Dennis Carter

Phone: 620-272-7262

E-mail: pastor.ewmc@gmail.com

Sunday Worship Times:

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship at 10:45am

TV Ministry—Eagle Cable channel 2
at

10:45am and 12:45pm

TV Ministry email:

Video.umcew@gmail.com

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Ellsworth, KS 67439

785-472-3870

Email: ewmc@gmail.com

Website: www.ellsworthmethodist.org

Facebook: [ellsworthmethodist](https://www.facebook.com/ellsworthmethodist)

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

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