

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

OCTOBER 15, 2023

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



Parable of the Wedding Feast Andrey Mirinov, 2014

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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*  
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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

*Please stand as
you are able.*

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

*We welcome both Pastor Mark Ditmanson &
the Flagstone Dixieland Band to our worship service this morning.*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn



Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW # 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN. W. Walker. *Southern Harmony*. 1835

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

Children's Dismissal Song



✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community.
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*



This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

*After a hymn of praise
acknowledging God as
a shelter for the poor,
the prophet portrays a
wonderful victory
banquet at which
death—which in ancient
Canaan was depicted as
a monster swallowing
up everyone—will be
swallowed up forever.
The prophet urges
celebration of this
victory of salvation.*

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

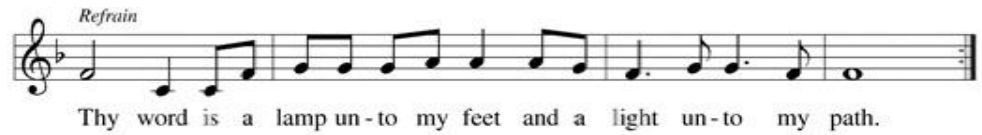
Gospel Verse
*Please stand
as you are able.*

Gospel
Matthew 22:1-14
Jesus tells a parable
indicating that the
blessings of God's
kingdom are available
to all, but the invitation
is not to be taken
lightly.



Sermon
Please be seated.

Thy Word
W&P #144



Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960
Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as
you are able.*



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW # 742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Prayers of the Church

P: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land,.... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

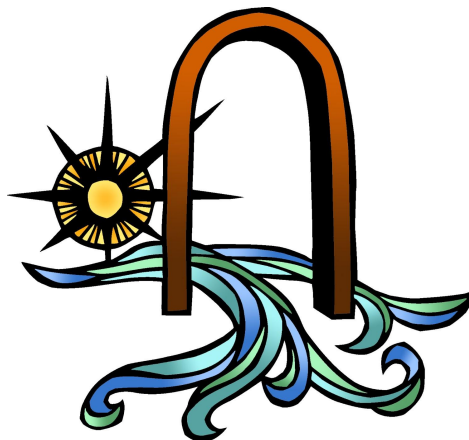
C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

⌘ Offering ⌘

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week.

*We thank you for your support and partnership
in the proclamation of the good news.*



Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry arranged by Robert H. McIver

Shall we gather at the river?
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever,
Flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God

Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river,
That flows by the throne of God.

Offertory
Please stand as
you are able.



Give Thanks W&P #41

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

A: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

You Are Holy
ELW #525



✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Words of Institution



Lord's Prayer

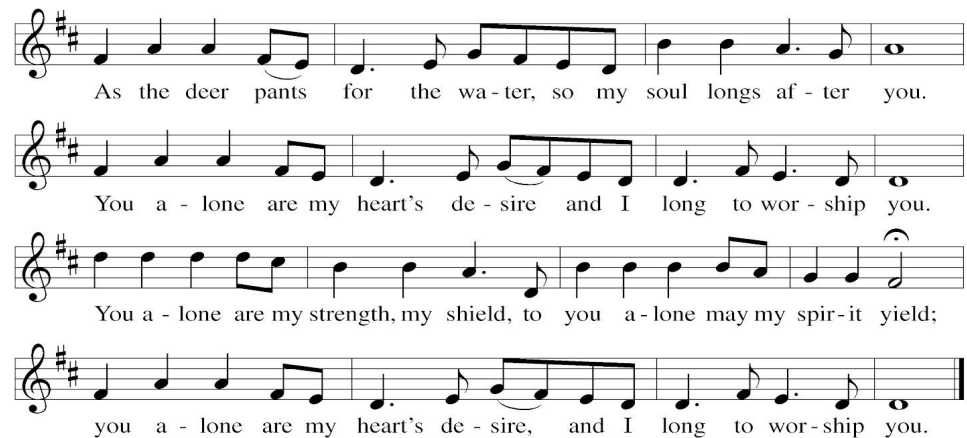
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to
Communion
Please be seated

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table has been prepared. All are welcome.



As The Deer
W&P #9



Distribution Music

Just a Little While to Stay Here

E. M. Bartlett (1942-1885)

Communion
Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Post-Communion
Blessing
*Please stand as
you are able.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Post-Communion
Prayer

A: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

*The hymn will be
introduced by a
trombone solo;
the Congregation will
sing vs 1 and 4 only*



✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

How Great Thou Art

ELW # 856



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989
Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

Announcements



Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Oh, When the Saints

Traditional

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & praise.



SCAN TO GIVE



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WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.*

*We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	Guest Pastor.....	<i>Rev. Mark Ditmanson</i>
	Organist.....	<i>Dr. Kristina Rizzotto</i>
	Guest Musicians.....	<i>Flagstone Dixieland Band</i>
		<i>Randy Grist, Cornet; Fred Richardson, Clarinet; Art Katzman, Trombone;</i>
		<i>Steve Pikal, String Bass; Jay Epstein, Drums; Dick Petersen, Banjo.</i>
	Tenor Soloist.....	<i>Sean Lundquist</i>
	Worship Assistant.....	<i>Kathy Hering</i>
	Communion Assistant.....	<i>Steve Hoyt</i>
	Altar Servers.....	<i>David & Mary Goplen</i>
	Reader.....	<i>Pierre LaMere</i>
	Usher.....	<i>Denise Wilkens</i>
	Coffee Hosts.....	<i>Eric & Naomi Mechels</i>
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	Pastor.....	<i>Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug</i>
	Director of Music.....	<i>Dr. Kristina Rizzotto</i>
	Office Manager & Children's Ministry Director.....	<i>Diane LaMere</i>
	Worship Technical Director.....	<i>Joseph LaMere</i>
	Design & Communication Director.....	<i>Michelle McCreery</i>
	Custodian & Caretakers.....	<i>Sarah & Trevor Skorburg</i>

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCT 15	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... & Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 PM	<i>Isles Ensemble Concert</i>	Sanctuary
MONDAY, OCT 16	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club</i>	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	<i>Hymnus Angelicus</i>	Large Group Room
	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Group</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, OCT 17	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, OCT 18	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, OCT 19	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i>	Fellowship Hall
	5:00 PM	<i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
FRIDAY, OCT 20	4:00 PM	<i>Wedding</i>	Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	<i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, OCT 21	1:30 PM	<i>Wedding</i>	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, OCT 22	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Pat Nortwen; Remi & Debby Pizarro, Kathy Dahl, daughter of Phyllis Dahl; **Marta Brown**, daughter of Liz & Mike Brown; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Matthew Moen; Anna Lena Skold; Trygve Svard; David Zarling**, friend of Kathy & Mark Hering; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan & Mary Poulsen; **Bunny & David Anderson**, sister & brother-in-law of John Bergford; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Kathy Sawyer**, niece of Philip Friedlund, **Joey Juras & Fitz Loula**, friends of the Gruys family; **Dona Duff**, mother of Mark Duff; **Alison Reagon**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn, **Amanda Frahm**, sister-in-law of John & Alyson Frahm; **Nancie Nelson**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **Vonnie Norum**, mother of Lizbeth Brown; **Kathy McCarthy**, friend of Steve and Paula Hoyt.

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Mark Waldeland 10/15 Ella Sarles 10/15
Linda Nelson 10/16 Don Waldeland 10/16
Maddi Rondestvedt 10/16 Brianna LaMere 10/18
Caroline Hurliman 10/18 Tori Reisberg 10/21*

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

Welcome Pastor Mark & Flagstone Dixieland Band Today!

We welcome Pastor Mark & Janet Ditmanson! Pastor Mark served Lake of the Isles from 1991-2001. In addition, we welcome our guest musicians! We are grateful for their presence. Join us downstairs after worship for a celebration coffee hour held for Don Waldeland's 88th birthday and his son Mark's 67th birthday.

Isles Ensemble Concert ~ *Exodus*

Today, 2:00 PM

Sanctuary

Join Isles violist, Kenneth Freed, as he takes us on a personal journey of faith and hope that spans centuries of prayer, memory, and the eternal. Newly uncovered arrangements of music from Auschwitz will serve as the counterpoint to the music of Bruch, Mendelssohn, Bloch, Ravel and Golijov.

Isles musicians: Stephanie Arado, violin;
Natsuki Kumagai, violin; Kenneth Freed, viola;
Tom Rosenberg, cello; Laura Sewell, cello.
Guest musicians: Miryana Moteva, piano;
Gabriel Campos Zamora, clarinet.

Admission is \$25 for individual tickets, or pay what you are able. Children and students are admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased in person at the door, or online at eventbrite.com

No Sunday School

October 22nd

There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, Oct 22 - we will be on break for MEA. Sunday School will resume on Oct 29.

Winter Gear Drive Begins

October 29th

Please consider donating gently used or new winter gear to help those less fortunate stay warm this winter. We need winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats, gloves, scarves and socks for ALL AGES. There will be collection bins at both entrances to the Sanctuary. Our drive will end on November 12. Donations will go to Project for Pride in Living.



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Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM;
Friday 9:00 AM – Noon

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