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**The Grapevine  
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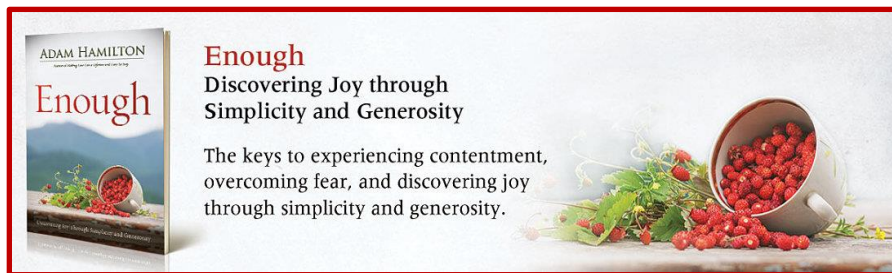
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## November 2018 Grapevine



### Enough

Discovering Joy through  
Simplicity and Generosity

The keys to experiencing contentment,  
overcoming fear, and discovering joy  
through simplicity and generosity.

What will the kingdom of heaven be like? Will there be ice cream? Will there be pets? Will we have everything we have ever desired? I hope so, to all of these things, however we just don't know. Our desires may even change once we reach the other side. One thing I know, being in the eternal presence of God, we will all be content. That isn't a very "dynamic" description, it's not very exciting, but, in all honesty, it sounds pretty good to me.

We pray for Christ's Kingdom to come on earth, as it is in heaven. Were that to happen in our lifetime, I believe we would experience complete contentment. I hope it does happen in our lifetimes, but for it to happen, we must do our part. We must let go of some of the selfish desires that have become so much a part of our lives.

During the next month, our stewardship sermon series will focus on our desires. How do we best bring our desires for ourselves and our families into alignment with Christ's desires for us? That is the million dollar question. Correction, it is the eternal question.

The latest information shows that graduates leave college owing an average of \$37,000. The average US family carries over \$16,000 in credit card debt. We spend over 25% of our income on housing, and the average car loan is over \$30,000, with a monthly payment of over \$500. Is it any wonder why there is so much pressure on us to try to make ends meet?

Join us in worship, and in our weekly book study, as we examine what the scriptures tell us about how we can best work to align our lives with Christ's desires for us. You see, I believe we all want to give more of our selves to support the work of Christ's kingdom. But, we struggle to see how we can possibly make it all work.

As we examine the stories in scripture this coming month, we pray that Christ would guide us to better live out the three gospel imperatives that our church is focusing on this year.

**Grow in love of God and neighbor** (The great Commandment)

Matthew 22:37-40

**Reach new people** (The great Commission) Matthew 28:19-20

**Heal a broken world** (The Great Proclamation) Luke 4:16-21

May the Spirit of Christ guide us, as we seek to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to the Lord. I'll see you in worship, if not before.

May God's Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven, and have a blessed day!

*Pastor Paul*

Pastor Paul D. Baker

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**Pastor Paul will be visiting his folks in Williston ND from Nov. 1 - Nov. 6th. Rev. Marc Nagel (another native North Dakotan) who serves the Congregational Church in Maple Lake will be on call for emergencies. The church number is 320-963-3118. Please feel free to keep Pastor Paul informed of any prayer needs as well.**



We are praying for:

Willard Weller	Rose O'Fallon	Norm Oletzke
Paula Petty	Don McDonald	Cody Grossinger
Adeline Anderson	Helen Allen	Kathy Allen
Kodie Sickmann, LeRoy Roller's friend		

**Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

Giving -Oct. 2018      Attendance -Oct. 2018

October 7, 2018	\$3,191.00	40
October 14, 2018	\$1,415.00	35
	\$108.65 Mission March - Reach, Renew, Rejoice Campaign	
October 21, 2018	\$2,215.72	41

General funds needed each week:    \$2,674.00

October income as of 10/25/18: \$6,930.37

October expenses as of 10/25/18: \$8,916.23

Monthly apportionments = \$1,319.08

Apportionments paid in October = \$538.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$4,731.99



Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> will be our next family night. Join us @ 6:30 p.m. for an evening meal, a short worship time, some fun, and planning for a local mission trip (maybe Feed my Starving Children), and also to look at the possibility of a mission trip this coming summer.



### Succoth Booth

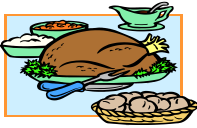
We will be collecting food and cash donations for the Annandale Food Shelf now until mid-November. You can help by donating non-perishable food items or cash and add to our Succoth booth located in our sanctuary.



November Mission March on Sunday, November 11, 2018 will go towards the pledge to the Minnesota Annual Conference Reach/Renew/Rejoice Campaign.



On **Sunday, November 4, 2018** at our **8:30 a.m. Laity Service**, we will also **celebrate All Saints' Day** by remembering all those who have entered their eternal life with Christ this past year.



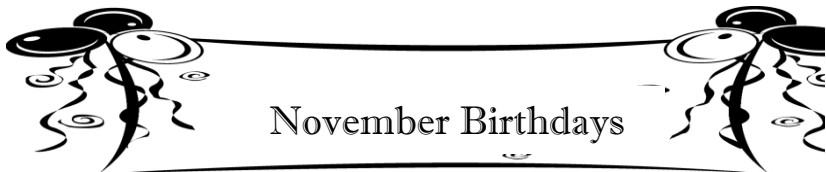
## Thanksgiving Dinner November 22, 2018

Please join us for our community Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings on Thursday, November 22 @ 12:00 noon. This is a free dinner and everyone is welcome! For a ride or meals delivered to your home, please call the church office. Clipboards will be sent around this month requesting volunteers and food and cash donations. Please help out as you are able.



The Annual Holiday Stop 'N Shop will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a variety of crafts, vendors, and baked sale items. Come in and find gifts for those hard to shop for people on your list! All shoppers can enter a Grand Prize drawing! Need not be present to win.

Share Your Talent! Our church will be participating in the Holiday Stop 'n Shop again this year. We would like to have members and families use your talents and make something to sell at the sale as a fundraiser for the church. Whatever your talent is; quilting, woodworking, baking, etc., please share it with the church as we build Annandale United Methodist Church MINISTRIES! Items can be brought to the church on Friday, November 16. Contact Linda Elfstrand @ 320-274-8616 if you have any questions.



## November Birthdays

Jill Bishop  
Heath Gillham  
Janell Dezell  
Ruth Bahe  
Larry Wynia  
Brad Young  
Dennis Mix  
Paula Petty  
Kayla Hartman  
Diane Shoberg  
Mary Strom



### Laity Sunday – Love Inc.

On Sunday, November 4, we will have the opportunity to share our own faith experiences.

If you would like to share a 2-3 minute story of how Jesus has worked in your life, please contact the church office. Also, Johnathan Parker, the director of Love Inc. (Love In The Name of Christ) will share information about service opportunities through that organization. There are plenty of places locally that we can share our faith through service.

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