

# The Voice of Faith

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A newsletter for the family and friends of Faith Lutheran Church & School

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Thanksgiving
Basket Drive is
underway. Please help
us provide a great
Thanksgiving for about
35 needy families in our
area. Our needs list
includes: frozen turkeys,
boxed stuffing, frozen
pies, canned yams,
instant mashed potatoes,
canned green beans,
canned corn, mac &
cheese, cranberry sauce,
peanut butter and jelly.

Please return your food items by Sunday,
November 13th so they can be packed and delivered in time for
Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food can be brought at any time and placed in the box in the Narthex.

Frozen food should not be brought in until November 12th and 13th



so we can keep them frozen until pickup.

If you would prefer to make a donation, please put your check or cash in an envelope marked, "Thanksgiving Baskets" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!

#### Weekly Worship Services

- Saturday Worship Service 5 pm
- Sunday Worship Service
  10 am

#### **Bible Classes**

Sunday: 8:45 amMonday: 10 am

### **Sunday School**

8:45 am (3 years through adult)

## Letter from the Pastor

Dearest All.

Well the season of Advent is almost upon us but let us never forget the importance of the little season between Pentecost and Advent, Reformation and All Saints.

Reformation is important because we are not done reforming the church, especially ours! We are at a critical tipping point in our ministry with young families abounding and already contributing significantly to the future of our beloved Faith Lutheran Church & School! We have revamped many aspects of our school. We successfully reinvigorated the Sunday School program as a result of the school success, and we are seeing the effect of younger leadership already proposing a new vision for the future of Faith! So we have a

chance to be what we always were, OR look to what we have the potential TO be! God has given us all these opportunities to carve a path for the future that serves not only our new families but also helps to better reach the young families we are waiting for God to send!

All Saints is important because it reminds us where we came from and who helped us get there

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## Prayer Page

# Those ill, hospitalized, suffering or recovering

Larry Kappel, Margaret Frame, Marietta Hinton, Chris Dietrich, Ed (Cathy Shanahan's brother), Bill Phillips, Beverly Maxcy (Patti Albright's sister), Dr. Alfred Policke (Martha Richard's dad), and for the family of Chris Dietrich.

# Those with extended illnesses, injuries or issues

Jacky Rougeux, Don Ross, Bob Voss, Carol Shaw's cousin; Calvin Cheever (staff member grandchild), Kim Kilpela, Kelly Campbell's sister; Dagny Robbins, Betty Robbins' mother; Craig Bierlein, Kim Bierlein's brother: Carter Alexander, Brian Alexander's brother; Diane Hutchinson, Margaret Frame's daughter; Steel Dowling, friend of Carol English; Steve Heifner, Donna Pitoniak's son; Jaque Graves, friend of the Lannings; Georgiana Clapp, Dawn Beiner's aunt; Tina Fauble, friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning; Pam Breaky, Kim Lanning's sister; Carla Rule, friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning; Roger Thomson, grandson of Ellen Garvin; Pat Giles, Cindy Thomas' mother; Kay Shields, friend of Sally Townsend.

## Those battling cancer

John Gordon, friend of the Maines'; Tyrone Purvis, nephew of the Bruggers; Charles Kilker, Belle's grandfather—FLC Staff; Jerry Barnes; Carissa Marky, Carol English's cousin; Steven Alfred, Linda's husband – FLS staff; Joseph Shuster, Beth Lowell's dad; Donna Heilman, Deb Heilman's sister in law; Allen Knecht, Brenda Abrehamsen's brother; Edward Gunther, Carol Shaw's cousin; David Lowell, Ian Lowell's father; Chris Debraggio; Alexander Farid, Corey & Dawn Beiner's son in law; Dana Brandon, Harolyn Maynard's cousin; Samuel Reith, Deb Heilman's cousin; Sally Townsend; Kathy Polzean, Robinson's granddaughter; Paul Voigtman, Jan Voigtman's father; Robert Truitt, Lisa Miller Truitt's husband; Charles Marcil, Janet's bro-in-law; Liesl Fields, Jean Hudak's granddaughter; Steve Gale, Mary Ann Strang's son-in-law; Karla Auerback, friend of Dotty Weis; Tim Thompson, friend of Pam Smith; Dianne Gonya, friend of Dotty Weis; Will Camp, Jerry Barnes' brother in law; Monti Ladd, friend of the Hicks'; Jim Hockett, Dotty Weis's cousin; Patrick Taylor, Cindy Thomas' cousin; Rose Bierlein, Kim Bierlein's stepmother; Kandee Moser, Jeanine Ryan's niece.

Please let the church office know of any changes in these lists.

Many of these names have been on them for some time and we do not know their present situation.



#### **Others**

A prayer of protection for those serving our country: Dillon Tate (Bill Stone grandson), Cody Bandur (Dawn Beiner's cousin), Kyle Stark (Paul Stark's son – Our Savior, Orlando), Matthew Leech (Bill & Deb Leech's son), Terrance Demps II (Fritz's neighbor), Gage Lee (FLS Alum), Wesley Van Gotum (Lisa Miller Truitt's cousin), Anna Cruz (Pastor Gary Held's daughter), Douglas Jensen (FLS Alum), Jack Rotar (Jeremy Fritz's nephew), Jesse Thurman (Brian & Pat Brugger's grandson) and Gregory Gillinger.

Prayers for the Wasmund family, missionaries in Korea.

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

10/31 Ariel & Benjamin Carter, Cade Rottman

11/01 Avery Maldonado

11/02 John & Claire Hair, Miller Fritz, Chase Thompson

11/04 Phil & Martha Richards (5 years)

11/05 Jonathan Olson

11/06 Jerre Kappel

## Financial Information

## **Stewardship News**

Revelation 14:6 – "Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people." During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the "apostle of works. Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

#### Treasurer's Corner

|             | September    | YTD            |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Income      | \$360,619.81 | \$1,721,191.08 |
| Expenses    | \$211,907.24 | \$1,803,618.26 |
| Beginning B | alance       | \$248,840.25   |
| Ending Bala | ince         | \$397,552.82   |

#### Summary

- 1. At the end of September there were no outstanding invoices.
- 2. We are 75% of the way through the budget year.
- 3. We have received 76.44% of our anticipated income for the year (the previous five year average received by this date is 69.70%).
- 4. We have expended 77.39% of our anticipated expenses for the year.
- 5. We have received \$82,437.18 less than our expenses this year.
- 6. MTH Budget Income:

| <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| \$25,336    | \$32,314    |

#### **Financial Statements**

If you are unsure that you have made your giving for the year and would like a statement. Please call Pam Smith @ 407-873-0760

#### Gifts & Memorials

We appreciate these gifts and memorials. If we have neglected to acknowledge a gift or memorial that you have given, please contact the church office.



Your gifts and offerings are crucial for our congregation to fulfill God's calling in our community. We thank all those who have continued to give. We

have many ways for you to provide offering to your church during this time away from the campus. You can mail them to the church or make bill pay arrangements through your bank, but did you know that you can now make your tithes and offerings safely and securely online? Just go to <a href="mailto:bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving">bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving</a> to provide your offerings or gifts today!

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## Milestones In November

#### **Anniversaries**

- 11/02 John & Claire Hair
- 11/04 Phil & Martha Richards (5 years)
- 11/07 Corey & Dawn Beiner, Scott & Tracy Gerken (30 years)
- 11/15 Chris & Karen Debraggio
- 11/20 Ned & Norma Giffey (68 years), Elfie & Michael Smith
- 11/21 James & Janaye Melsha
- 11/24 Kristy & Scott Fessenden
- 11/27 Chris & Bethany Olsen
- 11/30 Robert & Christina McGinty (70 years)



We wish God's blessings on all of our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays in the month of November.

#### **Birthdays**

- 11/01 Avery Maldonado
- 11/02 Miller Fritz, Chase Thompson
- 11/05 Jonathan Olson
- 11/06 Jerre Kappel
- 11/07 Matthew Rogers
- 11/08 Norma Giffey
- 11/09 Diane Hunt
- 11/10 Sharon Higginson
- 11/11 Darlene Whicher
- 11/13 Asher Crouch, Gordon Yurk
- 11/15 Matthew Fretwell, Trevor Hicks
- 11/17 Lily Fretwell, Patricia Isaacs
- 11/19 Mary Alcock, PaulJon Olson
- 11/20 Rebecca Lewis
- 11/21 Betty Hausermann, Bradley Stevens
- 11/22 Michele Quinn
- 11/26 Erma Caldie, Kayla Debraggio, Jack Maines, Ryan Rusk
- 11/27 Donna Brookshire
- 11/28 Jenna Ballard, Romie Edenfield IV, Margaret Frame, Ruth Heichelbeck
- 11/29 Jack Albright, Justina Briguglio, JD Davis
- 11/30 Andrew Dennis, Ted Hall, Lauren Neidenfeuhr, Bob Overn

## Youth News

Our high school group meets usually the 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings, from 6-8pm in the upstairs youth room, and our middle school group (5th - 8th grade) usually meets about the 3rd or 4th Wednesday evening of the month, from 6-8 pm as well. These nights are open for both church and school families as well as noncongregation members! If you have any questions, please contact DCE Mike Yurk for more information.

#### Dates to Remember

#### October

30- Trunk-R-Treat 3pm

#### November

- 2- Board of Youth
- 4-6- Middle School Gathering
- 9- Confirmation 6-8pm
- 12- High School Youth 6-8pm
- 16- Middle School Youth 6-8pm
- 18- ALL King's Kids- 3-5pm
- 30- Confirmation 5-6:30pm



## King's Kids

You probably have heard about us by now, the loudest, craziest group on campus. Our King's Kids program is our elementary youth group, from PK-4th grade. We meet once a month from 3-5pm. To attend, your child MUST turn in a permission form to DCE Mike Yurk before the day of. In November, we only have ONE meeting on November 18. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Mike Yurk for more information.



## Science Fair Judges Needed!

Do you have an interest in science? Are you looking for a way to give back to Faith by volunteering your time? Science fair judging might be for you!!! We will have 3rd-8th grade projects to be judged for both placement awards and advancement to the Lake County Science Fair.

Please contact Mrs. Anne Fritz at afritz@flcse.org if you are interested.

## Stephen Ministry



### Learn, Grow and Serve by

#### Becoming a Stephen Minister

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Faith Lutheran will be training another class of Stephen Ministers this fall. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Barbara or Neal VanValkenburg.

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Neal Van Valkenburg nealvanv@gmail.com 352.406.2497 Page 6 The Voice of Faith

## **Pastor's Letter** (cont'd)

thus far. It reminds us that the doctrine of the Reformation was carried to this community by our first Reformers in Eustis. Venturing to Eustis so many, no longer with us, were reforming the community to sow the seeds that we are harvesting now. So we remember the sacrifices they made for the sake of Christ and the glory to God alone. Never wanting credit on building but wanting to know in the waning hours of their lives that their efforts were not in vain and they could be sure the church was sustained for the foreseeable future!

So we need Reformation and we need Remembrance. Faith has always done it and always will by the Grace of God!

Seeing it through in 2022.

Pastor Kappel

## **Wednesday Advent Meals**

Join Us for a Jolt of Food, Fellowship & Faith

Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th & 14th Serving From 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM With Dessert & Beverages

Nov. 30th hosted by Women's Guild - Menu TBD Dec. 7th hosted by the Youth Group - Menu TBD

Dec. 14th hosted by Board of Trustees – Menu Hot Dogs, Slaw,
Desserts

Please look for menu updates in upcoming newsletters and we look forward to seeing you all for dinner.

Blessings,

Social Ministry



## Music Notes for November

Special music will feature the adult choir, as well as the faith ringers and some great instrumental offerings during the month. All is presented to encourage us to offer the best and the most we have.

Our Children's Choir will offer music for All Saints' Sunday, November 6. Both of the pieces they are singing are actually currently popular contemporary Christian anthems. We can look forward to these young singers' musical offerings for our morning worship.

We are so blessed and fortunate to have welcomed new members in the Adult Choir, Faith Ringers and to our instrument group – not to mention our Children's Choir in particular!! There is always room for more participants to join our groups. Please consider joining us – even if just for a season. We are grateful for all who participate!

Now, of great importance...on Tuesday, November 29, 6:30pm all are invited to a drama presentation performed by our students and adults. The show is "Bethlehem, P.D." It's a one-act drama about the birth of the Christ child. But while the story is faithful to the Gospel message, a bit of humor is interwoven. In fact, the P.D. in the title stands for police department. And, two of the main characters are somewhat patterned after those two familiar detectives in the old "Dragnet" TV show. We will list the cast in a later newsletter. But – plan to join us that night. It's a good entry to the Advent season. It's a short show and gives a few good laughs.

Gratefully,
Michael Neas
Director of Church Music

# Shoeboxes Due November 13

Reminder:
Operation
Christmas
Child Shoebox
Gifts Due by



### Sunday, November 13

Women's Guild members will deliver all Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to an official reception site on Monday, November 15. Please return your filled boxes to church by this date. For any questions, please email or phone Jan Voigtman (jvoigtman@yahoo.com / cell 352-284-9796).

Thanks to all who have participated in this fun evangelism outreach to children of the world!



Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 8th. Come early and bring your lunch!

Social time: 12:30 pm Meeting: 1:00 pm



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## Stewardship News—November

What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

## Faith Lutheran Church Women's Guild Christmas Bazaar



Save the dates & bring friends!

Saturday, November 5 9 am – 5 pm Sunday, November 6 8 am – 12:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 2727 S. Grove Street, Eustis

Selection of handmade gifts including Advent Calendars and Wreaths, Jewelry Sets, Gift Jar Soup, Cocoa, Cocktail Infusion, and Baking Mixes, Quilts, Doggie Treats, Christmas Ornaments, Kitchen Towels, and Pillowcases

ALL proceeds benefit Faith Lutheran Church & School Missions
Cash and checks accepted

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Sneak-a-Peek

Kindergarten at Faith





# Register Now!

Marcy Kappel 352-589-5683 or admissions@flcse.org



Stepping into
Kindergarten

Sunday, November 13th 4 PM

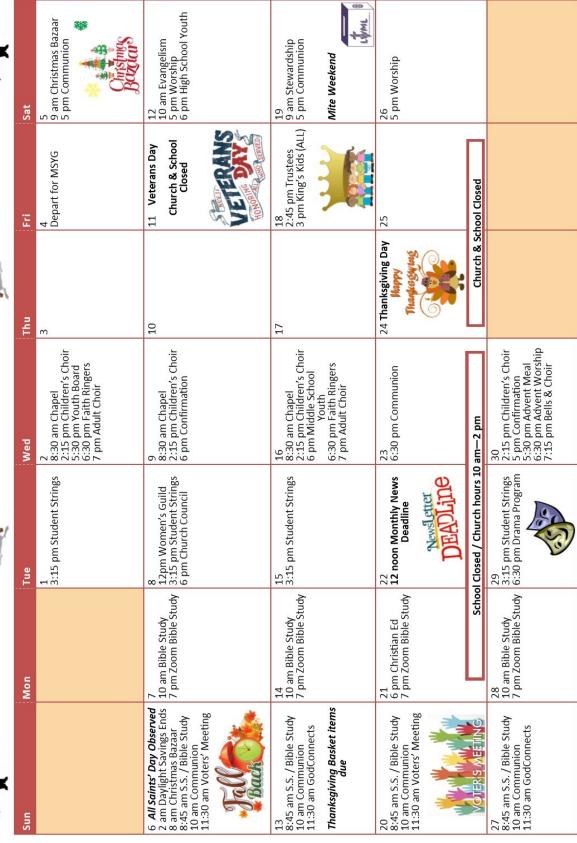
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## Weekly Volunteer Schedule for November 2022

| Date                         | Time                       | Acolyte           | Greeters | Lector             | Communion<br>Assistants              | Baked<br>Goods |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 11/05                        | 5 PM                       | Daniel Barnes     | _        | Theresa Barnes     | Cal Shuster & Neal<br>Van Valkenburg | _              |
| 11/06                        | 10 AM                      | Camden Fritz      | _        | Rev. Marc Spaeth   | Jeremy Fritz & Kip<br>Sandersfeld    | _              |
| 11/12                        | 5 PM                       | Hazel Prince      | _        | Dotty Weis         | _                                    | _              |
| 11/13                        | 10 AM                      | Christian Menard  | _        | Jeff Albright      | Patrick Barnes & Jeff<br>Lanning     | _              |
| 11/19                        | 5 PM                       | Blake Lowell      | _        | Adrienne Davis     | Cal Shuster & Neal<br>Van Valkenburg | _              |
| 11/20                        | 10 AM                      | Everett Fretwell  | _        | Kim Neas           | Bill Leech & John<br>Singelsether    | _              |
| 11/23<br>Thanksgiving<br>Eve | 6:30 PM                    | Christian Menard  | _        | Deb Leech          |                                      | _              |
| 11/26                        | 5 PM                       | Hazel Prince      | _        | Michael Yurk       | _                                    | _              |
| 11/27                        | 10 AM                      | Abigail Debraggio | _        | Pauline<br>Wasmund | Tim Leech & Mike<br>Repass           | _              |
| 11/30                        | 6:30 PM                    | Ethan Lowell      | _        | Beth Lowell        | _                                    | _              |
| <u>USHERS</u>                | Usher Team #2 ( — Captain) |                   |          |                    |                                      |                |

## **Voters' Meetings**

There will be a Special Voters' Meeting will on **Sunday, November 6** immediately following worship. The agenda will include budget.

There will also be a Special Voters' Meeting on Sunday,  $November\,20$  immediately after worship. The agenda will election of board members .



## **Bulletin Board**



# This Week at Faith 10/31 — 11/06/2022

| Mon.  | 10:00 am | Bible Study-Fellowship Hall |
|-------|----------|-----------------------------|
|       | 7:00 pm  | Zoom Bible Study            |
| Tues. | 3:15 pm  | Student Strings             |
| Wed.  | 8:30 am  | Chapel                      |
|       | 2:15 pm  | Children's Choir            |
|       | 5:30 pm  | Board of Youth              |
|       | 6:15 pm  | Faith Ringers               |
|       | 7:00 pm  | Parish Adult Choir          |
| Fri.  | 6:00 pm  | Leave for MS Youth          |
|       |          | Gathering                   |
| Sat.  | 9:00 am  | Christmas Bazaar            |
|       | 5:00 pm  | Worship w/communion         |
| Sun.  | 2:00 am  | Daylight Savings Time Ends  |
|       | 8:30 am  | Christmas Bazaar            |
|       | 8:45 am  | Sunday School/Bible Study   |
|       | 10:00 am | Worship w/communion         |
|       | 11:30 am | Special Voters' Meeting     |

Attend a Bible Class – Small Group
Bible Study is where you can meet
friends that become family as you learn
and grow together in your faith in Christ. We have
groups for every age in your family. Please see the
time and locations listed below.

#### Sunday Morning Bible Classes 8:45—9:30 AM

Kindergarten through 5th – CLC Youth Room Middle School – CLC 5th Grade Classroom High School – CLC Science Room

Adult – Pastor's Forum – Social Hall

Sunday Morning – 11:30 AM GodConnects (New Members) – Social Hall

Monday Morning Bible Class 10:00 AM Adult – Ephesians — Social Hall (Oct. 31 Bible Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall)

**Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study** – **7:00 PM** Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons* 



## **DAILY READINGS**

October 30: Deut. 31:30–32:27; Matt. 20:1–16; 31: Deut. 32:28–52; Matt. 20:17–34; November 1:Deut. 34:1–12; Matt. 21:1–22; 2: Jer. 1:1–19; Matt. 21:23–46; 3: Jer. 3:6–4:2; Matt. 22:1–22; 4: Jer. 5:1–19; Matt. 22:23–46; 5: Jer. 7:1–29; Matt. 23:1–12.

## **Helpful Links**

Stay connected and nurtured in your faith! Keep in touch with these resour

Church Website www.faitheustis.org

Church Facebook www.facebook.com/FaithEustis

Pastor Kappel's Sermons https://anchor.fm/marc86

On-line Giving bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving



#### Trust † Grow † Show

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School Staff

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Timothy Leech Principal

Michael Neas

Director of Music

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Business Manager

Michael Yurk

Director of Christian

Education

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Administrative Secretary

Diane Hunt

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## Those Serving

## **Church Board of Directors**

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Social Ministries Wanda Clary

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#### **Church Officers**

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#### **Elders**

Neal Van Valkenburg Jeremy Fritz Patrick Barnes Jeff Lanning Bill Leech Tim Leech Mike Repass Kip Sandersfeld Cal Shuster John Singlesether





Thursday, November 3, 2022 6 PM – 7 PM

**Build Towers** 

Race Cars

Make Slime

Take Selfies

Other NEW Science
Night Activities

Winners announced 6:50 PM