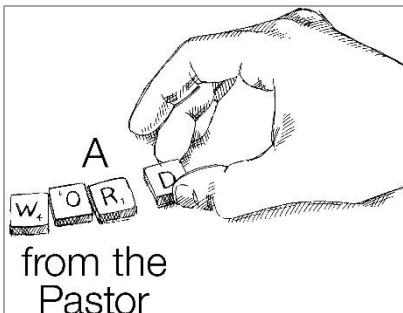


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The Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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“God Takes Thankfulness Seriously”

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6-7

November is the month to celebrate Thanksgiving. God takes thankfulness seriously! Why? Because God needs our gratitude? No: because we need it. Learning to be thankful can be life changing and gives our soul and mind, and yes, in some ways, even our physical bodies renewing strength.

Remembering to be thankful, whether to God or to other people, is the best vaccination against taking all the good things in our life for granted. And the less you take for granted, the more pleasure and joy life will bring you. The Holy Spirit teaches us to be thankful because thankfulness is an empowering personal habit. Scripture teaches this again and again, and again and again science proves it. Here are three examples.

A few years ago Dr. Nick Stinnett of the University of Nebraska conducted a group of studies called the "Family Strengths Research Project". Stinnett and his researchers identified six qualities that make for strong families. The first quality and one of the most important to be found in strong families was the quality of appreciation. Families that are strong are strong in part, Dr. Stinnett concludes, because family members express to each other their appreciation for what the other members DO and for who they ARE.

In a similar study, another researcher looked into the effect of praise in the workplace. His study showed that the ratio of praise to criticism in the workplace needs to be four to one before employees feel that there is a balance - that there must be four times as much praise as there is criticism before they feel good about their work and about the environment they are in.

That is pretty staggering information - information that tells us that if we want to do something good, that if we want to have a healthy family, a strong workplace, or any other effective group that we need to be sure that appreciation, praise, and thanksgiving are heard at least four times as often as is criticism.

Again Dennis Prager, author of "Happiness is a Serious Problem" writes: "There is a 'secret to happiness,'" Prager writes, "and it is gratitude. All happy people are grateful, and ungrateful people cannot be happy. We tend to think that it is being unhappy that leads people to complain, but it is truer to say that it is complaining that leads to people becoming unhappy. Become grateful and you will become a much happier person."

This is a keen observation, and Holy Scriptures knew this fact and has taught it for thousands of years. The Judeo-Christian tradition places such emphasis on thanking God. The liturgy is filled with expressions of gratitude. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord," begins the 92nd Psalm.

The most beautiful and over all blessings, worthy of all praise and thanksgiving, is the gift of the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life that we have in the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Giving Thanks to God often throughout the Day can give strength to overcome each of life's daily battles. Each and every day this Gospel is offered to us. Each and every day we can receive it and give thanks to God for the beautiful gift that cleanses away all our sins. (1 John 1:7; 5:13).

Take seriously the Godly practice of Giving Thanks to God and others every day.


SO VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed.

Pastor Love

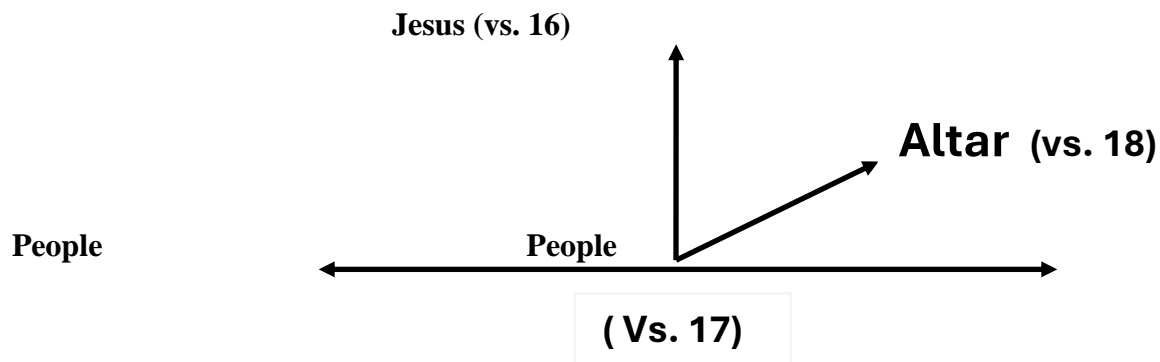
Faithful Stewardship Regarding The Sacrament Of Holy Communion




I. What does the Bible say about Communion? Is Communion really just between you and God?

 **1 Corinthians 10:16-18** ¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar?


- a. "Because there is one loaf we, we, who are many are _____"
- b. In Vs 17 the Action of partaking of the one loaf what do we do? Become _____.
- c. In Vs 18 What do you also do with the Altar that you are communing at?
_____.





II. How Sacred and Powerful are the Promises and Warnings Concerning Holy Communion?


 **1 Corinthians 11:27-29** “So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

III. God commands us to be United in Truth – Not just outward appearance. (United in Mind) A. What are Christians to be?


 **1 Corinthians 1:10** “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

 **2 Corinthians 13:11** “Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”


 **Romans 15:5-6** May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

 **Acts 2:42** “They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”


 Real Unity does not exist if there is not unity of teachings.

 Open Communion gives a false sense of unity in what people are teaching. People will think, “Well, there really isn't any big difference between them.” - when there really is. The effect can and will be devastating.


B. What are we to do about truth or in others words doctrine, or teachings?

 **1 Timothy 4:16** “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

- a. How are we to watch them? W _____
- d. What are we to do in them? P _____

 **Titus 1:9** “He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”


- a. How are we to hold on to the truth worthy message? _____
- b. What are we to encourage others by S _____ D _____
- c. What are we to do to those who oppose sound doctrine? _____

 **Titus 2:1** You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.

- a. What must we do? _____
With what? _____

C. Each Christian is Personally Responsible for Knowing and Preserving the Truth.

- 1. What are we to do with those who teach differently than we do?

 **Romans 16:17** “I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.”

- Where does that ever exempt Communion?
- We are not one with those who teach differently and important matters.

2. Each person is responsible for what their church teaches.

- They are responsible either to try to change the Church doctrine
- Or if not able to find a church that truly teaches the Word of God in its truth and purity.

D. Close communion is a practice to preserve the truth.

- It raises a flag that there are important differences that must not be overlooked and that we must work together to come to one mind.

II. What Are We Trying And Not Trying To Say With Close(D) Communion?

We are not saying that other Christians are not going to go to heaven. We believe that all true believers in Jesus Christ are going to heaven no matter what their Christian denomination.

We are not trying to say that we know everything.

We believe that we can learn a lot from other Christian denominations. We also believe that other denominations can benefit from us.

We are not always saying that someone is living a sinful life.

We do say that if someone is living in open and manifest sin and unwilling to repent that they should not take communion. (1 Cor. 11:19-33: 5:9-11) However, when it comes to Christians from other denominations this is not why we ask them to refrain from communion. Indeed, we realize that they may lead a highly dedicated Christian life, and such people we highly honor and respect.

If we commune with someone who believes differently we give a false impression of unity of the body when it really does not exist.

(This is only a Partial Study of this Important Topic – Please come to the full Bible Study that we will be hosting in Months to come. Also See our Synodical Website at: <https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/doctrine#lords-supper>)



The consequences of shallow thankfulness

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain. Once again, we find ourselves idolatrously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action? The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt political activity among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

*Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
unmindful of a broken brother's need ...*

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!



*As each has
received a gift,
employ it for
one another,
as good stewards
of God's varied
grace.*

1 Peter 4:10



All Saints' Day

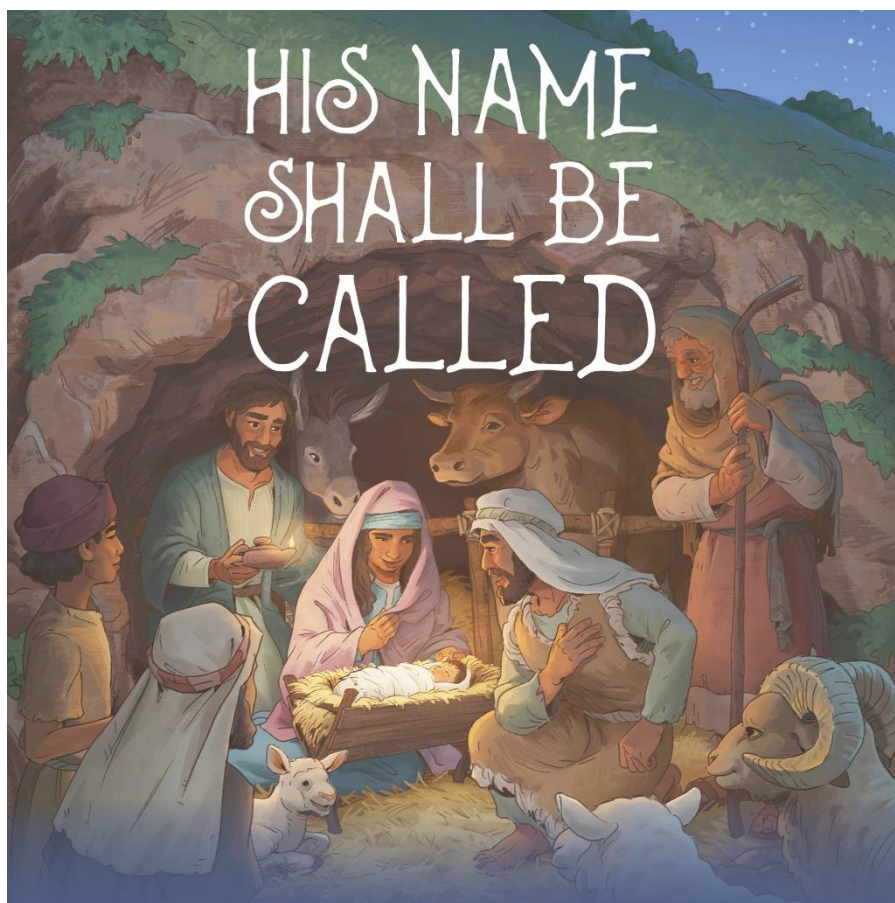
We remember, the faithful departed of our congregations, whose steadfast confession of faith we heard, who joined us in worshipping our Lord with their voice, who communed with us at the Lord's Table and said AMEN!

This year we remember:

Delores Gast - 91 Lydia Goetsch - 92
Cindy Luedtke - 66 Charlotte Mootz - 82
Scott Pfaff - 59 Lorraine Raddatz - 97
LuAnn Ruhbusch - 91

We remember and are reminded again that we, too, are God's saints, redeemed by the blood of Christ and called to serve the purposes of His kingdom.

We Pray: Standing with the great multitude of saints before the throne of God and the Lamb, let us join in prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the God of our salvation. Mighty and eternal God, bring us to that day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes and we shall hunger and thirst no more. Knowing You now by faith, we yearn for the day when we shall know You face to face. Until the dawn of that eternal day, keep us in Your faith and fear through our Good Shepherd and Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



2024 Advent Series

His Name Shall Be Called

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name Jesus—a Hebrew name that means "God saves." In addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles which describe something about His person or work. In this year's Advent series, we are going to examine four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. Those titles are "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," and "Prince of Peace." We will learn how each of these titles describes something about who Jesus is and what He did for our salvation.

November 2024 Elder, Usher, Greeter, Scrip Schedule

Sunday, November 3 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Kyle Young
 Ushers Bob and Bernice Porath
 Greeter Bob Porath
 Scrip Bernice Porath

Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Jim Beilke
 Usher Ed Stiver
 Greeter Ed Stiver

Sunday, November 10 10:15 a.m..

Ushers Randy Braatz, Joe Heisinger
 Elders Cindy Braatz, Keith Wendt
 Greeter Duane Grunenwald
 Scrip Cindy Braatz

Monday, November 11 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Mark Porath
 Ushers Chris Stogbauer
 Greeter LuAnn Kleinschmidt
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

Sunday, November 17 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Kyle Young
 Ushers LeRoy Laabs, Carol Hein
 Greeter Sandy Laabs
 Scrip Cindy Krenz

Monday, November 18 6:30 p.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Jim Beilke
 Ushers Ed Stiver, Gene Mootz
 Greeter Gene Mootz
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

Sunday, November 24 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mark Porath, Joe Heisinger
 Ushers Brian and Lynn Klug
 Greeter Duane Grunenwald
 Scrip Lynn Klug

Wednesday, November 27 6:30 p.m.

Elder Randy Braatz, Jason Westfall
 Usher Joe and Alice Zuelsdorff
 Greeter Joe Zuelsdorff
 Scrip Becky Rajek

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday, December 1 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Kyle Young
 Ushers Bob and Bernice Porath
 Greeter Duane Grunenwald
 Scrip Bernice Porath

Wednesday, December 4 6:30 p.m.

Elders Rodney Dahlke, Lee Pfaff
 Usher Chris Stogbauer
 Greeter LuAnn Kleinschmidt
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

HOLY COMMUNION

Monday, November 4 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, November 17 10:15 a.m.
 Monday, November 18 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, December 1 10:15 a.m.



ELDERS

Rodney Dahlke, chairman
 Randy Braatz, secretary
 Joe Heisinger, Mike Beilke,
 Lee Pfaff, Mark Porath, Jason Westfall,
 Keith Wendt, Kyle Young



**ST. JOHN'S
HUNTERS' SERVICE**

Wednesday, November 20

Meal 6:00 p.m.

Worship 6:30 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP AT FAITH**

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 p.m.

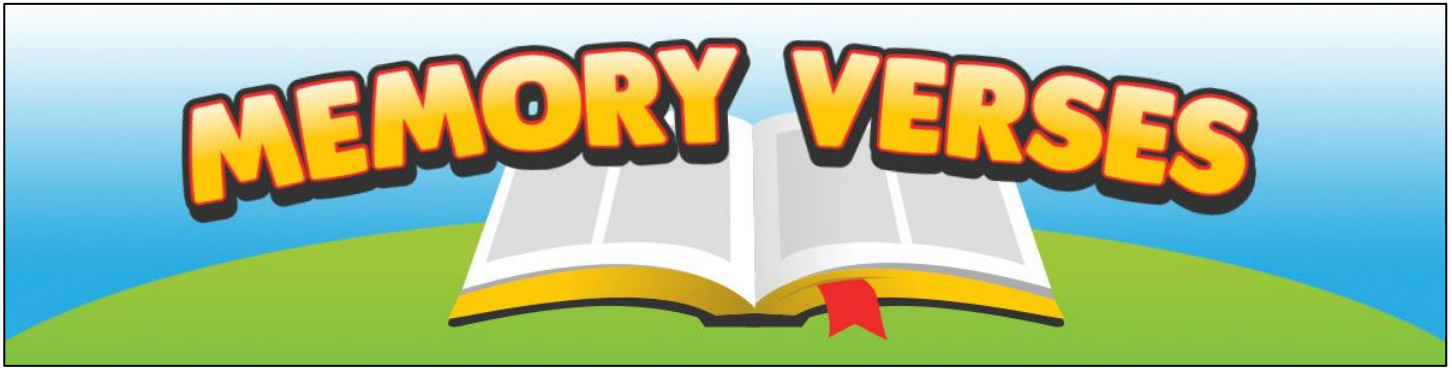


**Annual
FRUIT
SALE**

Order forms
are available at Faith Church
*For more information,
contact*

Terry Seidler at Faith at 715-203-5733

All are welcome to order.



Week of November 3, 2024

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Week of November 10, 2024

Romans 4:24-25

It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Week of November 17, 2024

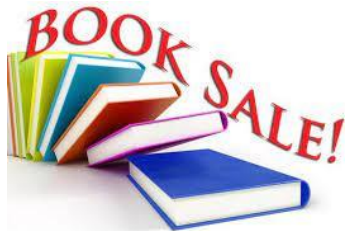
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Week of November 24, 2024

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



**MARATHON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

300 N. First Street, Wausau

Thursday, November 7

9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 8

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 9

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

*New and gently used books,
movies, music CDs and more.
Proceeds to support library
programs*



FAITH VIDEO SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 3	Joe and Amanda Heisinger
Monday, November 4	Gene Mootz
Sunday, November 10	Bonnie Grueneberg
Monday, November 11	Lee Pfaff
Sunday, November 17	Bonnie Grueneberg
Monday, November 18	Gene Mootz
Sunday, November 24	Bonnie Grueneberg
Wednesday, November 27	Bonnie Grueneberg
Sunday, December 1	Bonnie Grueneberg
Wednesday, December 4	Bonnie Grueneberg

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ALTAR GUILD NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 1–4 Keith & Pat Wendt

November 5–18 Carol Hein and Sally Hannemann

Nov. 19 – Dec. 2 Jeri Raddatz and Sandy Laabs

November 2024

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ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS

November 9 Karen Zastrow
 November 13 Bob Burish
 November 16 Joyce Bloch
 November 17 Dawn Czech
 November 23 Elly Zastrow
 November 24 Melvin Kuehn

FAITH BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Jim Raddatz
 November 2 Jim Koebe
 November 7 Susan Pankow
 November 9 Pete Borchardt
 November 13 Yvonne Duwe
 November 17 Michelle Salzman
 November 19 Bernice Porath
 November 25 Jeff Stogbauer
 November 27 Kristin Grueneberg
 Brian Wilke
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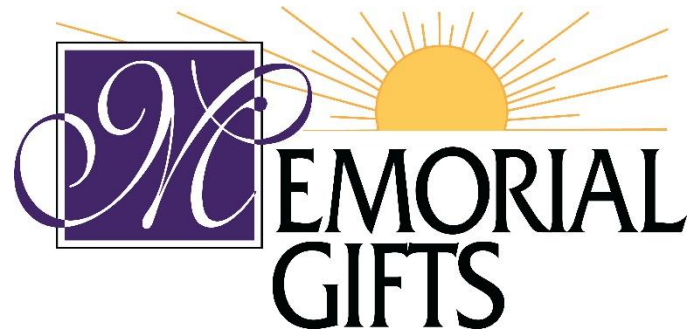


ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARIES

November 2
 Ron and Bonnie Lang 11 years

FAITH ANNIVERSARIES

November 2
 Keith and Pat Wendt 50 years
 November 12
 Chris and Debbie Stogbauer 41 years
 November 16
 Jim and Jeri Raddatz 50 years



In memory of **LUANN RUHBUSCH**, gifts to the Special Purpose Fund from Mary Olsen, Phyllis Buch, Jim and Phyllis Beilke

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In memory of **LYDIA GOETSCH**, gift to the Scott Cemetery Fund from Pat and Keith Wendt

In memory of **KATHLEEN ZASTROW**, gift to the Building Fund from LeRoy and Sandy Laabs

In memory of **SCOTT PFAFF**, gifts to the Building Fund from Lorraine Kleinschmidt, Karen and Gene Pagel, Mabel Marquardt

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In memory of **KAREN SENSE**, gift to the Building Fund from Barry and Cindy Krenz

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Mark Czech 715-409-9174

Setting the Lord's

Diane Hinz

November 2024

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***Work Continues
on the Addition***



Progress this week from crews from County Concrete, J&J Lee Construction, Urban Construction and Barry Krenz and Chris Stogbauer, Trustees ...



Annual Fruit Sale 2024

It's time once again for the Annual Fruit Sale sponsored by the Youth Group of Faith.

All orders must be turned in by Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27. The fruit will be available for pick up at church on Friday, December 13 from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, December 14 from 8-10 a.m. and on Sunday morning, December 15. At the bottom of the form please mark the day you prefer to pick up your fruit. Please pay for fruit when it is picked up.

Please put the number of items wanted for each product in the space provided. Drop all orders in the basket in the overflow area at church. You may also order by contacting any of the youth group members. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Seidler at 715-203-5733.

The Youth Group Appreciates Your Support!!

CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES	
_____ 1/2 box (approx. 20#)	\$23.00
_____ Full box (approx 40#)	\$40.00
TEXAS RED GRAPEFRUIT	
_____ 1/2 box (approx. 20#)	\$25.00
_____ Full box (approx. 40#)	\$45.00
GRANNY SMITH APPLES	
_____ 1 layer (20 count)	\$18.00
_____ 2 layers (40 count)	\$30.00
HONEYCRISP APPLES	
_____ 1 layer (20 count)	\$20.00
_____ 2 layers (40 count)	\$35.00
PINK LADY APPLES	
_____ 1 layer (20 count)	\$18.00
_____ 2 layers (40 count)	\$30.00

COSMIC CRISP APPLES	
_____ 1 layer (20 count)	\$18.00
_____ 2 layers (40 count)	\$30.00

D'ANJOU PEARS	
_____ 1 layer (20 count)	\$25.00
_____ 2 layers (40 count)	\$40.00

MIXED BOXES (approx. 20#)	
_____ 10 Cosmic Crisp Apples/10 Pears/12 Grapefruit	\$35.00
_____ 20 Gala Apples/20 Oranges	\$30.00
_____ 12 Grapefruit/20 Oranges	\$32.00
_____ 12 Grapefruit/5 Gala Apples/ 5 Cosmic Crisp Apples/10 Oranges	\$32.00

LARGE GIFT BOXES (approx. 15#)	
_____ 5 McIntosh Apples/4 Honeycrisp Apples/ 10 Oranges/6 Grapefruit	\$32.00
_____ 4 Gala Apples/3 Cosmic Crisp Apples/ 8 Oranges/4 Grapefruit/6 Pears	\$32.00

SMALL GIFT BOXES (approx 10#)	
_____ 3 Gala Apples/2 Cosmic Crisp Apples/ 5 Oranges/5 Grapefruit	\$25.00
_____ 2 Gala Apples/2 Cosmic Crisp Apples/ 4 Oranges/3 Grapefruit/4 Pears	\$25.00

HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE	
_____ 1 Whole Pineapple	\$5.00

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Would like to pick up:

_____ Friday Evening, Dec. 13 from 4-6 p.m.

_____ Saturday Morning, Dec 14 from 8-10 a.m.

_____ Sunday Morning, Dec. 15

\$ _____ **TOTAL SALE**

**Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024**

Present: Pastor Love, Terry Seidler (President), Mike Baumann (Vice-President), Lillie McCulloch (Secretary), Barry Krenz (Trustees), Cindy Braatz (Treasurer), Bonnie Grueneberg (Evangelism), Rod Dahlke (Elders), Cheryl Dahlke (Education), Randy Bratz (Elders), and Chris Stogbauer (Trustees).

Vice-President, Mike Baumann called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with a prayer and devotion. Meeting minutes from June were reviewed with one correction made. A motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed.

Guest Speaker/Trustees - Chris Stogbauer provided an update on the new building/addition and reviewed current costs as well as upcoming costs and the anticipated schedule of those expenses. The current anticipated total expense is \$92,792, the initial estimated expense prior to start was \$104,000. There will be \$18,647 due approximately 11/16/24 and an additional \$61,294 due approximately 12/20/24. There has already been \$12,851 paid from the general purpose fund. Both the excavation and fill were donated to the church which has helped reduce the final expense. Chris will make an announcement in the bulletin to provide an update to the congregation and also encourage continued donations towards the project. There have already been donations made which are currently being held until the secretary has the authorization to open an account specifically for the addition. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the investment committee to make withdrawals as needed and seen fit for the building/addition project. Chris is also investigating the possibility of the Sonnentag Foundation (County Concrete) donating the expense of the concrete, this amount would be applied for and refunded after the work is completed.

Treasurer - Balance reports for August and September were reviewed, the ending balance for September was \$30,342.22.

Elders - There are 2 elder positions coming up this year (Lee & Joe) and Jim Beilke is resigning at the end of the calendar year due to health reasons. There are 3 gentleman lined up to run for these positions, Jim's position will be appointed to Keith for the remainder of the term. Rodney brought up the fact that given we are a closed-communion church, we need to educate our members that they should not commune at altars that teach differently from the bible. This means not taking communion from a church that is not the same denomination as ours.

Trustees - We have a new gas contract with France Propane for the winter. They will also handle the heating for the new building. France Propane also donated the 200 gallon propane tanks for the pancake frying. New LED lights were acquired to begin installing in the church, the plan is to start replacing lights in the kitchen first. Lawn mowing went well this year. Headstones were straightened at the three cemeteries prioritizing the worst stones first. Upcoming projects include winterizing the youth building and preparing the shed for the pancake breakfast.

President - It was discussed at the dual-parish meeting to do an updated pictorial or simply an updated address book. Terry is looking for guidance regarding thoughts/ideas/etc to move forward with this project. Pastor reviewed the plan that St. Johns congregation is using to create an updated pictorial without involving a professional photographer/business to do so. This is something to

consider starting after the new year with the idea to follow a relaxed time frame (such as 4 months) to collect the pictures and data. This would help minimize stress/pressure regarding the project. At a minimum we need to update the blue book of contact information. Terry made a motion to discuss building an updated pictorial at the annual meeting, the motion was seconded and passed. With the pancake breakfast coming up there is interest in cleaning out the kitchen cabinets, as well as cleaning and decluttering the attic storage space. Deb Stogbauer is willing to provide leadership in accomplishing this task if a group of volunteers steps up to help. Items deemed unnecessary will be kept for several weeks if not more, and be available for claiming by the congregation prior to being permanently disposed of.

Board of Education - There have been approximately 6 students attending Sunday School regularly. The teachers are looking at possibilities for the Christmas Program, a date will be determined once the parochial school sets their program date.

Stewardship/Evangelism - The Chili Dinner/Polka Service was a success. All supplies were donated less the amount provided by Thrivent. \$1535 was collected in donations that day and an additional \$760 was received after the event, so a total of \$2295 was donated to Klade family. We will do an independent angel tree this year since the Lincoln County program has a very early deadline, families/names/lists are being collected.

Pastor - Iron Sharpens Iron is going well, attendance has been good. The polka service had a great turnout as well. Jessica Pfaff was baptized into the church. The Ark Encounter trip is coming up, Pastor will be on the trip and therefore not be present for church. The fill-in that is available is licensed to preach but unable to serve communion so there will be no communion that date. The reformation service is coming up as well. Confirmation is going well.

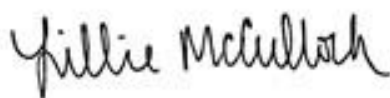
Old Business - It was discussed at the last meeting to open a 'Church Addition Fund' account so donations can be made directly to the project. A motion was made to approve creation of the Church Addition Fund account. The motion was seconded and passed. This information will be distributed to the bulletin and newsletter so the congregation is aware of it as well.

New Business - No new business to discuss.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2024 at 6:30pm.

A motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting closed with a prayer from Pastor Love.

Respectfully submitted,



Lillie McCulloch
Council Secretary



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE LORD'S PRAYER — NOVEMBER 1-13

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) gives thanks for God's abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. In all things we give thanks for His love and mercy.

Give thanks as you pray:

- 1.** Give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Ask Him to empower Christians to follow their example of faith and good works.
- 2.** Give thanks for the saints on earth. Pray that His Church might continue in the true faith and proclaim the saving Good News.
- 3.** Thank God that He is our heavenly Father. Rejoice that God invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children.
- 4.** Thank God that His name is holy. Rejoice that all can trust in the Lord, for His Word is truth.

- 5.** Thank God for His Kingdom. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would provide workers for the harvest field.
- 6.** Thank God for His will. Pray that His will is done. Not ours.
- 7.** Thank God that His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Pray that God would keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die.
- 8.** Thank God for daily bread. Pray for all those who are hungry today.
- 9.** Thank God for forgiveness. Repent. Rejoice that yours sins are forgiven by Christ.

10. Thank God for forgiveness. Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.

11. Thank God that He leads us out of temptation. Ask God to lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

12. Thank God that He delivers us from evil. Rejoice that Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil.

13. Thank God that He hears our prayers for Jesus' sake. Rejoice that God promises to hear our prayers as a loving Father.



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NOVEMBER *Pray For Us Calendar*

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE APOSTLES' CREED — NOVEMBER 14-30

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Give thanks as you pray:

14. Thank God that He is the God who saves. Pray that all might fear, love and trust in Him alone.

15. Thank God that His name is trustworthy. Call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

16. Thank God for Sabbath rest. Hold His Word sacred. Gladly hear and learn it.

17. Thank God for your parents. Thank Him for all those in authority. Pray for the strength to obey.

18. Thank God for your neighbor, that you might help in any need.

19. Thank God for Christian marriage. May all learn to love as Christ loves His Church.

20. Thank God for what He has provided for you. May all learn the secret of being content.

21. Thank God for the people in your life. May we speak well of them and explain everything in the kindest way.

22. Thank God for your home. Rejoice and be content in what He has provided for you.

23. Thank God for the people God has provided in your life.

24. Thank God for the Ten Commandments. Pray for strength to rejoice in His will and to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.

25. Thank God for creation.

26. Thank God for His Son Jesus Christ.

27. Thank God for the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Rejoice that Christ's death has purchased and won you from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil.

28. Thank God for the promise of Christ's return. The Church prays, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



29. Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

30. Thank God for St. Andrew, apostle, St. Andrew, Peter's brother, heard John's cry to "Behold the Lamb of God" and followed Jesus.

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Gracious Generosity

November

Daily Reading Plan



- Day 1: Ephesians 1:3
- Day 2: Ephesians 1:7-8
- Day 3: 2 Corinthians 9:8
- Day 4: Philippians 4:19
- Day 5: 2 Corinthians 8:9
- Day 6: 1 Timothy 6:17
- Day 7: Matthew 7:7-11
- Day 8: Psalm 84:11
- Day 9: John 3:16
- Day 10: Romans 8:32
- Day 11: James 1:17
- Day 12: Psalm 31:19
- Day 13: John 16:23-24
- Day 14: Psalm 65:4
- Day 15: 2 Corinthians 9:11
- Day 16: Psalm 112:4-5
- Day 17: Luke 6:38
- Day 18: 1 Timothy 6:18-19
- Day 19: Proverbs 19:17
- Day 20: Proverbs 11:24-25
- Day 21: Acts 20:35
- Day 22: 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Day 23: Hebrews 13:16
- Day 24: 2 Corinthians 9:6
- Day 25: Proverbs 11:25
- Day 26: 1 John 3:17
- Day 27: Matthew 6:19-21
- Day 28: Deut. 15:7-8
- Day 29: Psalm 112:5-9
- Day 30: Matthew 6:21

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

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