



# Acts of Faith

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Worship Schedule  
9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.

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Looking to the celebration of Thanksgiving, the Apostle Paul's words say it best: *"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."* (Philippians 1:3-6)

**All Saints Day Remembrance:** Sunday, November 6, the names of Faith members called home this past year will be read and the bell tolled.

### Those For Whom We Pray...

Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

**Our Faith family:** Doris Hier, Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Heidi Heinrich, Lois and Marvin Novotny, Marvin Newman, and Larry Krahn **Friends:** Karen Wright, Bob Strange



**Thanksgiving Service:** We will celebrate Thanksgiving with a worship service on Tuesday, November 22, at 6:30 pm. All of our church family is encouraged to gather together and give thanks to our God for all the blessings we receive daily, especially for the gift of salvation which is ours in Christ Jesus.

### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

For planting, harvesting and the food we share, we give you thanks.  
For every good night's sleep and every good day's work, we give you thanks.  
For strong bodies and minds, and for opportunities to learn and grow, we give you thanks.  
For moments of happiness and joy that enlighten our days, we give you thanks.  
For all our friends and family members who have died and now rest from their labors, we give you thanks.  
For the young who have high hopes and so many possibilities for their future, we give you thanks.  
For a family that lives together and eats together and grows together, we give you thanks.  
For your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again so that we can be saved, we give you thanks.  
For the food we eat and these moments we share, we give you thanks.  
To you, O God, we give praise and glory on this Thanksgiving Day, and always. Amen.



**Advent Service Schedule:** "Evergreen... is All I Ever Want!" is the special theme for 2016 Advent services at Faith beginning on Tuesday, November 29th, at 6:30 pm. The liturgical calendar marks Advent as the four weeks leading up to the celebration of Christmas. It is a season of preparation and waiting for the birth of Christ. While many churches display Christmas decorations and sing Christmas carols during Advent, the theological tone of the season is quite different as we reflect upon the need in our lives and in our world for salvation. The liturgical color for Advent is sky blue. Please join us.

**Looking for an Opportunity to Serve?** Faith Church Council is in need of members to serve in lay leadership positions that will be elected at the January Voters' Assembly. Positions open include three elders, chairman, and vice chairman. Prayerfully consider using your time and talent in one of these positions. Contact Bill Croegaert or Wayne Becker if you are interested or have questions.

### November's Calendar

**Nov. 06 All Saints Sunday**  
 Nov. 07 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM  
 Nov. 08 Election Day VOTE  
 Nov. 10 WOF Service project 10:00 AM  
           WOF Meeting 1:00 PM  
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Observance  
**Nov. 13 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Nov. 15 Elders' Meeting, 6:30 PM  
           Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM  
**Nov. 20 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Service 6:30 PM**  
 Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day Observance  
**Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent**  
**Nov. 29 Advent midweek service 6:30 PM**

**Hymn of the month - "Now Thank We All our God"  
LSB #895**

### November Cleaning Schedule

Week starting	Team#	Type
November 6	Team #1	Weekly
November 13	Team #2	Monthly
November 20	Team #3	Weekly
November 27	Team #4	Weekly

### Altar Guild Schedule

November 6	Sharon Larson	White
November 13	Jeri Erickson	Green
November 20	Marilyn Sturtevant	Green
November 22	Joan Behnke/ Bonnie Nuding	White
November 27	Mary Hahn	Blue

**Women of Faith:** The next WOF meeting will be on November 10 at the church. They will be working on a service project starting at 10:00 AM, have a brown bag lunch, and the business meeting will continue at 1:00 PM. Yvonne Wegener will present a program on homemade quilt wall hangings.

**Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program**  
 Station City, State Freq. Day & Time  
 WKEL Kewanee, IL 1450 AM Sun 5:30 AM

### November Birthdays

November 3 Casidy Tavares  
 November 13 Mallery Tudder  
 November 16 Linda Jacobs  
 November 18 Spencer Clapper  
 November 20 Maggie Gillespie  
 November 23 Micah Tavares  
 November 26 Lorie Elgin  
 November 30 Kylee Conlin



### Wedding Anniversaries

November 20 Marvin and Lois Novotny  
 November 22 Paul and Janet Estes

### Weekly Ushers:

1st Sunday: Ray Heinrich & Kevin Hull  
 2nd Sunday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer  
 3rd Sunday: Marvin Novotny & Randy Stockner  
 4th Sunday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier  
 5th Sunday: Kevin Hull & Ted Sturtevant

### Elders List:

Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783  
 Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801  
 Ron Larson: 309-853-5111  
 Mike Leezer: 309-286-3014  
 Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203

**REMEMBER:** Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

**Prayer Requests:** Have someone or something that you would like Pastor Weber to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

**Choir Call:** The Faith choir is gathering to practice a song for the Christmas season. Practice is after the Sunday service for about fifteen minutes. We could use some voice reinforcements. Please consider joining our group.

If you have an article, a thank you, an idea, a suggestion, or a request for the next newsletter, give the information to the church office or send an e-mail to [hahn.gary@comcast.net](mailto:hahn.gary@comcast.net) before November 29, 2016.



Pastor is leading a Sunday morning video Bible study *A Man Named Martin Part 2-The Moment* which examines the errant teachings and wayward traditions of the Late Medieval Church that eventually sparked the Protestant Reformation, a theological overhaul set in motion most notably by Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg. Among them were purgatory, penance, celibacy, prayers for the dead, transubstantiation, the treasury of merits of Christ, devotion to Mary and the rosary, the institution of the papacy, and the one most often linked to Reformation: the sale of indulgences. Please join us for this informative and interesting part of church history.

**LWML Mites:** On November 6th Women of Faith will be collecting your mites with focus this month on the Mission Grant of "Training Teachers and Leaders — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis."



LWML will assist the global Lutheran churches in equipping those who seek advanced theological training. These students will return to their homeland and train countless others to proclaim Jesus boldly. Very few of these church bodies are able to support the cost of sending to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod the best men and women that they have for graduate study. The graduate school of Concordia Seminary St. Louis is thankful for its increased opportunity to provide training of International Confessional Lutheran teachers and leaders for informed and thoughtful service in the church in the world today.



**Oktoberfest Recap:** Our Oktoberfest dinner profited \$2340 for use in our children and youth education programs here at Faith. Thank you to everyone who participated in any manner. Thanks also to Thrivent for \$250 seed money and T-shirts for team members. Almost 200 bratwurst dinners were served or carried out. Great job !!



Our sister **Geraldine Helmkamp** left this earth and all her troubles behind on October 3, 2016. She was given a Christian funeral service at Faith on October 7th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Helmkamp family. We find lasting comfort in the promise of God: *"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."* Revelation 2:10

**Remember:** Daylight Savings Time begins November 6th-set your clocks back one hour!

**We Rejoice** with Rev. Stephen Mueller, Concordia Geneseo, and his family on the new addition of a son, Michaiah Lawrick Mueller, born on September 24, 2016. Praise be to God for all His goodness.

**Thank you** to Craig and Linda Klavon for a gift to our Memorial fund in the name of Linda's adoptive mother, Elaine Turner, who passed away in 2015. The Klavon's are regular visitors to Faith. We appreciate their generosity.

**In my Opinion:** This month is shaping up as a critical junction in our country's history. We will be electing a president who will be making important decisions on the direction our nation will follow. Selecting the right candidates from our choices is especially frustrating, depressing, and troubling this year. With the murder of unborn, perversion of marriage, and sexual immorality readily acceptable as normal, do we, as Christians, dare not participate in elections? Pray God to guide us as we make tough choices knowing He rules over the whole world, and sets all authority over us. If you haven't already done so, on November 8th exercise your freedom to elect officials. Then, let them know God's desires for mankind and hold them accountable.

**Giving** is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever. *"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever."* (Psalm 136:1)