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From Pastor:

As you read this, we're entering the month of November. This is a month of colder temperatures, a harvest that's winding down, and, of course, the Thanksgiving holiday.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks that the harvest has been brought in. Maybe the harvest was outstanding this year. But, even if it wasn't as high a yield as years past, we still give thanks that another growing season has ended safely, that the Lord has brought us through to this time and place, and that we have food on our tables.

This is also a time we give thanks for family. Another year has passed. We are older and wiser, and better able to appreciate the importance and meaning of our family. We give thanks for our families, whether they are all together or separated by distance, whether they are healthy or ill. And, as Christians, we rejoice that our Lord has made us members of His family through Baptism. Because we are members of His family, given the gifts of forgiveness and salvation, we are moved to rejoice in all circumstances on this earth.

But would we ever rejoice that a member of our family has passed away? If you've lost a loved one recently, you're probably not going to rejoice over that this Thanksgiving. You may, on some level, be glad that loved one is no longer suffering and is with our Lord, but you probably won't be joyous as you deal with this loss.

When this sadness creeps in, we remember Christ, a member of our family who passed away whose death we do rejoice over. This is because, through His death, we have life. We rejoice, also, because He didn't stay dead. His resurrection assures us that He's always with us and will never leave us. It also assures us that, just as He rose, so will we, and so will our Christian loved ones who've gone before us to be with the Lord. They will be raised on the last day when Jesus comes again, and we'll be reunited with them. None of us in Christ will stay dead. How wonderful our Lord Jesus has been, is, and will be, to us!

This Thanksgiving, even in our sadness, we have much to be thankful for! Give thanks for the harvest and for our families, both our biological one, and our family in Christ. Remember your loved ones who've passed away. Rejoice over the eternal life we've received and the reunion with our Christian loved ones that awaits. All this our Lord Jesus has done for us because He loves us. Now that's something to give thanks for this holiday.

I wish you God's richest blessings and a joyous Thanksgiving!

In Christ,
Pastor Bushre

Altar Guild News: The Altar Guild is made up of men, women and couples who serve the Lord and the church by caring for the altar and the ceremonial aspects of church services. They refill the candle oil, prepare for Holy Communion, change paraments, and clean Communion vessels and linens. Members serve on a regular schedule or may serve as substitutes.

The care joyfully given this task reflects our love for the Lord's house. We are indebted to the service the Guild performs and welcome those who wish to join in this important service to the congregation.

Additional members are needed! If you are interested please contact Marilyn Sturtevant (309-853-8203). Training and instructions will be provided. A couple can complete the weekly task in less than an hour.

Worship Schedule

5:00 PM, Saturday Worship Service
with Adult Bible Class, 4:00 PM

November's Calendar

- Nov. 01 All Saints Day
- Nov. 04 *All Saints Sunday*
Worship 5:00 and Bible Study 4:00 PM
Mite box collection
Daylight Savings Time ends tonight
- Nov. 06 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 09 Women of Faith Mtg. 10:00 AM
- Nov. 11 *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*
Worship 5:00 and Bible Study 4:00 PM
Veterans' Day Observance
- Nov. 13 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 18 *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*
Worship 5:00 and Bible Study 4:00 PM
Elders and Council Mtgs. 2:30 & 3:00 PM
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day Observance
- Nov. 25 *Last Sunday of Church Year*
Worship 5:00 and Bible Study 4:00 PM
Rev. Mueller, guest Pastor

November Cleaning Schedule

Week starting	Team#	Type
Nov. 05	Team #4	Monthly
Nov. 12	Team #5	Weekly
Nov. 19	Team #6	Monthly
Nov. 26	Team #1	Weekly

Altar Guild Schedule

Nov. 04	Mary Hahn	White
Nov. 11	Kari Tavares	Green
Nov. 18	Sharon Larson	Green
Nov. 25	JoAnn Behnke & Bonnie Nuding	Green

Weekly Ushers:

- 1st Saturday: Ray Heinrich & Kevin Hull
- 2nd Saturday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer
- 3rd Saturday: Nick Philips & Randy Stockner
- 4th Saturday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier

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
- Wendell Hier 309-853-8388

Should an emergency develop please contact any Elder or Rev. Bushre.

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

Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

Those For Whom We Pray Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Pastor Weber and family, Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Lois Novotny, Joyce Long, JoAnn Behnke, Mona Kubiak, and Bonnie Nudding.

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, Steve Peart, and our troops abroad.

CID: Be thankful for our many blessings, and also from whom they come! May we continue to support all our CID missions that more and more people can be blessed knowing Christ our Savior. The Rock Island Circuit congregation; St. Matthew, Milan with a pastoral vacancy.



Prayer Requests: Have someone or something that you would like to include in either 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.

No Thanksgiving Eve Service at Faith: Members are encouraged to attend a Thanksgiving Eve worship, November 22, at either St. John's Church or Concordia in Geneseo. Both services begin at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 25th Pastor Mueller, Concordia, Geneseo will fill in for worship and Bible Study.

Martin Luther never would have wanted a church named after him. But, he wanted everyone to know about Jesus, our loving Savior, and to put our hope in Him.

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

Baptism Dates

Jemma Cade	11/25
Madison Carpenter	11/23
Tiffany Carpenter	11/12
Myrene Carper	11/18
Olive Cervantez	11/11
Lorie Elgin	11/06
Kelly Gillespie	11/08
Larry Gillespie	11/08
Maggie Gillespie	11/08
Marlin Gillespie	11/08
Yancy Gillespie	11/08
Gary Hahn	11/17
Sandra Heinrich	11/16
Marilyn Heiser	11/11
Kamdyn Hicks	11/25
Kevin Hull	11/06
Tinsley Newman	11/09

Wedding Anniversaries

November 22 Paul and Janet Estes

Women of Faith: The ladies will hold their next regular meeting on Thursday, November 9th, at 10:00 AM. Cheryl Snyder is the hostess in the fellowship hall.



All ladies of the Faith are invited to attend with a brown bag lunch.

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 before November 20, 2017.



Hurricane Relief: LCMS Disaster Response, a part of LCMS World Relief and Human Care, is committed to helping the hurricane victims for the next three years, as tens of thousands of people begin to rebuild their lives after losing everything. This includes the victims of Harvey, Irma, and Maria. If you wish to support their efforts with a monetary gift make checks payable to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, note "Disaster Response/Relief" on the memo line, and mail to LCMS P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, Mo. 63165-6861.

Bible Study: Rev. Bushre is leading a pre-service Bible study at 4:00 PM. We are watching and discussing the video "A Man Named Martin-Part 3 The Movement" which completes the LHM video trilogy. Viewers will see how God was at work in the Reformation, in the lives of the men and women who shaped it, and in the social transformations that resulted. The Reformation movement, launched by Luther, produced enormous changes in Europe that eventually swept across the Atlantic influencing our nation as well. We hope you can join us in this timely discussion and learning experience for every Lutheran.



Oktoberfest Review: Thank you to the 25 members who assisted in the preparation and serving of the German dinner on October 12th. We netted \$1781.00 to be used to support our US troops, Chaplin Weber, and their families. We served about 165 guests. Special thanks to Mary, Donna, and Thrivent Financial for their contributions to this event again this year.

CID News: Our District welcomes Rev. Ken Schurb as its new Administrative Assistant to the President for Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Human Care. A graduate of Concordia Teachers College, Seward (B.A., B.S.Ed.), Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne (M.Div., S.T.M.), and The Ohio State University (M.A., Ph.D.), he spent a total of 19 years as a parish pastor in two congregations: Peace Lutheran Church, Berne, IN, and, most recently, Zion Lutheran Church, Moberly, MO. He also taught theology at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI, and has sometimes served as an adjunct instructor for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Rev. Joel A. Cluver, past Administrative Assistant to CID President, has retired.

Winter Prep: Winter is approaching and possibly inclement weather. A Call List is being made up to use if we should have to cancel anything at Faith Church. Do we have your current and correct telephone number so you can be contacted?



PLEASE give the office your telephone number (address update could be useful too) or write in on an Attendance Card at church. Only with correct information can this Call List be useful; thanks for your help.

If you are willing to participate in making member calls let Marilyn or an Elder know. The more callers the fewer calls need to be made.

Give Thanks: Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by the His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise, and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as (good stewards of His varied grace,) (1 Peter 4:10) we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as an offering. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also offerings to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies, share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. "For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matthew 13:12).

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Support for Troops: A collection box is in the Narthex along with a list of items to send to Chaplain Weber. We plan to mail them early in November so they arrive before the deployment to Middle-East in December. If you wish to send Rev. Weber a card or note his current address is: CPT Paul M Weber, HSC 248 ASB, 56414 Headquarters Ave., Ft. Hood TX, 76544

Do we have your email address? If not, please send it to hahn.gary@comcast.net, indicate it on your attendance card or leave it in the church office. Email is the quickest and most convenient way to receive our monthly newsletter and to keep up on what's happening at Faith!

