



Acts of Faith

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Kewanee, Illinois



November 2018

Volume 18 Issue 11

Pastor Paul Weber home: 309-764-3144 cell: 309-716-4759 email: chapemcc@gmail.com



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year for most people. It is a time for family and friends—many of us will gather together with loved ones to celebrate. It is a time for food—who isn't looking forward to that delicious turkey dinner? It is a long weekend of football game after football game. As Christians, we know that Thanksgiving is more than a chance to celebrate with family and friends, food, or

football. It is a time to remember that we should give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives.

The Christian life is one of daily giving thanks to God. It is the Lord who created us and He is the one who sustains us in this life. He gives us all the earthly blessings that we have. The Lord is also our Savior. He is gracious to us, He forgives our sins, and He gives to us the gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. He has cleansed our sins and has placed upon us the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The Lord is merciful to us and our helper in the time of trouble. There is no way that we could ever repay God for what He has done for us, but we are moved by the Holy Spirit to give thanks.

We are thankful to God for the many blessings that He has given us. Let us remember these blessings while we are enjoying our Thanksgiving holiday. Let us remember the blessings of family, friends, food, and all we need. Most of all let us give thanks to the Lord for the salvation that He has won for us. Through Christ Jesus death has been defeated, Satan has been crushed, and we have been given eternal life. It is a life in the full presence of God for all eternity. As followers of Christ we are moved to call upon the Name of the Lord in praise and in prayer and in thanksgiving. The Christian life is a glorious life of giving thanks.

The apostle Paul gives this encouragement: "Be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:15-17)



Above: Kari Tavares, Sue Cervantez, and Carol Robinson prepare the kitchen.

Left: Mary Hahn and Nancy Tudder serve the desserts

Oktoberfest Dinner:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Oktoberfest dinner last month.

Around \$1600 was raised to help off set the cost to replace one of our geothermal furnaces. We enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship. Thank you also to Thrivent Financial for a \$250 donation towards supplies and food.

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

November's Calendar

- Nov. 01 All Saints Day
- Nov. 03 Daylight Savings Time ends tonight.
- Nov. 04 All Saints Sunday**
 Worship and Holy Communion 9:00 AM
 Mite box collection
- Nov. 05 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 06 Election Day
- Nov. 11 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship and Holy Communion 9:00 AM
 Veterans' Day Observance
- Nov. 12 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 15 Women of Faith Mtg. 10:00 AM
- Nov. 16 Elders and Council Mtgs. 6:30 & 7:00 PM
- Nov. 18 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
 Worship and Holy Communion 9:00 AM
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day Observance
 No service at Faith
- Nov. 25 Last Sunday of Church Year**
 Worship and Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

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

Altar Guild Schedule

- | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| November 4 | Marilyn Sturtevant | White |
| November 11 | Mary Hahn | Green |
| November 18 | Kari Tavares | Green |
| November 25 | Sharon Larson | Green |

Weekly Ushers:

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

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

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

Our Faith family: Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Joyce Long, Fred Staple, and Bonnie Nuding.

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

CID: Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.



Prayer Requests: Have someone or something that you would like Pastor 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.

R.I. Circuit News: Rev. Gary Wright will be Vacancy Pastor at St. John-Geneseo.

St. Matthew, Milan is still vacant and have issued another call.

CID News: The CID Board approved a \$2.25/communicant member assessment for each congregation to cover the costs of the Synod Convention, including the \$68k assessment the District must pay to Synod plus the travel and lodging costs for CID's delegates. The Board submitted the names of Rev. Burnell Ekhart and Rev. Bruce Keseman for nomination to the Board of Regents at Concordia Seminary - St. Louis.

LCMS NEWS: Held every three years the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth (14-19 yrs.) and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's Word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. It will be held July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. Registration forms for congregations are now available on-line.

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 be meeting on Thursday, November 15th, at 10:00AM for service project work. Mary Hahn is the hostess, and Donna Becker will give a book review.

Mites will be gathered on Saturday November 4th. In November we have the opportunity to add your mites to the mite box in support of the LWML Mission Grants. Mission Grant #14: Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) voted a grant of \$100,000.00 for Lutheran Braille Workers' (LBW) Laborers of Love. This grant will provide visually challenged and blind persons a free braille or large print copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible. Each Bible consists of 37 volumes and costs \$185. LBW will produce 20,000 Bibles in over 100 Work Centers in the United States trying to reach the 11 million blind or visually impaired in our country of which 95% are unchurched. With your prayers and mite box donations, this vital ministry will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that many sight impaired people will "see" Jesus as their Savior. Women of Faith thank you for your generous support in prayers and mites for these mission grants.



Council Action: The Treasure reported the general fund balance was \$39,000, and the dedicated fund balance was unchanged. There will be no Thanksgiving Service at Faith. Members are encouraged to attend the 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve service at Concordia, Geneseo. Advent services are planned in December on Thursday evenings. Elders are encouraging children to attend Sunday School and seeking a couple of volunteers to teach and lead the classes. The new furnace has been installed, but is not in service. Our insurance company is reviewing the situation and may contribute some money toward the project. Rock for the back drive is to be ordered and dumped by truck to fill the holes and ruts. Next meeting will be Tuesday evening, November 16th, at 7:00 PM.



Remember to fall back to Central Standard Time on Saturday night, November 3rd



"The Scriptures were written, not to make us astronomers, but to make us saints."
 Matthew Henry

Celebrate with us on November 4 at Faith Lutheran

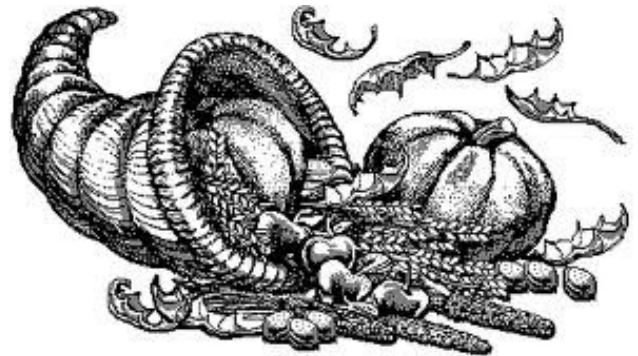


Honoring All Who Served! November 11th

Flu vaccination is especially important for people 65 years and older because they are at high risk of developing serious complications from flu. Flu vaccines are updated each season as needed to keep up with changing viruses. Also, immunity wanes over a year so annual vaccination is needed to ensure the best possible protection against influenza. A flu vaccine protects against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

O Lord,
 How full is this world of your unending creativity.
 How astounding is creation in all its variety.
 How breathtaking is new life, growth and transformation.
 How wonderful is your provision for us your children!
 This day, we celebrate your great goodness with thankful hearts and joyful lives.
 Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good;
 His love is eternal
 Amen.



Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



Lutheran Church Charities Disaster Response continues to provide support to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) Southern District pastors and communities most affected by Hurricane Michael. LCC President / CEO Tim Hetzner and LCC Director of Disaster Response Kathy O'Day remain in close contact with the district leadership and pastors on the most current needs to help individuals and families in their recovery efforts.

Send your gift to LCC offices at 3020 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook IL. 60020 , (866) 455-6466 or Online at www.LutheranChurchCharities.org