



Acts of Faith

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Our Christian Foundation: In Pastor's Sunday Bible class we are reminded that the Word of God, the Bible, is the one solid foundation of the Christian faith. We understand that America, like most of the Western World, has weakened our religion by destroying this foundation by replacing it with man's word. With a man's word foundation everyone decides for themselves what truth is. *"That scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires."* 2 Peter 3:3. The Bible says we should love God above all, love our neighbors, do not hurt or harm them in any manner. But, prayer and the Bible have been removed from our American schools, our government agencies, the family homes, and to some extent even into some "Christian" churches too. Moral and social issues, i.e. random killings, gay marriage, cancel culture, critical race theory (CRT), and abortion, are the result. Declining worship attendance and church affiliations are indications that the last couple of generations have accepted these atheistic views and are hardening their hearts and minds against God. Today, everyone is brainwashed that most pressing worldly problem is the "climate changing" without acknowledging that the one true God has been turned away in the Western World. The worldly culture and media have trashed God, while glorifying violence, immorality, sexuality, and lewdness. More and more people accept this culture based on man's word, and reject the Bible and what it has to say.

Fundamental biblical beliefs displaced by the creed of CRT are extensive and alarming. They include, but are not limited to, creation, original sin and actual sin understood according to the 10 Commandments, objective truth, redemption, salvation through Christ alone, personal accountability and responsibility, vocation and love for our neighbor, and the role of repentance, not to mention the new baptismal life that comes from living with faith, hope and love.

Let's remain firm to Scripture, our strong foundation, where we will meet the God who holds all the answers. If we trust in Jesus and His Word, then why not take Jesus' Word at face value. After all, Christ Himself believed in Adam and Eve and Noah and the global flood as historical people and historical events. We can affirm that God's Word is true, and clear on what it is telling us about our one human race, our world, and what has happened to both.

Can we change the world's, America's, or even one person's view on religion? No, only God can do this. But we can share what true Christians believe concerning God's law and the Gospel with those we know and meet, then step back and let the Holy Spirit go to work opening their minds and hearts to the truth. We are all sinners and in need of a savior which God mercifully provide in Jesus Christ for the world's redemption, redemption won on the cross for everyone who accepts Him.

To learn more on how to react in today's culture, as a follower of Christ and God's Word, attend Pastor's Sunday Class on the "Foundations" based on Genesis 1-11.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH – You (and your friends) are invited to attend a new youth group at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The youth group is open to all churches in our Rock Island Circuit (7th grade thru High School). Meetings are every Sunday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island. The first hour includes a brief opening and devotion followed by a discussion with Pastor Astrowski on Apologetics - learning how to defend our faith. For the second hour, we will gather in the fellowship hall and gymnasium for activities and snacks. We are so excited for this opportunity to Connect Youth, Strengthen their Faith and Provide Tools to Share their Faith. For any questions, please contact Kathy Welch at 309-714-5491.

November's Calendar

- Nov. 01 **All Saints' Day**
LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 07 **All Saints' Sunday**
Worship with Holy Communion
Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 08 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Observance
WOF Meeting 10:00AM
- Nov. 14 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov. 15 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 18 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
Church Council 7:00 PM
- Nov. 21 **Last Sunday of Church Year**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov. 25 **Observance of Thanksgiving Day**
- Nov. 28 **First Sunday of Advent**
Worship with Holy Communion

Worship Schedule
9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service
10:00 AM Bible Study

Altar Guild Schedule

Nov. 07	Sharon Larson	White
Nov. 14	Mary Hahn	Green
Nov. 21	Kari Tavares	Green
Nov. 28	Marilyn Sturtevant	Blue

Elders List:

Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
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 Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
 Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203

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, please notify Pastor Weber via e-mail or phone.

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

Our Faith family: Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, and John J. Hernandez.

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Sue Copeland, Ron Pettit, Lacey Hammons, Kent West, Katie Yarger, Jim Tudder, Jaxson Johnson, and all military personnel and first responders.

Inactive Members: Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

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

Our World: That Lord of all will bring healing to those who are sick, comfort to those who mourn, care for those who tend and care for the ill, and bring an end to the spread of this virus.



Portals of Prayer: Issues for Oct.-December are available in the Narthex with different print sizes.



Sunday Bible Study: Pastor Weber is leading a DVD Bible study entitled "The Foundations." Please consider bringing your coffee and joining us in the fellowship Hall on Sunday morning to learn what we as God's church need to do as Christians in our worldly society.

Our Sympathy: Rev. Brian P. E. Homann, 30 yr., pastor of St. John, Beardstown, Illinois, passed away on October 14, 2021 at his home. His wife and two daughters survive him.



Birthdays of the Month

November 3 Casidy Tavares
 November 13 Mallery Tudder
 November 16 Linda Jacobs
 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
Gary Hahn	11/17
Sandra Heinrich	11/16
Kamdyn Hicks	11/25
Kevin Hull	11/06
Tinsley Newman	11/09
Taylor Talbot	11/17

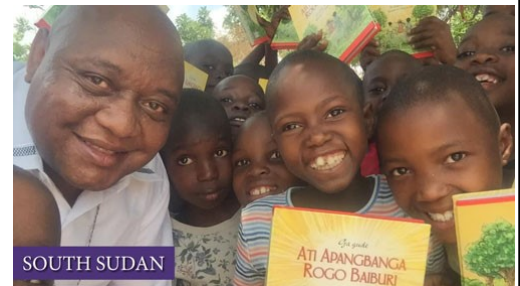


Wedding Anniversaries

November 22 Paul and Janet Estes

Women of Faith: The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **November 11th**, at 10:00AM.

WOF invite you to offer your mites for the Mission Grant, Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children. In parts of Africa, a big obstacle exists when introducing young ones to Jesus — there aren't enough Lutheran children's books in their own languages. And even if there were, books would be an unaffordable luxury for many parents who struggle to find enough food for the family table. "The Gospel in one's own heart language should not be a privilege of people who have been to school and can read other languages," said Rev. Nathaniel Bol, bishop of the South Sudan Evangelical Lutheran Church. "When you have something in your language, you own it. I want my people to own this faith!" The translation, printing, and distribution of Lutheran books for children by Lutheran Heritage Foundation guides children and their families to Jesus, their Savior. Thank you for your prayers and mites in support of this Mission Grant.



Council News: The October Council meeting was held on October 14th. Sue Cervantez reported current balances with some debits outstanding general fund = \$46,017.85 and dedicated fund = \$16,983.87. Sue Cervantez also reported receiving an additional \$135 memorial for Tootie Godke from her son, David Godke.

It was determined that a Thanksgiving Eve service will not be held, but an Advent Season food drive will be held.

The purchase of an additional utility cart for the kitchen and lower level was approved. A toilet in the lower level women's room has been repaired. The old copier has been hauled away.



"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done." Psalm 105:1

OKTOBERFEST 2021: Drive Thru Style



Heather and Mary greet customers as they drive up.



Ray Robinson, Kevin Hull, and Ron Larson brown the brats.



Ladies serving up the dinners: Sue, Cheryl, Carol R., Carol C., Sandy, and Kari.



Wayne and Jim hand out the dessert.



Tickets, plastic ware, and a bottle of water from Marilyn



Volunteers enjoy their dinners and rest after a long successful day



Praise the Lord! Thank you for all those at Faith who worked together to plan, prepare, and serve our first "Drive Thru" Oktoberfest dinner in 2021. Thanks for all your prayers too. The fall weather was perfect, and the food was delicious. A profit of \$2666 was realized through these efforts. Thanks to Thrivent for their donation toward expenses.