



# Acts of Faith

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***“Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.”***

We sing the above portion of the liturgy in Divine Service Settings one and two as the Post-Communion Canticle. It is most appropriate that we do praise and thank God for this gift. At this time of the year Americans set aside a designated day for giving thanks. For what we enjoyed during the year, and for what we enjoyed only for a time, Christians should thank God continually.

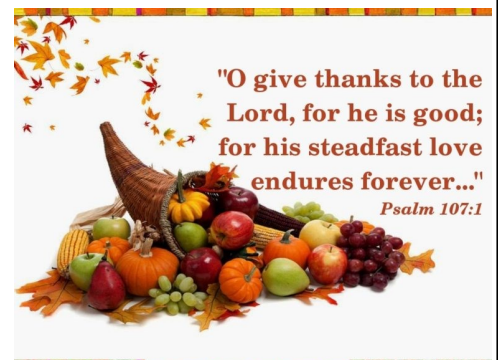
Usually, we thank God for our blessings during worship, at mealtime, and sometimes before sleep or as we awake. Luther reminds us in the fourth petition of the Lord’s Prayer that God gives us everything we need to support ourselves including food, clothing, housing, family, weather, peace, friends. *“The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.”* (Psalm 145:15-16) Martin Luther recognized God’s blessings to every living thing when he wrote about the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed in the Large Catechism. There he wrote, “Hence, since everything we possess, and everything in heaven and on earth besides, is daily given and sustained by God, it inevitably follows that we are in duty bound to love, praise, and thank Him without ceasing, and, in short, to devote all these things to His service.” (The Book of Concord, Fortress Press, 1959, page 412)

God also gives us spiritual gifts such as: the Sacraments, His Holy Word, the Holy Spirit, and faithful pastors. As you read the canticle above do you see something else God gives us? He always keeps His promises. Not just to His chosen Israel, but also today to all believers, His children through Baptism. In our LifeLight study of Joshua we find God at work keeping His covenant with Abraham and His nation Israel as He leads them into the promised land of Canaan giving victory over their enemies. What He promises, He will do. He does not forget or fail to keep His promises the way we often do. The Book of Joshua demonstrates to us most convincingly of the Lord’s absolute faithfulness in fulfilling His promises through Jesus Christ. God chose Joshua as His agent to give the His people the “Promised Land.” He chose His only Son as an earthly agent to gain for us a “Promise Land” of eternal rest in Heaven.

God promises to forgive us our sins through His mercy for Christ’s sake, and releases us from these burdens in life. *“In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,”* (Ephesians 1:7) Also, God promises never to forsake us. *“But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”* (Psalm 86:15) God will always remember you. Neither will He forget His promise to raise us and all believers on the Day of Judgement. *“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”* (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

At this time of Thanksgiving, let us not forget to give thanks to God who remembers His promises to us through Christ Jesus.

*Happy Thanksgiving to all!*



## November's Calendar

- Nov. 01 All Saints' Day
- Nov. 06 All Saints' Observance Sunday  
Worship with Holy Communion  
Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 07 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 08 Election Day **VOTE**
- Nov. 10 WOF Meeting 10:00AM
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Observance
- Nov. 13 25th Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov. 14 LifeLight Bible Study 12:00 noon
- Nov. 17 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM  
Church Council 7:00 PM
- Nov. 20 Last Sunday of Church Year  
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov. 24 Observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent  
Worship with Holy Communion

**Worship Schedule**  
**9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service**  
**10:05 AM Bible Study**

### Altar Guild Schedule

Nov. 06	Marilyn Sturtevant	White
Nov. 13	Leah Weber	Green
Nov. 20	Sharon Larson	Green
Nov. 27	Kari Tavares	Blue

### Elders List:

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

### USHER'S LIST

1st Sunday: Ted Sturtevant  
 2nd Sunday: Nick Phillips  
 3rd Sunday: Wayne Becker  
 4th Sunday: Kevin Hull  
 5th Sunday: Jim Cook

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

**Our Faith family:** Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Vanda Hallock, and John J. Hernandez.

**Friends:** Jeff Bowman, Sue Copeland, Ron Pettit, Lacey Hammons, Kent West, Jim Tudder, Hudson McCook, Eugene Fronk, and all military personnel and first responders.

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

**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.

**Our World:** Citizens of and those in Ukraine that peace may come to this land.

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*



### Peggy L. Janik

July 30, 1961 - October 2, 2022

Peggy was called to God's heavenly rest on October 2, 2022. We remember her family in our prayers as we extend our Christian sympathy.

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to the Wayne Becker family who's oldest son, Chris, was transferred to the Church Triumphant after a eight month battle with cancer on October 4th.

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

**Thank you** to the caring members of Faith for your donation to our building fund.

**"...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."**  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sincerely,  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church—Bethel, Tenn.

# NOVEMBER



## BIRTHDAYS

November 3 Casidy Tavares  
 November 13 Mallery Tudder  
 November 16 Linda Jacobs  
 November 23 Micah Tavares  
 November 26 Lorie Elgin  
 November 30 Kylee Conlin

## Wedding Anniversaries

November 22 Paul and Janet Estes

## 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  
 Jaxson Johnson 11/14  
 Tinsley Newman 11/09  
 Andrew Peterson 11/14  
 Taylor Talbot 11/17



**Women of Faith:** The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **November 10th**, at 10:00am to work on cards and play games. Nancy is the hostess and will lead a devotion. All ladies of Faith are invited to join them.

WOF invite you to offer your mites for the Mission Grant, "Ends of Earth" Scholarship. MOST Ministries prepares and sends mission teams, usually nine individuals, in response to requests by our LCMS missionaries in the mission field and the national church leaders. For 32 years, MOST Ministries has responded to needs in the United States and 52 foreign countries. In the past five years, due to increasing travel costs, volunteers struggle to raise needed funds and planned trips have been canceled. This mission grant will provide scholarship aid to mission team participants. Thank you for your mites and for your prayers as LWML Mission Grants help spread the Word of God.

**Bible Study** Pastor is leading a Bible study CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD: A call to courage, confession, and love. Systemic racism, privilege, political correctness, woke movement, social justice are common terms in the world today. To better understand these words and to answer questions that stem from these, a Christian today must understand this new Marxism, called Cultural Marxism, and its impact on our society and religion. We will analyze this Cultural Marxism from a Biblical perspective. You are welcome to sit in on Sunday morning; bring your coffee and join this discussion.



**Sunday  
Nov. 6th**

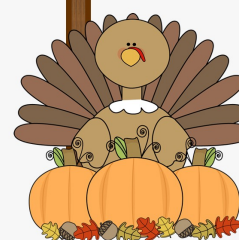
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**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS**



On **Veterans Day** we remember the courage and selfless service of so many throughout the generations who have answered the call to serve in the Armed Forces. We are thankful to God for their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. We also pray that God would keep chaplains in the faith and sanctify their ministry in the Word. Finally, we are grateful for the devotion and sacrifice of military families.

We are  
Thankful for  
YOU!





Praise the Lord! Thank you for all those at Faith who worked together to plan, prepare, and serve our “Drive Thru” Oktoberfest dinner in 2022. Thanks for all your prayer support too. The fall weather was breezy, but the food was delicious. A profit of \$2489 was realized through these efforts. Thanks to Thrivent for their donation toward our expenses.



Leah and Cheryl cook under Donna’s watchful eye.



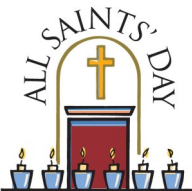
Sandy, Kari, Carol, and Sue served up the dinners.

**Church Council Report:** The treasurer reported that the General Fund balance is \$50,537.87, the Memorial/Dedicated Fund is \$15,340.51 for a total of \$65,878.38. The Church Extension Fund Balance is \$160,368.50. \$1055 has been received in memorials for Wendell Hier.

A state elevator inspection has been completed by Otis Elevator and Stuard & Associates. Inspection failed because an emergency light battery is dead, and the phone did not work. Additionally, a cylinder gasket is leaking and should be replaced. Five gallons of oil were added for now. Council approved an estimate for repairs sent by Otis for \$5,868.00 along with the contract agreement. Half of the cost must be included with the signed agreement to schedule the work. An invoice for \$220 from Stuard was received for inspection services. The elevator will have to be inspected again once repairs are completed. Bill is checking with insurance to see if it will help with expenses.

A new cleaning person, Senna Israel, will begin shortly cleaning the upstairs areas.

Council has agreed to accept from Norma Emerson, Wendell Hier’s sister, a ceramic nativity set, in Wendell’s honor.



### *All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6*

We will remember, by name, all those Saints of Christ who have entered the Church Triumphant since last year. If you have someone you would like to remember please inform Pastor.

### **Q: Why do some churches take a weak position on abortion?**

A: God’s Fifth Commandment is clear, “You shall not murder.” God forbids us to take the life of another person, and this most certainly includes abortion. Abortion is an emotional issue and one that is very upsetting to many. It is easier for a church to take a weak position and not speak out clearly against abortion. However, a church body that wishes to be faithful to the Scriptures cannot remain silent, but must clearly indicate that willful abortions are sinful. Many mainline, liberal denominations, which tolerate doubt and indifference in their churches about many teachings of the Bible, also tolerate and even defend abortion. It is often confusing to Missouri Synod Lutherans when they hear that some other Lutheran churches have not taken a strong stand against abortion. It is important for us to make clear that our church does not share the position of those church bodies that do not speak clearly against the sin of abortion. -Dr. A. L. Barry Past President The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod