



Acts of Faith

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The End is Near: The church for centuries has kept track of days and seasons and commemorating special occasions with a calendar. The church year is structured around the acts of salvation that God delivers into this world for us in Christ Jesus. The Sundays and seasons of the church year help us journey on a path that shows us Jesus Christ at work in this world building the kingdom of God. The church year ends in November with reminders that this world will face judgment. The trumpet will blast. Christ will return with all authority in heaven and earth to judge the living and the dead. We will face judgment day with confidence in Christ. He is our resurrection. The scripture readings at the end of the church year are filled with honesty that the world coming to an end will be frightening. The honesty of fright is matched with the confidence that we will not face the end times alone. Christ will then bring us into His New Creation.

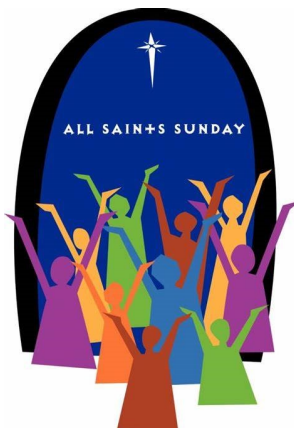
Our Lord is victorious over sin, death, and the devil. Christ’s love holds us more securely than any of the forces of evil that try to pull us away from God. Rejoice in Christ. Jesus is our hope. Jesus calls out to us with the word of absolution. “I forgive you all your sins,” He assures you. “My blood, shed on the cross for you, cleanses you of the disease of your sin. All of you are forgiven.” The end is near, and yet our Savior is always closer than the end times.

Christian faith is ultimately about following Jesus even though you can’t see Him right now with your physical eyes. Faith is about trusting God so deeply that it affects the way you live. That’s walking by faith. Things you do not see, yet believe. Things you will receive as blessings only after your time here is over. It’s why you can be thankful no matter the stress in your life, or how troubling your circumstances. Praise the LORD! *“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!”* Psalm 106:1

Anyone can be thankful after receiving great blessings. Only Christians can be thankful before receiving. We are thankful because God has done great things for us, but also because He promises many more great things to you. Pray the Holy Spirit strengthen you for doing His service and stewardship, so that you will faithfully use your talents and treasures which are on loan from God.

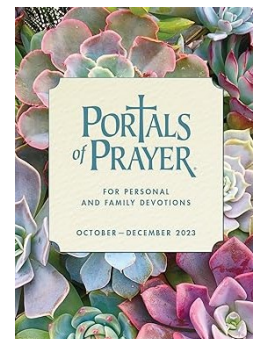
We can look forward to the special times we as a church body have at this point in the year coming up. We give thanks and close out the church year in November. Then follows the anticipation and joy that comes with the Advent season, when we are reminded again how God became one of us and experienced all the same things that we do.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5
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.

Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are now available for the final quarter of the year (October-December) in small, medium, and large sizes. Please pick up a copy for yourself and others you might know.



November's Calendar

- Nov. 01 **All Saints' Day**
Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 05 **All Saints' Observance Sunday**
Worship with Holy Communion
Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 06 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov. 09 WOF Meeting 10:00AM
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Observance
- Nov. 12 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov. 14 LifeLight Bible Study 12:00 noon
- Nov. 16 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
Church Council 7:00 PM
- Nov. 19 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov. 23 Observance of Thanksgiving Day
No service
- Nov. 26 **Last Sunday of Church Year**
Worship with Holy Communion

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

Altar Guild Schedule

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| Nov. 05 | Mary Hahn | White |
| Nov. 12 | Sharon Larson | Green |
| Nov. 19 | Marilyn Sturtevant | Green |
| Nov. 26 | Kari Tavares | Green |

Elders List:

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| 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: Gary Hahn
- 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, Glen and Betty Godke, and Wayne Becker

Friends: Lacey Hammons, Jim Tudder, Steve Faber, 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 Ukraine and Israel that peace may come to their lands.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy



R.I. Circuit Winkle: A meeting of Rock Island Circuit pastors ("winkle") was hosted by Faith on October 16th. Ladies of WOF prepared coffee, juice, fruit, and coffeecake snacks for the group. After a morning service they met in the lower level to conduct Bible study and other business. Thank you ladies.



Sunday
Nov. 5th
DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME ENDS
Don't be early for
church



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.



BIRTHDAYS

November 3 Casidy Blume
 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 9th**, at 10:00am for Bible study “Comfort and Hope To Share”. Mary is the hostess and will lead the devotion. All ladies of Faith are invited to join them. Bring a can of non creamy soup to make Hobo stew for lunch. The meeting will follow.

WOF invite you to offer your mites for the Mission Grant, Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry. Both Iowa District West and the Nebraska District are working cooperatively through the efforts of Rev. Paul Flo of Hope Lutheran Church and Rev. Henry and Ruthie Witte, who served so faithfully many years in South America and Latin America as deployed Missionaries. Through a definite outreach plan, utilizing English Classes, special events, Bible studies, and special programs specifically designed for the Hispanic Community, the goal of this Mission Grant is to reach out to bring the Holy Spirit and His power to touch the lives of the people that God is sending here. Thank you for your mites and for your prayers for this Mission Grant.

Thank you Cheryl for the new LWML banner celebrating this years LWML Sunday which was held on October 1st.



Dedication: On October 1st new furnishings were dedicated to the Lord’s service at Faith. These included three large print *Lutheran Service Books* from the Gooch (Cheryl’s Friend) Memorial, a new Christ Candle, and additional communion linens provided by WOF for a memorial to Yvonne Wegener. We thank those who made these articles possible.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

“You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
 for his steadfast love endures forever! “

Psalm 118:28-29

Josh Bieri Bulletin: Joshua with wife, Chrystal, and sons, Jake and Isaac send greetings from Concordia, Fort Wayne Seminary. Joshua Bieri is a seminary student from Taylor Ridge, IL. Josh has been installed as field worker at Zion Lutheran in Garrett, IN where he is doing readings for their Devine Services. They thank everyone for prayers and support from Rock Island District.

Praise the Lord! Thank you for all those at Faith who team up together to plan, prepare, and serve our “Drive Thru” Oktoberfest dinner in 2023. Thanks for all your prayer support too. The fall weather was breezy, but the German food was delicious. A profit of **\$2855.60** was realized through these sell out efforts. Thanks to Thrivent for their support toward our effort.



Jeri, Sandy, Kari, Sue, and Deb handle the serving line upstairs.



Mary takes tickets while Pastor, Jim and Carol Cook deliver pies and dinners to go.

Church Council Report: The treasurer reported that the General Fund balance is \$31,595.93, the Memorial/Dedicated Fund is \$16,739.57 for a total of \$48,335.50. The Church Extension Fund Balance is \$140,708.80. Giving for the year is down. Another reimbursement from our insurance is hoped for since final bills have been submitted. Final siding payment of \$6000 was paid in October.

Elders requested and Council approved not holding Advent evening services due to poor attendance at evening services. Candidates are being requested for 2024 officers. Wayne Becker was removed from the Elders due to health condition. Wayne is currently under going rehabilitation at Kewanee Care after a stroke. Pastor attended the CID Pastor’s conference in October.

Ted reported that on September 27th PM a vehicle struck the north column on the church’s lower level overhang. The collision punched a hole in one of the concrete blocks, broke several other blocks and mortar joints, and rotated the structure counter clockwise on its foundation. A report was filed with Kewanee Police. No area citizens reported seeing or hearing the incident. Estimates for repairs are \$900. The siding contractor saw the damage and reported it to Ted the next morning when they arrived at the site. The south siding has been completely replaced from last spring’s storm damage.



Council approved holding another Operation Thanksgiving food drive in December to benefit the Kewanee food pantry. Pantry demands are up again and food stuffs from government and food banks have been reduced. Other churches in the area are also holding food drives to help this cause.

Council approved sending \$500 from the Oktoberfest profits to Seminary student Josh Bieri and his family. His monthly letter is available on the office window. The need for LCMS ministers is great, with 30 vacancies in Illinois. The remainder of the proceeds will be retained to help defer cost of building repairs.

Q: Why do we sing the hymns we do in the Divine Services?

A: The scripture readings for the day suggest a theme around which the preaching, prayers, and hymns are centered. This theme determines the selection of hymns and where a hymn best fits in the Divine Service, the opening, Hymn of the Day, or closing. The *Lutheran Service Book* hymns are biblically, liturgically, sacramentally, and theologically sound. The texts compliment God’s Word and our confession as Lutheran Christians. Pastor, along with the organist, carefully plan and select the hymns that allow the congregation to respond to God’s good gifts with united hearts and voices.

