



Acts of Faith

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Oh Give thanks: Especially at this time of year we receive a lot of mail appeals from various charity organizations requesting a donation. Many of them include some token gift, i.e. a coin, note pad, or address stickers, to urge the recipient to follow through with monetary support in return. This plays on the human nature to give when you receive. When given a gift whether nominal in value or expensive, some type of gratitude is expected in return. What does God expect in return for His blessings which He bestows on us? Nothing, for it is impossible to give God anything.

Why do we thank God for all his benefits? Thanksgiving, a national holiday is approaching and throughout our country peoples' attention will turn to travel, family and turkey dinners, football games, and holiday sales. Some may give a passing thought to the rich blessings such as freedom, family, home, and health, which God has given to them. Thankful hearts should always come together in worship and prayer, praising Him from whom all blessings flow. Scripture provides us with the proper motivation for giving thanks. God provides us with a multitude of blessings, things we associate with the First Article of the Creed (all creation and all our necessities) or the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer (our daily bread). We have not only those things, but also the greatest gift, salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, that which we confess in the Second Article of the Creed. John reminds us in his first epistle, "*We love because He first loved us.*" There is the proper motivation for giving thanks to God. "*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast loves endures forever.*" Psalm 118:1

Martin Luther indicates in his explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, our duty is to offer up thanksgiving, praise, service and obedience. "*For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.*" These things are an expression of thanks for the benefits the Lord gives to us by sacrificing His Son. It is by God's mercy and love that we are redeemed and made new again in Christ.

We see how true thanksgiving begins, with the receiving of the gracious gifts of our God. Unlike the nine lepers who failed to acknowledge Jesus' pure loving act {Luke 17}, we should not neglect to express our gratitude to God as we get wrapped up in our family, the turkey with trimmings, parades and football all day, and door busting sales. We easily can be clouded by material possessions and the good life that we have. In the midst of those things, it is hard to remember where the blessings come from. More importantly, we forget that man does not live on bread alone, but on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

What matters is not just our daily bread, but the crucial bread, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. God gave His only begotten Son, to be born of a Virgin, to be born under the Law to redeem us who are under the Law. The Sacrament of the Altar is the only Thanksgiving meal in town you'll feel better after eating and drinking; there's always room for more Jesus. It is a gift from God with no strings attached. The more we thank God the Father through Jesus Christ His dear Son, the more we recognize how generously and bountifully He deals with us. Thanksgiving begins by receiving our Lord and the fruits of His death and Resurrection, Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, Holy Communion. Rejoice in our God given faith that has healed and saved us.

Have a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving in Christ.

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

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

November's Calendar

- Nov 03 **All Saints Sunday**
Worship with Holy Communion
 DST ends at 2:00AM
- Nov 04 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Nov 07 Adult Confirmation 6:30 PM
- Nov 10 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov 11 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
 Veterans Day Observance
- Nov 13 WOF Meeting 10:00AM
- Nov 14 Adult Confirmation 6:30 PM
- Nov 17 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov 19 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
 Church Council 7:00 PM
- Nov 24 **Last Sunday of the Church Year**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day Observance

Altar Guild Schedule

Nov. 3	Sharon Larson	White
Nov. 10	Marilyn Sturtevant	Green
Nov. 17	Mary Hahn	Green
Nov. 24	Kari Tavares	Green

Weekly Ushers:

- 1st Sunday: Gary Hahn & 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

Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

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

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

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 22, 2019.

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 on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

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

Our Faith family: Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Bonnie Nuding, Nancy Tudder, Cheryl Snyder, and Heidi Heinrich.

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Rev. Burnell Eckhardt and family, Glen Quart, Betty Criswell, Rev. Ken Wegener, Ron Pettit, Steve Scheff, 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.

R.I. Cir: St. Matthew, Milan, is calling a shepherd to lead their congregation. Pray that God grant this congregation a favorable response.



Our Christian sympathy to the family of Betty Wright, mother of Rev. Gary Wright, Zion Lutheran, who died on October 5th at the age of 86. Also, to the family of Marvin Gerard of Bradford, the brother of Dawn Hull who passed away on October 11th.

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 Wednesday, **November 13th**, at 10:00AM. Marilyn Sturtevant will be hostess and lead a devotion. All ladies are invited to attend.

On November 3rd Women of Faith ask you to help support the Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa with your mites. LWML Mission Grant #3 for the 2019-2021 Biennium, Mission Outreach to At-Risk Young Women in Africa, will enable Lutheran Hour Ministries to continue ongoing programs to help young women and their children who are forced into unhealthy life styles learn of Jesus and turn their lives around.



Oktoberfest Dinner: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Oktoberfest dinner last month. We served over 200 people and \$2100 was raised. Thank you to the extended Ray Robinson family, Jay and Kari Hagaman, and three ladies from Cristo Rey congregation who assisted at the dinner. We enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship.

We had lots of wonderful and tasty donated desserts to compliment the supper. Thank to all those members for these.

Proceeds from this Thrivent Financial team activity will be used for repair of our elevator, and for financial assistance to Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in East Moline, IL. Thank you Thrivent for your support.



Change Your
 Clocks Back &
 Smoke Alarm
 Batteries



DST ends on Sunday,
 November 3, 2019, at
 2:00 A.M. (i.e., gaining
 one hour).

On November 3rd we remember those dear souls that departed this earth last year.



New members: Chairman Bill Croegaert is once again asking our members to submit names of people in the area that you know are not attending church regularly, and we will invite them to Faith Lutheran. Pastor is willing to hold adult and /or youth Catechism instruction for those interested in becoming LCMS members. The class will be tailored to your schedule and situation.

Portals of Prayer, Oct-Dec. are available in three sizes in the Church Narthex.

This is a reminder to please put your name on all envelopes. We want to give you credit for all your contributions. We want to make sure you get credit for your yearend records.

Records Update: Faith would like to update its membership records. Forms are available in the Narthex to provide basic information. Please take one per household, fill them out, and hand them to an usher. Feel free to take forms for other family or friends are not in church and ask them to mail the sheets back to the church. A new church directory will be printed after the information is compiled.

Church Council Action: At the October meeting the treasurer's report indicated the general fund balance was \$22,206 and the designated fund balance was \$21,333. No bills for repairing the elevator have been received.

Trustee reported that a roof vent has collapsed and some shingles have blown off. Cost to replace these items is estimated to be \$300. A sink hole on the south lawn has opened up most probably from a broken runoff tile. It will be repaired as weather and time allow. The elevator inspection is scheduled for October 22. Our building insurance policy is being rewritten by Rockford Mutual, and more information will be forthcoming.

Advent worship services will be scheduled in December on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM. The next Voters' Assemble is scheduled for January 5th, 2020 to elect new officers and approve a congregational budget. In new business it the locking of the front doors during services and meetings was discussed and was decided to instruct the ushers to do so for security reasons

The LCMS synod has requested information of members attending college from the congregation. Please leave this information at the office.

Hammond-Henry Health Series: Health professionals will be offering a series of Women's and Men's health programs for 2019– 2020. The Women's programs will be held at noon at the Cellar in Geneseo. Lunch is \$9. The November 19th program is on Corrective Eye Procedures. The next Men's program is December 4th entitled Arthritis and will be at 7:00 a.m. in the hospital's first floor conference room. To make reservations or for more information e-mail hfhfound@hammondhenry.com by Tuesday prior to the program.

Homemade Enchiladas: Cristo Rey will once again have their famous and very delicious homemade enchiladas for sale. By October 30, 2019 you may order 12 enchiladas for \$20 by calling (309) 235-1018 or e-mail crstorey-em@sbcglobal.net. You have the choice of beef, chicken or chorizo/potato. Pick up for the previously ordered enchiladas is November 9, 2019 from 4 – 6 pm at Cristo Rey. Place your order and let Pastor Weber know and he will pick them up and delivery them to Kewanee the following Sunday.



Veterans' Day 2019 is a federal holiday (previously known as Armistice Day) observed annually on November 11, not only in the United States but in many other countries throughout the world. In the United States, it is a day that honors all men and women that have served as military veterans in the United States Armed Forces. Additionally, Veteran's Day 2019 is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans Day 2019 should not be mistaken with Memorial Day; Veterans' Day celebrates the service of all United States military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.