Acts of Faith

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"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" Psalm 136:1 ESV



The evenings are cooler, and the days are warm and shorter. Welcome to the eleventh month of November with the opportunity of the Church to give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed on us. On the first Sunday of the month, All Saints Day, we remember the faithfulness of God as we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and now are with our Lord in Heaven .

The next three Sundays focus on the final coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the Last Day. Then, we give thanks for all God has blessed us with our Thanksgiving celebration. On November 25th we are invited to join together with the congregation at St. Paul's for worship at 6:00 p.m.

The new Church Year begins with the First Sunday in Advent on the final Sunday of the month.

The above verse highlights God's character—His goodness, mercy, and everlasting love—and invite believers to respond with thanksgiving and praise. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us. For us who follow Christ, a spirit of gratefulness ought to be one of our defining attributes. Again and again God's Word encourages us to give thanks.

Why? Because no matter what our situation, no matter if things are going well or if things are very difficult, there is so much that God has given us, so much to be thankful for. Everything we have is ultimately from the gracious hand of our Lord. Everything we own, everything we do, everything about us comes from God's grace and mercy. For Christians, thankfulness is a confession of our faith in Christ. We know and believe that all that we have is from God. This is certainly true in both times of bounty and in times of scarcity. We give thanks for the particular goodness of God's mercy. It is what we do.

A life of gratitude— regardless of one's circumstances—is a much more pleasant way to live than a life of complaining, jealousy, or resentment. A thankful demeanor toward God is one way in which we can resist temptation to sin, fight off despair, be filled with joy, and recognize God's goodness.

So, this November (and every month of the year), it is good to be reminded to be thankful, because in being reminded, we are directed to Christ and all He does for us. As you gather with family and loved ones, it is good to pause and give thanks to God. However, give thanks the next day also—for God's love endures forever. Christians raise their voices in the unending chorus of thanksgiving to God for His gifts. This song will continue in heaven for all eternity. May God bless your family celebrations and instill in us all thankful hearts for enduring love. However we celebrate Thanksgiving, with our families, our neighbors, or even alone, let it be with this in mind: We give thanks to the Lord whose mercy endures forever.

Prayer – Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience throughout all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 25th 6:00 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran - Kewanee

Worship Schedule
9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service

November's Calendar

Nov. 01	**All Saints' Sunday** **Worship** with **Holy Communion** Mite collection Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov. 03	Election Day LifeLight Bible Study 2:00 PM
Nov. 08	**23rd Sunday after Trinity/** **LWML Sunday** **Worship** with **Holy Communion**
Nov. 10	LifeLight Bible Study Noon
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Observance
Nov. 12	WOF Meeting 10:00AM
Nov. 15	**24th Sunday after Trinity** **Worship** with **Holy Communion**
Nov. 19	Joint Council Mtg. 6:00PM at Faith
Nov. 22	**Service at St. Paul's today**
Nov. 25	**Thanksgiving Eve service at St. Paul's**
Nov. 26	Observance of Thanksgiving Day No service at Faith
Nov. 29	**First Sunday of Advent** **No communion**

Altar Guild

Nov. 01	Marilyn Sturtevant	(White)
Nov. 08	Mary Hahn	(Green)
Nov. 15	Carol Cook	(Green)
Nov. 22	St. Paul's	(Green)
Nov. 29	Kari Tavares	(Blue)

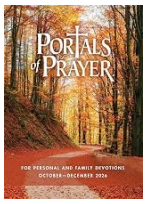
ELDER'S LIST:

Kevin Hull:	309-852-0801
Ron Larson:	309-853-5111
Ted Sturtevant:	309-853-8203
Gary Hahn	309-854-2203

USHER'S LIST

1st Sunday:	Ted Sturtevant
2nd Sunday:	Nick Phillips
3rd Sunday:	Gary Hahn
4th Sunday:	William Croegaert
5th Sunday:	Jim Cook

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



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, Nancy Gillespie, Bonnie Nuding, Randy Stockner, Ron Larson, and Carol Cook.

Friends: Pat Hewitt, Jim Tudder, Steve Faber, Jacob Nimrick, and all military personnel and all 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.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy



2027 Calendars:

R.I. Circuit church secretaries have put together a 2027 calendar featuring the churches of the circuit. An order list is available in the narthex in November. The cost is $20.00 with all proceeds going to the Hispanic, Christo Rey, congregation in East Moline..

Your support is appreciated.





Birthdays

November 3	Cassidy Blume
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

Kelly Brants	11/18
Jemma Cade	11/25
Madison Carpenter	11/23
Tiffany Carpenter	11/12
Myrene Carper	11/18
Olive Nimrick	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
June Leezer	11/06
Tinsley Newman	11/09
Andrew Peterson	11/14
Taylor Talbot	11/17
Maggie Gillespie	11/08
Yancy Gillespie	11/08
Marlin Gillespie	11/08
Larry Gillespie	11/08

Women of Faith: The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **November 12** at 10:00 a.m. with a program by Mary Hahn on her trip to the Northwest National Parks.. Bring a brown bag lunch; a business meeting will follow lunch. Donna Becker is the scheduled hostess.

This month WOF are collecting your mites to support Mission Grant #19-Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber, LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, $10,000. The work of Rev. Roberto and his deaconess wife, Katie, will receive support for their work by this LWML mission grant. Together, as career missionaries through the LCMS, they are serving at Concordia el Reformador Seminary, in the Dominican Republic. Rev. Roberto Weber is training men from that region to become pastors to go back to their countries and communities to share the Gospel, plant new Lutheran congregations, and show mercy and care to all. Katie is training women to become deaconesses who will serve alongside pastors in Latin America, providing expertise in mercy care and compassionate outreach to women. Thank you for your support with Mites.

Oktoberfest Dinner: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Oktoberfest dinner last month. Despite the rain, we served about 196 dinners and $2466 was raised. 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 your service to the church. This was a Thrivent Financial Action team activity.



Congratulations go out to Tinsley Newman, the 2026 Wethersfield Homecoming Queen. Tinsley is a senior at WHS, and is pictured to the left with her mother, Melissa Newman. Her grandparents are Carol and Ray Robinson.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day celebrates all faithful followers of Jesus throughout church history. It's a feast day remembering those who have gone before us, honoring their lives and faithfulness. This year we remember Betty Godke.

Please inform Pastor of anyone else you want **remembered.**

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 use a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor. Prayer may be public or private. Pray always.

Church Council Report: The treasurer's report was distributed showing that the general fund has $45,634.83 and the Memorial/Dedicated Fund has $13,051.98 (includes Oktoberfest monies) for a total of $58,66.81. The church extension fund balance is $79,559.23. The proceeds from Oktoberfest were $2,466.35. We received from the Glen and Betty Godke estate a bequest of $4,420.25. Council decided to add this gift to our General fund.

LWML Sunday will be observed on November 11. A joint Church Council meeting will be held with St. Paul's on November 19th at 6:00 p.m. to review the past summer's service exchanges. Pastor will be on vacation on November 22 so members are invited to attend 9:00 a.m. divine service at St. Paul's Church. Also, St. Paul's will host a Thanksgiving Eve service and Advent services this December on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Faith members are encourage to attend.

The Council decided proceeds from the Oktoberfest dinner should be dispersed as follows: $250 to the Kewanee H.E.L.P. organization, $100 to our W.O.F. group, $500 to CID mission effort for the University of Illinois
Lutheran Chapel that is in need of repairs, and the remainder into the General Fund at Faith.

Ted will be contacting an electrical contractor to repair the two Nave lights that are not working.

Gary and Kari will review the "Proposed Changes to Illinois Elevator Safety Rules" to determine how they will affect us and report back to the Council.



DST ends on Nov. 1st Turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m.



2026 OKTOBERFEST IN PICTURES

Above: Kevin Hull and Nick Philips take orders and hand out diners at the drive-up location at the rear of the church.

Right: So many wonderful homemade pies and cakes waiting for diners to select from. Thanks to the W.O.F. who made 18 pies and the other church ladies who donated these desserts.



Voters Prayer

Almighty God, Your wisdom created and upholds all things in heaven and on earth. You have placed me as a citizen in this nation, in which I am also given a vote and voice concerning its government. Give me discernment that I may exercise this civic duty as best I can for the benefit of our people now and in the future and in accordance with Your Word. Give wisdom not only to me and all other voters, but especially to the leaders who will be elected, that all foolish or wicked plans may come to no success, and that noble, fair and beneficial counsels be heeded and put into effect for the good of the country they serve. Spare us from harm, grant peace and security and let Your Gospel be preached unhindered in this nation, since You desire all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

