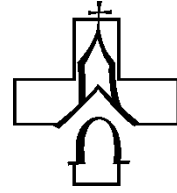


25TH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 19, 2023



**DEAR FRIENDS, WELCOME!** May your journey with our Lord fill your heart with peace through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world. He is our Rock of Salvation. We encourage you to seek shelter with Him.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we offer thanks to God for His great mercy and grace in Christ Jesus. We also pray for those suffering trials with illness or pain including: Wayne Leonard, Barbara Theel, JoAnn Meyer, Tammy Heine, Joe Holenbeck, Pastor Grimm, Teresa Zerbe, Nyla Leonard, Ruth Tracy, John Savage, Sam Moege, Albert Zeckser, Rev. Jim Mayes, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Lynn Posey, Rob Hoskins, Al Dieball, Blake Griffin, Sharon Stansbury, John Morbet, and our shut-ins.



**HOLY COMMUNION:** The people of God are blessed by God in this life and in the life to come. The Holy Spirit brings unity with all the saints of God through the Lord's Supper. Due to the strict warnings of Scripture in 1 Cor. 11, we examine ourselves to receive the benefits of this thanksgiving meal, which is a "foretaste of the feast to come." In the Lord's Supper, Christ is present with His body and blood. Guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service. If you are confessing with another fellowship not affiliated with the LCMS, please refrain from communion here to maintain with them your pledges before God. All may come forward to receive a blessing by placing their hands over their heart.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Divine Creator, who has made each person on the face of the earth unique, help all people on the earth to share Your unique gifts to them with all others and so honor and glorify You in the process; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!



**OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY	6:05pm	Worship Service with Communion
TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3, FB Live)
	10:45am	Voters' Budget Meeting
MONDAY-FRIDAY		<i>No School – Thanksgiving Break</i>
MONDAY	9:00am	Quilt Tying
	12:00pm	Pray for world missions
TUESDAY	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
	7:00pm	Choir

	7:00pm	Theology on Tap, Rockin' K's, Manhattan
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Worship Service
THURSDAY		<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	9:30am	Divine Worship Service (FM 88.3, FB Live)

<b>OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST</b>		<b>NOVEMBER 12, 2023</b>	
<b>Attendance:</b>			
Sunday	125	Online views live	26
Sunday School/Bible Class	32	Online views	205
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$7,614.50</b>	<i>Weekly Budget Needs: \$10,646.00</i>	

**WORSHIP SERVANTS:** Sunday School Teachers: Don Frank, Dennis Theel, Phillip Theel, Chelsie Hutchinson, Lisa Thompson; Altar Guild: Jennifer & Kaytlyn Meseke; Greeters: Paul & Kaytlin Savage, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Meseke; Acolytes: Eli Wertzberger, Lucas Viergever & JC Whitaker; Ushers: Ron Bandel, Chad Breiner, Jason Evans, Randy Meseke, Jacob Meseke, Perry Piper, David Savage, Don Zerbe; Choir Director: Cheryl Buppenhoff; Technicians: Bruce Schultz, Whitney Howard; Children's Message: Harmon Butler; Tech: Erik Grimm.

**THE TEENS FOR CHRIST** youth group filled 50 boxes for Operation Christmas Child! We had a tremendous response from our congregation for donations. Thank you to all who donated! Today, you will see the boxes throughout the pews. We ask that you lay your hands on a box near you as we pray for the journey of these boxes, all the hands that touch them, the safety for the missionaries that deliver them and preach the gospel to the children, and the children that will receive the gift of the boxes along with the Word of Jesus Christ.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** is happening again on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockin K's in Manhattan.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Jay, Kelsey, and Brogan Stamm and Bob and Judy Sommer in thanksgiving for their blessings.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS!** St. John School's LPTL is once again placing an order for Scrips Gift Cards Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in the bulletin, on the table by the secretary's office, or from Gayle Grimm. If there is another gift card you are interested in, you may look on the raiseright.com website for all the cards available. We will also have many different cards on hand that may be purchased. Please contact Gayle if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting St. John Lutheran School with your purchases!

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS** is held Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are currently studying the book of Genesis, chapters 39-41. This Bible study is live in Memorial Hall and online at: <https://www.facebook.com/lutheran.church.1650>.

**ALMA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER:** The women of the churches of Alma have united in an effort to provide a **FREE** Thanksgiving meal for those in our community without family or

the means to celebrate this annual holiday meal that so many of us take for granted. This will be held on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Holy Family Catholic Church. The menu will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and a dessert. You are invited to come to the hall to dine in and visit with fellow community members. Carry outs and “in town” deliveries will also be available. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, November 15 by calling or texting Ruth Wille at 785-499-3740 or Patty Stuewe at 785-556-4641. Call Ruth if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



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| Nov. 19 | Jamie Schultz   |
| Nov. 21 | <i>Albert &amp; Nancy Zeckser</i>                                   |
| Nov. 22 | Ruth Tracy  |
| Nov. 23 | Rykin Kraus   |
| Nov. 24 | Sandra Altevogt<br>Cindy Smith                                      |
| Nov. 25 | <i>Jared &amp; Janelle Schultz</i><br><i>Fred &amp; JoAnn Meyer</i> |