

## First Sunday in Advent November 30, 2025





**DEAR FRIENDS, WELCOME!** May your journey with our Lord Jesus fill your hearts with peace through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Fill us with anticipation, activate our hope, O Son of God and Son of Man, who having redeemed us at Your first advent, has promised to come again in the fullness of time, in radiant splendor, to lead us into eternal glory; in Your name we pray. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS We offer thanks for God's grace and mercy in Christ Jesus. We praise Him for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. May God grant peace to the family of Fred Meyer who is mourning the loss of their loved one. We also pray for those with needs including, William Fritts, Paula Moege, Earl Moege, Evelyn Schmidt, Joyce Mathies, Tilden Imthurn, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Rev. David Grouner, Joyce White, and our shut-ins.

WORSHIP SERVANTS: <u>Sunday School Teachers</u>: Jim MacGregor, Phillip Theel, Lisa Thompson, Traci Dickens, Cheryl Buttenhoff; <u>Altar Guild</u>: Ashton Torrey, Darcy Torrey, Pam Stuewe; <u>Greeters</u>: Phillip Theel, Mr. & Mrs. Todd Orton; <u>Acolytes</u>: McKinley Miller, Alannah Sievers; <u>Ushers</u>: Ryan Theel, Randall Debler, Dalton Debler, Jacob Debler, Phillip Theel; <u>Technicians</u>: Bruce Schultz, Whitney Howard; <u>Children's Message</u>: Pastor Grimm.

## **OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK**

8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class		
9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)		
	Noisy Sunday		
11:30am	Dinner/Church Decorating		
6:30pm	Adult Information Class		
12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World		
7:00pm	Choir		
7:00pm	Elders		
6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's		
8:15am	Chapel with Missionary Hageman		
6:15pm	Confirmation		
6:50pm	JuBellation		
	9:30am 11:30am 6:30pm 12:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 6:15am 8:15am 6:15pm		

THURSDAY	9:30am	Bible Class
SATURDAY	6:05pm	Worship Service with Communion
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	6:30pm	Adult Information Class

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST		NOVEMBER 23, 2025			
Attendance: Sunday Sunday School	141 28	Livestream	20	Views 484	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	\$18,824.39	Weekly Budget Needs		\$12,684.00	

**NOTE:** The services are being recorded for our shut-ins. Please be mindful of conversations which may be transmitted by our microphones.

LPTL SAYS THANK YOU: A warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraisers: the Garage Sale, Match Day, and the Pork Chop Supper & Silent Auction. Whether you donated, volunteered, cooked, bid, or simply showed up, your generosity made each event a wonderful success. We are grateful for this amazing community and the way you continue to lift up our mission. Thank you for making a difference!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING will be after church today. Help is needed to carry decorations up from the basement. All hands are welcome to help.



**BASKET DINNER** after church today. Please bring a main dish to share, and either a salad or dessert. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

**ADVENT DINNERS** will be held December 10<sup>th</sup> by Big Breakfast who will serve pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Grades K-3 will serve a meal on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Your free-will offering will benefit various groups in the church.

**FRED HARRIS MEYER** was given a Christian funeral on Friday, November 28, 2025. May God grant comfort through the resurrection of Christ and hope for a blessed reunion in heaven. "The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are from Fred Meyer's funeral. Poinsettias are from Randy and Jennifer Meseke.

**GIFT CARDS:** St. John School's LPTL is once again placing Scrips orders during December. You will find order forms on the table by the secretary's office or call Gayle Grimm at 765-3607. She will place orders again December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THREE SEASONS MUSIC FESTIVAL:** The Alma-area churches are hosting a 3-seasons music festival, with music from Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Choirs from local churches are invited to participate on Sunday, December 14, at 1:00 pm. We will meet at Peace UCC in Alma.

CHURCH BOARDS: Newly elected officers for the congregation will be installed Sunday, December 14. Those recently elected to serve include:

Board of Elders:

RayHoward (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Jared Schultz (1st)

Jed Swicegood (replacement)

Board of Trustees:

Kody Songs (1<sup>st</sup>)

Board of Stewaradship:

Dawn Yonke (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Board of Christian Education:

Kathy Cox  $(2^{nd})$ 

Carla Johnston (1<sup>st</sup>)

Reagan Whitten (1st)

School Board:

Jim MacGregor (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Kara Mayer (1<sup>st</sup>)

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 30 Layton Dickens

Dec. 1 Gerald Stuewe

Dec. 2 Mason Falk

Carla Johnston

Dec. 3 Shaylea McIntyre

Mindy Miller

Dec. 4 Eric Theel

Randall Debler

Ashley Piper

**Emily Barnes** 

Dec. 5 Jean Kartman

Dec. 6 Cyler Orton

Linda Bundy