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Time Change November 1

Don't forget!! Turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1 or you'll be early for church.

Board Meetings

Board of Elders
The Board of Elders will meet on Monday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees
The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Stewardship
The Bd. of Stewardship will meet on Mon., Nov. 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education
The Board of Ed will meet on Monday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Evangelism
The Bd. of Evangelism will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly
Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Mon., Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Church office Closed

The Church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.
There is no Family Night or Confirmation on Wednesday, November 25.

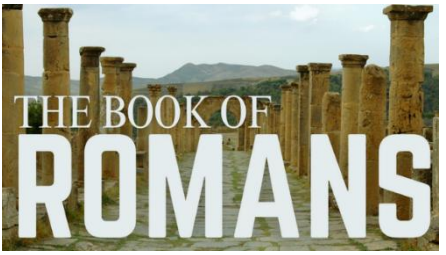




Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study
The Divine Service

Our Sunday class is concluding our study of the book of Job on November 1. On November 8, we begin a new study delving into the Divine Service. Why do Lutherans worship the way that we do? Is our worship style about personal preferences? What is happening on Sunday morning? Our class meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

November 1: God's Verdict and Job's Restoration: Job 42
November 8: Historical Introduction to the Divine Service
November 15: Lutheran Confessional Theology
November 22: Faith as Worship
November 29: What is the Liturgy?



Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
The Book of Romans

Our Tuesday Bible Study is working through Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is a great time to join us! There is no cost. Bring your Bible and your questions. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm.

November 3: Faith Comes by Hearing: Romans 10:14-21
November 17: Has God Rejected Israel?: Romans 11:1-12

Services in November

November 1:	All Saints Day
November 8:	Stewardship Sunday I
November 15:	Stewardship Sunday II
November 22:	Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 25:	Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.
November 29:	First Sunday in Advent



Abide With Us

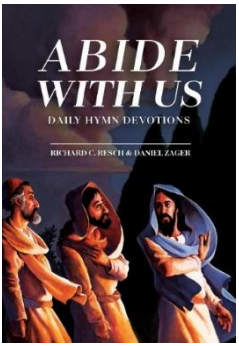
Advent and the New Church Year begin on November 29. This year, our theme will be *Abide With Us*. Our focus is on the hymnody of the Church. We will use a new devotional together as a Church, entitled *Abide With Us: Daily Hymn Devotions*.

This devotional is based on a January start date, but I encourage you to start with us at the beginning of this new Church year. Just open up to November 29 and begin. Copies will be available soon in the Fellowship Hall for $20.

We have two goals for this new Church Year. First, our goal is to get to know our hymnal better. We will learn a few new hymns this year. Our second goal is to grow in congregational singing. I hope to get us all singing our hymns, canticles, and during Holy Communion. Being a singing Church is part of our public witness. But it also serves the Gospel individually as we sing the faith into our hearts.

Our theme verses this year are Psalm 96:1-2, "Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day."

In a recent sermon, I pointed out that the Bible contains over fifty direct commands to sing. It mentions singing more than four hundred times. Psalm 96 contains such commands. This alone should motivate us. But notice the tone. Congregational singing is intended to be a blessing. Singing is for proclamation. When we sing the hymnody of the Church, we set God's Word on our lips, and we support one another in the faith.



In our hymnal, songs were carefully chosen for doctrinal faithfulness and Gospel-centered proclamation. They are the very best of Church history. They were written to preach Christ, to teach the faith, and to sing the faith into our hearts. I hope you will venture out with us on Sundays and sing!

Pastor

Sunday Prayers

On Sunday, November 1, for All Saints Sunday, Pastor will pray by name for those outside of the faith, those who have strayed from the faith, and those in need of God's care.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are currently receiving Thanksgiving food items in the hallway by classroom 1 to give to families connected with our congregation who are in need. Please bring non-perishable, non-expired canned fruits and vegetables, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, boxed desserts, etc. We plan to assemble and deliver the boxes on Sunday, November 22 after late service. If you would like a box or would like to recommend someone to receive one, please call the church office. This drive is sponsored by the Board of Evangelism.

Operation Christmas Child



There are 2 OCC work days scheduled in November. The first one will be on Monday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. and the second will be on Tuesday November 10 at 3:00 p.m. Please have all filled boxes to Church by Friday, November 13.

Lutheran Women in Mission

Mary Martha

Mary Martha will meet on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. Come early at 3:00 p.m. to work on boxes and stay for the meeting. If you come early, make sure to bring a sandwich or something to eat before the meeting. Plans will be made for the December 8 Christmas Potluck which will be held at noon. The 2027 Altar duties and refreshment sign-up sheets will be available. The Mary Martha ladies will also sign up at this meeting to serve as waitresses at the Pizza Ranch on February 8, 2027. Hostesses are Carol Stuedemann and JanaLea Montgomery. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Stewardship Sundays

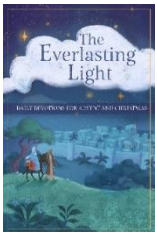
On Sunday November 8, your 2026 Faith Promise Cards will be returned to you. That week you will receive a special mailing which will include your Faith Promise Card for 2027. Your pledge of support is between you and God, so please seal your envelope. Our individual Faith Promises will be received at services on November 15.



Wednesday Advent Services & Fellowship Serving Schedule

Advent Services begin on Dec. 2. and will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. Each year the congregation is divided up by last name and asked to serve after the afternoon or evening service on their assigned Wednesday. The families serving are asked to bring a plate of sandwiches, two dozen cookies, or a pan of bars. Otherwise a donation to purchase punch and coffee may be left in the marked container on the table. Families who are serving are also asked to work in the kitchen before service to set up trays, and during and after the fellowship time to clean the kitchen and wipe the tables. The serving schedule for Advent is as follows:

Dec. 2	Services	Gina Andresen to Joseph Dykstra
Dec. 9	Services	Lori Eberhart to Don Horst
Dec. 16	Services	Randy Housenga to Tom McHugh
Dec. 23	Services	Jon Meyermann to Issaic Schmidt



Advent Sermon Series

Plan now to join us for a Wednesday Advent Sermon Series entitled *Everlasting Light*. Advent Services are December 2, 9, 16, and 23. A copy of our Advent Devotional with the same title will be available soon.

Youth Catechesis

Youth Catechesis meets every Wed. at 7 p.m. Class will not meet on Wed., Nov. 26 because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. During Advent, Class will meet from 8 – 8:45 p.m. after the Wed. evening service on Dec. 2, 9, & 16. There is no class on Dec. 23 or 30.



Higher Things 2027

Please plan to send your confirmed youth (8th grade through college age) to next year's Higher Things Youth Conference on June 22-25 at our own Concordia University, Wisconsin. Registration forms are in the fellowship hall and are due by November 10. Letters have also been mailed to eligible youth. This one will sell out quickly, so please do not procrastinate!

Church Membership Directory

There is a rough draft copy of the Membership Directory in the fellowship hall. Please take a look at it and make any changes to your information directly on the rough draft.

Christmas Cards For Those At Home

The following is a list of St. John members who are in nursing homes or homebound. Please think of them as you send out your Christmas Cards this year.

Alverno: 849 – 13th Ave. N. Clinton, IA 52732
Mary Asmus, Mary Boyer, Sharon Gillette, Tom Judd

Addington Place: 1701 – 13th Ave. N. Clinton, IA 52732
Sylvia Lorenzen, Marlene Greve, Darlene Schroeder, Jim Kophamer, Gene Siefken

At Home

Gary & Vicki Harmsen	2425 Stockwell Ln.	Clinton, IA 52732
Lois Lamz	500 E. McNair Rd. #10	Winnebago, IL 61088
Lois Meyermann	1266 Hess Lane	Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
Darlene Omann	549 Meadowview	Clinton, IA 52732
Kathy Schrader	202 – 34th Ave. N.	Clinton, IA 52732
Ron McGauvran	1140 Kennedy PKWY #211	Coralville, IA 52241
Sirna Family at Seminary	7 Founders Way Unit D	St. Louis, MO 63105

Preschool News

Autumn Blessings!

Every morning we thank God for the beautiful fall weather we've been enjoying. Outdoors the children are swinging, digging and making mud pies and mud puddles! Indoors they are building with blocks, driving around tractor wagons full of corn, painting, gluing, drawing and taping, caring for babies, and learning through every kind of play. We finish everyday with Bible stories, songs of praise, and prayer. Thank you as always for your prayers and support that make our preschool ministry possible.

Cindy and Gina

Preschool Thanksgiving Break

There is no preschool on Wednesday, November 25, Thursday, November 26, or Friday, November 27. Class resumes on Monday, November 30.

Raise Right

Our next Raise Right order is due Sunday, **November 1**. Orders and payment may be placed in the blue box in the Fellowship Hall. Gift cards should be available on Sunday, **November 8**. Stock up on cards to give to teachers for Christmas gifts, to use as stocking stuffers, to stock up on supplies for your Christmas dinner, etc. Thank you for supporting our preschool!



Sunday School
Mission Project for November

The Sunday school Mission Project for this month will be to continue supporting the Sirna family. Please send your kids to Sunday school each week and make sure that they bring an offering. Explain to them the importance of this mission project. Thank you!

November Birthdays & Anniversaries
C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S!



Happy Birthday to:

Tom Hardersen, who will be 83 on November 5.

Kenneth White, who will be 86 On November 11.

Robert Stamp, who will be 82 on November 17.

Ellen Gluesing, who will be 80 on November 29.



Happy Anniversary to:

Kurt & Kathy Haines, Married 50 years on November 6.

We list birthdays 80 and above and anniversaries for year one and every five years thereafter unless we receive a request not to do so.

Holy Communion at Home

If you are at home and would like a visit from Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. He is glad to come and bring you God's Word and the Sacrament. Pastor also does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Early

Elders: Rick Eizenga
Bill Ross

Ushers: Rick Christiansen
Craig Miller, Calvin Lange

Late

Elders: David Becker
Lucas Krueger

Ushers: Jay & Eli Mueller
Tom McHugh

Recording

1	Darlene Paysen
8	Darlene Paysen
15	Darlene Paysen
22	Darlene Paysen
29	Darlene Paysen

Acolyte Schedule

1	Early	Sophia U.
1	Late	Ben L.
8	Early	Elder
8	Late	Caroline K.
15	Early	Elder
15	Late	Abel T.
22	Early	Dylan S.
22	Late	Elder
29	Early	Elder
29	Late	Aryanna H.

Crucifer Schedule

1	Early	
1	Late	Christine Frett

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: NOV. 20

If you would like to put any information in the December newsletter, contact Camil Dell, and get her the information by November 20.