

# THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 27, 2022



Following your Thanksgiving feast, there may be cheerfulness in enjoying the leftovers. In our offerings to God, not so much. "Leftover" offerings are not the fruit of joy and faith.

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He

became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things. (LCMS Stewardship Ministry)

*Fraser Furbill*



Advent Midweek Services

Wednesdays at 12:15pm & 6:30pm

*"Behold! Jesus is..."*

Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14  
(bring a friend!)

## Offering Envelopes

If you are giving your offerings online & no longer wish to use your envelopes, please let the office know by Mon., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by Mon., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas Program Practices**

Mark your calendars! There will be 2 practices this year. Sun., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour & Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the afternoon.

### **Prayer List**

Janice Mellendorf, Justin Traub, Marcella Wolf, Irene Esch, Chad Nelson, Nacho Castillo, John Lin, Richard Ohnesorge, Vera Huey, Marlene Haake, Heather Davis, Becky Fielitz, Tatum Garcia, Shirley Cheadle, Dan Chambers.

All Members of the Armed Forces: Ben Sams, Ryan Budde, Bryce Ikemire, and all first responders of our community and nation.

### **Your Response to the Gospel** **Our Attendance Last Week**

Sunday November 20.....	407
Sunday School .....	51
Adult Sunday School .....	48

### **Our Offerings November 20, 2022**

General Fund .....	\$13,991.25
Online General Fund .....	\$ 3,376.83
<b>Total Gen. Fund Offering .....</b>	<b>\$17,368.08</b>

### **LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life**

“These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.”

Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

For Jan Martins on Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 a.m. service until 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches, chips, cake & punch will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.



Our Advent Devotions are available for you to pick up today.

### **This Week's Sunday School Lesson**

I Kings 11:9-13, 26-40; 12:1-24

This week in our Christian education time, we study “A Divided Kingdom.” Solomon’s heir, Rehoboam, ignored the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatened to make their workload even more difficult. Angered by his response, ten tribes of Israel make Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in Jerusalem, where the temple was. As a family, discuss how the division of the kingdom affected the worship life of the people. Ask, “How could dividing yourself from church affect your worship life?”

### **Poinsettias**

It is time to purchase your poinsettias for Christmas. This year, they are \$20 for an 8” plant. Please place your order by calling the church office. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Food Pantry Donations for December**

Sugar, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter, & Crackers

### **Feeding Those In Need**

During the month of Nov., the food pantry served 182 adults & 67 children on our 2 distribution dates.

### **Angel Tree**

New, unwrapped toys for FISH Christmas Store will be accepted until Sun., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium.

### **Women's Breakfast & Bible Study**

Will meet at 8 a.m. at Niemerg’s Sat., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Questions, contact Renee Kremer.

### **Lydia Guild Pecan Sales**

Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board by December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will call you when they are ready for pick-up. Small pieces, medium pieces, and halves will ALL be \$10 this year.

### **Youth Corner Upcoming Events**

#### **Nov. 30 Advent Soup**

Chili or Vegetable Soup, hot dogs, crackers, peanut butter sandwiches, water & pop

Lunch is *dine-in or Carry Out*

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

12:45 p.m.–1:15 pm.

Dinner is *drive through, dine-in, or carry out*  
4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades please bring a dessert.

High School is asked to work the event.

#### **Live Nativity**

Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Sign up on the bulletin board.

Set up will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Participants need to be at the church by 5:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Free Babysitting Sun., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> – High School students will be babysitting from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. for families to Christmas shop. They will be giftwrapping your presents in the Trinity Room Please bring your own paper, bows, & ribbons.

#### **Cookie drop off**

Fri., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> during office hours

Sat., Dec. 17, 9 - 10 a.m.

Students' 6<sup>th</sup> to High School are asked to bring at least 6 dozen cookies.

Sign-up on the bulletin board for your shift.

#### **Cookie Walk**

Sat. Dec. 17, 4:30–5:15 p.m. & 6:30–7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18, 7:15 a.m. – Noon

### **Stewardship Moment**

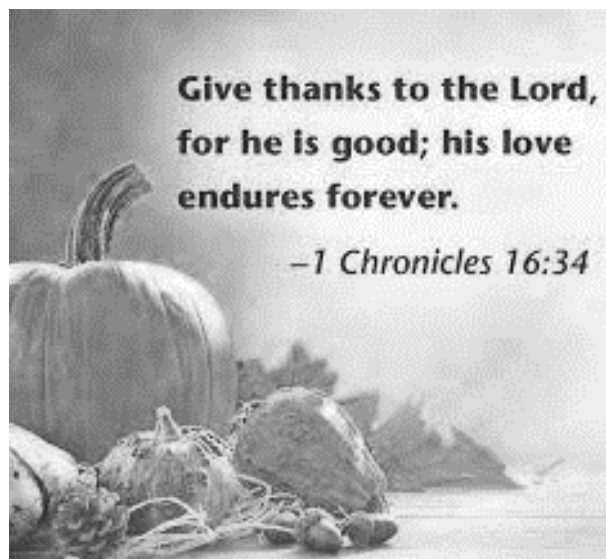
Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

#### **An Advent Prayer**



Almighty God, You alone are worthy of our worship, but we fall into the snare of worshipping busy schedules. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we delight in Your will.

Let Thy will be done in our lives this Advent. Slow us down. Grant that we exercise godly control while we wait to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; in His name we pray. Amen.



**CALENDAR-----November 27, 2022 – December 4, 2022**

Sunday	27	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Jan Martins
<b>Preschool Monday – Friday-- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>			
Monday	28	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Early Childhood
		7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Care Board Meeting
Tuesday	29	9:00 a.m.	CID Board Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Wednesday	30	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	LYF Soup
		12:15 p.m.	Advent Service
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Devotions/Meeting
		4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.	LYF Soup
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:30 p.m.	Bell Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Advent Service
Thursday	1		
Friday	2		Pastor Sabbath
Saturday	3	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
		8:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast & Bible Study
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E.A.S.T.E.R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service /Bells will be playing
Sunday	4	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service /Bells will be playing
		9:15 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice
		1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Youth Babysitting/Gift Wrapping

**Birthdays This Week**

11/27 Dr. Kelly Haller & Janet Martins  
 11/29 Dean Wetherell & Stephanie Sams  
 11/30 Austin Miller, Ava Wernsing,  
 Bob Kohnert, David Worman  
 Emersyn Jeffries, & Nancy Wendt  
 12/02 Alvin Siebert, Britt Wendling,  
 Elliot Miller, & Jeff Flach

**Anniversaries This Week**

11/27/21 Garrett & Taylor Hall  
 11/28/87 David & Rebecca Ragan  
 11/29/80 George & Valena Soltwedel

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

Will meet at Niemerg's at 8 a.m., Sat., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Questions, contact Gayland Bourland.