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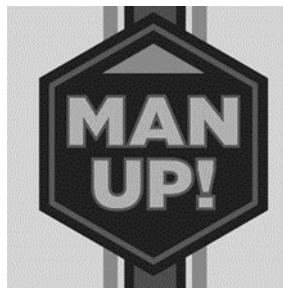
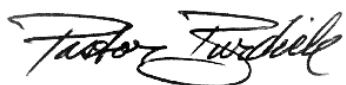
St. John's Weekly Newsletter November 12, 2023

I'm very grateful for my parents. Teaching us to camp, to care for the disabled, to tease one another, to confess the Christian faith, and to eat meals together are some of the finest lessons we received. But I am glad that they changed their ways regarding one of their early lessons. You see, for some reason, they had a habit of leaving worship Services immediately after Communion. And for a while, that was what they were teaching me and my sisters by example.

Then something changed. I'm glad it did! They stayed for the entire Service, perhaps just five or six more minutes. And we learned a new and better lesson: we don't have to rush ... and it is good to receive the Benediction, sing the last hymn, and briefly connect with other church members on the way out. I am so glad mom and dad changed. I guess Lutherans can change!

Sometimes there will be occasions when one prudently chooses not to skip an *entire* Service in order to make it to a commitment, and instead skips the final minutes of the Service. Generally, though, we do well to drink it all in. Why? Because the Table *and* the Blessing are good, for the Lord is good *all* the time.

In His love,



Brothers: we have 31 men signed up to study Man Up! The Quest for Masculinity, and we have ordered ten more books. If you would like to join us in the study of the first two chapters by December 3rd, pick up a book (\$13) after Service! -Adam Bohnhoff, Isaac Galvan, Jon Becker, Greg Perry, Pastor Burdick and 26 others of your brothers in Christ.

Advent

Advent begins December 3rd. Make, buy, or dust off your Advent Wreath! Our daily devotions will be titled "What Child Is This?" Our midweek Services will be under the theme "We Three Kings." Wait to celebrate Christmas ... let Advent prepare you well.



Deania Trimble is retiring from our church office. We are going to miss her greatly. A cake reception/Open House will be held in the fellowship hall on her last day, Friday, Nov. 17, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Come send her off with our love and appreciation. Thank you, Deania!

Thanksgiving Eve & Day Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 23

O give thanks unto the LORD!

Offerings

It's that time of year again. If you are giving your *offerings online* & no longer wish to use your envelopes, please let us know in the church office by Wed., Nov. 15th so we may release your envelope number. If you are currently not using offering envelopes but would like to, please contact the office by Wed., Nov. 15th.

Save A Lot Gift Cards

We have \$5.00 cards available for purchase in the church office. Ways to use them:

- Give directly to someone in need.
- Donate a card to our Food Pantry for perishable goods as needed.

Response to the Gospel Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday, November 5.....	471
Sunday School	60
Adult Sunday School	46
LifeLight.....	12

Our Offerings Sunday, November 5, 2023

General Fund	\$10,463.15
Online Offering	\$4,621.39
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$15,084.54
Building Fund	\$230.00

“This Week’s Sunday School Lesson”

Exodus 12:1-32

“The Passover Promise” is this week’s lesson about God’s establishment of the Passover. God, through Moses, threatens one final plague—worse than any previously experienced. Following God’s instructions, the Israelites make careful preparations for the Passover, marking their doorposts with the blood of a lamb prepared for the feast. The final plague takes place at midnight as all the firstborn throughout Egypt die. The Egyptians hand over their valuables, hastening the Israelites away.

Pecan Time

It is that time again. Sign up on the bulletin board for: Halves, small pieces, & medium pieces. All bags are \$10 each.

Food Pantry Updates

Next Distribution Date

Tues., Nov. 14th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Food Items Needed for November

Saltine crackers, peanut butter, ravioli spaghetti o’s, & granola bars

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let’s roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, ‘Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.’”

Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

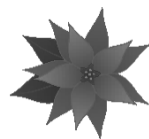
Prayer List

Lloyd Wittenberg, Ann Newton, Cindy Myers, Rick Thompson, Kay Boerngen, Jon Becker, Michael Sole, Becca Lading, Dennis Bushur, Avery Braunecker, Richard Ohnesorge, Sara Bernhard, & Heather Davis.

Thanksgiving at the birth of Warren Michael Probst, who was born on November 4th. Kristen (Siebert) & Jared Probst are the proud parents.

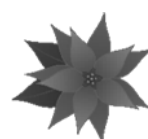
Thanksgiving for the service of our veterans...and for the blessings of true faith in Christ for remaining veterans.

Men and women of the Armed Forces, including Austin Traub & John Perry.



Poinsettias

It is that time of year again! This year the 8” poinsettia is \$20. Please place your orders in the office by Monday, Nov. 20th.



Angel Tree

It’s time to once again collect toys for FISH. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the Atrium by Monday, December 4th.

Youth Corner
Upcoming Events

NYG 2025 Parent Meeting

We will have an informational meeting on *Sunday, November 19th* at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be for this year's 7th grade - Juniors.

Advent Soup Meals

Save the Date

Wed., Dec 6 Lunch & Dinner

Cookie Walk

This year the Cookie Walk will be held on *Saturday, Dec. 16th & Sunday, Dec. 17th*

High School Caroling

Will be *Sunday, Dec. 17*. Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. We will have dinner at Pizza Man afterwards.

Pickleball

We will be starting in January.

Ash Wednesday Soup Meals

Wednesday, February 14

We will be serving for Lunch & Dinner

Rhodes Fish Fry

Friday, February 23

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31st.

VBS

Will be June 10 – 13 this year.

Questions, please contact

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541)

Doner Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Stewardship Moment

All Saints' Day

Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

Christmas Cards

There are Christmas cards in the greeting card cabinet in the hallway for sale. Did you know single cards are available for sale on the top shelf?

Piano Dedication

Next Sunday in our 8:00 a.m. Service we will dedicate the new piano in the East Transept, which has been given by the estate of Doris Hammer. Doris sang in our choir for over 60 years. The choir will sing a Thanksgiving anthem from the East Transept. To God be the glory!

St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry

There will be an ingathering of nonperishable items Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, & the weekend of Nov. 25 & 26 for the St. Louis Seminary Food Pantry. Items may be placed at the altar rail on Thanksgiving Eve & Thanksgiving Day before or after services & in the atrium on the weekend of Nov. 25 & 26.

Carolers for the Live Nativity

The Live Nativity will be Saturday, Dec.9th, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you would be willing to sing for this, please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, December 3rd.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Carolyn Wendte (217-821-6541) or

Donetta Ohnesorge (217-821-3300)

Thanks!

All Church Trip
to Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

June 27, 28, & 29, 2024

First 50 to sign up.

This is for the entire church.

Transportation by Bales Bus is \$85/person
2 nights stay is \$360/room & up to 4/room.

Tickets: Adults \$169.90 (18 & up)

Youth \$89.90 (11-17) & Under 10 FREE

If interested call Carolyn Wendte at 217-821-6541 Or Donetta Ohnesorge at 217-821-3300 or the church office at 217-342-4334.

WE MUST KNOW BY NOV. 20TH, 2023!

CALENDAR-----November 12 – November 19, 2023

Sunday	12	8 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Haiti Hunger Fight Breakfast
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Preschool Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	13	5:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship Meets
		5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tuesday	14		Tri-Circuit Meeting at Immanuel, Altamont
		1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
		5:15 p.m.	Board of Social Ministry Meets
Wednesday	15	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Office Staff Devotions/Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth Meets
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
Thursday	16		
Friday	17		Pastor's Sabbath
		Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Retirement Reception for Deania Trimble
Saturday	18	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	E. A. S. T. E. R.
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC The Choir will be singing
Sunday	19	8:00 a.m.	Piano Dedication
		8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC The Choir will be singing
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:30 a.m.	NYG 2025 Information Meeting

Birthdays This Week

- 11/12 Billy Genaust & Dennis Siebert
- 11/13 Lanette Stuckey, Richard Deval, & Wade Marxman
- 11/14 Craig Logan, Doug Stuckemeyer, John Bejma, & Logan Weis
- 11/15 Betty Carter, Paisley Bloemer, Rae Ann Wagner, & Treva Brandt
- 11/16 Abel Wilson, Anthony Lechman & Cloie Bailey
- 11/18 Corey March, Lilli Wernsing, Mattie Niccum, & Ron Lading

Anniversaries This Week

- 11/12/88 Jack & Linda Miller
- 11/12/11 Nathan & Erica Davis
- 11/14/64 Mike & Linda Cushman
- 11/15/87 Kevin & Kathy Shingler
- 11/16/73 Jim & Carol Klein
- 11/16/02 Christopher & Heather St. John

Prayer Shawl

We will meet on Tues., Nov. 14th, at 1 p.m.