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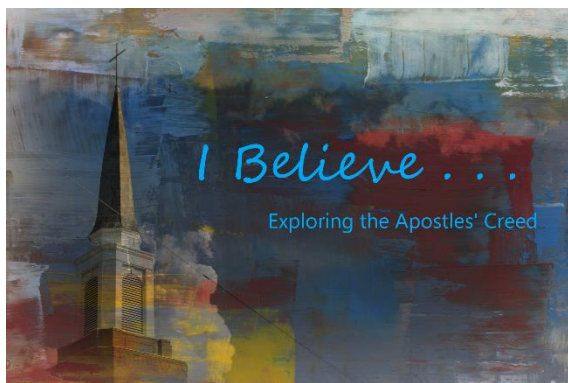
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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done."**

Psalm 105:1



Credo: Resurrection

Alleluia! Christ has Risen! He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia! The moment we all wait for. The moment of greatest rejoicing for us Christians as we see the empty tomb. As we realize Christ did not stay dead but once more has been raised bodily. Have you ever stopped to think about the resurrection? To give thought to what it means and the importance of this single event?

The resurrection of Christ is a witnessed event. Over five hundred people at one time (1 Corinthians 15:5-8) saw Christ raised from the dead in the flesh not to mention many other people Jesus appeared to individually or in small groups. We also, hear Matthew's Gospel the Chief Priests were worried about what happened to the body of Christ and so they bribed the guards who had been stationed outside of the tomb all night to lie about what happened. They were to say they fell asleep so the disciples could have stolen the body. Jesus' resurrection is a historical fact.

Even knowing it is a historical fact does not mean we understand the importance of this one event. We talk a lot about the cross and Christ's death on the cross. We talk about the atonement for sins accomplished there. But, what would have

happened if Christ would not have been raised from the dead?

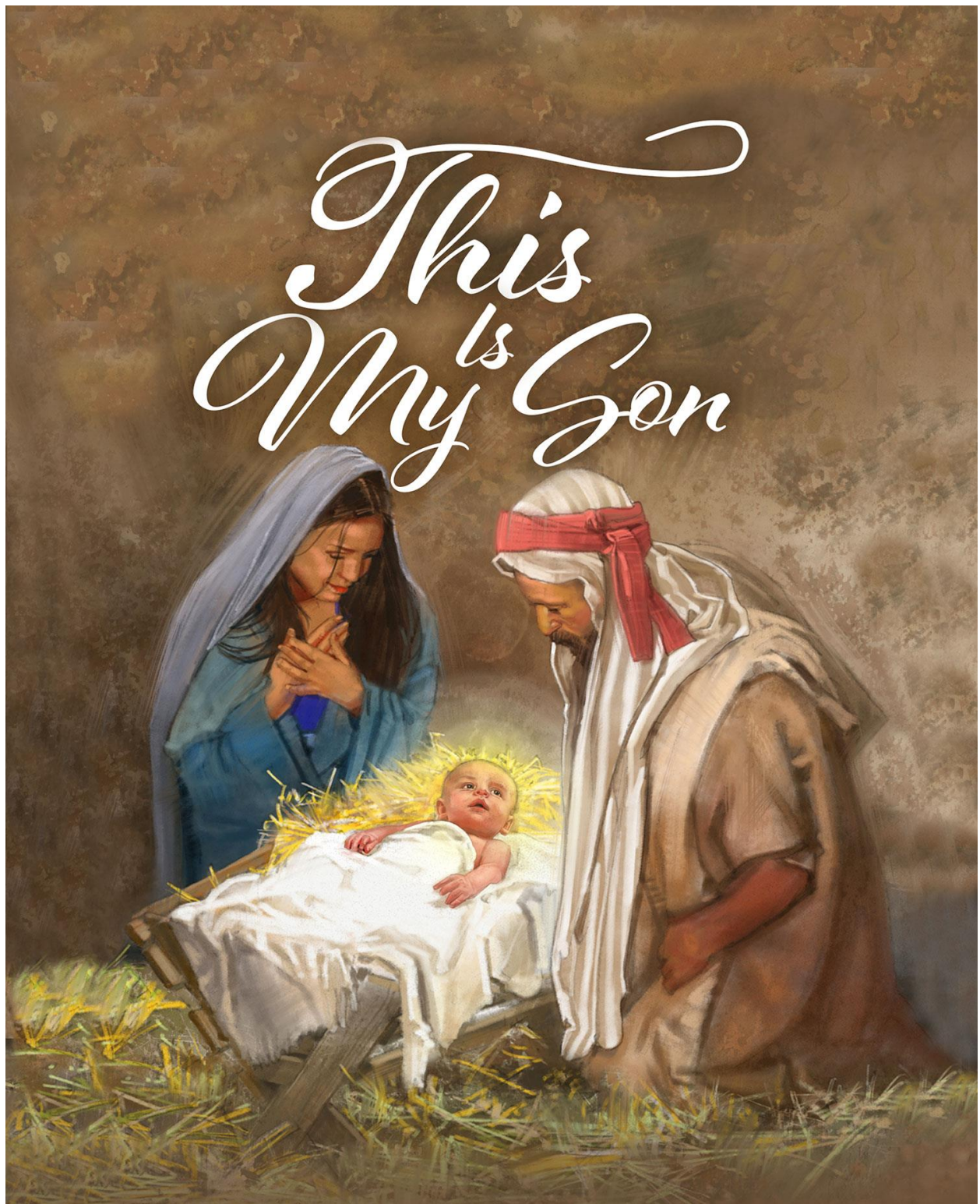
It would mean the cross was useless. Nothing Christ would have done on the cross would have been for any reason. Because, if Christ did not rise from the dead then simply there is no forgiveness. There is no being made new in Christ and having eternal life. It means there is no resurrection for us.

If as we know is the truth that Christ was raised from the dead that means the work at the cross accomplished the forgiveness of sins. It means new life is given to each one of us. It means each of us faces death with the assurance that we will be raised bodily just as Christ was to eternal life. To live with Him in His kingdom.

The other part of the resurrection we do not talk about was Christ's return to His exaltation. This happened on the cross, but we see it fully in the resurrection where Jesus once again uses all the divine power which is rightfully His because He is God. He is the divine in flesh come to die and rise again. Come to raise you from the dead so that you would not have to live in eternal death but in eternal life.

Resurrection from the dead and restoration to eternal life in the presence of God is the purpose of Christ's incarnation and death. And Christ being God accomplished what He came to do so you can with all confidence believe that you too have the resurrection to new life in Christ.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welton



Whenever I meet with a couple for premarriage counseling, I share this quote: “Every disappointment involves unmet expectations.” Then we talk about what expectations for marriage are realistic or unrealistic. I also let them know that their spouse will inevitably let them down— sometimes multiple times a day! Marriage is not the only source of disappointment and unmet expectations. Every human relationship will deal with these issues. Have you been happy with every decision an elected official has made, even one for whom you voted? Does your boss ever let you down? Have your employees always done their job well?

Do your friends always come through for you? Do your children always make good and wise decisions based on what you have taught them? Human beings will disappoint by failing to meet expectations. No wonder the psalmist tells us in Psalm 146:3–4, “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.” Parents have hopes and expectations for their children. Sometimes these are healthy expectations. Other times parents place unfair or unrealistic expectations on their children. This upcoming Advent season, during our midweek services, we will take a look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers. In the first week, we will be introduced to Cain, the son of Adam. No doubt Adam had higher hopes for Cain than for him to be known as the first murderer in history. But his murder of his brother reveals the murder lurking in all of our hearts. In the second week, we will be introduced to Ishmael, the son of Abraham. Though it was not his fault, Ishmael was a disappointment to Abraham because he was not the child of the promise. Abraham’s efforts to take things into his own hands highlight our own tendency to do the same in our relationship with God. In the third week, we will be introduced to Absalom, the son of David. This rebellious son broke David’s heart and exposes the rebellion we display against our heavenly Father. But each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son. This Son is the true Son of Adam. He is the true Son of Abraham. He is the true Son of David. He is the Son who never disappointed His Father. He is the Son who never did any wrong. He is the Son of whom the Father spoke: “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him” (Matthew 17:5). This true Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, is also the Son of God, the very Son of God now living in our flesh and blood. This Son is Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, who fulfills the hope of salvation “that we might General Introduction This Is My Son © 2022 Concordia Publishing House. Scripture: ESV®. Permission granted to purchaser to reproduce this page for use in congregational setting. All other rights reserved. 4 receive adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:5). He is the One whom the psalmist spoke of in Psalm 146:5: “Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.” During this series, entitled This Is My Son, you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased



Christmas Eve will be here before we know it. Sunday School kids will be practicing every Sunday in December until noon.

Board of Ed is asking for volunteers to furnish snacks for the Sunday School kids on those Sundays.

The snack can be served during the Sunday School hour. Contact Loren, Jason, or Scott if you can provide.



Did You Know?

Riga is home to Europe's largest bazaar and market. Together with Riga, Old Town, the Riga Central Market has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. The main struts of the market are five buildings which were repurposed from old German Zeppelin (airship) hangars. A visitor to the Riga Central Market will witness everything from clothing, to small appliances, to fresh bakery, meats, fish, fruits and vegetables. In many respects, it's like a Super Walmart (only bigger!), with indoor and outdoor vendors. In total, the Riga Central Market measures 778,000 square feet (72,300 square meters) wide with more than 3,000 vendors.



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"God's Word Does Not Return Void"



A picture taken at the International Center of the LCMS in Kirkwood, MO. This picture was taken at the service of thanksgiving for all the former missionaries of the LCMS who were concluding their service.

"God's Word does not return void." This was the message of LCMS President Matthew Harrison on September 26, 2022, as people at the International Center (IC) and the Office of International Mission (OIM) of the LCMS gathered to give thanks to God for the blessing of missionaries, both present and past. Among the honorees were eight missionaries leaving the field and one missionary heading to the field.

In the sermon, Rev. Harrison observed, "The first word [Paul] says in his greeting is 'grace.' ... Today, especially to our retiring missionaries, the word for you is grace. ... You can be absolutely certain that the Lord is now, has been and shall be working all of your work, all of your life, for His benefit and blessing, and for the benefit of others. His Word does not return void, never returns void — you can count on it completely."

As Christian Boehlke, interim executive director of OIM, reflected that there were over 100 years of mission service represented by those leaving the field. The eight

missionary honorees were:

- Kipp and Tami Beaudoin (Ukraine from 2019 to 2021);
- Jacob Gaugert (Togo and Francophone Africa from 2013 to 2022);
- Rev. Dr. Brian and Amanda Gauthier and family (Panama from 2015 to 2020);
- Tom and Debi Going and family (Japan and Indonesia from 1990 to 2022);
- Julie Lutz and family (Papua New Guinea from 1986 to 2022);
- Rev. Daniel and Lisa McMiller and family (Panama and OIM from 1986 to 2022);
- Rev. Charles and Deborah St-Onge (China, Canada and the Caribbean from 2013 to 2022); and
- Deaconess Stephanie Wilde (Puerto Rico from 2019 to 2021).

The lone missionary beginning service was Rebecca Bartelt, who has completed missionary orientation and will be going to Taiwan to serve as a sacred music educator.

With A New Year Comes New Responsibilities

Change is difficult. It doesn't matter if you're young or old, changing habits or locations or whatever, can be incredibly difficult.

I remember when my oldest daughter, Emiley, was a baby. For the first couple weeks after bringing her home from the hospital, Jenny and I would take three-hour shifts every night, holding her because she refused to sleep in her crib. Two weeks of little to no sleep was our breaking point. Something had to be done. Something had to change. It was then that we were given some wise advice. I don't remember who it was, but we were told, "sometimes you just have to let them cry it out."

It was one of the hardest things we had to do as parents. Putting Emiley into her crib and listening to her cry was difficult. But it didn't take long and she was fast asleep. From that moment on, she slept in her crib...even through the night. At first, this change wasn't easy for us or for Emiley.

Even mentioning the word "change" can stir up all kinds of emotions in us. When we see a problem, change can be a welcomed idea. Many of us may even like change, so long as that

change doesn't involve us personally.

Experiencing change makes us feel like our security has been ripped away. Fear and anger overtake us. A common reaction to change is to try to stop it, make it unsuccessful or, at the very least, slow it down.

Over the past year and a half, my family and I have experienced a great deal of change. From receiving my call into the mission field, to building a support network, to moving to Latvia, to teaching for Luther Academy in Riga, to Emiley's visa being denied and having to take her back to the U.S., there has been a lot of change for us in a short period of time. Some of it was welcomed change and some of it, quite frankly, I wish I could have stopped it or, at the very least, slowed it down.

Well, true to what has become the norm for us, we have been presented with yet another change. Recently, I have been asked to consider being the next Associate Regional Director for Eurasia. After much thought and prayer, I have been led to accept the position. So, what does this change mean? It means that I will be next in line to be the Regional Director of Eurasia (a position which I will most likely assume in January when our current Regional Director, Rev. James Krikava will step aside to receive greater responsibilities at the Office of International Mission in St. Louis). From now until then, much of my job will be focused on maintaining missionary care, building relationships with our church partners, managing budgets, overseeing church plants throughout the region, among other things. It also means that I will be traveling more even as my responsibilities at Luther Academy in Riga dwindle.



Here I am pictured with the current Eurasia Regional Director, Rev. James Krikava, and current and former Eurasia missionaries. In January 2023, I will become the new Regional Director for Eurasia.

What does this mean for you who continue to support me and this mission? It means little. I will still need and welcome your support moving forward. One might even argue that I will need more prayers and support as I move into this oversight role. Please pray that the Lord would give me wisdom and understanding that I may be an effective leader to His people in the Eurasia region!

Whether someone is young or old, change is difficult. It was difficult for Emiley (and her parents), and it will be difficult for us as we adjust to this new role with greater responsibilities. Yet, regardless of any changes we face, we have God's own promise to work all things for our good as St. Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Our Lord promised a Savior and He kept His promise. He promised to raise that Savior from the dead and He kept that promise. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to give us faith and He kept that promise. If He kept His promise in these most difficult of tasks, we can certainly trust Him to keep His promise to work all things, even a difficult change, for our good.



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (Rom. 12:12 ESV)

PLEASE PRAY:

- For all who are struggling financially due to higher prices on goods.
- For Luther Academy in Riga that God would continue to bless our outreach efforts.
- For the Eurasia Region and its missionaries, for my family and me as we prepare for anticipated changes in the coming year.
- For my daughter, Emiley, as she finishes high school and prepares for college.

GIVE THANKS:

- For the dedicated missionaries who are on the field and who have just concluded their service.
- For the many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us in this important mission.

PRAISE GOD:

- For the partnership we have with faithful churches throughout the world, especially those in the Eurasia Region.

New Responsibilities...cont.



L to R: Lexi, Emiley, Jenny and Cory

Allowing Emiley to "cry it out" was one of the most difficult things we ever did. (We were so concerned that when she stopped crying, Jenny and I even snuck into her room to make sure she was still breathing!) As concerned as we were with Emiley, our concern paled in comparison to our Lord's concern for her...and you, His child!

So precious are we to Him that nothing would stand in His way to winning us back. Not false accusations. Not a sham trial. Not beatings. Not a cross. Not death. Not even a tomb. Nothing can separate us

from His love (Romans 8:38-39). How do we know? Because His love is on full display every time we hear His Word proclaimed by our pastor. Every time we witness a baptism and are reminded that we received such a gift. Every time we receive the bread and wine which are His body and blood. Every time we hear our pastor speak in the stead and by the command of Christ. Through Word and Sacrament, our Lord comes to us even as He delivers His love, makes good on His promise and strengthens us to trust in Him.

Change is difficult. And it doesn't matter if you're young or old. Yet, regardless of the change, we know that God has something good in store for us. So, fear not. Trust in the Lord. And know that His word of truth, comfort, and love will enable us to face any difficult change with hope and even joy through faith in Christ.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support of the Lord's mission in Eurasia. We could not be touching peoples' lives with the message of Jesus Christ without you. Please prayerfully consider sharing this mission with others. Tell them of the good that God is doing throughout this exciting mission.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you and the Lord be with you.

~Cory J. Rajek



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of Rev. Dr. Cory J. Rajek. Make checks payable to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 68861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

OR
Mission Central
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Mapleton, IA 51034

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Give securely from any device: lcms.org/giveweb/rajek
Call a donor care representative: 800-930-4438

LAKE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

CHRISTMAS TURKEY AND ANGEL TREE PROJECTS

The Food Pantry has provided food to over 500 people so far this year and is continuing its regular distribution of emergency food supplies. As the holiday season approaches, the Food Pantry is preparing for the 40th annual Christmas Projects.



CHRISTMAS TURKEY

In 2021, 150 families consisting of 438 people received Christmas food boxes, valued at \$75 each. Eligibility for receiving food boxes is determined by ICAP, the Community Health Nurse, the local Social Services office and the Madison Ministerial Association. If you know of anyone in need of a Christmas food box, please contact one of these agencies.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree Project is in its 38th year. Three 'angel' trees have been set up, one each in the community window of Gary's Bakery, the Madison Public Library, and at Montgomery's Furniture. On each tree are 'Angels' which identify deserving children and suggested gift(s). In 2021, 220 children received over 550 gifts through this program. Most children will be in 8th grade or younger. We encourage any interested person or group to 'adopt' Angels and purchase that child's gift. Donations of money are also welcome (Food Pantry account at First Bank and Trust), through your church, or to PO Box 61, Madison, SD 57042.

Gifts should be delivered to the Downtown City Armory (198 Van Eps Ave N., Madison) beginning Saturday, December 10th through Wednesday, December 14th, 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily except Sunday. The food and gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

We again are asking for your support of the Food Pantry Christmas Programs. Your past support has meant a merrier Christmas for many Lake County families. All donations to the Food Pantry are tax deductible.

Thank you,

The Board of Directors

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St. Peters
Thanksgiving
Potluck!

Sunday, November 13

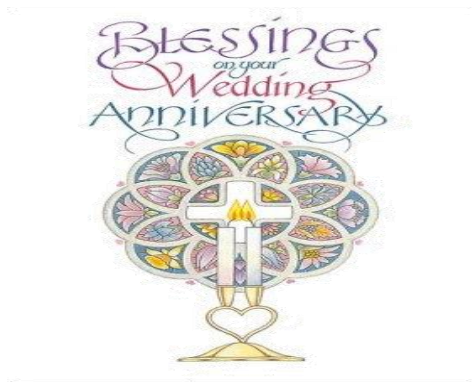
11:30 am

St. Peters Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome. Please invite guests!

Our entire congregation has the opportunity to help **clean up** as we work together in thankfulness to God.

Any questions, please call Jill Martin (605_270-9429 or Kayla Tweet at (605) 270-1433.

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



David & Krista Beeck Nov 5, 1977

Katie & Dave Hantz Nov 7, 2020

Jeremy & Lori Lindholm Nov 25, 2003

Cindy & Leonard VanPelt Nov 22, 2012

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Stacy	Lindholm	Nov 1, 1982
Colten	Miller	Nov 1, 2012
MaKenzie	Cacho	Nov 3, 2009
Olerick	Welton	Nov 6, 2009
Drew	Hemmer	Nov 7, 1988
Billie	Lusk	Nov 7, 1972
Shawn	Martin	Nov 7, 1959
Libby	Alfson	Nov 9, 2012
Mackenzie	Hemmer	Nov 14, 2003
Rachel	Lindholm	Nov 16, 2004
Adam	Limmer	Nov 17, 1987
Terry	Feldmann	Nov 25, 1946
Jerry	Gehrels	Nov 26, 1959

NOVEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Brandon	Fedeler	Nov 2, 1992
Heidi	Huewe	Nov 3, 1996
Mathew	Voy	Nov 3, 1996
Nathan	Voy	Nov 3, 1996
Rosie	Alverson	Nov 6, 1938
Gaylen	Backus	Nov 7, 1954
Danielle	Gehrels	Nov 7, 1993
Connie	Hess	Nov 7, 1948
AnnaLee	Fedeler	Nov 10, 1996
Leon	Gerry	Nov 12, 1972
Nicole	Backus	Nov 14, 1993
Hazel	Foster	Nov 14, 2021
Dan	Alfson	Nov 17, 1968
Libby	Alfson	Nov 18, 2012
Todd	Keupp	Nov 20, 1955
Sophia	Fischer	Nov 21, 2010
MaKenzie	Cacho	Nov 22, 2009
Colten	Miller	Nov 25, 2012
Llyn	Shuck	Nov 25, 1951
Kayden	McLaughlin	Nov 26, 2006
Mackenzie	Hemmer	Nov 27, 2003
Drew	Hemmer	Nov 28, 1988






**TO READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR:
SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
November 1	Exodus 15:1 – 18	Hosea 8 – 10
November 2	Psalms 122	Hosea 11 – 14
November 3	Psalms 123	Joel
November 4	Psalms 124	Amos 1 – 5
November 5	Psalms 125	Amos 6 – 9
November 6	Psalms 126	Obadiah, Jonah
November 7	Psalms 127	Micah 1 – 3
November 8	Psalms 128	Micah 4 – 7
November 9	Psalms 129	Nahum
November 10	Psalms 130	Habakkuk
November 11	Psalms 131	Zephaniah
November 12	Psalms 132	Haggai
November 13	Psalms 133	Zechariah 1 – 5
November 14	Psalms 134	Zechariah 6 – 10
November 15	Psalms 135	Zechariah 11 – 14
November 16	Psalms 136	Malachi
November 17	Psalms 137	Matthew 1 – 2
November 18	Psalms 138	Matthew 3 – 4
November 19	Psalms 139	Matthew 5 – 6
November 20	Psalms 140	Matthew 7 – 8
November 21	Psalms 141	Matthew 9 – 10
November 22	Psalms 142	Matthew 11 – 12
November 23	Psalms 143	Matthew 13 – 14
November 24	Psalms 144	Matthew 15 – 16
November 25	Psalms 145	Matthew 17 – 18
November 26	Psalms 146	Matthew 19 – 20
November 27	Psalms 147	Matthew 21 – 22
November 28	Psalms 148	Matthew 23 – 24
November 29	Psalms 149 – 150	Matthew 25 – 26
November 30	Exodus 15:1 – 18	Matthew 27 - 28

NOVEMBER 2022

Altar Guild: Julie Gehrels ~ Marlys Arneson ~ Mandie Miller

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation, Bible History Class, & Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	3	4	5 4:00 pm Altar Guild Work on Banners
6 Sunday, November 6 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Landen McManus Greeters: Brian & Amanda Maas Family Organist: Shirley Backus Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service Sunday Board of Education Meeting 	7	8	9 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation, Bible History Class, & Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group 7:00 pm ~ Elders Meeting	10	11  Veterans Day	12
13 Sunday November 13 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Presley Schneider Greeters: Gale & Diana Maas; Jarrod Maas Organist: Shirley Backus Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service Sunday School Teachers Meeting <i>St. Peter's Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner</i>	14	15	16 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation, Bible History Class, & Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	17 Winkle	18	19
20 Sunday November 20 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Jayden Delfs Greeters: Shawn & Jill Martin; Brett Martin Organist: Peggy George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service Sunday	21 NEWS LETTER DEAD LINE	22	23 6:00 pm ~ Thanksgiving Eve. Worship Service w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Lorelei Welton Greeters: Ryan & Tara McManus Family Organist: Peggy George NO CONFIRMATION, BIBLE HISTORY OR BELLS	24 	25	26
27 Sunday November 27 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Ainslie Klawonn Greeters: Russ & Kay Mendel; Jackson Mendel Organist: Shirley Backus Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service Sunday	28	29	30 4:00 pm ~ Confirmation, Bible History Class, & Bells 5:30-6:30 pm ~ Advent I meal 7:00 pm Midweek Advent I Service Acolyte: Layla Gibney Greeters: Eric & Ashley Milbrandt Family Organist: Peggy George 7:30 pm ~ Youth Group			

Pastor leaving Thursday the 17th for Doxology and will return Tuesday the 22nd.