**FESTIVAL**/COMMEMORATION **DAYS IN NOVEMBER**

**Nov. 1 All Saints’ Day**

Nov. 8 Johannes von Staupitz, *Luther’s Father Confessor*

Nov. 9 Martin Chemnitz (birth), *Pastor & Confessor*

Nov. 10 Martin Luther’s birthday, 1483

Nov. 11 Martin or Tours, *Pastor* [& Luther’s namesake]

Nov. 14 Emperor Justinian, *Christian Ruler & Confessor of Christ*

Nov. 19 Elizabeth of Hungary

Nov. 23Clement of Rome, *Pastor*

Nov. 29 Noah

**Nov. 30 St. Andrew, *Apostle***

**YOUTH NEWS**

Unfortunately, monthly meetings of the Youth Group (Confirmed through high school) have been suspended.

The **Higher Things “Watermarked” Lutheran Youth Conference** next Summer will be **July 21-24**, at **Calvin University** (formerly “College,”) **Grand Rapids, MI**. All Confirmed youth through high school are eligible to attend this Conference. Registration begins Nov. 1, and materials will be mailed to all eligible youth.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

All Christian education programs will resume this month, beginning the week of Sunday, Sept. 8:

Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15-10:15am, school building; miscellaneous

materials

Adult Bible class: Sundays, 9:15-10:15am, church basement; Epistle

Reading

Junior Confirmation classes: days: 7th-grade = 5:00-6:30pm; school building; *Small Catechism* & *Workbook*; hand-outs, videos, etc.

Bible study: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am, school building; Luke

Adult *Catechism* instruction: various days/times (ask Pastor)

**OFFICIAL ACTS:**

Holy Baptism: Misty Marie Barrells (adult), 10-16-19

**“1 > 3?”**

As you may know, since the previous ***Lutheran Worship*** hymnal came out (1982), the Missouri Synod has provided a **3-year Lectionary series of Readings – A, B, and C**. (These are listed in the front of our ***Lutheran Service Book*** hymnal [2006], **pp.xiv-xxiii**.) This series (with an occasional difference) is **used by all Liturgical denominations** (*e.g.*, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Eastern Orthodox?, etc.) In fact, it’s based on the 3-year Series developed by the Roman Catholic Church’s “Vatican II” in the 1970s. The benefit of this is that **more of the Bible is heard over a three-year period**, rather than simply repeating the same Readings every year. (*E.g.*, the Gospel Readings in Series A are primarily from Matthew; B from Mark & John; and C [which we’re currently reaching the end of] from Luke.) This also provides for at least **some unity across denominations**.

You’ll notice, however, that our current ***LSB*** hymnal also provides the **historic 1-year Series** (with a few changes; **pp.xx-xxi**) that was used in the old ***The Lutheran Hymnal*** (1941), and throughout most of Church history. (I’m not sure about here, but many congregations that kept using *TLH* rather than *LW* did change to the “new” 3-year series.) A few of our **Thumb Circuits’ congregations** continue to use, or changed back to, the **1-year Series**, temporarily or permanently.

The **1-year Series** has a couple of **different dates for Festivals** (*e.g.*, “The Visitation” [of Mary to Elizabeth] is on July 2 instead of May 31.); and also provides some **differing Church Year highlights** discontinued in the 3-year Series: During some Seasons there are **Latin names** given to each Sunday; there’s a **three-Sunday “Pre-Lent”** Season, meaning that the “Epiphany” Season is shortened by three weeks, resulting in “Transfiguration Sunday” being three Sundays earlier than those using the 3-year Series. The most major difference is that the longest Season of the Church Year – the “Pentecost” Season in the 3-year Series – is called the **“Trinity” Season** in the 1-year Series (as you may remember). Since “Holy Trinity Sunday” is the “1st Sunday after Pentecost,” the numbering of **Sundays “after Trinity”** **(rather than “after Pentecost”)** will be one less than those using the 3-year Series. In the 1-year Series, the **Gospel Readings** are from **three of the Gospels**, excluding Mark (which is very similar to Matthew); but the benefit of this is that we’d **learn them better** as we’d hear them over again every year.

**Why do I explain all this?:** Those – including us – who began using *LSB* when it came out in 2006 (with Series C) or 2007 (here, beginning with Series A) have been through the **3-year cycle four times now**. So, in discussion with the Elders, I thought it’d be interesting to **go back to the 1-year Series for three years**, then return to the 3-year Series in 2022 (Series A again). That is, we’ll use the 1-year Series **beginning with the new Church Year (Advent) the first Sunday of December this year**, and continue using it until the Church Year beginning in December of 2022, when we’d return to the 3-year Series (A). This will provide **some variety** from what we’ve done for the past 12 years (or longer – 37 years?), while **still using a historic Lectionary**.

I pray we’ll be Spiritually uplifted by this endeavor as we highlight some differing (but old) Biblical concepts.

In His service & yours,

***Pastor Dodge***

**“Growing as One”**

The following memory items can be used within the **daily office services** in the ***Lutheran Service Book***: Matins (pp.219ff.), Vespers (pp.229ff.), Morning Prayer (pp.235ff.), Evening Prayer (pp.243ff.), Compline (pp.253ff.), Responsive Prayers 1 (pp.282ff.) & 2 (pp.285ff.), and **Daily Prayer for Individuals & Families (pp.294ff.)**.

**Week Passage *Catechism* Hymn(s)\***

Nov. 3 - 9 Luke 19:9a,10 10 Commandments – Concl. *LSB* #728

Nov. 10 - 16 Luke 20:36 Apostles’ Creed – Art. 1 *LSB* #713

Nov. 17 - 23 Luke 21:27-28 Apostles’ Creed – Art. 2 *LSB* #508

Nov. 24 -30 Luke 23:34a Apostles’ Creed – Art. 3 *LSB* #534

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**“*ASK THE PASTOR*”**

Please note that what had been the **“Suggestion Box”** in the entryway is now an **“Ask the Pastor”** box. Questions submitted in the box (anonymously if you wish) may be used for this section of the newsletter.

**Q: Has there been any thought of going to only one Sunday Service?**

**A:** First, I want to make clear that that is **not the pastor’s call** to make (though he may have an opinion, as with all issues). This is something that would need to go through the Elders, Church Council, and Voters Assembly.

Second, there are **valid things to consider on both sides** of the issue: Keeping two Services provides the convenience and flexibility of times for individual worshipers (*i.e.*, many folks prefer one time or the other and would desire to keep it this way); it keeps the Service time to about an hour (more worshipers would lengthen Communion distribution time); and, of course, simply tradition in this congregation (Lutheran don’t like change! ☺). Going to one Service (at 9:30 or 10:00am?) may inconvenience some, but may provide for a more “worshiply”/socially unified congregation (*i.e.*, some don’t see each other much because they attend two different Services); and it’d obviously be easier on the pastor and organist (but that’s the least important reason!).

Practically, there are **presently/usually between 50 – 70** people who attend **each Sunday Service** (a number a majority of Missouri Synod churches would be considered very good in one Service), meaning a total of **100 – 140 total** (a number that the vast majority of Synod churches would consider to be great). Although the seating capacity of our Sanctuary may make 50 – 70 seem like low attendance per Service, 100 – 140 at one Service may seem cramped/crowded (though, in reality, there’s plenty of room). (And, what if two people sit in the same seat at different Services, but now must “fight” over that seat in one?! ☺) It must also be considered that going to one Service may cause some to attend a different church because they prefer (or need to) to worship earlier or later. Obviously, when there’s a pastoral vacancy, adaptions do need to be made, but these are usually temporary until a new pastor is in place.



**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Average Church attendance for the month of September 2018: 115

Average Church attendance for the month of September 2019: 117

Average Church attendance so far this year: 120

**REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

***For the month of Sepembert 2019***

**Budget Income:** General Fund: $21,362.00 Loose Offering: $824.44 **TOTAL:** $22,186.44 **Non-Budget Income:** Trustees: $210.00 Missions: $465.00 Stained Glass Windows: $9,155.00 Barnabas: $25.00 **TOTAL: $32,041.44**

**Acolytes November 2019**

November 3: 8:00 Jordan Schave 10:30 Tori Iseler

November 10: 8:00 Olivia Woodke 10:30 Carson O’Brien

November 17: 8:00 Tanton Babcock 10:30 Jordis Pitts

November 24: 8:00 Jordan Schave 10:30 Hunter Iseler

November 28: 9:00 Olivia Woodke

**OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD:**

Janet Schave and Carolyn Collings



Linda Finkel & Carol Woodke

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

***November*** 1: Elaine Reinke 5: Denee Schave 6: Ronald Koglin

Willard Reinke

7: Dylan Burton 8: Ben Schelke 9: Christopher Golden

Rachel Voss Joyce Friedland Loree Lindner

Jean Lindner

10: Charlene Sharrard 11: Dennis Kelley 12: Ivan Adkins

Anita Schave Jeff Kowaleski

Dave Burkhard

13: Lisa Leese 14: Jessica Woodke 15: Ty Woodke

Ronald Mausolf Jonathan Maschke Sharon Fuhrman

Sandra Wohlford Ricky Finkel

Nelson Erbisch

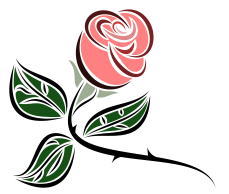
16: Claire Burton 17: Cheryl Neuenfeldt 18: Kristen Weiss

Wade Cohoon

19: Sharon Joy 24: Carol Woodke 26: Randy Schulte Carsyn Pawlowski Wyatt Hoody

27: Dennis Zick 29: Phyllis Will

If there are any corrections for the birthday calendar, please call the Church Office @ 428-4140. Thanks!



**November Anniversary**

***November*** 3: Ivan & Betty Adkins

7: Dave & Mary Burkhard 11: Todd & Connie Maschke

Kristen & Steven Weiss

13: Joe & Sandy Landenberg 18: Harlan & Ann Reinke

**NOVEMBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

***November*** 1: Patrick Reinke 2: Berry David 3: Derrick Piotter

Brent Reinke Jennifer Weiss Cory Johnson

Carolyn Collings

4: Betty Witherspoon 6: Amanda Schave:

Irene Schelke David Schave

June Dow Cameron Lloyd

Sandy Landenberg

7: William King 9: Martha Popour 10: Linda Weiss

Hope Volker

11: Jared Kube 12: Noah Johnson 13: Jordis Pitts

Robert Koglin Victoria Johnson Sawyer Pleiness

Logan King Beverly Brown

Mason Darling

Emily Schultz

14: Christopher Ackerman 15: Joann Schave

Clara Gust

Lisa Pleiness

Matthew Schultz

17: Kenneth Koth 18: Hunter Gembarski

Amy Reinke

Harlan Reinke

20: Breann Schubring 21: Willard Reinke

22: Garth Popour 23: Jeffery Miller 24: Leslie Weiss

Courtney Piotter Ronald Koglin

Hattie Hill

25: Shannon Popour 27: Avery Woodke 28: Ryan VerEllen

Gary Finkel Cliff Hartz

29: Barbara Ross 30: Mark Siemen

Brady Iseler Derk Belt

Lee Brown



**CHRISTMAS BULBS**

Each year the church Christmas tree is decorated with family bulbs, which are hand-painted, glass bulbs from Bronner’s in Frankenmuth. If you would like to order a bulb, fill out the form and return with payment to the church office by Friday, November 15. Ornaments may have up to three lines, with a maximum 14 characters per line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters. Cost is $24.00 per ornament. Please make checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church.

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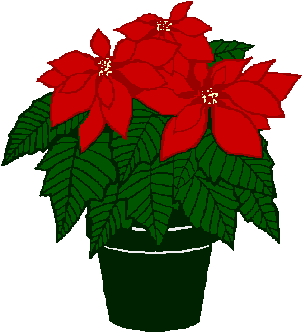
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**2019 Poinsettia Order**

The Plants Can Be Ordered Today Thru November 13.

The Price For the Plants Will Be $15.00.

Colors Available Are Red and White. (Circle One)

In the Lines Below, Please List the Names of Your Loved Ones Being: (Circle One of the Following)

Honored

Celebrated

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Other

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Given By:

(Please Include Your Phone Number In Case I Have Any Questions)

You Can Mail Your Order To: Vicki Koglin

4009 Main

Port Hope MI 48468

(989) 225-7060

You Can Also Put Your Order In My Mail Box At Church. Please Make Out Your Check to: St. John Flower Fund. Please Remember to Get Your Order In By: **November 13, 2019**.

***Payment Must Be Made At Time of Order***

**Calling All Crafters and Vendors:** Ladies Aid is looking for vendors and crafters for the Harvest Bazaar on November 9th. This is something new we are trying this year. In addition to what the bazaar traditionally has to offer, we are looking to expand by bringing in vendors and crafters to offer even more. What kind of vendors and crafters are we looking for? Crocheted Items, Wood Signs, Homemade Greeting Cards, Wreaths, Canned Goods, and Homemade Dip Packets. Keep in mind, this is our first year experimenting with something like this so we cannot guarantee how much traffic any vendors or crafters will get. Tables will be provided and the fee to participate is $10. To reserve a spot or for more information, call or text Kristen at 989-551-7477.

**November 2019**

**Ushers 8:00 Ushers 10:30**

Dan Blacker Fred Hasen

Larry Finkel Harold Collings

Ricky Finkel

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**8:00 Divine Service w/Communion**

**9:15 Sunday School & Bible Class**

**10:30 Divine Service w/Communion**

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| 3  *Daylight Savings Time Ends*  *All Saints’ Sunday* | 4  5:30 7th Grade Confirmation Class | 5 | 6  10:30 Bible Study  1:00 Quilting | 7 | 8 | 9  **HARVEST HOME BAZAAR 10-2**  Pastor’s Day Off |
| 10  *Martin Luther’s Birthday (1483)* | 11**OFFICE CLOSED**  Veterans Day  5:30 7th Grade Confirmation Class  C:\Users\Secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\LJ9E2H6Z\image-150nw-334639070[1].jpg7:00 Finance Board | 12  10:00 “Winkel” @ Cass City  7:00 Board of Education | 13  10:30 Bible Study  1:00 Quilting | 14 | C:\Users\Secretary\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\VYZIS855\hart-1058899_960_720[1].png15 | 16  Pastor’s Day Off |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Elders:  Gary Eggert 479-6251  Joe Landenberg 551-9899  Larry Reinke 551-4203  Greg Schave 428-3034  Les Weiss 551-4148  Greg Woodke 550-5931  Galen Young 550-3053 |