

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When the calendar turns to November, we think of Thanksgiving. Are you approaching this season with a thankful heart? How has the year gone for you? Maybe the downturn in the economy has affected you. Maybe you've had some health issues. Maybe family concerns are weighing you down. No matter what our circumstances in life, as children of God we always have reason to be thankful. Do you make it a regular practice to say "Thank You" to God, to others?

Why is it good to say "Thank You"? Of course, we know it's polite. We've been taught this social courtesy since we were little. But did you know that those who make a point to practice gratitude also sleep better, exercise more, feel more optimistic and less materialistic, are more empathetic and joyful, perhaps even have sharper minds? "As science is now proving, feeling grateful can actually make us healthier, literally," according to an article in Reader's Digest. When three groups were studied, the group that concentrated on things they were grateful for reported fewer negative physical symptoms such as headaches or colds, and they were active in ways that were good for them. Simply put, those who were grateful had a higher quality of life. A feeling of gratitude really gets people to do something, to become more compassionate. The emotional and physical benefits of gratitude are truly amazing.

If we think about it, Scripture encourages us to be grateful. One verse in particular says that, even when making requests of God, we ought to do so in an attitude of thankfulness. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests to known to God" (Philippians 4:6). Start showing gratitude today by writing down the things that you are thankful for. Such a list might include things like food clothing, and shelter; house, home, and family; the things that God provides for our physical life and well-being. We might also include spiritual blessings such as forgiveness of sins, new life in Jesus, and the precious hope of life in heaven. God gives all this to us and more!

Our response to all that God has done for us is **THANKSLIVING**. We live each day with an attitude of gratitude . . and see the benefits to our mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Throughout the year, let thankfulness and a merry heart dominate your thinking and your life – and be ready to reap the benefits!

Joy and peace in Jesus,

Pastor Steve Voigt

Loyalty Sunday November 23

November is the month in which we observe a national day of Thanksgiving. It's also the time when we work on our church budget for the next year and ask each of our members to make a financial commitment for their offerings.

Loyalty Sunday will be on November 23. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship of the blessings God has given to you including your time spent in prayer, Bible study, and worship in addition to the financial treasures you possess.



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Official Acts

Funeral

Doris "Gail" Tatro
June 21, 1931—September 17, 2025
Service was held at Krause Funeral Home
in Brookfield on September 28.

Baptism

October 5—August Lee Kerby Son of Justin & Racheal Kerby Sponsors are Nick & Samantha Bekeris

Ushers

9:30 a.m.

Phil Murphy Steve Dasher
Traci Murphy Maria Riley
Dave Valdes Marge Valdes
Karen Winefeld

Altar Guild

Nancy Keck Colleen Gottsacker Judy Weiss

Greeters

November 2

9:30am—Jim Williams & Bob Schultz

November 9

9:30am—Brian & Kaye Maletzke

November 16

9:30am—Henry & Judy Weiss

November 23

9:30am—James & Mai Kruse

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day 9:30am—Phil & Traci Murphy

November 30

9:30am—Diana Gutknecht & Audrey Wilde

SPECIAL GIFTS

Capital Improvement	\$471
Concordia University	\$228
DCF Grant	\$1,109
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$77
Trunk or Treat	\$135

MEMORIALS

Carol Munz Memorial—\$705

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

As you plan your Thanksgiving dinner, please remember those served by the Mission of Christ Food Pantry. We're collecting gravy, sweet potatoes, Cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, corn muffin mix, pie crust mix, pie filling, and stuffing mix.



Share Jesus' love this season—bring your donations to Covenant for delivery to the pantry! EVENTS 0 MERCY 2 MISSIONS

> We're once again participating in Operation Christmas Child! This project shares gifts and the true meaning of Christmas with children around the world. Pick up a box and packing list today!

Boxes must be returned by Sunday, November 9.

Milwaukee Lutheran Performing Arts Boosters

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS • JEWELRY • STAINED GLASS • HAND-SEWN & KNIT CRAFTS • ARTWORK • WOODWORK · SOAPS · CANDIES · PHOTOGRAPHY · AND MORE!

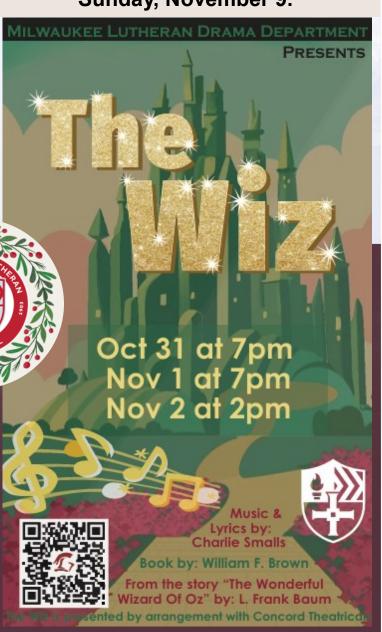
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 FROM 9AM-3PM



VOTERS' MEETING

The annual Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 30, at 10:45 a.m.

Items on the agenda include election of Mission and Ministry Council members and the 2026 Budget.



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Remember! Turn your clocks back
8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bible Study 10:45 am Sunday School All Saints' Day Daylight Savings	5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation 7:00pm CSST Meeting	4		6 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship 93rd Birthday, ki Hauser!	7 7:00pm AA Meeting	9am-3pm MLHS Craft Fair & Bake Sale
9 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bible Study 10:45 am Sunday School 22nd Sunday After Pentecost	5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation	11	8:30am Northwest Chapel 7:30pm Dartball	13 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Mission & Ministry Council Meeting	7.00pm AA Meeting	9am-2pm Kops Park Craft Fair at Beautiful Savior
16 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bible Study 10:45 am Sunday School 23rd Sunday After Pentecost	5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation	18 Happy 58th Anniversary, Mario & Karen Carini!	7:00pm AA Board Mtg. 7:30pm Dartball Happy 94	20 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	21 7:00pm AA Meeting	22
23 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Bible Study 10:45 am Sunday School	24 1:00pm Prayer Team 5:00pm 8th grade Confirmation	25	26 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship	10	28 7:00pm AA Meeting	29
Last Sunday in the Church Year	Northwes					
30 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45am Brunch & Voters' Meeting						
First Sunday In Advent						



Birthdays

November 4

Madeline Denemark

Joe Kutcher

Kaye Maletzke

November 5

Micki Hauser

Jenifer Weiler-Smith

November 8

Bodie Weeks

November 13

Emily Jacobs

November 15

Suzanne Hurst

November 16

Malachi Borders

Jen Weeks

November 17

Heidi Zoesch

November 18

Brian Johnston

November 19

Joanne Wiedenhoeft

November 21

Natalie Remmel

November 22

Bob Patten

November 23

Bill Campbell

November 24

James Kruse

Olivia Vogt

November 25

Ca'Marion Colson

November 26

Joe Bath

Anniversaries

November 18

Mario & Karen Carini

COVENANT EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER WILL
BE CLOSED ON
THANKSGIVING DAY AND
tHE FRIDAY FOLLOWING
THANKSGIVING.



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