



## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, I anticipate eating and having my fill of good food. After all, we live in a rich and prosperous land the Lord has given to us. We are surrounded by people we love and who love us. The harvest this year has again been abundant. We are in want of nothing. We are blessed beyond measure.

Yet, the great man of God, Isaiah, describes our flesh and all of our blessings as like grass and flowers. They, like our blessings, are extraordinarily beautiful and show forth the goodness of God. But their season comes and goes. The grass withers, the flower fades. They do not endure. As wonderful as our Thanksgiving feast will be, our hunger will return. As rich and prosperous as our great nation and her people are, we have not been good stewards of God's gifts.

Stewardship begins with an acknowledgement that God is the Creator and Owner of all things. This realization immediately results in gratitude to God Who so graciously gives His gifts to us. Through faith, we understand that God is the source of all good things and that He owns all things. We thank and praise Him for His blessings! As much as God has blessed us, it's part of our nature to still seek more and not be content with what we have already been given. This is why God, our Father, chose to give us the one blessing that can carry us through this life and into eternity.

The one perfect, timeless, and ageless gift of God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Only in Him does the Word of our God stand forever! Jesus Christ came into this world as the perfect and timeless expression of God's supreme love. He died on the cross of crucifixion and He was laid in a tomb. Three days later He was raised to life again. Jesus was carried away into heaven with the promise that He would one day return. In Christ we live and in Him we will die. Yet, even after our death we will live forever with Him in the eternal glory of heaven. By His perfect and holy death, Jesus has brought the forgiveness of all of our sins. In our baptism, we have been adopted into the family of God. All of our temporal blessings, like the grass and the flowers, will one day wither and fade. Truly, our greatest and eternal blessing is in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him God has blessed us with saving faith, forgiveness, and salvation. In Christ's holy name we commend our Thanksgiving celebration!

*Pastor Kendall Meyer*

**SERVING THE LORD IN  
NOVEMBER 2017  
AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

**USHERS:**

**8:00:**

**10:30:**

**GREETERS:**

**8:00:**

**10:30:**

**ELDERS:**

**8:00:** Aaron Clark

**10:30:** Steve Barteau

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Janet Enroth, Jan Fritz  
Tiffani Hanlin

**VAN DRIVERS:**

5 – John Schonarth  
12 – Jim Waack  
19 – Kim Rosevold  
26 – Hugh Roderick

If you need to call to request a ride or cancel a ride for Sunday mornings, call **222-8579 and leave a message at extension #408** for the Van Driver.



**November Prayer Focus –  
Operation Christmas Child**

This year our congregation is serving as a drop off location for Operation Christmas Child. This organization has distributed millions of shoe boxes to children around the world. Each box is filled with gifts, but more importantly serves as an opportunity to share the Gospel. Pray for the boxes being collected and the children that will one day receive them, that they will also receive the gift of Jesus into their lives. Pray for the needed volunteers to make this project successful.

**ELDER LIST**

Our church has eight Elders, and each Elder is assigned a portion of the congregation. The elders assist the Pastors in the spiritual life of the congregation. If you have a spiritual need or issue anytime or when Pastor Steve and Pastor Kendall are out of town, you can contact your Elder listed below.

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Member Name</b>
Paul Johnson	217-577-3669	(A-B)
Steve Barteau	660-349-8095	(C-E)
Rustin Otney	785-766-9776	(F-Hi)
Matt Dietrich	217-653-0944	(Ho-K)
John Schonarth	217-224-3375	(L-M)
Tracy Hanlin	217-656-3010	(N-R)
Mike Happel	217-222-2858	(S-T)
Aaron Clark	217-209-1830	(U-Z)

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Church office hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Staff *may* be in the office before or after these hours; however you should call before coming. The church will be locked after the last staff person leaves for the day (unless there are evening activities.)

**SERMON SERIES**



In the month of November we will celebrate what it means to be a “Grace Filled Steward”.

Nov. 5 – Grace Filled Saints

Nov. 12 – Grace Filled Servants

Nov. 19 – Grace Filled Givers

Please be sure to join us as we celebrate consecration Sunday on November 19.



## The Oasis

The **Wednesday evening worship service begins at 6:00 pm in the Oasis.** This is a casual worship about 40 minutes in length.

Child care is available for younger kids and the coffee is always ready. This service is a great opportunity to introduce someone to our congregation or invite someone who doesn't normally come to church.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of September 30, 2017:

Giving:	\$ 28,002.77
Total All Expenses:	\$35,488.84
<b>Giving less exp.:</b>	<b>- \$ 7,486.07</b>

**2017 Contributions to the General Fund:** Contributions to the General Fund were **\$40,000 under budget through October 22<sup>nd</sup> and were \$19,300 behind giving at the same time last year.** However, we have seen an upturn in giving with our plea for increased giving. Offerings in October have already exceeded September giving by almost \$10,000 with one weekend yet to go in the month. We are so thankful for the superb response to increase your giving...praise God for your sacrifices! Please continue to pray that our income will exceed expenses for the rest of 2017 and throughout 2018.

**11/11 at 11am – 1pm –**

### **PRAYER VIGIL – PRAYING FOR OUR COUNTRY**



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

and plan to come to lift up prayers for our country on **Saturday, November 11.** Watch for more information in the weekly announcements.

## Congregational Boards

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



#### **Bottom Line:**

**Remember, everything belongs to God.**

**Memory Verse:** “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.”

*Luke 16:10a, NIV*

**Life App:** Stewardship—taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God.

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

In Psalm 24:1, we read, *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, (NIV).* In other words, whatever we have isn't really ours. God created the entire world—the land and sea, planets and galaxies, animals and people. And when people create, those people do so because of the gift and talents that God gave them. It's our job to take care of what God has loaned us for a time to use in order to bring Him glory.

Jesus put stewardship into action. He used the time He had on earth wisely, never wasting a moment, but always working towards God's plan. He used what He had—from bread and fish, to dirt and spit—to perform miracles, helping people see and eat. Everything Jesus did showed us how we can take care of God's stuff by using it the way that points people to God and fulfills the mission God has for our live



The traditional **Christmas Story** is being told on Wednesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00pm. Please let us know if your child will be able to attend and be part of this amazing story! Practices will be held in the Discovery Den in the weeks prior. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS,** You won't want to miss it!

**CRADLE ROLL**

There are twenty-six children enrolled in the Cradle Roll. Children receive materials until age 3, that parents can share with them about God's love.

**November Birthdays:**

- Jaydon Faith Humke            1 yr. old on Nov. 22
- Breck Meloy Mauck           2 yrs. old on Nov. 23

**No Additions in October**

**One Removed in October:**

- Becca Lynn Humke - 3 yrs. old on October 30

*--Wilma Tieman, Nursery Roll Coordinator*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
MISSION FOCUS  
FOR NOVEMBER**



**Food Pantry**

The Mission offerings will assist in purchasing items for those on the Food Pantry.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING**

**FOOD PANTRY**

In the month of September, our food pantry served 351 households (an decrease of 64 households). These households were comprised of 1367 individuals (down 274 from August) and of those 536 were children (down by 87). A special thank you to everyone that helps each day the pantry is open and with the different shipments and food deliveries. We had two donations of dozens or eggs from the local Genenbacher Egg Farm that were very appreciated.

**Thrivent Financial Benefit Members and Associate Members** can apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant in order to financially assist the Food Pantry. If you have an opportunity to offer support in this way but don't know how, talk to Jan Fritz, Jim Totsch, Janet Totsch, Denise Percy, Steve Barteau, or Marilyn Humphrey and they can assist you.

**Part Time FOOD PANTRY ADMINISTRATOR**

The Lutheran Church of St. John is accepting applications for a **part time Food Pantry Administrator**. This individual would work in the area of the Christian Caregiving Ministry including administration of all aspects of operating the Food Pantry. A complete job description can be obtained in the church office. This position is for up to 16 hours per week. **Applications should be submitted to the church office.** Jan Fritz is continuing to help with ordering and preparation in the evenings until a new Administrator is in place. If you have any questions about the position, see Pastor Steve.

**The Food Pantry is always looking for additional volunteers** to help on a Monday or Thursday, even if for just the morning or afternoon. Or, if you can help portion bulk items and restock shelves on other days. You can either sign up on the bulletin board by the office or stop in the office if you can even be a backup that we can call when shorthanded.

Recycle **your plastic grocery/store bags** with the Food Pantry. Please flatten them or fold them, which is then easier for the volunteers to use them for our clients. Plastic water bottles with lids are used to portion detergents and are always needed.

### **CLOSET OF GRACE –Cleaning your closets?**

We estimate that over 60% of the families that come to our food pantry also visit our closet of grace, in search of clothes. Make sure they are CLEAN and STAIN FREE and FREE of HOLES. We always especially need clothes for babies, kids and teens. Spread the word to your family and friends too. Thank you to Kim Duesdieker and Tina Beaston for all of their hard work sorting, hanging up clothes, and keeping the Closet of Grace in an orderly fashion.

**MANNA MEALS** - If you or a loved one could benefit from having a couple of home cooked meals a week during a time of illness or after being hospitalized, please let Jim & Janet Totsch, Pastor Steve or Marilyn know and these can be arranged for 2 or 3 weeks. If you would consider taking meals to a church member in need, please let Jim & Janet know via email [jtotsch@hughes.net](mailto:jtotsch@hughes.net) or call 779-8603 or 779-3303. Each person usually makes 2-3 meals a year.

**Gently Used Toys** or new, are being collected by the Board of Christian Caregiving for a Christmas Toy Give-a-way. If possible include items for older children. Bring them to the office and place them in the box by the counter. The Give-away is being planned for early December, so bring your items in this month.

### **TREE of LIFE**

**We are currently gathering names for our Tree of Life, Christmas give-away.** If you or someone you know would be blessed by some gifts this Christmas, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Steve. **Names are needed by Nov. 5.**



It's almost time for our *Tree of Life* mission. The *Tree of Life* will serve over 20 families this year. Each child will receive two gifts and each family will receive a gift card that can be used to help with extra needs. **Starting November 9th** you may take an ornament from the tree. Once you have selected the gift you'd like to purchase, you'll wrap it, **bring the gift and tag to LCOSJ by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



**The LCOSJ Food Pantry will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring 2018.** The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb.4), young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice. Watch for more information in the coming months.

### **BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

Last year our church received a grant to help our food pantry and to reach out through our Service Sunday. Our story is highlighted in this publication from our national church. Check out the fruit that God's people are producing!  
<https://engage.lcms.org/local-witness-fall-2017/>

### **Local Witness and Mercy**

‘Stand With Your Community’ grants enable outreach in communities across the U.S.

Military veterans, inner-city kids, refugees, the homeless, single mothers, those with special needs.

## **Local Witness and Mercy Cont. ....**

These groups may not seem to have much in common, but in locations across the United States, Lutheran laypeople are reaching out to them with the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

To support these local witness and mercy efforts, The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod (LCMS) launched the “Stand With Your Community” grant program in 2015. The program — a partnership between the LCMS, Thrivent Financial and Lutheran Church Extension Fund — was a special initiative to reflect Martin Luther’s passion for all to know the true Gospel. The church body that bears his name continues his pursuit 500 years after the Reformation.

The response to the program was tremendous. Overall, 512 applications, totaling more than \$8.3 million, were received from all 35 LCMS districts.

Since only \$1 million was available, 55 recipients were selected in early 2016 to receive grants of \$1,000 to \$25,000, depending on the scope and duration of the proposed project. Some grants were given for brand-new efforts, while others supported ongoing projects.

“I was impressed frankly with the ingenuity, creativity and compassion revealed in so many project designs. Witness and mercy were wed together with a clear focus on outreach to those who needed to hear about Jesus,” said the Rev. Randall Golter, who coordinated the Synod’s celebration of the Reformation anniversary.

Read on to learn more about the types of projects that are taking place in rural, suburban and urban communities all around the country.

### **In Quincy, Ill. — \$19,612**

The mission of the Lutheran Church of St. John in Quincy, Ill., is “to be a place where grace is overflowing,” said the Rev. Steven Hayden, the church’s senior pastor.

That’s why the congregation operates a food bank — the second largest in the county — and sends members out into the community twice a year during its Service Sundays. On these Sundays, more than 100 members help at a veterans’ home, pick up trash in the park, cook a meal for first responders, or serve in a variety of other ways.

St. John received a grant of \$19,612 to help fund these projects over two years. The congregation also purchased a new industrial refrigerator and condenser to expand the capacity of the food bank.

Hayden calls these projects a “training ground” for members. “These are practical ways that we as a church are helping to equip and train our members. They are getting opportunities to practice grace overflowing so that it comes more naturally at home.”

The latest edition of the LUTHERAN ENGAGE publication is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

### **HORIZON’S – Serve meals.**

Volunteers are needed to help serve meals on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office. Sign up for November or December. Hot meals are served 11:30am – 12:30pm.

The Board of Evangelism **will meet on Thursday, November 2**

## **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**



Thank you so much for your continued support to the ***Hearts Overflowing Debt Reduction Campaign***. Donations of **more than \$282,900 received through October have enabled us to reduce our mortgage principal from over \$666,000 at the end of May to under \$397,000.**

## **Board of Stewardship** *Cont. ....*

If you need more green Hearts Overflowing envelopes to assist you in regular giving to the campaign, additional envelopes may be found on the information desk in the Church Narthex. Using these envelopes will help the Board of Stewardship keep accurate giving records.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving to the Campaign! Please continue to pray that God would bountifully bless the Lutheran Church of St. John through this Campaign.

**Leadership Retreat 2017:** The leaders of our congregation met on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> to set our goals for 2017 & 2018 followed by a plan of action to achieve those goals. Here are the goals for those two years:

- Grace flows to us **IN WORSHIP** – **increase average attendance in weekly worship**
- Grace flows to us **IN TEACHING** – **60% of worshipers actively attending Bible Study, Sunday School, & Confirmation**
- Grace flows among us **THROUGH FELLOWSHIP** – **improve Congregational unity through building connections between groups of the congregation**
- Grace flows among us **THROUGH BUILDING CONNECTIONS** - **by expanding participation of 18-30 year olds in the life of the congregation**
- Grace flows from us **THROUGH SERVICE & OUTREACH** – **increase number of events of service and outreach in the Community**
- Grace flows from us **THROUGH MISSIONS** – **expand the involvement in mission outreach...going, supporting, & praying**

### **Supporting Goals for Grace flows...:**

- Build a communications plan to better connect with members and non-members

- Establish a committee to look at Policy-Based versus Council-Based Governance

**Coming in November:** We will be conducting a stewardship emphasis called “Disciples Living as Grace-Filled Stewards” this fall with a sermon-series and Bible studies on November 5, 12, & 19.

As grace-filled stewards, you will...

- grow in your appreciation of the knowledge that you live as a child of a loving and generous God.
- understand that God has called you to be His disciple and steward; you do not choose Him.
- better understand you are a steward, not owner, of all God entrusts to you.
- understand you are God’s disciple and steward by His grace.
- understand you are an instrument through whom God works.
- understand that faithful stewardship involves much more than just money.
- discover joy as you serve and give in Christ’s name.
- grow in involvement, commitment, and generosity.

We will have the normal two services on November 19<sup>th</sup> along with the Voters’ Meeting and lunch. The lunch will be served by the Church Staff and the Board of Stewardship with all proceeds going to help offset any shortfall in the General Fund. Please join us for the meal which will have a Thanksgiving flavor, even if you cannot stay for the Voters’ meeting.

## **BOARD OF YOUTH & FAMILY** **MINISTRIES**

**Senior High** - join us on Sunday morning for Sunday school at 9:30am in the Youth Room with Aaron Clark as their leader Aaron has been known to stop by and pick up donuts every once in a while!

## Board of Youth & Family Ministries *Cont. ....*

**District Junior High Lock-In** - We will travel to Washington, IL to join youth from across central Illinois on Friday, November 11. Meet at church at 4 pm. Bring money for dinner on the road. **Will be returning to church on Saturday morning about 9 am.**

### November 19 – Thanksgiving Baskets

Meet at church at 3:30 pm. We will go shopping, then come back to church to fill baskets before delivering them to families in need.

**HY-VEE SCRIP** - Members of the Teen LYF group sell scrip. Use these cards at the Hy-Vee grocery store and at their gas stations. It's just like cash—Hy-Vee donates 5% of each card to our Teen LYF group. You can also buy Scrip during regular church office hours from Marilyn.

## CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

### VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING

#### LUNCH served on Sunday, November 19.

A lunch of Turkey & Noodles, Green Beans, Veggie tray & desserts will be served by the Board of Stewardship and Staff and a free-will offering will go to the LCOSJ General Fund. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship after late service, approximately 11:30am. All church members and visitors are welcome.

The Voter's Assembly will meet following lunch on approximately 12:00 pm. The Voters' packets will be available to pick up in the narthex on **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. All voters and interested members are welcome to take one. Bring this packet of information with you to the meeting.

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

will be held at **6:00pm**  
**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
with Holy Communion.

*Save the Date - A Christmas Party for the whole congregation is being planned on December 9<sup>th</sup>*. This will be fun and fellowship for all ages. Mark your calendar because you won't want to miss this! More details to follow.

## Connection Point Café

### Located in the OASIS

Stay after worship, come early before Sunday School and Bible Class, or before worship and enjoy some coffee, tea, or hot chocolate along with some breakfast treats and a chance to meet and visit with fellow members. This is a great opportunity to welcome visitors. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the office if you would be willing to provide some breakfast treats one week.



## BIBLE STUDIES



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** begins at 9:30am. Grab some coffee and/or donut/treat at the Connection Point Café and join us. There are two different studies to choose from.

**Faces of Faith** meets in the Oasis. We are currently in a study of different religions and denominations. If you have every had questions about what others believe this is a great opportunity to find out.

**Grace-Filled Stewards** meets in the conference room. This study will dig deeper into the themes from the worship service and explore how we live out our grace filled life.

## KELLER MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

This home Bible study group meets on Monday evenings at Bill & Lynda Keller's home. They will begin the "Foundations" small group study this month, at 7:00pm.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**"DAVID – Seeking a Heart Like His"** is the new Study for the Tuesday morning Women's group. They will begin this study by Beth Moore, on **Tuesday, October 31**. Talk to Lynda Keller, if you would like to participate and to pick up a study guide, or join us one morning if you would like to check it out, we'd love to have you.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Bible class is meeting at a 10:00 am in the Oasis.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we will have plenty of comfortable seating. Following the class, you can join in for some fellowship and lunch and one of Quincy's tasty restaurants.

## MENS BIBLE BREAKFAST

This group of men meets on Thursday mornings at 6:30am in the Family Life Center, for Bible study and breakfast, and some of the best coffee in Quincy. This group is usually finished around 7:30am to give you time to head to work or your to-do list. If you would like to join this group, either every morning or just a few, enter through the kitchen on the south side of the building.

**First Place 4 Health group meet on Saturday mornings from 9am-10:30am. First Place 4 Health**, a Christ-centered total-wellness program, and will be offered to the Lutheran Church of St. John. They will meet in the Oasis on; Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25.

**If you missed the two months, but have questions about the study**, contact Melissa Baker at email [melissaturner-baker@hotmail.com](mailto:melissaturner-baker@hotmail.com) or call her at 217-653-9963 for more information. Do you want to improve your relationships with others? Do you desire to be physically fit? Are you tired of being tired? Would you like to know God in a more intimate way? The answer is here!

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



### LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid members will on Wednesday, November 1st at 12:30pm for fellowship. Sharon Kuhlman and Becky Woodward on the Cheer & Social serving refreshments. The meeting will begin at 1:00pm. We will collect for the Charity Donation and the LWML Mites with the Mite Devotion for November.

### MARY & MARTHA GUILD

The Mary & Martha members will meet on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Oasis at 6:30pm. They will work together on a service project. All ladies from the congregation are invited to join us.



### MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will meet at St. James on Monday, November 20, at 7:00 pm. Bob Hesse is the Devotional Leader and "Praise and Thanksgiving" will be the Hymn for the night. Pastor Mike Fieberkorn will give the topic "A Man Named Martin". Don Henning and Elder Hadler are serving on the Social Committee.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Guatemala Mission 2018** – Mark your calendar for our next mission adventure, September 1-8, 2018. Registration will begin in January.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

**NEED VOICES - St. John's Choir and One Voice are always looking for additional Singers and Musicians** for their next musical offerings. If you are interested, see Lynn Meyer or Denise Percy with any questions, or stop in the church office. **The Choir will be singing at the 8am service one Sunday in November and December.**

**A Christmas Sing-along is being planned for the Veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in December. Watch your weekly announcements and the December Broadcaster for the date and time.**

### Organist Needed

The Lutheran Church of St. John has an Organist position open for our 8am Sunday morning worship service. All interested parties may contact Pastor Steve, Pastor Kendall or Marilyn at the church office at 217-222-8579 or by mail at 3340 State Street, Quincy, IL 62301.



### St. James Lutheran School News

**ST JAMES STUDENTS** will sing next at Our Redeemer next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**ENROLLMENT STILL OPEN!** We are still accepting enrollment applications for the current school year. Pass the word! Satisfied customers are our best advertisement for our school. If you are pleased with St. James School, please tell others. If not, please tell Principal Landskroener.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** – Thank you to everyone who donated candy and participated in Trunk or Treat this year. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – As a school, St. James will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child where shoeboxes are filled and sent throughout the world with the good news of great joy about Jesus. Collection dates are November 13<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school office if you would like more information on how you can be a part of this ministry or view their website: [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS** – The PreK-Kindergarten Christmas program will be Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas program will be Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 also in the gym. Both programs will begin at 6:30 pm and will take place in the gym. Please come and join us as we share the Christian message of Christmas.

**CAR MAGNETS** - St. James Lutheran School Magnets are available in our church office. These 5-1/2" diameter magnets can be displayed on your car/truck/SUV or any metal surface to show support or advertise for the school. See Marilyn in the office if you would like to purchase one for \$5.00. The proceeds go to St. James Lutheran School.

**BOXTOPS AND UPC LABELS** – Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops, HyVee UPCs and Tyson A+ labels throughout the summer. They help support our school library! Thank you!

## NEWS & NOTES

### Winter Coats, Jackets, Sweaters Give-away

**Monday—Thursday,  
November 6 - 9th,  
9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.**

In the Family Life Center

We've collected an abundance, so spread the word to anyone that could use a gently used coat.



## HORIZON'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00am – 11:00am** at **Horizon's**, 224 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Menu includes Pancakes, Ham, Milk & Coffee. Free will offering.



### St John's is the host church for the **2017 Operation Christmas Child!**

Hundreds of boxes have been assembled, filled and are awaiting shipment to a special girl or boy. If you would still like to fill a box for a child for Christmas, simply Select Girl or Boy, then age group of 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 and fill a Shoebox with the suggested items on the list below. **Drop off the filled shoebox in the family life center during National Collection Week, November 13 – 20, Monday-Friday, 11/13 – 17: 5 PM – 7 PM**

#### **Items to fill the shoeboxes**

Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes

**Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

**A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or

group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.



#### **Do Not Include**

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**A donation of \$9.00 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs.** Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox. **MOST IMPORTANTLY – PRAY** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



**WOMEN'S SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT is November 3-5 at Camp CILCA.** Cost is \$80. To reserve your table call the camp office at 217-487-7497 or email [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org).

**FALL CLEAN UP DAY at Camp CILCA will be Saturday, November 4 from 8:30am-12:30pm.** Lunch will be provided. Help get your camp ready for the winter months

*For more information about CAMP CILCA go to <http://www.cilca.org> or call 217-415-2311*

4124 Camp CILCA Road, Cantrall, IL  
Director: Pastor Joshua Theilen



**“Serve the LORD with Gladness”**

**The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML)** Each month, one of the LWML-Central IL District mission grants will be featured. Our mission goal for 2017-2018 is \$90,000; \$67,500 for district grants, \$22,500 will be sent to LWML for national mission grant projects. Grants are paid in full in the order presented as funds become available. **LWML-CID is excited that the first mission project, \$30,000 for Student Aid for Church Workers, has been paid in full.** Updates are available at [lwmlcid.org](http://lwmlcid.org).

**LWML-CID MISSION GRANT #2: Fort Wayne & St. Louis Seminary Food Banks (\$10,000).**

This grant will assist both seminary food banks in stocking their shelves with food, toiletries and other household items for seminary students and their families.

**LWML-CID MISSION GRANT #3: Human Trafficking Education (\$3,350).**

Human trafficking is a modern term for slavery and is the fastest growing, and most lucrative, criminal activity in the world. This grant will help MOST Ministries develop, publish, and implement English to Spanish training materials and evangelism resources as MOST teams go to Central America to help combat this international crime.

*Pray for these organizations as they demonstrate God’s love to those they minister to.*

If you would like to contribute to the LWML-CID Mission Grants for November, you can donate thru our Ladies Aid Society or Mary & Martha groups. See Becky Woodward or Debi Royalty, or Marilyn in the office.



**LERT  
(Lutheran Emergency Response Training)  
Chainsaw Training Event  
Saturday, November 4, 2017  
9:00am to 5:00pm (Registration begins at 8:30am)  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
6801 North Allen Road, Peoria, Illinois 61614**

For more information, scroll down online <http://www.cidlcms.org/news.html> or see Marilyn



Many resources are available on the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod website on many different topics. Check out the site at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).

**ARTICLES - The 95 Theses: A guide**

Many find Luther's 95 Theses difficult to read and comprehend. This short “reader’s guide” highlights some of the key theses and identifies the main concepts Luther explored.

**VIDEO - “Treasures of the Reformation”** – In this video series, President Harrison teaches interesting and important facts about the reformation centered around the “Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation” exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

**PHOTOS** - See photographs from a recent visit to Guatemala with our partner church, the Lutheran Church in Guatemala, in which the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison attended a service and spoke to a theater of guests celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

**AUDIO - Martin Luther in Chinese** — Guests Rev. Dr. Henry Rowold, former missionary to Taiwan, Rev. Dr. Michael Paul, missionary in Taiwan, and Rev. Carl Hanson share news about the recent and ongoing translation of Lutheran materials into Chinese.

**BLOGS** – KFUE Audio: Religious Freedom cases in the Supreme Court - October's Free to be Faithful® program on KFUE.org discusses important pending U.S. Supreme Court cases that have significant ramifications for religious freedom in.

**Dates to Remember:**

- November 10 & 11 – Jr. High Lock-in**
- November 11 – Prayer Vigil For Our Country**
- November 12-20 – Operation Christmas Child Drop Off**
- November 19 – Lunch and Voter’s Meeting**
- November 22 - Thanksgiving Eve Service**
- November 23 - Thanksgiving Day**
- November 24 – Church office will be closed**



**NOVEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

	<b>Wedding Date</b>	<b>Years</b>
Kevin & Joy Bockhold	11/6/2010	7
Mike & Mary Herschler	11/6/1971	46
John & Lavonne Evans	11/8/1975	42
Doug & Carol Allen	11/11/1978	39
David & Cynthia Timme	11/12/2013	4
Greg & Connie Scott	11/16/1974	43
John & Lori Meuth	11/23/1991	26
Les & Marilyn Kaufman	11/24/1956	61
Steve & Carie Hayden	11/25/1994	23



**BIRTHDAYS**

Tyler Gibleon	11/1
Brad Keller	11/1
Libby Campbell	11/2
Spencer Roderick	11/2
Sue Voth	11/2
Melba Baker	11/3
Jeannie Rosevold	11/3
Katelyn Nutt	11/4
Brody Anders	11/5
Gertrude Balzer	11/5
Logan Freiburg	11/5
Jordan Meuth	11/5
Elaine Riutzell	11/5
Jackson Baumgartner	11/6
Jake Maas	11/6
Emilee Carver	11/7
Jordan Goodwin	11/7
Mary Kay Schlegl	11/7
Alison Tieman	11/7
Dalton Buckley	11/8
Gavin Cramsey	11/9
Kim Duesdieker	11/9
Hayden Frankel	11/9
Olivia Otney	11/9
Gabe VanderMaiden	11/9
Parker Baumgartner	11/10
Rowan Epping	11/10
Mike Herschler	11/10
Caroline Ripper	11/10
Linda Steinbach	11/10
Scot Duesdieker	11/11
Tanner Kline	11/11
Jim Becker	11/12
Gary Fisher	11/12
Jesse O’Briant	11/12
Elizabeth Bangert	11/13
Kale Weiman	11/13
Charlene Brown	11/14
Julie Cramsey	11/14
Miranda Roan	11/14
Lance Woolam	11/14

Shawn Bloyd	11/15
Hannah Daggett	11/15
Eunice Meyers	11/16
Bev Bangert	11/17
Rusty Scott	11/17
Deanna Marshall	11/18
Alex Meginnnes	11/18
Rene Orr	11/18
Jeffrey Houghton	11/19
John Meuth	11/19
Ruth Parrish	11/19
Janet Anderson	11/21
Harrison Clark	11/21
Olivia Mast	11/21
Trevor Nierman	11/21
Brian Wilke	11/21
Neven Rehfeldt	11/22
Barbara Bechtold	11/23
Breck Mauck	11/23
Hallie Barteau	11/24
Mike Flowerree	11/24
Sam Schlegl	11/24
Angela Shupe	11/24
Lisa Hamilton	11/25
Gretchen Shults	11/26
Joel Dickhut	11/28
Bradyn Cobb	11/29
Sandy Wehner	11/29
Dakota Hatfield	11/30

*If your name is not on the Anniversary or Birthday list, or if you wish your name removed, please contact Marilyn at the church office. The deadline for submitting an article in the December Broadcaster is day, November 24.*



## Veteran's Parades

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual VETERAN'S DAY PARADE – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for two great parades to honor our Veterans and Active Duty Military! **The first one is at 10:00 am** from 12th & Maine to 5th & Maine and then **join the Veterans at the Illinois Veteran's Home, at 1:00 pm Nov. 4th, for another parade.**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00am – 11:00am at Horizon's**, 224 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Menu includes Pancakes, Ham, Milk & Coffee. Free will offering.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual BIRTHRIGHT TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Quincy University Health & Fitness Center (3-Court Area) - Doors Open & Silent Auction begins at 5PM; Trivia at 7PM Sharp! 50/50 too!** 11 Different Categories, Best 10 Scores Count! \$120 Entry Fee per Team – Up to 8 Players (Price includes 5 mulligans & 8 lifeline tickets)

Local celebrity expert lifelines for select categories! Prizes awarded to top 2 teams! Free snacks! BYOB Food offered by Butcher Block! – Fill your plate for \$6.00.

Not interested in playing trivia? \$10/person to observe & participate in the auction only. There will be many great baskets to bid on.

Proceeds benefit Birthright of Quincy. For more information, contact Joe @ 217-617-8937 or Patty @ 217-440-8388. You can also log on to [www.birthrightquincyil.org](http://www.birthrightquincyil.org) for the registration form.



### Quincy Public Library Quincy Public Library – Teen Event

#### SCAVENGER HUNT

**Saturday, November 18 1-3 pm**

Seek the items Sammy the Squirrel has sequestered in South Park then enjoy cider and donuts. Prizes awarded to the winning team.

**Call the Library for more information.  
217-223-1309**



Great River Genealogical Society  
Adams County, Illinois

The Great River Genealogical Society's **November 9, 2017** meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Mr. Brent Engel will present the program of "A Few Augusta Stories". Mr. Engel is a native of Augusta and has written two books on Augusta history. You will find this topic interesting of a neighboring county and may learn of family that migrated from Adams County. Come join us to learn of information that may help you with your continued research. The meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church of St. John Family Life Center, 3340 State Street in Quincy. Refreshments will be served following the program. Go to [www.gr-gs.org](http://www.gr-gs.org) for more Society information and resources.

**Quincy Service League Holiday Gift Show & Sale – November 18 – 19**  
**10:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

The 49th annual event will feature over 100 merchants selling items from specialty foods, handcrafted clothes & quilts, holiday decorations, jewelry, outdoor garden & patio décor, hand blown glass, woodworking and much more! Held at the Oakley Lindsay Civic center, 3rd & York St., Quincy. Saturday 10-5 & Sunday 10-4.



***Southern Gospel Music at its' best!***

Song of the Year and Soloist of the Year Winner!! Mark Bishop will appear in concert **November 17th, at the Windmill, Golden IL**. Opening show @ **6:30pm with New Life Singers, Mark Bishop @ 7:00** (A Free Will Love offering will be collected) For more info contact Mike Martin at 217-593-7455 cfriend@adams.net or [www.immanuelgolden.org](http://www.immanuelgolden.org). Sandwiches and other Concessions Available during Concert.



**Adams County & Quincy City Hall  
November Holiday Hours – Closed**

Friday, November 10– Veteran's Day  
Thursday, November 23 & Friday,  
November 24 – Thanksgiving

**Quincy Public Library - Closed**  
Thursday, November 23 & Friday,  
November 24 – Thanksgiving



**THANKSGIVING DAY**

**the Church office will be closed  
the Food Pantry will be closed**

**Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
the Church office will be closed.**

*Have a Safe & Blessed Thanksgiving*

***Daylight Savings time ends  
November 5***



*Set your clock back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, November 4 or you'll be early for Coffee & Donuts in the Oasis*



## DESIGNATE YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHARITABLE FUND

Eligible Thrivent members earn Choice Dollars and can choose how they are distributed. The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent Financial members in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent’s mission and its purposes under state law. Members become eligible based on insurance premiums and contract values. Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities. If your Choice Dollars haven't been directed to a particular fund, such as Lutheran Church of St. John, St. James Lutheran School, Lutheran Hour Ministries, etc. Choice Dollars are distributed monthly to the member’s selection. St. John’s have been blessed to receive \$7,547.00 in Thrivent Choice so far in 2017. If you have any questions you can call Thrivent Financial Associates Josh Schenck at 217-257-0232 or Mick Goslin at 314-452-0477, or ask Marilyn in the office.

### Need Seed money for Projects??

**Thrivent Action Teams** may be able to help your group or organization. If you are a Thrivent Financial member or have a Thrivent Member in your group, you can apply for Thrivent funds to help with a fundraiser or to finance an event. It’s easy and fun! Go to [www.thrivent.com/actionteam](http://www.thrivent.com/actionteam) and simply APPLY. Thrivent will provide resources to help you plan the event, promotional items, and a Community Impact Debit Card loaded with **\$250 of seed money**.

To learn more you can speak to a member of the LCOSJ Thrivent Action Team Committee; Steve Barteau, Jan Fritz, Marilyn Humphrey, Denise Percy, Michelle Soltwedel, or Jim & Janet Totsch. It’s a great way to help financially many of the activities that we have here at the Lutheran Church of St. John, St. James Lutheran School, or other groups that you may be involved in. Gather your “Team” and hit APPLY.

*Whichever hymn or song you sing - sing from your heart -  
And give thanks with a grateful heart as we  
Worship here together.*

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He’s given  
Jesus Christ His Son.  
And now let the weak say  
“I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord  
has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.*

*Forever  
Give thanks to the Lord our God  
and King;  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good,  
He is above all things;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise  
With a mighty hand and  
outstretched arm;  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that’s been reborn;  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.*

*Forever God is faithful,  
forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us,  
forever, forever.*