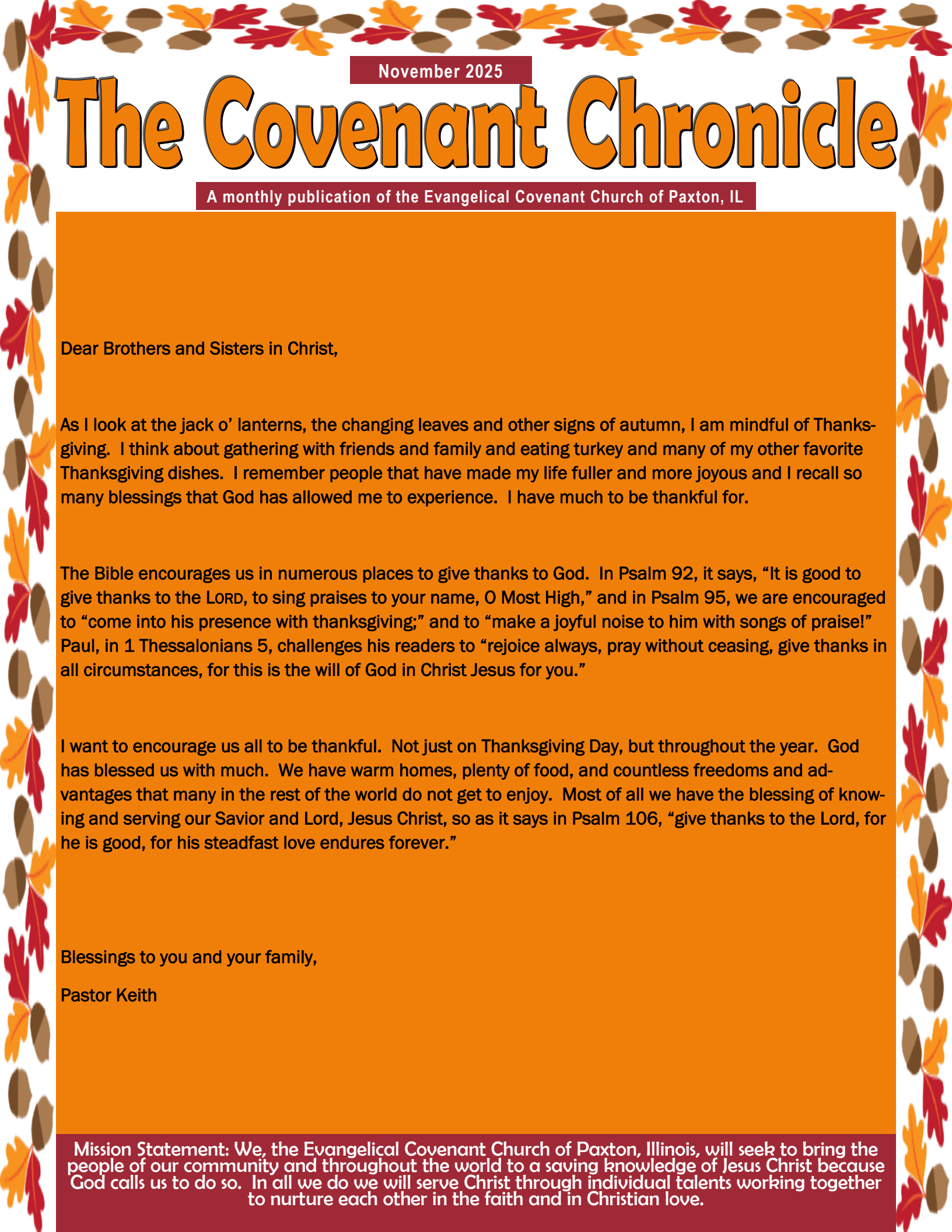




November 2025

# The Covenant Chronicle

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I look at the jack o' lanterns, the changing leaves and other signs of autumn, I am mindful of Thanksgiving. I think about gathering with friends and family and eating turkey and many of my other favorite Thanksgiving dishes. I remember people that have made my life fuller and more joyous and I recall so many blessings that God has allowed me to experience. I have much to be thankful for.

The Bible encourages us in numerous places to give thanks to God. In Psalm 92, it says, "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High," and in Psalm 95, we are encouraged to "come into his presence with thanksgiving;" and to "make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 5, challenges his readers to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I want to encourage us all to be thankful. Not just on Thanksgiving Day, but throughout the year. God has blessed us with much. We have warm homes, plenty of food, and countless freedoms and advantages that many in the rest of the world do not get to enjoy. Most of all we have the blessing of knowing and serving our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, so as it says in Psalm 106, "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Blessings to you and your family,

Pastor Keith

**Mission Statement:** We, the Evangelical Covenant Church of Paxton, Illinois, will seek to bring the people of our community and throughout the world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ because God calls us to do so. In all we do we will serve Christ through individual talents working together to nurture each other in the faith and in Christian love.

## November Ministry Partners

### Scripture Readers:

2 Joe Sawyer  
9 Gavin Kief  
16 Willow Jones  
23 Myndie Glazik  
30 Nikki Foss

### Ushers:

2 Jess Balk, Ahlden Harms  
9 Matt & Amy Jones, Diane Gustafson  
16 Roger Gustafson, Jeff Shaffer  
23 Glen Foss, Melanie Harms  
30 Jesse Balk, Ahlden Harms

## NOVEMBER

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

|        |                         |                             |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nov 1  | Heather Johnson Creason |                             |
|        | Jackson Durham          |                             |
| Nov 3  | Cathy Campobello        |                             |
|        | Betty Lesus             |                             |
|        | Ken Mutchmore           |                             |
| Nov 6  | Ryan Masterson          |                             |
| Nov 7  | Keith Reuther           | Nov 25 Shane & Mandy Mullis |
|        | Casen Gallagher         | Nov 27 Jesse & Abby Balk    |
| Nov 8  | Jeannie Kingston        |                             |
| Nov 9  | Mark Anderson           |                             |
|        | Kathy Mutchmore         |                             |
|        | Ahlden Harms            |                             |
| Nov 10 | Stephanie Johnson       |                             |
| Nov 11 | Vernie Moline           |                             |
| Nov 12 | Sandy Reuther           |                             |
| Nov 13 | Shane Moline            |                             |
| Nov 15 | Rachel Buchanan         |                             |
|        | Mandy Mullis            |                             |
| Nov 18 | Caissie Fox             |                             |
| Nov 21 | Tanner Jones            |                             |
|        | Ryder Jones             |                             |
| Nov 23 | Andrew Grohler          |                             |
|        | Barb Hilligoss          |                             |
| Nov 29 | Connor Durham           |                             |
|        | Leah Moore              |                             |
| Nov 30 | Jeff Shaffer            |                             |

  
**Remember  
Our Homebound Members**  
Paxton  
Accolade on Pells  
Betty Lesus



There will be a Community  
Prayer meeting at ECC on  
Sunday, November 2 at 7pm. All  
are welcome to attend.

## Operation Christmas Child!

It's that time again! We will once again be filling shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to fill a box, they are located in the narthex. Please take a box as well as a label which includes some instructions for packing a box. Completed shoeboxes should be returned to the church by November 16.

You may also complete a box online at the Samaritan's Purse website [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



## This Month's Events at a Glance

### **Community Prayer Meeting:**

Sunday, November 2 at 7pm.

### **Family Game Night:**

November 9 in Fellowship Hall at ECC from 4-7pm

### **Board Meetings:**

Monday, November 10  
CE Board @ 7pm  
Diaconate @ 7pm  
Trustees @ 7pm

**Food Pantry:** Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:00–11:00 am at the WPXN building

### **Annual Meeting Part 1:**

Sunday, Nov. 16th immediately following service.

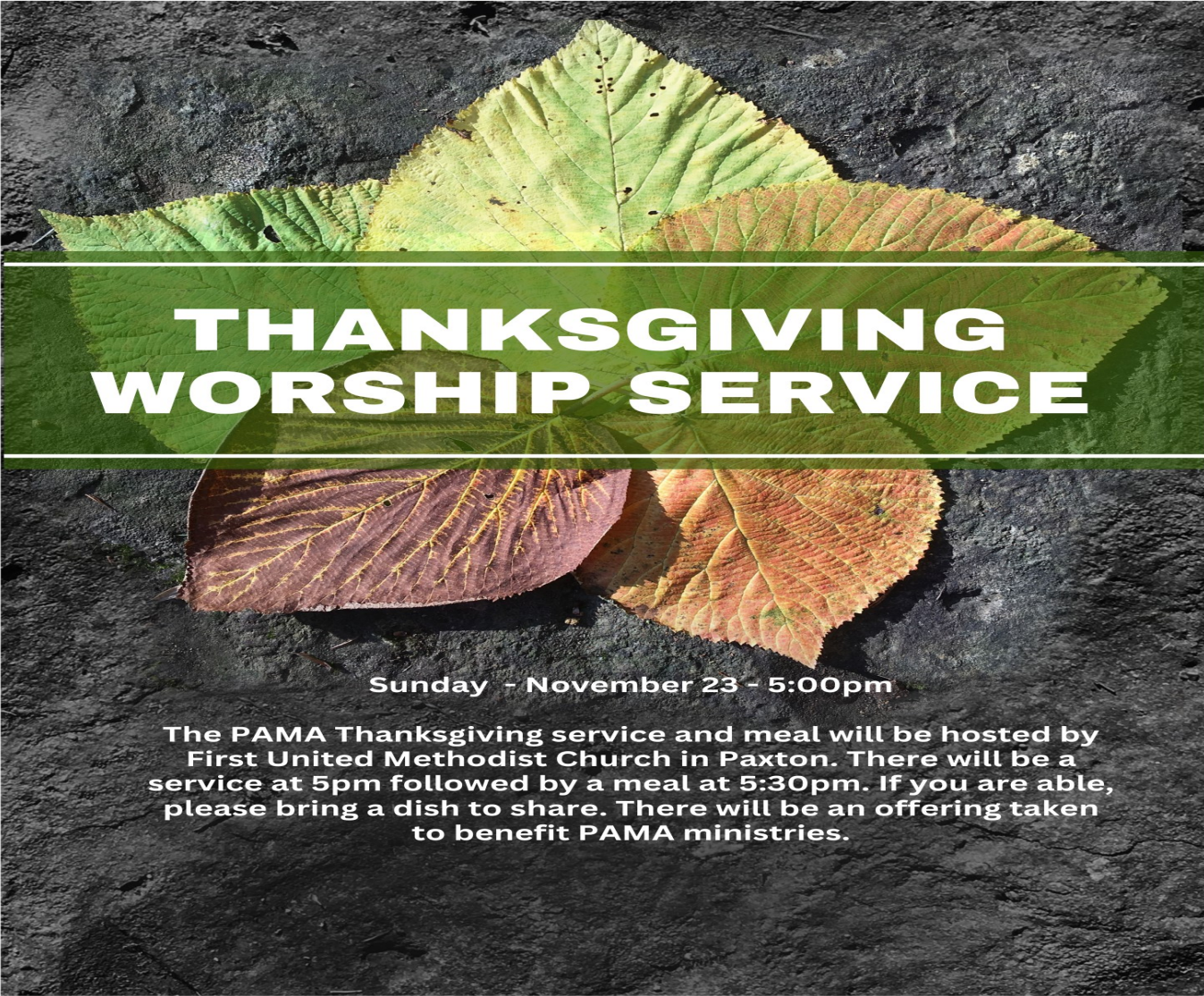
### **PAMA Thanksgiving Service:**

Sunday, November 23 at First United Methodist Church at 5pm. A meal will follow.

### **Christmas Decorating:**

We will be decorating the church for Christmas after the Worship service Sunday, November 23. Lunch provided! Everyone is welcome!



The background of the poster features a close-up photograph of autumn leaves. A large green leaf is at the top, and two leaves with orange and red hues are at the bottom. The text is overlaid on these leaves.

# THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sunday - November 23 - 5:00pm**

**The PAMA Thanksgiving service and meal will be hosted by First United Methodist Church in Paxton. There will be a service at 5pm followed by a meal at 5:30pm. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. There will be an offering taken to benefit PAMA ministries.**



Youth Group will meet at the church Sunday, November 16 at 12:30pm and then head out to Salt and Light to volunteer.



We will be hosting a Family Game Night on Sunday, November 9 from 4-7pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided but please feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share as well as any games.

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