

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our guests. We are glad you have joined us in worshipping our Lord and Savior. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word spoken here today. So that we may serve you better, we ask that you fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew, including your address and noting that you are a visitor.

ETERNAL CANDLE This warm, steady glow encourages us to offer our thanks to our faithful Lord and God, especially for those who come early and/or leave late as they prepare for and/or clean up to make our Sunday morning coffee and treats available.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flower bouquet that adorns the Altar is from Dennis & Marsha Boarts, in honor of their anniversary.

FOOD PANTRY For the month of November, we are collecting Thanksgiving items, such as: stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams, etc.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: *“Count your many blessings, name them one by one...”* God’s blessings are bountiful which we see when we take time to notice, recognize, name, and count them. Challenge your family members to do the same this week. What’s on your list? *Happy Thanksgiving from your team at Lutheran Family Service* www.LutheranFamilyService.org

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY *Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.”* We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

THANKSGIVING MEAL BOXES Members of the Human Care Board will be at church on **Monday, Nov. 24th, 10:00am-noon for distribution.** Questions may be directed to Rod Hopkins at 309-933-1071. Please don’t forget to pick up if you requested a box.

BIBLE BOWL This year’s Bible bowl topic is “Matthew”. If you would like to compete, or be a helper (quizzier, scorekeeper, etc.) please see Christine.

POINSETTIAS It’s that time of year already! Altar guild will be ordering poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost is \$10 per plant. Please use the envelopes and box located at the sign-up station to place your order.

HOLY BAPTISM Placed in the hands of Jesus in Holy Baptism Sunday morning is Lillian Jo Conduff, infant daughter of Derek and Emilee. May the Holy Spirit keep this child in her baptismal faith unto life everlasting. Amen.

ADVENT This year Advent worship with suppers will be on Wednesdays: 12/3,12/10 and 12/17. We still need 1 family or group to sign up to host a supper on the 3rd.

LCMS BOWLING LEAGUE Session 2 will be starting on December 1. There are 13 weeks (we take 2 weeks off at the end of December). We meet Mondays at Quad Cities Entertainment Center in Moline at 6:00pm. Practice bowling starts at 6:15pm, and the games begin at 6:30pm. Cost per week is \$13. Teams are made up of 3 people (men and women of all ages and abilities). Bring your own team, or we can find a team for you to join. Come join this fun league that LCMS members in the Quad Cities have been enjoying for over 50 years! If you want to learn more about how much fun we have on Monday nights see any of these St. John’s bowlers: Dennis Boarts, Fred Bonow, Carrie or Aaron Homann, Judy Jennings, Brian Kern, Kevin or Kris McAnally, Aliza Murphy, Stacey Roman, and Tim Stone (as a regular sub).

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK Let us gather together in fellowship with one another and give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives! All are welcome to a Thanksgiving potluck on Sunday, Nov. 23rd after Bible study (about 11:15). It is ok if you can’t bring a dish to pass – we want you to join us!

*November 22nd and 23rd, 2025
Last Sunday of the Church Year
Prayer and Preaching*

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The Lord’s Week

Sunday, November 23rd
9:00am– Worship
10:30am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction
11:15(ish)- Thanksgiving Potluck

Monday, November 24th
1:30pm– Activities room
6:00pm– Cherub Chimers rehearsal
6:30pm– Heavenly Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, November 25th
10:00am- Food Pantry
6:30pm– Guitar Jam

Wednesday, November 26th
6:30pm– Thanksgiving Eve worship

Saturday, November 29th
8:00am– Men’s Bible study
9:30am– Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm– Worship w/Communion
(Pastor Hagen)

Sunday, November 30th
9:00am– Worship w/ Communion
10:30am– Bible Study/Sunday school
10:30am– Confirmation Instruction

Bible Trivia:
What was Zacharias’ punishment for not believing the angel Gabriel concerning the birth of John?
A. He would be blind until the child was born.
B. He would be mute until the child was born.
C. He would be deaf until the child was born.
D. He would not live to see the birth of his son.
E. The Jerusalem dunghill would be named after him.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sundays, 10:15am
Join Pastor Anderson in the gym following worship- we are studying the Acts of the Apostles, looking at the beginnings of the Christian Church, and how the Church two millennia later still bears the imprint of that first Church.

Holy Land Geography, Customs & History
Join Clark Stojan in the Keyl room, as he leads us to explore the world of the Bible along with select events recorded in Scripture.

Coffee with Christ– Myth or Faith?

Wednesdays, 10am
Great Women of the Bible
In this Bible study series, we will look at the lives of only the most familiar women in God's Word. From Eve, the first woman, to those women who helped Jesus' apostles, participants will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these great women of the Bible.

Saturdays, 8am
Men’s Bible study
We will be continuing the chronological study of the Gospel.

Serving the Lord this Week:
Organist: Christine Engebrecht
Greeters: (Sat.)
(Sun.)
Ushers: (Sat.) Greg Burke, Todd Miller, Rick Newlon & Larry Ripka
(Sun.) Evan Antolik & Family
Altar Guild: Flo Moore & Margie Schaefer
Acolyte: Nolan Johnson

The church confesses to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...” (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God’s Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God’s Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to memorize a verse together each week.

Revelation 2:10
Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.





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Readings

P The Old Testament reading is from Malachi, the third chapter.

“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.” (*Mal. 3:13-18*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from Colossians, the first chapter.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (*Col. 1:13-20*)

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (*Luke 23:27-43*)

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ST. JOHN’S PRAYER CARD

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Please remember the following in your prayers this week...

Anniversaries

Dennis & Marsha Boarts (60)
John & Kay Iwen (28)

Sister Congregation

Rev. Christopher Hull
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Macomb, IL

Members

Kathy Petosky
Michael Pierce
David & Paula Pratt

Missionaries Serving

Rev. Adam & Christine Lehman–
Puerto Rico

Military Chaplains

CH Robert Mueller

Ill & Hospitalized

Jacob McMillin (son of Adam and
Amanda, grandson of Greg and
Cindy Hart) –needs surgery for
scoliosis
Great-grandson of Kathy Herron–
newborn with heart defect and
needs open heart surgery
Peter Hipple
George Fellows– shoulder surgery

Deepest Sympathies

To Stevee Antolik and family, at the
passing of her father, Randy
Kilby

Prolonged Illness &

Special Needs:

Joan Britton
Bev Brokaw
Chuck Brokaw
Kodie Esparza
Nic Fellows
Steve Fors
Duane Gosa
Nancy Gosa
Kathy Herron
Jerry Hill
Chris Hoehn (Janet Newlon’s
nephew, aplastic anemia)
Kay Iwen (broken neck)
Dale Johnson
Merle Loete
Reid McDonald
Jean Morrical
RaeJean Murphy
Tom Nielsen
Robin Passman
Brenda Roggendorf
Karen Schmidt– broken
collarbone
Kathleen Schmidt
David Sountris
Alivia Voelkers
Ken Weidenbach
Cora Whipple

Homebound:

Nancy Bonow
Ann Bowman
Don, Wanda, and Jason Cass
Darlene Dopson
Mary Ann Eckert
Rick & Sylvia Fauser
Angie Fischer
Peg Heitzman
Christopher Higgins
Carole Hodshire
Ingrid Hodshire
Barbara Honert
Lori Hopkins
Judy Kirklin
Mary McGee
Nancy Smart
Terry Tipsword
Barbara Veskauf