



# Newsletter

**NOVEMBER 2022**

**Worship God.**

**Follow Jesus.**

**Serve Others.**

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 100:4-5

Dear Friends in Christ,

Not only is it November, but it is Autumn and a season for Thanksgiving. Much more than the fourth Thursday of the month, Thanksgiving is a season and an attitude of the heart which is celebrated continually in the community of the Christian church.

Like the Psalm quoted above, the Holy Scriptures remind us often that praise and thanks is continually deserving of our Lord and Savior, our God and Creator. It is with praise and thanksgiving that we enter into the presence of God and it is with praise and thanksgiving that we celebrate the very character and nature of our Lord. And it is not hard to think of reasons why our praise and thanks may be offered. We give praise and thanks to God for the beauty and genius of creation, for the majesty and power that is demonstrated in the heavens and the earth, for the mercy and kindness that is extended to all, and for the love and life that is given to every living thing.

And for human beings in particular, we are grateful for the love and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven for all wrong doing, cleansed from all unrighteousness, and given fullness of life, both in quality and quantity, life eternal.

And in the New Testament, the apostle Paul writes to each and every church an expression of gratitude and thanksgiving for the love and faith evident through the community of faith, the Church of Jesus Christ.

That is reason for our gratitude and thanksgiving also. Through the Church we love and worship God, serve the Lord and one another, and enjoy the fellowship and love of the community of faith.

Look up and look around. You can create an impressive list of that for which you give praise and offer thanksgiving. Enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving Day and a life filled with gratitude.

Grace and peace and blessings,

Wade Panse, Pastor

### **ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

It is the tradition of our local church to observe All Saint's Sunday with a reading of the roll of the deceased. Persons who have preceded us in death since this time last year (November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2022) will be honored and remembered as their name is read aloud, a bell will be rung and a candle lit during our service of worship.

If you have a close friend or family member you would like named and remembered on that Sunday, November 6, please email, phone or visit our church office to provide the name and relationship of the deceased.

### **CROP WALK 2022**

We are pleased to report that the CROP Walk was very successful and raised a total of \$12,367 for hunger relief in our local and global community. This was the most raised since 2014. Sixty-one walkers participated on the day of the event. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause!  
And thank you to Vicki Beebe for being our CROP walk advocate this year.

## Thank You Notes Received

*Dear church family,*

*I wanted to give you an update about my journey. I am officially Cancer free since September 22<sup>nd</sup> and now in remission. I would like to thank the church for all the prayers, cards, and generous gifts through this year.*

*Love,*

*Sara Boyer*

*God Bless Everyone who helped with my son's memorial, especially Yvonne, Jo, Kelley and Jim. What a wonderful church family.*

*Thank you,*

*Mary Alice Johnson*

*Dear Friends in Mission,*

*Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be-- Thank you! Through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms.*

*Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.*

*Grace and Peace,*

*Roland Fernandes, General Secretary*

*Gift Amount: \$472*

Due to technical difficulties, the annual Church Conference for our local church was postponed until Tuesday November 8 at 7 PM. We will be meeting in-person with the District Superintendent in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to attend.

## THANKSGIVING PROJECT

This year, our Thanksgiving project will include collecting items for the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services. A list of the items needed by the shelter can be found on the table beside the plastic clothes basket in Wood Hall. If you have any items to donate, please be sure to put them in the basket by November 20<sup>th</sup>, so they can be delivered before Thanksgiving. Any questions, please contact Vicki Beebe. Thank you for your generous support.



### WISH LIST:

Food	Household Items	Personal Use	Miscellaneous
Coffee	Kleenex	Shampoo	Meijer Gift Card
Coffee Creamer	Toilet Paper	Conditioner	WalMart Gift Card
Cooking Oil	Paper Towels	Body Wash	Aldi Gift Card
Sugar	Washcloths & Towels	Lotion	Gas Gift Card
Spices	Plastic Cutlery	Deodarant (women & boys)	Socks (women/girls/boys/infants)
Canned Fruit & Vegetables	Cleaning Supplies	African American Hair Products	Underwear (women/girls/boys)

<i>Canned Soup</i>	<i>Tall Kitchen Trash Bags</i>	<i>Hair Brushes</i>	<i>Pajamas (women/girls/boys/infants)</i>
<i>Pasta Sauce</i>	<i>Dish Soap</i>	<i>Self-Care Items</i>	<i>Twin Comforters</i>
<i>Meat</i>	<i>Sponges</i>	<i>Feminine Products</i>	<i>Twin Sheets</i>
<i>Tuna</i>	<i>Laundry Pods</i>	<i>Diapers (sizes 4-6)</i>	<i>Pillows</i>
<i>Juice</i>	<i>Dryer Sheets</i>	<i>Baby Wipes</i>	<i>Curtains</i>
		<i>Pulls Ups (all sizes)</i>	

## SPPRC

**SPPRC is happy to remind the congregation that we are available to you at anytime. We are ready or may have had the church conference by this printing. We are happily ready, as are all committees. We welcome any input from you. SPPRC Members are: Char Hiemstra; chair, JoLynn Watts, Vicki Beebe, Gretchen Kelley (health hiatus)**

**Kelley, Dawn and I have signed up to go the a seminar for The Changing Church in November.**

**Please put **CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT** on your calendar for DECEMBER 5, 2022, 6 P.M. Please, Please, Please bring a Friend.**

**Blessings Char**



## IT IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TIME AGAIN!!



Shoeboxes are now available in Wood Hall. These boxes must be filled and returned to the church before Thanksgiving. This is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to millions of boys and girls around the globe! Any questions can be directed to Karen Wright, our Coordinator.

### November Sermon Schedule

<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>"The Inevitable Word"</b>	
<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Prayer</b>	<b>"Before They Call"</b>	<b>Isaiah 65: 17-25</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b>	<b>Satisfaction</b>	<b>"Have We Had Our Fill?"</b>	<b>John 6:25-29</b>
<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Hope</b>		

**Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but everyday of your life. Appreciate and never take for granted all that you have. ~ Catherine Pulsifer  
Author**



# NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> <i>Anne Felton</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Jerry Garber</b>
<b>6</b> Worship 10 AM All Saints Sunday  <i>Holy Communion</i>  <i>Michael Watts</i>	<b>7</b> <b>Healing            Service            11 AM</b>  <b>Mark            Williams</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Worship 10 AM	<b>14</b> <b>Healing            Service            11 AM</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Sewing            Sowers Meet</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Worship 10 AM  <b>John Kelley</b>  Noisy Offering- Special Olympics	<b>21</b> <b>Healing            Service            11 AM</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Pat Williams</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Jeff            Singleton</i>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1
<b>27</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Sunday of            Advent</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Jerry &amp;            Jeanne            Garber</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Sherry            Hilden</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>Sue Loux</i>			

**If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office now.**