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## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests re-framing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul re-frames his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).



### FROM THE ELDERS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move from summer into autumn, we thank God for the beautiful world around us and also for seeing us through another harvest. Also, with the changing of the seasons, we remember that there will be more worship services available for us. Join with fellow members in praising God with thanks giving on **Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m.** In preparation for Christmas our **Advent services will begin on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities to worship our God in heaven.

*“The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world”*

Blessings from the Elders

PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO CHRIS HOLLMAN BY 25TH, THANK YOU!

I AM  
THANKFUL  
FOR...

Clothing for Orphan Grain Train:  
We can once again send used clothing to Orphan Grain Train. When leaving clothes in the drop box outside the church by the back door, please mark them for either OGT or PCM (People's City Mission).



## BIRTHDAYS

1 Chauncey Ziemann  
3 Roger Brunelle  
6 Kay Jordan  
7 Mersadies Kvasnicka  
8 Gwendolyn Dewey, Eric Dewey Jr., Jaxon Hollman  
9 Dawn Smith, Lewis Clark, Olga Weidner, Heather Wendelin  
10 Teagan Kalkwarf  
12 Andrew Kahle, Kasey Murphy  
15 Carol Brinkmeyer, Ed Skillett  
16 Jeff Meinke  
19 Brad Hestermann, Amy Munro, Knox Korbel

22 Judy Wohl  
23 Caleb Markey  
25 Thea Heusinkvelt, Robert Kvasnicka, Alayna Poole, Sharon Wendelin  
26 Ken Kahle  
27 Fred Weidner  
28 Judi Korte  
29 Jayne Vanasperen

## BAPTISMS

1 Trevis Trautman  
2 Abbie Reitz  
3 Jerad Reetz  
7 Abigail Scott  
10 Donna Brunelle, Scott Brunelle, Jaclyn Ourada

13 A. J. Ellingson  
17 Brady Ellingson, Eric Ellingson  
18 Fran Sieck  
19 Chloe Davis  
20 Tim McDermott, Sean Murphy  
22 Cheyenne DuBray  
24 Jaxon Hollman  
25 Jeff Meinke  
27 Slane Kvasnicka, Kourtney Tarnick  
29 Kay Jordan, Gwen Kalkwarf

**OUR MISSION** Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.



**That All May  
Know Him**



One of the outcomes of Sunday's wild fires was the loss of the home of one of our St. John members, Sharon Wendelin. Sharon has moved in with her father, August, but has lost all of her personal belongings. There is a box in the Narthex if you would like to donate any cash to her. Gift cards would be welcome also and the box will be available for the next couple weeks for your donations. Checks can be made out to her personally. If you prefer, you can send a check directly to her at 9701 West Wendelin Rd, Hallam NE 68368.

Please keep Sharon in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Tesar or Pastor Toensing.

This is an LYF **shout out** thank you to any of our St. John family that have been helping us in our projects.

The Roadside Cleanup was a success with many helpers as well as the LYF sponsored Trunk or Treat. We had a good turnout at the Trunk or Treat and a good time was had by all! Though our numbers are small, we have the support of our St. John family—so THANKYOU indeed!



## COOK BOOK NEWS

The St. John Ladies Aid's new cookbook is now available. We want to thank all of you who submitted your wonderful recipes, and we appreciate those who already purchased cookbooks.

To those who would like to purchase cookbooks, we are happy to make that happen. The cost is \$15.00 per book.

- There are Cookbook Order Forms available in the narthex of the church with instructions.
- Contact us by phone or text. (Diane Kahle @ 402-641-0922 or Marianne Tesar @ 402-418-0449).
- You may also ask any one of the cookbook committee members. Those members are Janice Reetz, Deb Walker, Ellie Koch, Marianne Tesar and Diane Kahle.

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## LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on October 26, 2022, with Dianne Kouba as hostess. Pastor Toensing led us in prayer, a Bible study "The Rich Fool" from Luke 12:13-21 and hymn #687 "Thine Forever, God of Love".

Roll call was taken with 9 members present. The minutes of the September 2022 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

In the Narthex starting in November there will be an order form to fill out for those who would like to order cookbooks.

The committee lists for the anniversary celebration were put in Ladies Aid member's mailboxes.

Dianne Kouba would like to resign as Vice-President. We accept her resignation and thank her for her service. It was motioned and seconded to accept Marianne Tesar as the Vice-President. Her installation will be next month. The current members of the Altar Committee will keep their positions for next year.

We will keep the November meeting on the last Wednesday since it is after Thanksgiving.

We will decide next month which Wednesday to have our luncheon after the Advent service.

Bonnie Bleich will be the hostess for November.

Dianne Kouba, Donna Brunelle and Jess Eggert celebrated birthdays in October. We sang the birthday song to Dianne. An anniversary was celebrated by Donna & Leroy Hillgren.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and common Table Prayer.

Deb Walker, Secretary

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH**

**Schedule at a Glance**

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/LYF/Adult Bible Class (Sundays)	10:15-11:15 a.m.
Midweek Classes (Wednesdays)	6:30-7:45 p.m.
Elders' Meeting (November 7)	6:30 p.m.
Quilting Group (November 8)	9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Evangelism Board (November 15)	8:30 a.m.
Lutheran Women in Mission (November 15)	10:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Day Worship Service (November 24)	9:00 a.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (November 30)	2:00 p.m.



Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

**THOSE SERVING DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

DUTY	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 24 Thanksgiving	November 27
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Ellen Miller	Jayne VanAsperen	Jayne VanAsperen	Jayne VanAsperen	Ellen Miller
<b>Elders</b>	John Reitz	Phil Hughes	James Walker	Troy Henning	John Reitz
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary & Lynn Meinke	Dave & Marla Musil	Marilyn Nelson & Marianne Tesar	Glen & Verna Louch	Brian & Melissa Persing
<b>Acolytes</b>	Need Volunteer		Cheyenne DuBray	Paisley Williams	

# Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

*Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.*



ate	faces	quest	then
began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
 So away from the crowd he started his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It came to an end before it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they \_\_\_\_\_.  
 His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The disciples told him it was time they all \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And feeding this crowd is now up to \_\_\_\_\_."  
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 What would they do? They'd need a whole \_\_\_\_\_.  
 But then a young boy came and offered his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Five loaves and two fish to feed this big \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
 it fed all the women, the children and \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

# Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David &	_____○_____	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa &	○_____	Acts 25:13
Naomi &	○_____	Ruth 1:22
Paul &	_____○_____	Acts 16:25
Joshua &	_____○_____	Numbers 14:6
Peter &	_____○_____	Luke 5:8-10
Job &	<b>B</b> _____○_____	Job 2:11
Elijah &	_____○_____	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar &	_____○_____	Job 2:11
Jonathan &	_____○_____	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter &	_____○_____○	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus &	_____○_____	John 11:20
Jesus &	_____○_____○	John 11:5
Timothy &	_____○_____	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus &	○_____	John 11:5
Mary &	_____○_____	Luke 1:39-40
Job &	_____○_____	Job 2:11
Aaron &	○_____○_____	Exodus 4:27

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
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PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.