

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

You are probably aware of it, but if not, you should know our congregation is facing some challenges. Headwinds are never comfortable, but adversity does help to define us. For when we encounter difficulties, we are more inclined to turn to God for help, and we are more likely to take stock of our situation and by the grace of God redouble our thinking, efforts, and priorities.

What are some of those challenges? For starters, with a growing number of retirees we have more people traveling and more people wintering down south. We also have at least two families that are considering moving outside the area

with an understandable priority of being close to family, in particular to children and grandchildren.

This has had an immediate impact on finding worship assistants and the rotation of certain duties, such as cleaning the church and providing refreshments for the Coffee Fellowship after the Divine Service. We have seen a slight decrease in worship attendance. And although we have not seen a decline in giving compared to last year, some of the absences are only now happening.

We have also have not had many opportunities to welcome new members and host guests, visitors, and prospective new members.

I believe the way forward is

to avoid despair and to keep the faith. Planning and strategizing are in order, but not before we turn to God! And by turning to God, I mean seeking Him on our knees and in His Word.

The elders discussed with me a first step in that direction. We want to have as many of you as possible to gather with us on the first three Wednesday evenings in Advent for prayer. This would be on December 3, 10, & 17 for an hour, starting at 6:30pm. Resources in our hymnbook can guide us. We will pray for each other along with God's guidance for our going forward. Please plan to be a part of this.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 11/19
6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Friday, 11/21
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 11/23 Christ the King Sunday.
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:45am Bible Study

Tuesday, 11/25
7pm Thanksgiving Service

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the significance of Christ the King Sunday?

The Festival of Christ the King marks the end of the long season after Pentecost, and it anticipates the day when Christ will return and be revealed to everyone as

the rightful ruler of the world. The appointed lessons for the day make it clear that at the end of the age Christ will come in power and great glory. Previous to this we have known his gentle rule. We have known King Jesus as the one who shed his blood to

free us from the grips of sin and death. But when he comes again in glory he will come to judge the living and the dead. There will then be no doubt as to who the sovereign of the cosmos is!



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) (LCMS.org)

THIS AND THAT...

We will continue our tradition of holding a **Thanksgiving Service** the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, 7pm, on November 25. Pie to be served afterwards.

In the **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** we are looking at **Important Teachings of the Christian Faith**. It is never too late to join one of our Bible Studies. Come try the Wednesday offering, 6:30pm at the church.

The Friday Morning **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is meeting at the McDonald's Restaurant off of County OT at 7am.

There will be no **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** or **Men's Breakfast** the week of Thanksgiving.

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Pantry!

The Molstads are signed up for cleaning the church the week of November 16. The Magnusons

are signed up for the week of December 21.

The November **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Lutherans for Life**.

The way we live is our greatest Christian Witness. If we try to serve our Lord and do the work of evangelism, we need to also be sure we are being served and evangelized ourselves by our Lord. That means that we need to be on our knees and into His Word. The more that is true of us, the more we will find ourselves as His witnesses!

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

HUMOR DEPARTMENT

Celebrations

Birthdays

Nov 28 Heather Roll
Nov 30 Cyndi Molstad
Dec 1 Brad Benrud
Dec 9 Cole Warner
Dec 31 Marilyn Magnuson

Anniversaries

Inquiring Minds Want to Know...

Do cemetery workers prefer the graveyard shift?

Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?

Can I yell "Movie!" in a crowded firehouse?

Can you be a closet claustrophobic?

How do a fool and his money get together?

How do you know when its time to tune your bagpipes?

If nothing sticks to Teflon, how do they make Teflon stick to the pan?

How is it a building burns up as it burns down?

If a train station is where the train stops, what is a work station?

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/23 Christ the King Sunday
Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover
Reader: Jessica Schoonover
Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham
Acolyte: Regan Cunningham
Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover
Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R
Comm Asst: Mike Meunier
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: Bev Kuehn
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/25 Thanksgiving Service
Asst Minister: Cole Warner
Reader: Naomi Rislow
Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Dawson Staff
Ushers: Dan Molstad
Counters: not needed
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: pie donations
Livestreamer: Cole Warner

11/30 First Sunday in Advent
Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg
Reader: Nikki Hanson
Crucifer: Stella Roll
Acolyte: Asher Roll
Ushers: Dan Molstad
Counters: Dan M/Tom R
Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: tbd
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

12/7 Second Sunday in Advent
Asst Minister: Tom Rislow
Reader: Connie Meunier
Crucifer: Benjamin Roll
Acolyte: Asher Roll
Ushers: Jarrod Roll
Counters: Connie M/Naomi R
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: tbd
Livestreamer: Cole Warner

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