



THE REPORTER

*Now let all the heavens adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee ...
We gather round Thy radiant throne. ...
Therefore will we eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!
(LSB #516.3)*

As we head into the final month of the Church Year, the readings and hymns point us toward the Last Day and Christ's return for judgment. There is so much confusion over what will happen in that moment. A single page newsletter article is not sufficient room for a full treatment of this topic. (I refer you to my podcast and the study I am leading through the book of Revelation.)

However, for this month, I will share what we believe, teach and confess through Augsburg Confession, Article XVII:

Our churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgment and will raise all the dead [1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:2]. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end [Matthew 25:31-46].

Our churches condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils.

Our churches also condemn those who are spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

As we go through the month of November, we see the great promises God presents through His Word about these last days. We begin the month of November with All Saints' Day. On this day, we celebrate the faith God has given to His Church in Heaven and on earth. We also remember those who fallen asleep in the Lord during the previous year. The following three weeks look at the Kingdom parables in Matthew 25.

In all these services, one theme is dominant: gathering around God's throne. The adoration of God where all creation joyfully praises Him for all eternity. Yet, it is not only when we look at the End Times that we confess this adoration. We confess this every time we come to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. In the Proper Preface, before singing the Agnus Dei, we confess this adoration in the words: "Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying." In these words, we confess that our faith and life in Christ do not end with our funeral. Both go on for all eternity as we live together with God in Heaven. This is the great hope in which we praise our God both here in time and there in eternity.

In Christ,
Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will meet Saturday, November 11. In *The Story*, our focus shifts to Susa in Persia and the story of Queen Esther. Dennis S. is our host this month. Every man of the congregation is welcome to join in the discussion and fellowship.

Thank You!

We received thank you cards from the family of Cora Armatrout:

"Thank you to the ladies of Our Savior Lutheran. It was so very nice of you to have refreshments for us at "Corkys"/ Cora's Memorial. She always talked about your church. She loved it! I'm sure she is looking down on you and thanking you as I also do.

Yours in Christ, Jo McFarland (Cora's sister)"

"I would like to thank Pastor Minton for the nice memorial service you officiated at for Cora Armatrout, my Aunt. Please thank the organist for the lovely music, and the women who made the cookies and brownies. It was all appreciated very much.

Sincerely, Janice Petersen (Cora's niece)"

Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is included in the newsletter. Thank you to Gene and Marilyn Reeves for donating the inserts this month.

Veteran's Day Program

You are invited to Milford Grade School for a Veteran's Day Celebration on Friday, November 10 at 2:00pm.

Watseka Area Food Pantry

Increased traffic has resulted in a need for more volunteers. If you can volunteer please call the Food Pantry at 815-432-0122 Mon - Fri between 9am - 11am. The month of November they are requesting pumpkin, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, and stuffing.

Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas

We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 26 following service. There will be NO Sunday School that day and we encourage all kids to help. We need several helpers, young and old, to bring it all together. Many hands make light work!

Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas, please fill out the order form and give it to Renee or put form and payment in the Secretary mailbox in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$15. Extra order forms are in the narthex. Return orders by November 19.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

Delmer Henrichs
1257 E 1200 North Rd
Onarga IL 60955

Arlene Hines
503 S Chicago St
Milford IL 60953

Rosalie Lundberg
216 Walnut St
Milford IL 60953

Pat Nielsen
120 W Jones
Milford, IL 60953

Joanne Sloan
2364 E 900 North Rd
Milford IL 60953

Dorothy Knake
106 Fritz Dr
Milford, IL 60953

Brenda St. Peter
817 S Hanson Dr
Watseka IL 60970

Sara Janssen
Autumn Fields
325 E Orange, Rm 303
Hoopeston, IL 60942



Update to Member Information

Please update your member directory with this updated information. If you need another directory, ask Renee.

Phil and Cindy Raddatz

Phil Cell - 815) 378-7776
Cindy Cell - (815) 370-3027

Connie Catron

922 Birch Lane
Hoopeston, IL

Thanksgiving and Advent Services

We will gather for the Divine Service Thanksgiving Day, November 23 at 9:00am.

Our Wednesday Advent Services will be Wednesday, November 29. Meal at 6pm, Service at 7pm. This year Pastor's series will be This is My Son. Look for more information in the December newsletter.

College Student Bags of Encouragement

We will once again take time to encourage our college students as they wind down the semester and take a rest over the Christmas season. The gift bags will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 5th. Feel free to stuff the bags with fun and useful items. The following are some suggestions: cards of encouragement, stamps, notecards, microwave popcorn or mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, granola bars, candy, gums, toiletry items, laundry pods, tissues, gift cards for fuel or ice cream and devotional books. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support of our young members. Please have all of your items in the bags by Sunday, December 3rd; they will be picked up and delivered to their family during that week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra.

Thy Strong Word

Thy Strong Word is a bible study on KFJO radio out of St. Louis. Pastor will be on with host Rev. Phil Booe on Monday, November 6 at 11am. They will be discussing Mark 7 - the Canaanite Woman and the healing of a deaf man. You can listen live on the website at www.kfjo.org or listen later on the KFJO podcast.

Podcast of the Month

Our podcast for November is **The Word of the Lord Endures Forever**. In this daily 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study, Rev. William Weedon studies the Bible with both modern commentators as well as the ancient Church Fathers.

Moments of Meditation

Moments this month continues St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians. Listen weekday mornings at 8am on WHPO.

Wrestling with Theology has monthly programming lined up. Here are this month's highlights.

Week of	Confessional Corner (Monday)	Digging Deeper (Thursday)
November 5	Two Natures in Christ (SD VIII 32-65)	War in Heaven (Revelation 12:7-9)
November 12	God in Man Made Manifest (SD VIII 66-96)	Rejoicing in Heaven (Revelation 12:10-12)
November 19	Christ's Descent into Hell (Ep/SD IX)	Satan Chases the Woman (Revelation 12:13-17)
November 26	Adiaphora (Ep/SD X)	The Beast from the Sea (Revelation 13:1-10)

November 2023

Date	5	12	19	23 (Thanksgiving)	26
Elder	Bob Storm	Con Campbell	Dean Lingley	Dean Lingley	Justin Schroeder
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright	Justin and Brenna Schroeder	Rich and Charlene Rieches		Patrick and Dawn Teig
Sound Board	Patrick Teig	Patty Bruens	Kendra Morts	Kendra Morts	Patty Bruens
Greeters	OSLC Youth Group	Gene and Marilyn Reeves	Phil and Cindy Raddatz	Rich and Charlene Rieches	Dennis and Sheila Selk
Acolyte	Jackson Lavicka	Henry Lange	Ruth Harms	Ruth Harms	Audrey Neukomm
SS Snack	Adult Bible Class	Pre K - 5th	Jr High/High School		Pre K - 5th
Old Testament	Revelation 7:9-17	Amos 5:18-24	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Ezekial 34: 11-16; 20-24
Psalm	149	70	90:1-12	67	95:1-7a
Epistle	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Philippians 4:6-20	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Luke 17:11-19	Matthew 25:31-46
Festival	All Saints' Day	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Thanksgiving	Last Sunday of the Church Year
Altar Paraments	White	Green	Green	White	White

Head Usher: Neil Rieches

Altar Guild: Linda Kellerhals and Gloria Schleef



Happy Birthday to You!

Sheila Selk	November 1
Sarah Teig	November 3
Monica Wright	November 3
Jim Winder	November 4
Marilyn Reeves	November 5
Landon Reutter	November 7
Melvin Rieches	November 7
Brady Moore	November 9
Corey Moore	November 9
Phillip Raddatz	November 11
Zane Trumann	November 16
James Knake	November 17
Kelly Smith	November 19
Linda Brazel	November 20
Stacie Trumann	November 21
Luke Trumann	November 22
Darren Bakken	November 25
Becky Bridge	November 28
Robert Hastings	November 28
Avery Schroeder	November 30

Happy Anniversary!

James and Cheryl Knake
November 4 (51 years)

Rich and Charlene Rieches
November 5 (46 years)

David and Ethel Lucht
November 13 (58 years)

Jeff and Becky Bridge
November 18 (4 years)

Darren and Jamie Bakken
November 24 (9 years)

Glen and Shelle Franke
November 26 (35 years)



Thankful November Food Pantry Giving

Each day add an item to a box. Bring your box to church either Thursday Nov 23rd or Sunday, Nov 26th (or earlier if you are finished) to be delivered to Food from the Heart, Inc in Watseka for those in need in our community.

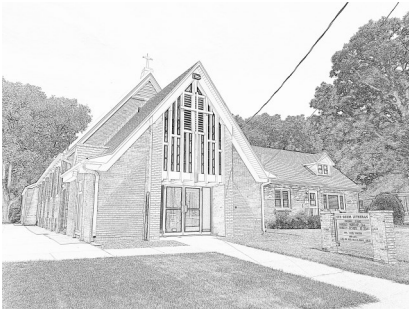
- November 1 – Box of Cereal
- November 2 – Peanut Butter and/or Jelly
- November 3 – Stuffing Mix
- November 4 – Boxed Potatoes
- November 5 – Jar Gravy
- November 6 – Canned Fruit
- November 7 – Applesauce
- November 8 – Canned Meat
- November 9 – Dessert Mix
- November 10 – Can of Icing
- November 11 – Macaroni and Cheese
- November 12 – Canned Tomatoes
- November 13 – Canned Beans
- November 14 – Box of Crackers
- November 15 – Package of Rice
- November 16 – Ramen Noodles
- November 17 – Pasta
- November 18 – Spaghetti Sauce
- November 19 – Chicken Noodle Soup
- November 20 – Tomato Soup
- November 21 – Canned Corn
- November 22 – Canned Green Beans
- November 23 – Jar of Salsa
- November 24 – Tortillas
- November 25 – Hot Chocolate
- November 26 – Can of Coffee

**If you can't get all the items, just get as many as you can. If you can add extras, please do. They are thankful for all donations!

Please put your donations on the counter in the kitchen.

Food from the Heart, Inc in Watseka is getting ready to make food baskets for Christmas. They give out about 400 baskets for families in need in the surrounding communities. If you know of a family that is in need, please talk to Pastor about submitting their name for a food basket by Sunday, November 26, 2023.





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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NOVEMBER REPORTER

Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am

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