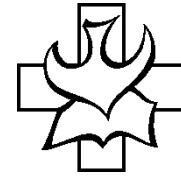




FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024



DEAR FRIENDS, may God bring gladness to your hearts through the promises of His Son. We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who brings gifts of eternal life, joy, and peace.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord Jesus, surrounded by saints and angels, help us to overcome our selfishness that our hearts may be blameless before God, our Father, and our lives increase and abound in love to one another and to all people, until You come with all Your saints and angels to take us home; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD for and thank Him for all the blessings He has given us. We praise Him for His undeserved forgiveness and continuing love. We also pray for Louie Diehl, Berkli and Dustin Wealthall, Amy Summervill, David Savage, Tony Meseke, Don TenEyck, Elton Maas, Barbara Theel, Joe Holenbeck, Ruth Tracy, Rev. Chris Kellogg, Ross Yordy, Sarah and Zack Scott, Joyce White, Lucas Sanders, and our shut-ins.



HOLY COMMUNION: The people of God are blessed by God, in this life and in the life to come. The Holy Spirit brings unity with all the saints of God through the Lord's Supper. Due to the strict warnings of Scripture (I Cor. 11), we must examine ourselves properly to receive the benefits of this thanksgiving meal, which is a "foretaste of the feast to come." In the Lord's Supper, Christ is present with His Body and blood. Guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service. All may come forward to receive a blessing by placing their hands over their heart.

OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

TODAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Communion Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	10:45am	Decorate Church
MONDAY	9:00am	Quilt Tying
	12:00pm	Pray for Missions Around the World
	7:00pm	Elders
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Choir
	6:15am	Bible Breakfast @ Frank's
	9:00am-2:00pm	Pastor's Conference
WEDNESDAY	8:15am	<i>Chapel</i>
	5:00pm	Advent Meal – Breakfast Casserole
	6:00pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	JuBellation
	7:00pm	Advent Service
THURSDAY	9:30am	Bible Class

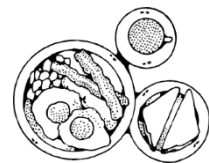
	7:00pm	Book Study @ Elaine Becker's
FRIDAY	12:00 pm	LWML Christmas Luncheon
SATURDAY	6:05pm	Service with Communion
SUNDAY	8:30am	Sunday School / Bible Class
	9:30am	Worship Service (FM 88.3; FB Live)
	10:45am	Parish Nurse
	2:00pm	JuBellation at Volland
	5:00-9:00pm	Teens for Christ – Bethlehem Revisited

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST		NOVEMBER 24, 2024			
Attendance:					
Sunday	105	Livestream	19	Views	304
Sunday School	28				
Total receipts	\$7,248.29	<i>Weekly Budget Needs:</i>		<i>\$10,646.00</i>	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 1 Gerald Stuewe
- Dec. 2 Mason Falk
Carla Johnston
- Dec. 3 Shaylea McIntyre
Mindy Miller
- Dec. 4 Eric Theel
Randall Debler
Ashley Piper
Emily Barnes
- Dec. 5 Jean Kartman
- Dec. 6 Cyler Orton
- Dec. 7 Gary Ringel
Turk & Judy Peddicord

ADVENT MEALS: We will have an Advent meal consisting of a breakfast casserole on December 4th prepared by grades 4-8. On December 11th, Big Breakfast will prepare pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will serve homemade pizza on December 18th. For a free-will donation, come and enjoy good food and fellowship.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Volunteers will decorate the church after the church service today. Helpers are needed.

BOOK STUDY: The book study group will finish Josephus on December 12th at Elaine Becker's. We will start "Hammer of God" in January. Please contact Kathy Schultz (785-313-5175) if you want a book to read with us or to read on your own. We will look for discounts for group orders but need to know as soon as possible (Dec. 1st)

ALBERT DEAN ZECKSER'S remains were buried at St. John Cemetery on November 23, 2024. "O Lord how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them. The earth is full of Your creatures." Psalm 104:10.

QUILTERS will quilt tomorrow, December 2nd, the only day in December.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help unload food stuffs at the Alma Community Care Ministry on December 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

JUBELLATION is getting in extra practice time preparing to play Christmas songs at Volland on December 8th at 2:00 p.m. Reservations need to be made by calling 785-499-361. Practice times for the bell ringers are today at 1:00 p.m., December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m.

TEENS FOR CHRIST: Teens for Christ has planned an activity for the month of December. The group will attend a live nativity in Manhattan called Bethlehem Revisited on December 8th.

ADVENT SERVICES: St. John will host three Advent Services on Wednesdays in December at 7:00pm. Repent, refresh, and rest are sermon themes this year.

Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland is having Advent Services on December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor DeGiovanni preaching. After the service, we have a potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome to attend. Their Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:30 p.m. with Pastor Neil Buono preaching.

Redeemer Mission at Lake Wabaunsee will host Advent Services and meals at 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday in Advent. People are invited to attend the meal and worship service.