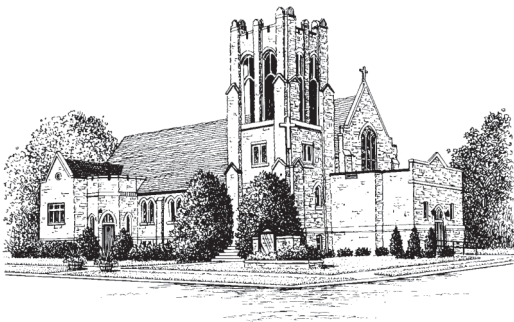




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Concluding Thoughts for this Church Year

What we learned from the Beloved Disciple, St. John, in our summer sermon series through the Book of Revelation, St. Matthew also teaches in his way through the three parables that will bring the Church Year to an end in the early weeks of November. Jesus sets the hope of His disciples, then as now, not on the "what" that is to come, but on the "who." With Matthew, as with John, this makes all the difference between the hype and hysteria of so many "end-times preachers" and the quiet hope that is proclaimed by Jesus Christ.

Matthew, chapter 25, records three of Jesus' more famous parables. We will meet each of them in the first three weeks of November, concluding on Christ the King, November 20th.

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) makes clear what Jesus has created within the lives of His disciples, namely, that waiting on Him is no mere agonizing experience but is already a time of joy, a foretaste of the full joy of heaven. The parable shows that Christian hope is no Pollyanna affair concerning the prospects of the future. Christian hope lives within the realities and responsibilities we have in the present time.

This realism concerning the present time, living with the already-present sense of joy in Christ toward the future, colors

the second parable in Matthew 25, The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Here Jesus reveals Himself as the Giver of every gift, distributing His gifts according to His own purposes and not according to the merits of the recipients. Every gift from Christ, whether great or small, carries its own claim upon the recipient. Jesus' gifts summon the recipients to put those gifts to use in proportion to their faith. It is not the return on the investment that is of most importance to Jesus, but the faithfulness of the recipients with their gifts.

That second parable ends with a note of judgment on the faithless recipient, but it is the third parable in Matthew 25:31-46 that sets judgment front and center. All the nations of the earth appear before the glorious King in that image of the sheep and the goats on His right and left. These

are the peoples of all time and places to whom the Lord has proclaimed His justice, among whom His work of hope has been going on, who have received His promise in the Gospel. Yes, there are also those present—the goats on His left—who have hated His gifts.

Yet even here in the dreadful scene of judgment, Jesus' parable speaks of grace and mercy. "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire *prepared for the devil and his angels.*" (Matthew 25:41) The eternal damnation is made for the devil and his angels, not for human beings, the creation of



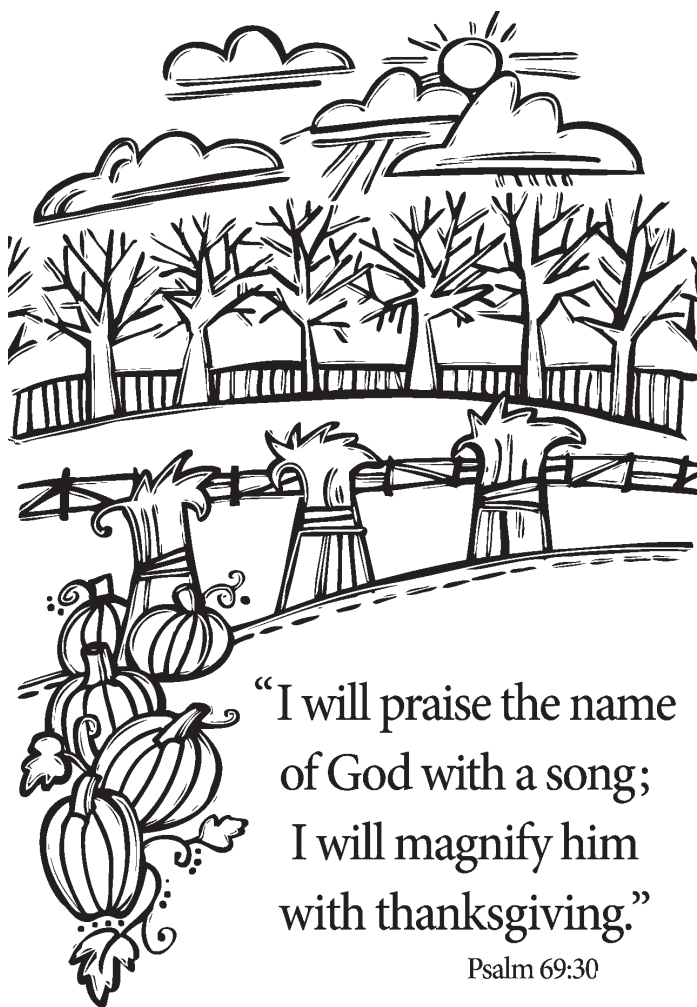
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God's own heart. For God sent His Son into the world so that all people might be saved. The tragedy here is that despite the mercy of God toward all people, there are still those who want nothing to do with Him. So they make an alien doom their own.

Still the string of three parables ends with the emphasis on mercy. Christ the King recites the mercies of the faithful, burying their sin in His forgiving silence. He remembers only their acts of loving kindness and invites them to come to Him and the Kingdom He has prepared for them.

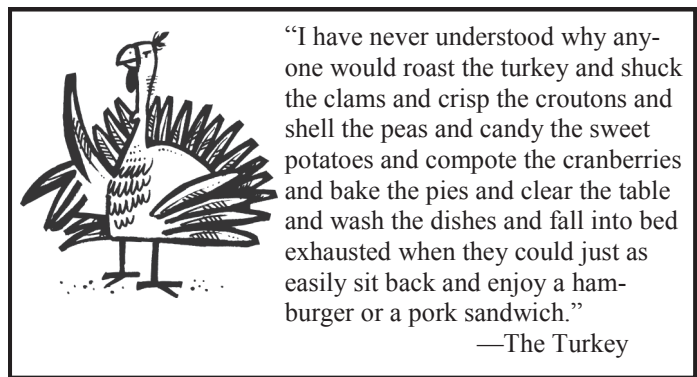
There is so much to ponder in these three parables. There is so much to convict us of our own failings, to be sure, yet there is so much more to ponder about God's never-failing love toward us. It is a good way to bring the Church Year to a close!

Pastor Hendrickson



"I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30



"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey

Dear Members
of St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

Among the Feasts and Festivals listed in our *Lutheran Service Book* is Reformation Day on October 31. But did you know that it's only a lesser festival? Of all the "protestant" churches, shouldn't the Lutherans be the ones to understand Reformation Day as more than just a minor event? In a word, no.

WHAT? You mean Reformation Day isn't the most important day in the LUTHERAN church? Nope, and not by a long shot. The most important day in the church is The Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord, better known as Easter Sunday. The Reformation isn't about the Lutheran Church, and it isn't about Martin Luther. And it's not about the Roman Catholic church or the Pope, either. The Reformation is about Jesus. It's about what we believe, teach, and confess regarding who Christ Jesus is and what He has done for us. And if someone were to knock on your door and ask what you believe, teach, and confess about Jesus, the easiest place to do is remember your catechesis and go to the Second Article of the Apostles Creed:

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*



This is what we confess on Sunday morning, and if someone off the street asked you what you believe about Jesus, you can give a clear and explicit answer by recalling the Apostles Creed. And have a Small Catechism handy, because Luther's

"What does this mean?" for the Second Article is helpful, too. (I won't include it all here, but it starts with "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord...")

As he grew up, and especially the time he spent as a monk, Martin Luther saw God as a judge, but only as a judge. It's true that Paul writes that Christ will return on the last day in Glory to judge. But that's not the whole story. Paul also writes in 1st Timothy that Christ is our Mediator. And in 1st John, we see that Christ is our Advocate, you could even say our defense lawyer. So Jesus isn't just the Judge, He's also our lawyer who represents us (*pro bono*). If you misunderstand who Jesus is, as Martin Luther did early on, you see what kinds of problems you can find yourself in.

I could go on and on, but it's all about Jesus. Easter is about Jesus, Christmas is about Jesus, Reformation Day is about Jesus. It's all about Jesus.

In Christ,

Deacon Schroeder



THANK FULL NESS

Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

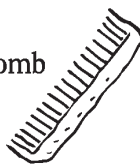
1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



"Make an Instrument of Praise!"

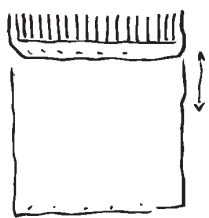
You will need:

- a fine-tooth comb
- waxed paper
- tape

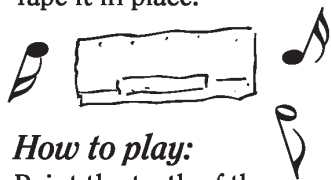


How to make:

Cut a piece of waxed paper as wide as your comb and long enough to wrap completely around it.



Wrap the paper around the comb. Make sure the points of the teeth are under a fold of the paper. Tape it in place.



How to play:

Point the teeth of the comb up. Hold the comb very close to your lips. Hum a song of praise! Be sure to hum with your mouth, not your nose! Your humming will cause the wax paper to vibrate, sounding like a kazoo!

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

Accredited by NAEYC

By Connie Hendrickson, Director

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29

Everyone should know that parents are the primary teachers of their child. Our child care staff merely supports them, providing tools that help their child grow physically, academically, socially, emotionally, and especially spiritually. All of this is called *'partnering with the home'*.

We are happy and blessed to have so many children and their families in our child care and preschool. Together as a team between parent, teacher and child, we can better meet the individual needs, interests, and spirituality of each one.

God promises to bless those who welcome a child in His name. Your child is one of those blessings, and you are a bless-



HOUSE OF THRIFT NEWS

November will bring Christmas trees (artificial) and more Christmas items. The store will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The store is located at 201 Cottage Grove Rd (just off Monona Dr). The hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Donations are welcome during these hours. The phone number is 223-1228.

Members of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (November 4th) and the third Wednesday (November 16th) of each month. Please call Alice Hanson if you have any questions or would like to become part of the *House of Thrift* team.

Thank you!

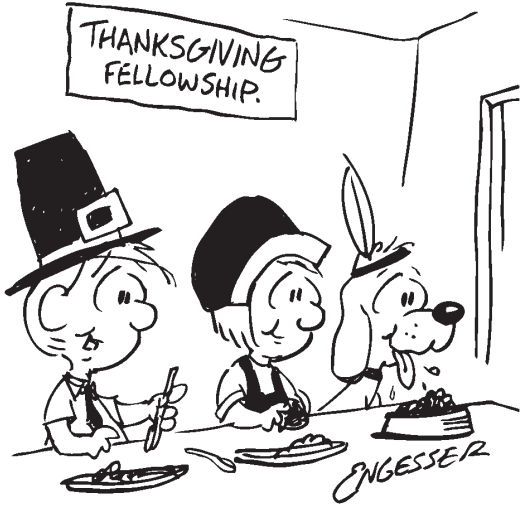




The Making of a Saint

Why were the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all.

It was quite simple, still is, and always will be.

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

<p>November 3/6 3rd Last Sunday</p> <p>Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Faith in Waiting</i> Text: Matthew 25:1-13 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>DSI</i>, p. 151 Hymns: 515 - 516 - 621, 663 - 878 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (8:00) SS Upper Grades</p>
<p>November 10/13 2nd Last Sunday</p> <p>Zephaniah 1:7-16 Psalm 90:1-12 I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Faith at Work</i> Text: Matthew 25:14-30 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSI w/o HC</i>, p. 151 Hymns: 869 - 508 (st. 1-4, 5-7) - 708 - 801 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (8:00) SS Lower Grades</p>
<p>November 17/20 Last Sunday - Christ the King</p> <p>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7 I Corinthians 15:20-28 Matthew 25:31-46</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Faith's Reward</i> Text: Matthew 25:31-46 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>DSI</i>, p. 151 Hymns: 525 - 549 - 680, 672 - 670 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Adult Choir</p>
<p>November 23/24 Thanksgiving Eve/Day</p> <p>Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Psalm 104 Philippians 4:6-20 Luke 17:11-19</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>A Secret Much in Need</i> Text: Philippians 4:10-13 Order: <i>Holy Communion</i> Hymns: 892 - 893 - 785 - <i>Praise to God, Immortal Praise</i> - 894, 966, 965 - 643 - 895 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Wed) Handbells</p>
<p>November 27 1st Sunday in Advent</p> <p>Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7 I Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 11:1-10</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>"Once More Unto the Breach, Dear Friends"</i> Text: Mark 11:1-10 Order: <i>DSIII w/o HC</i>, p. 184 Hymns: 332 - 341 - 348 - 331 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: TBA</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">"I'd prefer turkey nuggets."</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="824 1417 1104 1648">  <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">Birthdays</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1177 1417 1445 1690"> <p>11/4 Rodger Ellis 11/11 Albert Stoltenberg 11/11 Betty Stoltenberg 11/18 James Rittmeyer 11/21 Allen Hanson 11/22 Tom Manke 11/24 John Frank 11/29 John Schueman 11/30 Adele Walker</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Parents & College Students:</p> <p>Please let us know what your college address is going to be so that we can keep in touch through the coming year! Just drop an email to the Church Office:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">stpeterluth@gmail.com</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

COUNCIL NOTES – October 11, 2011

The October 11, 2011 meeting of St. Peter's Church council was called to order by President Bill Steffenhagen at 6:30 P. M. Members present were Tom Crum, Greg Frank, Steven Hustad, Mark Manke, Shannon Rohrbeck, Sandra Sandstrom, Bill Steffenhagen, Lynnette Taylor, Cynthia Thurston, Corinne Tuschl, Brad Zimmerman, Pastor Hendrickson, and Deacon Josh Schroeder. Marvin Manke, Verna Mueller, Steven Paskey, Keith Podoll, Glenn Puntney, Michael Post, Mark Schoeckert, Mary Taylor, and Mark Witt were excused. The opening devotion was given by Deacon Schroeder and was taken from Matthew 22:15.

The **agenda** was presented, changes to membership will be added. Greg Frank moved to approve the agenda with the change. Brad Zimmerman seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Secretary's report** was read. No changes were made. Cynthia Thurston moved to accept minutes as read, Tom Crum seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Financial Secretary's report** was given by Corinne Tuschl. There were no questions about the figures that Corinne reviewed. Sandy Sandstrom moved to accept the report, and Mark Manke seconded. The motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Cynthia Thurston. The water bill for the church and the vicarage were the exact same amount but after talking to the Village, they assured us that was correct. All other bills seem to be normal and expected. Greg Frank moved to approve the report. Steve Hustad seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Board of Elder's Report** was given by Greg Frank. He stated that they have filled the vacant Elder position. Bill Steffenhagen has appointed Tom Daugherty for the remainder of this term. The Christian Women's Council packed and sent 100 Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief as well as sent \$275.60 for delivering those kits. A big thank you went out to the CWC for the cake that was shared by the congregation in celebration of Pastor Hendrickson's 20th anniversary at St. Peter's. Tom Crum moved to approve the report. Corinne Tuschl seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Board of Trustee's report** was given. The carpet from the side aisles has been removed to help improve the acoustics in the sanctuary. There will be someone coming in to stretch and tack down the carpet in between the pews and the altar. The brittle tiles in the side aisles will be replaced in the next few months at no cost to the congregation as a family has come forward with a donation to accomplish this replacement. The new Zephyr blower for the organ will be here sometime in October and when a more specific time frame is known, help will be rounded up to get it and the box upstairs to the blower room. Brad Zimmerman moved to approve the Board of Trustee's Report, Tom Crum seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Christian Education Report** stated there are 29 enrollees in the CCC. Four-Year-Old Pre-K class has an enrollment of 19, four of them have wrap around child care. This 3rd year for the Pre-K Partnership with Poynette Schools is going very smoothly. The Annual Fall Bake Sale held Sunday, October 2nd, raised \$835 for the licensing fees that are incurred

by the Center every year.

Thank you to all of the participants in the bake sale.

The CCC children visited the Arlington Fire Station on October 11, in honor of Fire Safety Month. HS Youth group in an individualized get to know what they want stage. Midweek students are preparing for their annual fall outing on October 19th. Bible study classes for Sunday between services have almost completed Witness, Mercy, and Life Together. Friday Men's Bible Study will continue their study of the Book of Matthew. The Women's Bible Study group continues to study Acts at the home of Marie Cook on Tuesdays. The Sunday School Bike-athon was well attended including a few neighborhood children who thought it looked like fun. Four of the kids made the full 50 laps around the church block. Corinne Tuschl moved to approve the report, Mark Manke seconded, and the motion carried.


Pastor Hendrickson's report stated that it has been interesting having 20 midweek students right after school on Wednesdays. They are all engaged in learning so the lessons have been going very well. The handbell choir is 10 strong and will debut on Oct 16th. The vocal choir has been having fun with their new pieces as well. Pastor indicates that he is aiming for an organ dedication ceremony to take place before Thanksgiving. The Christmas season will be unusual this year with Christmas Day being on Sunday so the Council will be asked about schedule changes next month. Cynthia Thurston moved to accept the report. Mark Manke seconded, and the motion carried.

The Church Council was asked to receive the transfer of Beverly Wheelock from *St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LC-MS)*, Madison, WI and to approve the transfer of Mary Veldkamp to *Faith Lutheran Church (LC-MS)*, Green Bay, WI. Shannon Rohrbeck moved to accept these transfers, Sandy Sandstrom seconded, motion carried.

New business was the Voters' Meeting agenda with the reminder that Budget and Nominating Committee members will need to be appointed and elected. Pastor also reminded the council that during the Annual Meeting in January the congregation will need to elect one lay person to be the congregational delegate at this year's District Convention. It was also stated that the Budget Committee will need to keep in mind that the District will assess fees for the convention to be held in Mequon next year. The Lord's Prayer was said. Sandy Sandstrom moved to adjourn, Corinne Tuschl seconded, and the motion carried.

~Lynnette Taylor, *Acting Secretary*





The table in the narthex has a good selection of cards available including Christmas Cards. Stop by and check it out! All proceeds go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support their good work. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.




FINANCIAL REPORT CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:



Balance on Sept 30, 2011 \$4,653.98
 Receipts for Oct..... \$16,507.08
 Expenses for Oct (\$13,600.91)
 Shortage/Overage \$7,560.15

Organ Fund (Goal: \$158,000): Pledge Amount: \$133,362.25
Current Total Collected: \$103,215.82. Loan Balance: \$69,149.26. The loan interest is costing us approximately \$360 per month.

REPAIR PROJECTS: \$21,644.50 owed on the repair projects. See the poster in the narthex for each project breakdown as well as pictures detailing the repairs or replacements.



Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

“ _____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____.” PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. Lord, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

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Vickie Detert
 Connie Hendrickson



NOVEMBER

Elders

Nov 3	6:30 p.m.	Mark Witt
Nov 6	8:00 a.m.	Marvin Manke & Steve Hustad
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum & Tom Daugherty
Nov 10	6:30 p.m.	Mark Manke
Nov 13	8:00 a.m.	Mark Witt
	10:30 a.m.	Glenn Puntney
Nov 17	6:30 p.m.	Mark Schoeckert
Nov 20	8:00 a.m.	Steve Hustad & Greg Frank
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum & Steve Paskey
Nov 23	6:30 p.m.	Mark Manke & Tom Daugherty
Nov 24	9:00 a.m.	Glenn Puntney
Nov 27	8:00 a.m.	Mark Schoeckert
	10:30 a.m.	Greg Frank



November 6 & 13

Early

Mark Witt, Chr. (635-4673)
 Wade Senft
 George Schoeneberg
 Jeff Rowe
 John Frank
 Trever Giese

Late

Tyson Miller (635-8504)
 Mark Schoeckert
 Mitch Schoeckert
 Matt Hendrickson
 Mike Hendrickson
 Shannon Rohrbeck

November 20, 23 & 27




Philip Hanson, Chr
 (635-2244)
 Randy Schuster
 David Caldwell
 Mark Hirssig
 Robert Rittmeyer
 Buck & Ty Woodward
 Justin & Jacob Reddeman

Robert Caldwell, Chr.
 (635-4225)
 Jerran Hanson
 James Dobratz
 Bob Hagenow
 Al Stoltenberg

ACOLYTES

Nov 6	8:00 AM	Tierney Woodward & Riley Barnharst
	10:30 AM	NONE
Nov 13	8:00 AM	Matthew Saager & Noah Campbell
	10:30 AM	Emily Taylor & Katie Conklin
Nov 20	8:00 AM	Hunter Zimmerman & Wesley Sandstrom
	10:30 AM	Rachel Tuschl & Brooke Bindl
Nov 23	6:30 PM	Brea Falstad & Elizabeth Reddeman
		Thanksgiving Eve
Nov 27	8:00 AM	Lauren Kriewaldt & Danielle Sandstrom
	10:30 AM	Shayne Brasda & Anthony Rittmeyer

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		All Saints Day 1 1:00 PM Bible Class	2 4:00 PM Midweek Outing <i>No Handbells/Choir</i>	3 6:30 PM HC Service	4 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class 9:00 AM <i>Thrift Store</i>	5 11:30 AM Private Confession <i>Fall Back 1 Hour</i>
3rd Last Sunday 6 8:00 AM HC Service 8:00 AM Upper Gr Sing 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM HC Service	7	8 1:00 PM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Elders	9 4:00 PM Midweek 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir	Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483 6:30 PM Contemporary Service	Veterans Day 11 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class	12
2nd Last Sunday 13 8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM Lower Gr Sing 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 9:15 AM BP Screening 9:30 AM CWC - Chapel 10:30 AM Divine Service	14	15 1:00 PM Bible Class	16 9:00 AM <i>Thrift Store</i> 4:00 PM Midweek 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir	17 6:30 PM HC Service	18 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class	19 8:30 AM <i>CWC</i> Cookie Walk, Pies & Crafts 11:30 AM Private Confession
Christ the King 20 8:00 AM HC Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM HC Service	21 	22 1:00 PM Bible Class	Thanksgiving Eve 23 6:30 PM HC Service <i>No Midweek School or Choir Rehearsals</i>	Thanksgiving Day 24 9:00 AM HC Service <i>No Evening Service Child Care & Church Office Closed</i>	25 <i>No Men's Bible Class Child Care & Church Office Closed</i>	26
Advent 1 27 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM Divine Service	28	29 1:00 PM Bible Class	St. Andrew, 30 Apostle 4:00 PM Midweek 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir			

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