

“I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart...” Psalm 138:1a

The psalm above inspired the moving hymn *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*. It tells us that we should always give thanks and praise God. We give thanks for God has given us the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. For it is in Christ that we have salvation. It is through the ministry of Jesus that we are shown what it means to love God and to love our neighbor. The Incarnation that we will celebrate in just a month is the greatest gift from God to give thanks for, but there are so many more.

This November, like every November, is the month of thanksgiving. We begin with All Saint’s Day, the day in the Christian year when we remember and honor all those that came before us. We give thanks for the examples that they have given us and the lessons that they have taught us. Our church and our lives are richer for having them in it.

The month ends with Thanksgiving. While often it is just an excuse to gorge on turkey and carbs while football plays in the background, it is truly one of the only holidays created solely to take a moment to give thanks. We are supposed to give thanks for all that we have and celebrate with family and friends.

Yes, truly November is a month to give thanks. This November, I’d like you to take a moment to think about why are you thankful for the church. What about our church gives you joy and makes you give thanks? Is it the community and fellowship? The music? The memories you have here? Whatever the reason, this month take a moment to give thanks for the church.

So, this November remember to give thanks for those who helped you grow in faith, for all that God has given you, and for the church. Most importantly, give thanks to God with all of your heart.

The Country Store (with the Thanksgiving Supper)

Thursday, November 17th 2:00 – 7:00 PM

We need help to supply the store: Crafts, Christmas Items, Snacks, Baked Goods, and White Elephant Items, etc.

If you want a special price, please mark the items you donate. Bring items early Thursday the 17th or you can bring them to the Disciple classroom. We will be selling doll, baby and twin blankets. The proceeds will go to the Monday Sewing Ladies to purchase batting, material and thread to make blankets and wheel chair bags.

The Sewing Group is collecting used bed sheets to make bandages. Please bring your used bed sheets to the box in the entry way. Thank you

Congratulations to Greg and Denise Feitz who were married November 5.

Food Pantry Needs:

pancake mix and syrup, broth, noodles, stuffing mix,
corn bread mix, canned chicken, pudding and gelatin mix

Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry.

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

November 13 Carolyn Kelly

November 20 Martha Tyler

November 27 Gary & Barb

Please plan to bring about 4 dozen cookies. Thank You

Cardio Drumming

Classes are Saturdays at 9:00 AM in Trodie Hall. FREE Bring a 55 to 75 cm ball, a 25+ gallon bucket and drum sticks. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate!

Sympathy to the DeLanghe family. Virgil passed away November 8.

Visitation Monday, Nov. 14 at LUMC 10 AM

Memorial service Monday, Nov. 14 at LUMC 11 AM

Coming Up!

Staff Parish Meeting – 7 PM Thursday, November 10

Thanksgiving Supper & Bazaar

Thursday, November 17 Sign up to help with the supper!

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 20
after worship service, Ida Mission Circle - Chrismon Trees
6 PM more Hanging of the Greens

Fellowship Meeting – 7 PM Monday, November 21

Nominations Meeting – 6:30 PM Tuesday, November 22

Euchre/Game Night – 7 PM Saturday, November 26

****Family Christmas Night – 6:30 PM Sunday, December 4****