

Newsletter 10.24.24

I can't believe that October is almost over! Our church is busy with Halloween events as we continue to show love to the children of our community by giving them safe spaces to have fun. Let us remember these next few weeks to pray for their safety as they get dressed up and go trick-or-treating.

While the costumes, candy, and spooky monsters are fun, let us also remember why All Hallow's Eve is celebrated. Not because of chocolate and werewolves. It's not a holiday created by "Big Pumpkin" to sell jack-o-lanterns.

Halloween is simply the day before All Saints Day. The day in the church we remember all our saints. By saints we mean those that helped us discover the faith. Saints are the ones that exemplify to us what it means to be a follower of Christ. Saints can take many forms from parents, to teachers, to friends, to even strangers. Anyone that has shown you what it means to love God can be a saint to you.

So, while we get ready to hand out candy, take a moment to remember your saints. Give thanks to God for what they have done for you. The love that they showed you and the lessons that they taught you.

Remember their lessons and examples because we are called to be saints as well. There are people in our lives that look to us for what it means to be a Christ-follower. They learn from us what it looks like to love God and neighbor. We are called to be saints for the people in our lives.

I also want to take a moment to give thanks to all of you. This past month was Pastor Appreciation Month and you all showed how much you care for my family and me. Thank you all for the gifts and the kind words. They kept a smile on my face all month long.

I thank God for each of you. You all have made it possible for me to follow my call to ministry. I could not do what God has called me to do without you. I appreciate your support and your prayers. It is an honor to work with you all in ministry.

God Bless

Pastor Ed

**Turkey Supper Tickets are available in the church office during office hours.**

## **Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule**

**October 27 Chili Cook Off – 10:30 AM Worship**

**November 3 Varmel    November 17 Phil & Patty**

### **THANK YOU**

I feel so grateful that God has blessed me with such a loving church family and I want to thank you all for your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. I could feel the love. Thank you to the sewing ladies for the walker bag in lieu of a blanket. I felt that it was very helpful to me when trying to get around my house.

Thank you, Judy Hygema

In preparation for 2025, we would like to make you aware of the different ways you can give to the church through your tithes and offerings. Your tithe can be made in several ways such as Bill Pay from your bank account and through the usual assigned numbered envelopes. Of course, checks and cash can also be dropped in the offering plate using the generic envelopes found in the pews. The trend the last couple of years has been via Bill Pay. In other words, most of us are not using the boxed, numbered envelopes that are assigned to us each fall, which creates an unnecessary expense to the budget.

We understand that some of you still like to use your assigned box of envelopes. If you would still like to receive a box of numbered envelopes for 2025, please sign your name to the list on the counter outside of the church office or call Sherry R. in the office at 574-784-8215. If you would like information on how to set up your tithing via Bill Pay, please contact Sherry M. If you have unused boxes of envelopes that you are not planning to use, please bring them to the church office of possible use in 2025.

Thank You.

On behalf of the Finance Committee  
Sue Halasz, Chairperson

## Planning Ahead

LUMC Women's Executive Meeting – Oct. 26, 10 AM  
LUMC Trunk or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 26, 4:30 – 6 PM  
Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Oct. 26, 6 PM  
Chili Cook Off – Sunday, Oct. 27 10:30 AM Worship  
**Day Light Savings Time Ends – Sunday, Nov. 3**  
3's & 4's Grandparents Day – Monday, Nov. 4, 11 AM  
4's & 5's Grandparents Day – Tuesday, Nov. 5, 11 AM  
**Blood Drive – Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2:30 – 6:30 PM at Palmer's**  
Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 PM  
Craft Bazaar – Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 AM – 7 PM  
Turkey Supper – Thursday, Nov. 21  
Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Nov. 23, 6 PM  
Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, Nov. 24, 6 PM

## Food Pantry

**Food Pantry Needs:** canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, cereal, mustard, mayonnaise, Shelf Stable Milk, ranch dressing, canned peas, crackers, snacks, cake mixes, frosting, baking supplies.

**The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM**

**TOPS Club** is meeting at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door. Come Join Us!