

## The Newness of November

So many changes occur in the month of November. With Halloween ending October, November begins the holiday season. The days will pass quickly as Thanksgiving celebrations approach. The leaves on the trees are doing their best color change work and will completely fall to the ground in the next few weeks. Cooler temperatures and rainfall are becoming more consistent. And, within the church, a new church year is about to begin.

The last Sunday of the church year will be on November 20, just before Thanksgiving. Advent's beginning kicks off the new church year on Sunday, November 27. Once more we will enjoy the events of Jesus' earthly life that lead up to his death and resurrection for us. We will be blessed to anticipate the nativity of our Lord and the celebration of Christmas.

But, let us not forget what begins the month of November...All Saints' Day. While this holy day in the Church does not receive as much celebration as Christmas and Easter, it is perhaps the most meaningful for those who have lost Christian loved ones to death, especially in recent weeks and months. Those Christians who have departed this earthly life are still members of the Church (Revelation 7:9-17; Hebrews 11:1-12:2). They belong to the body of Christ, though their souls are departed from their bodies. They are at rest and peace in our Lord in his heavenly presence, but they remain away from their earthly bodies. They are not yet complete as they await the resurrection of the dead on the Last Day. They, like us, will be given back their bodies, made perfect and never to be away from the body again (1 Corinthians 15:42-49). The evidence and assurance of this is the Lord Jesus himself.

On the third day, Jesus rose again from the dead. Paul writes in Romans 6:9, "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." Jesus will never again succumb to death. He rose from the dead bodily and ascended into heaven bodily. He will return on the Last Day bodily and he will live and reign over the new heavens and the new earth, bodily, forever and ever. And, as it goes for Jesus, so shall it go for you. "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5).

All of this is possible because the Son of God took on our mortal flesh, becoming the Son of Man. His incarnation made possible his crucifixion, his resurrection, and his ascension. These great actions of Christ Jesus have secured your redemption, your justification, your sanctification, your salvation, and your own resurrection. Truly, you and I have so much for which to rejoice, especially as we approach Thanksgiving and the celebration of our Lord's Incarnation.

When you gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ this November at church, you are united in the one true faith, receiving the one true Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in his Supper. And, with you, gathered around the altar of the Lord, are all the saints who have gone before you. The altar is the touchstone between heaven and earth, the place where Christ in heaven and Christ on earth are seen most clearly. In that sacred space, truly the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant gather together as one Church, Christ's body, his beloved bride (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18).

Even though the leaves are falling, the harvest is being gathered in, and the old year is coming to an end, the newness of Christ is upon you this November. You are blessed to receive his grace anew each day and each Sunday in his house. You are gifted with the new life of Christ Jesus through Word and Sacrament. And you are given the joyful perspective anew that you are united with Christ Jesus and all who have departed this life in the faith. Together, as one Church, we wait for the new heavens and the new earth, even as we celebrate anew the Incarnation and Nativity of our Lord.

A blessed November of newness to you all!

In Christ's love and service,

### Let Us Pray

Dembiniana Havanjanakary and the Madagascar Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Magnus Bengston and Lielsalaca Lutheran Church in Latvia, Pastor Obot Ite and the Lutheran Mission in Kingston, Jamaica

**For Peace & Comfort:** Bonnie and family at the death of her mother Irene Heiden, Rex & Cindy and family at the death of Rex's mother Glenda , Elton and family at the death of his son Lucas

**For Healing and Recovery:** David - grandfather of Sara and Ryan , Linda, Bentley -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Herb, Charlene, Gary, Judy, Alex, Brian, Larry, Teresa -godchild of Bob & Joan, Barbara-family friend of Bob & Joan, Karla, John, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Maria, Merv, Rebecca -daughter of Marvin & Esther , Roy - father of Anne, Todd -grandson of Harold, Brett -cousin of the Kindts'

**For Successful Treatments:** Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke , Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy

**For our Military:** Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David

**For our Missionaries:** Pastor Randrianasolo



**Trunk or Treat Wrap-Up**—The Evangelism Board would like to thank the congregation for their generosity and your willingness to volunteer. As a result of the many candy/treat donations, we had a successful event on Sunday, October 30. We had 15 trunks decorated manned by 26 volunteers. We had at least 428 visitors (adults and children) come to our event. Thank you so much!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success for another year! There were lots of different vendors to shop from, delicious goodies at the Bake Sale to choose and several interesting cars to see.



**November E.A.T. Night** E.A.T. at Monical's (205 N. Mattis Ave.) on Monday, November 14 from 11am-10pm. Monical's will be donating 20% of total sales back to the St. John Lutheran School PTF. Dine-In, carry out, and drive thru are all included but please mention flier when placing an order for delivery or carry out. Fliers are needed for all orders and are available on the narthex table and on the school website [www.stjohnls.com](http://www.stjohnls.com). Thank you for your continued support of these events.

Order forms are available on the narthex table. Return order forms to the school office by Monday, November 7. Dough-livery date is Tuesday, November 15, 2p.

Proceeds from this fundraising will go towards the 7th & 8th grade class trip.



### THANKSGIVING BREAK

School will be closed Wednesday, November 23 to Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

We wish you a wonderful time with family and friends giving thanks to God for His many blessings!



### Decorating the Church for Christmas

Please join us on Saturday, November 26th, at 9:00am to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We welcome any and all volunteers! We will be short of regular helpers because of the Thanksgiving weekend so please help if you can, many hands make things go much quicker.



### Boys Basketball Games

Monday, November 7 HOME vs. Countryside

Monday, November 14 HOME vs. Thomasboro

Monday, November 28 HOME vs. St. Thomas, Philo

**Here are details about the musicians' schedule for November.**

Thursday, November 3	No Choir rehearsals
Sunday, November 6	8:00 Handbells
All Saints (observed)	10:45 Handbells (Prelude)
(Instrumentalists will play)	10:45 Men's Choir
Wednesday, November 9	No Handbell rehearsal
Sunday, November 13	8:00 Mixed Choir
Sunday, November 20	8:00 Day School Choir
Last Sunday of the Church Year	10:45 Men's Choir
Wednesday, November 23	No Handbell rehearsal
	7:15 Thanksgiving service
Thursday, November 24	No Choir rehearsals
Sunday, November 27	Advent 1, Year A

We will be starting to rehearse music for the Advent and Christmas season this month. Come join us and get some extra time with favorite (and new) Carols, anthems and hymns!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Keith

**Turkey Bowl 2022-** St. John Lutheran School PTF invites all church members and their friends and families to Western Bowl in Champaign for a fun afternoon of bowling, food, and fun! Here's all you need to know to be ready to join in!  
**When:** Saturday, November 19. Pick your 2 hour time slot when you register online either 12-2pm or 2-4pm.  
**Where:** Western Bowl 917 Francis Dr. in Champaign  
**Who:** Teams of 5 can register to bowl for \$65, plus an extra \$65 in raised funds. Spectators are also invited to join with a \$10 ticket that includes pizza and drinks, plus an extra \$10 in raised funds.  
**What:** Two games of bowling, shoes, pizza, and drinks are all provided. Also, a silent auction, games, and contests will also be part of the afternoon.  
**Why:** PTF is raising money to replenish the school's technology fund. Your continued generosity of the school is much appreciated.  
**Sponsorships:** Sponsorships and donations are welcome. Interested individuals and businesses can contact Donica Blager for more information.  
**Register:** Registration is online at <https://forms.gle/6wRJHTYu2vM2U1G28>  
**Questions?** Please contact Donica.

**Family Advent Night**— All St. John Families are invited to begin their Christmas preparations by joining us for Family Advent Night on Friday, December 2nd, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will have a pizza dinner, crafts for kids, devotions, singing of Christmas carols and cookie decorating. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Young Adults**— There has been interest expressed in having a young adults group at



**Veterans Day Assembly**

Our students will be honoring veterans on Friday, Nov., 9:30am. Classes will have songs and presentations, our band will play, and we'll celebrate our country and honor our veterans. We thank every veteran for their service to our country!

**Grandparents, Special Friends and Veterans Day**

On Friday, November, 11, we invite Grandparents, Special Friends, and Veterans to join us for the morning. Events will include morning devotions with our Kindergarten through Eighth Graders, visiting the classrooms, light breakfast refreshments hosted by our Parent Teacher Fellowship group and ending with our Veterans Day assembly. For more information, contact the school office.



**Sunday School Christmas Program**

The Christmas Program will be presented by the Preschool - 8th grade children on Sunday, December 18th during the Sunday School hour. They will practice during Sunday

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| 1  | <i>Finn</i>   | 22 | <i>Brad, Gregory</i>                      |
| 2  | <i>Jeannine, Sam, Byron, Gary, Hannah</i>                                   | 23 | <i>Cheryl, John, Barry, Renae</i>         |
| 3  | <i>Dean, Jason, Robert, Jeremy</i>  | 24 | <i>Susie, Nancy</i>                       |
| 4  | <i>CJ</i>   | 25 | <i>Jordan, Gilbert</i>                    |
| 5  | <i>Christian, Jacob</i>   | 26 | <i>Jennifer, Nicci</i>                    |
| 6  | <i>Clayton, Sarah</i>   | 27 | <i>David</i>                              |
| 7  | <i>Joyce, J.C.</i>  | 28 | <i>Gary, Mark, Crystal</i>                |
| 8  | <i>Tim, Everett</i>   | 29 | <i>Addisyn, Hannah</i>                    |
| 9  | <i>Sarah, Presley, Lon, Henos</i>   | 30 | <i>Todd, Jeanine, Jacob, Mark, Andrew</i> |
| 10 | <i>Larry, George</i>  |    |   |
| 11 | <i>Karen, Butch</i>   |    |   |
| 12 | <i>Jonathan</i>   |    |   |
| 13 | <i>Mesmer, Ceirra</i>   |    |   |
| 14 | <i>Tucker</i>   |    |   |
| 15 | <i>Barb, Rita, Fawn</i>   |    |   |
| 16 | <i>Gabryan, Chuck</i>   |    |   |
| 17 | <i>Billy</i>  |    |   |
| 18 | <i>Erica</i>  |    |   |
| 19 | <i>Brian</i>  |    |   |
| 20 | <i>Matthew, Mike</i>  |    |   |
| 21 | <i>Kelley Lawson, Emma Luhrsens, Kim Schmidt, Michael Thies, Jim Waller</i> |    |   |

## November Anniversaries

- 1 *Ben & Wendy (19)*
- 4 *Byron & Lydia (66); Herb & Virginia (66)*
- 5 *Alex & Sue (29); Ron & Susan (39)*
- 13 *Darrel & Linda (38)*
- 18 *Mike & Jill (16)*
- 19 *Heath & Sarah (23); Jim & Karen (39)*
- 25 *Bill & Diann (61); Joe & Alicia IV (16)*
- 28 *Troy & Brandi (24)*



### CHAPEL OFFERINGS—CAMP CIL- CA OUTDOOR MINISTRIES


The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) sits on 225 acres of woodland and open fields just north of Springfield, Ill., within an easy drive of the popular Lincoln sites in Springfield and historic New Salem. It offers a summer program of week-long camps and outdoor experiences for students of all ages and abilities; Outdoor Education programs for area students; and camping of many kinds for individuals, families and groups. Rustic and all-weather sleeping cabins, campsites for tents, trailers, RV's and pop-ups, swimming lake with beach, athletic fields, Challenge Course, and indoor and outdoor chapel spaces are among the camp's features.

Collected offerings will be used to purchase a canoe or kayak and items from their wish list.



And he who was seated on the throne said,  
 "Behold, I am making all things new."  
 Revelation 21:5

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																																																																																
	<p><i>Church Office</i> 359-1123</p> <p><i>School Office</i> 359-1714</p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>All Saints' Day</i></p> <p>10:00 Adult Bible Class            5:15 Fellowship            5:30 Evangelism            6:00 Trustees,            School Board</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:10 Chapel            5:45 Midweek School,            Lighthouse            6:00 Handbells            7:15 Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:30 Lighthouse</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>No School</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> 																																																																																																																
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