

THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

What a wonderful month it has been and we have so much to look forward to in November and December. I'd like to reflect for just a moment on Trunk or Treat and Reformation Sunday. God blessed us with great weather for Trunk or Treat and we had a wonderful turnout. We had volunteers from the community and from church. We had a nice turn out from the community – at least 300 people and it was great to see all the folks that decorated their cars and handed out candy. It was also fun to watch Ethan Herrera giving hay rides. I am not sure who was having more fun, him or the folks he was giving the rides too. I saw some great costumes the children were wearing and I also saw a great costume one of our very own was wearing, Kyle Conapinski. What I've learned over the years is that serving Christ can be a lot of fun.

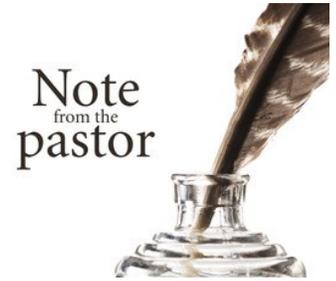
Reformation Sunday is always special for us Lutherans, but it was especially special for me this year as I had the privilege of baptizing my mother-in-law. Over the years, mom and I have talked about baptism. As mom was visiting these past two weeks I asked if she would like to get baptized on Reformation Sunday. Obviously, she said yes and it will be one of my most cherished memories when I reflect upon my ministry. I share this with you because I pray that you will be steadfast in your willingness to plant seeds and water them when it comes to reaching folks for Jesus. Please never give up, for you never know when someone's heart will be opened by the Holy Spirit to respond favorably to your invitation.

I'd also like to say that the music at second service was wonderful for Reformation Sunday. We had 17 people singing, clarinet, a soloist, young people playing the tambourine. It was wonderful. It's pretty hard to go wrong when you end the service with "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Please invite folks to come to our services to see and hear what we are doing. We are moving in the right direction when it comes to reaching people for Jesus Christ.

I pray that you will be with us as we celebrate All Saints this Sunday. Bring a friend; it is a powerful service for anyone who has lost a loved one. I also hope you will join us on November 22, 5pm at the Evansville Rescue Mission as we will help prepare Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to model what it means to serve in the name of Christ.

Folks, things are going well and thank each of you for all of your faithful stewardship. May God continue to bless us as we continue to be faithful in His name.

Blessings+
Pastor Don



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Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6



DON'T FORGET TO
**FALL
BACK**

Turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5.



happy bIRTHday

11/1—Donna Myers

11/10—Jerry Wiegand

11/17—Curtis Mehne

11/1—McKendree Ward

11/10—Claire Hawkins

11/18—Linda Larsen

11/2—Mike Myers

11/11—Elias Trevino

11/25—Mark Myrick

11/3—Theresa Blanke

11/11—Bryan Hartke

11/25—Susan Gray

11/9—Dolores Zahm

11/14—Lynne Mowrey



CHURCH NEWS

Annual Congregational Meeting

We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting to discuss the budget on **November 20** between services. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Scripts

Scripts orders are due **November 6**. For the month of November and December there are \$5.00 denominations available for Starbucks and Barnes & Noble to use as stocking stuffers. Also, \$10 for Amazon, AMC, Applebees, CVS, Red Lobster, Longhorn, Meijer, Outback, Bonefish, and Target. Please write these in on the bottom of the order form—there is not a new order form that shows these temporary changes. Please see Carole Ross with questions.

Scripts Raffle

Enter to win a fall wreath with \$50 in Scripts Cards (winner's choice) attached! Total value is \$106. *Chances are \$1 each or 6 chances for \$5.* Proceeds will go towards the Capital Campaign renovations. Drawing will be held this Sunday, **November 6, between services**. Please see Carole Ross for your chance to win!

Book Fair

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for your kids or grandkids? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for babies to 12-year-olds. *Save up to 40% PLUS free shipping on all Book Fair titles.* Stop by the church office **October 25—November 6**, Monday – Friday between 10 am – 2 pm or in the Gathering Area on Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am to get faith-filled books and videos for your kids.

Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on **November 20 after 2nd service**. Many hands make light work so we really appreciate everyone helping us make the sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. Lunch will be provided for everyone who stays to help.





After School Tutoring Program

The after-school tutoring program still has a few openings. The program is open to grades K-5 and runs from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm with a meal offered to kids and their families afterwards. Please let Stephanie know if you would be interested in volunteering to tutor or to help provide a meal. Thank you!

Trunk or Treat

Thank you everyone who helped make the Trunk or Treat such a success! We had over 300 kids come through the line! Many thanks to the volunteers who ran stations, donated candy, and lined up their trunks. We couldn't have done it without you!



MISSIONAL SERVICES

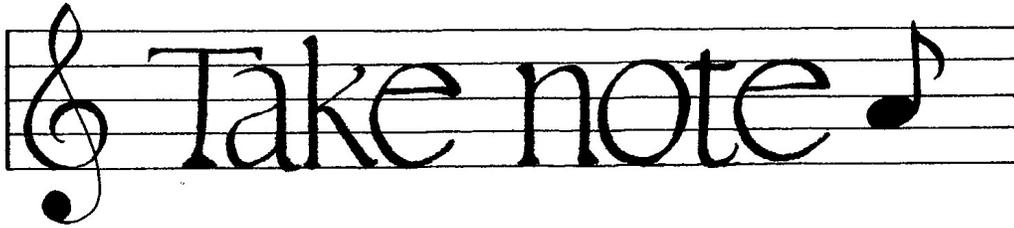
Gobbler Gathering

Once again, we are collecting boxes of Mac & Cheese for the Tri-State Rescue Mission. Food boxes will be assembled and given to area people in need in time for Thanksgiving. Donations can be placed in the box on the bench near the coat room. We will be collecting boxes until **November 16**. Thank you!

Please join us on **November 22, 2016** at the Rescue Mission Residence Center, 500 E Walnut St, Evansville, IN. We will meet **at 5:00pm** to distribute food baskets. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering area if you would like to help with this service project.



Gobbler Gathering



I can't believe Christmas is next month! And... I am so excited!! Planning music for our 7:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve service is well under way. In addition to our awesome choir, we will have some awesome musicians sharing their gifts of music with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus: Pat Stuckemeyer (euphonium), Mary Stuckemeyer (bassoon), Janet Voles (clarinet), Natalie Clark (flute), Tony LaValle (percussion), and Dave King (kettle drums and other percussion). Doesn't this sound great? Please help spread the word! Let's pack the house!

If you, or someone you know, would like to sing in the choir for our 7:00 Christmas Eve service, please let me know. Adults and children/youth who are proficient readers and like to sing are welcome to join us. Choir practices are held every Thursday night in the sanctuary from 6-7pm; however, there will be no choir practice on Thanksgiving. If you cannot attend our Thursday night practices, I can arrange for another practice time during a week day afternoon.

Musically in Christ,
 Deb Ordner
 debordner@yahoo.com



Christmas Play

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for kids who are interested in being in the Christmas Play on **December 24 at the 5:00 pm** service. Please contact Mike Myers for details.

Join the Choir



You'll be glad you did!



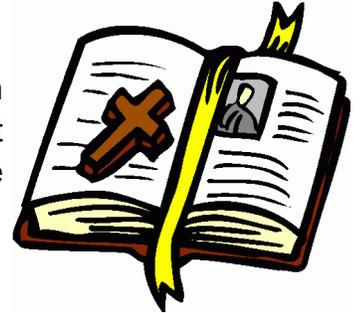
Children's
 Program



There's a place for you!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at the church at 6:30 pm. All women are invited to attend; women do not have to be members of St. Mark's. For more information contact Diane Meier.



Monday Morning Bible Study

We meet on the first **Monday of the month at 10:00 am at St. Mark's**. Please contact Carol Courter if you would like more information.

Lunch Crew

This group meets for lunch and fellowship on the 3rd Monday of each month at various restaurants around town. **Lunch Crew will meet on November 21 at Bandana's BBQ at 11:45 a.m.** All are welcome! Please come join us for fellowship and a great meal.



Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' Night Out is **November 11 at 6:00 PM**. We'll be learning how to make and decorate greeting cards and enjoying dinner and fellowship with each other. *Cost is \$5* for dinner, dessert, and supplies. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area if you are interested in attending. Thank you!

Third Friday

Third Friday starts back up again **November 18** at the home of Scott and Linda Larsen at **7:00 pm**. Bring a dish to share and get to know members of your church family outside of Sunday morning. All are welcome!!





We Remember In Our Prayers

The family of Don Ray,
Bryan Hartke,
Lenora Hollmann,
Tom Savage,
Sharon Bieber,
Sharon Cota,
Michael Lawson,
John Jurisa,
Terry Lampton,
Charles Paine, Sr.,
Donna Vendetti,
Mary Blanke,

Kim Parker,
Mary Lou Thayer,
Katie Willis,
Jeanne Kelly,
Larry & Joanie
Gajderowicz,
Marianne Wenzel,
Wesley Lynn,
Michelle Schmitt,
Dennis & Doris Fisher,
Sally & June Coslett,
Ken & Jan Heugel,

Todd Anderson,
Olive Polley,
June Sharp,
Clay Gascoigne,
Dolores Zahm,
Linda Weitzel,
Laura Wiegand Brown,
Eve Corlew,
Brittany Siddons,
Patrick Mahon, and
Jay Augustus & family



Let Us Pray...

Almighty God,

For all your saints who have gone before, and by their example have brought us to your throne, we offer our grateful thanks.

For all who through dark days and nights, held on to their faith facing the fiercest foe, we offer our grateful thanks.

For all your saints gathered here today, who by their service bring love into this world, we offer our grateful thanks,

Alpha and Omega, God of today and all days, Amen.

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Please Remember Our Shut-Ins and Homebound Members

Arthur Aarstad—*Newburgh Healthcare*

Norma Cobb—*Home*

Larry Gajderowicz—*Home*

Jan Heugel—*Protestant Home*

Dottie Peteritas—*Home*

Linda Weitzel—*Newburgh Healthcare*

Dolores Zahm—*Protestant Home*



November Ministry Schedule

	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
Acolyte				
Altar Guild	J— Jorge Carmona T— Jason & Christy Borg			
Usher	Mark Zeller	Bob & Cheri Kieffner	Mike & Judi Chase	Tom Pfender & Jim Weitzel
Greeter	J— Arlene Sellers & Joy Phillips T— Erlus Shatara & Pat Baker	J— Margaret Boyles & Cathy Goller T— Bob & Cheri Kieffner	J— Terry & Debbie Garoutte T— Mike & Judi Chase	J— Lee & Judy Hodoval T— Kathy Ewing & Bob Gerst
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Alison Jones T—	J— Julie Weyer T—	J— Deb Schade T— Christy Ferley	J— Cathy Goller T—
Lector	Eugene Hamlow	Barbara Hamlow		
Assisting Minister	Sherri Zeller	Karen Dunlap	Mark Zeller	Karen Dunlap
Coffee Hour	Kelly/Krodel	Birthday Cake	Koewlers	Garoutte/Weyer
Kids' Church	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller & Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Heather Miller T—
Media Ministry	J— Mark Myrick T— Mike Myers & Carol Courter	T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter	T— Brandon Gardner & Carol Courter	T— Mike Myers & Carol Courter



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Give Thanks

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Please join us for worship each Sunday

9 am Contemporary Service

10 am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

11 am Traditional Service