

# THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings Faithful Disciples of Jesus,

We had a wonderful Trunk or Treat with food, lots of candy, games, a bounce house, our praise band played for us, we had a silent auction and half pot all going on during the event. It was exciting and you could feel it. A big thank you to everyone that made this event possible. This was also the first time we actually made a little money to offset the costs. Again, great job everyone and a special thank you to John and Ruby.

On Reformation Sunday we concluded our stewardship sermon series visiting about a "Generous and Grateful heart." I want to focus my thoughts there for this newsletter. Certainly our God is a loving God who gives his love to us and the world freely with the hope that we too will share this gift of love with the world unconditionally.

If I may ask, do you think our world teaches us to give things away freely? Or do you think the world we live in is more apt to reinforce the concept that one is to accumulate all that one can? My point is not that one is good or bad but the reality is that we are taught from little on to accumulate friends, wealth, material things, versus giving things away. I hope you agree.

When is the last time you were in a meeting planning on how to give things away? Or when was the last time you had a discussion with your children on the importance of giving to those less fortunate?

Certainly the Bible teaches we are to respond to those in need by giving. Matthew 5:40-42 says, "If someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."

Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the month of November [actually every day of the year] let us approach the work God has called us to with "Generous and Grateful Hearts." May God touch your life with a generosity that exceeds all understanding. We have certainly experienced God's generosity here at St. Mark's. Please let us remember to give thanks for all the wonderful things God has given us.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Blessings+  
Pastor Don



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# CHURCH NEWS

## Annual Congregational Meeting

We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on **November 18** between services. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

## Scrips Orders

The next Scrips order will be turned in this **Sunday, November 4**. *This is an easy way to earn money for St. Mark's by buying gift cards to the places you already shop.* Please see Carole Ross to order.

## Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on **Sunday, November 18 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.*

## Youth Group

We've had a few changes to the Youth Group schedule. **We now meet on Friday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm, unless there is a scheduled outing or other event that week.** We are planning to meet **November 2, 9, 16, and 30**.

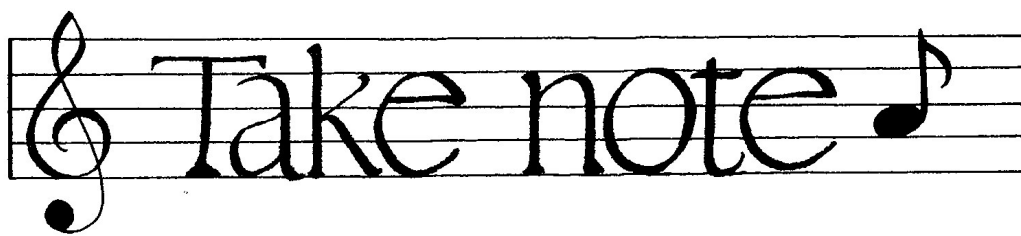
On November 20, we will help out with the Gobbler Gathering. More info will be sent out as it becomes available. Please watch the bulletins and eVine for more information.

Scrip is Fundraising  
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**YOUTH  
GROUP**





If you would like to sing in our Christmas Eve choir, or know someone who would like to join us, please join us for choir practice every Thursday evening in November and December from 6-7pm. There will be no choir practice on Thanksgiving.

We have awesome music planned for Christmas with a bigger instrumental ensemble and choir than we've had in the past and you'll want to be a part of it. We hope to see you there!

Spread the word and let's pack the church on Christmas Eve.

Musically in Christ,

*Debra Ordner*



11/1—Donna Myers

11/1—McKendree Ward

11/2—Mike Myers

11/3—Theresa Blanke

11/10—Jerry Wiegand

11/10—Claire Hawkins

11/11—Elias Trevino

11/14—Lynne Mowrey

11/15—Gary Klotz

11/17—Curtis Mehne

11/18—Linda Larsen

11/18—Robyn Nelson

11/25—Mark Myrick

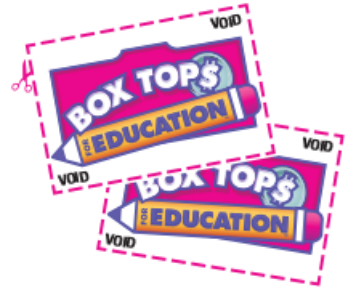
11/25—Susan Gray





## Box Tops for Education

These are little pink and white squares that are on a lot of products such as Kellogg cereals, Green Giant frozen products, Betty Crocker products and many more. If you look in CVS flyer from Sunday's paper on page 4, they have products advertise on sale that have the box top label on them. These will be turned into our local schools for use in acquiring lots of items for their school. Watch for them on what you buy and cut them out. There will be a jar sitting on the table for you to put them in each week. Thanks for participating.



# 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 Wednesday, **November 15**. Thank you!



Gobbler Gathering

## Blessing Bags

We are still collecting items to put together Blessing Bags/Homeless Care Packages for members of our congregation to pass out to the homeless in our community. It's getting colder outside and we are still in need of socks, gloves, snack crackers, shaving cream, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and small packages of baby/body wipes. Please put items on the cart in the Gathering Area. We will be putting bags together during Middle Hour on **November 11**. *Thank you for helping support this important ministry.*





There's a place for you!

## Evening Bible Study

The evening Bible Study will meet **November 6 & 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** at St. Mark's. We will be studying the book of Luke and you do not need to be a member of St. Mark's to join. Please contact Diane Meier if interested.



## Ladies' Night Out

Our next get together will be **Friday, November 2 at 6pm**. Be aware there are date changes for November & December. In November, we will meet a week early on Friday, November 2 and our December meeting will be the St. Mark's Ladies' luncheon at noon (after second service) on December 2. Watch for further details.

## Lunch Crew

The Lunch Crew will meet **November 19 at 12:00 pm at Jason's Deli**. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your church family outside of the church walls. Join us for good food and great fellowship. All are welcome!

## Creative Hands

Creative Hands fellowship group will meet Wednesday, **November 14 & 28 from 9am-2pm** and also on **Saturday, November 17 from 9am-8pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own creative project to work on plus any snacks or lunch you might want. There will be people here during the times listed, however, you are welcome to come when you like and leave when you need. Hope to see you there! —Susann Betz



## New Small Groups

Small groups are an excellent way to connect with and get to know members of your church family who are interested in similar things or have similar life experiences. If you would like to start a small group, please contact the church office to let us know and we will be happy to help you promote it in the newsletters and bulletins.



## We Remember In Our Prayers

Isaac Krodel,  
Richard Torres,  
Mary Ferley,  
Darrell M.,  
Clifford Schmidt,  
Dottie Peteritas,  
Terry Rice,  
Jim Brogan,

Evie Ferguson,  
Bonnie Jaskie,  
Kelcie Richart,  
Kimberlee Grimm,  
Bryce Pitlick,  
John Williams,  
Jesse Cancel,  
Skip Herrera & family,

Arlene Sellers,  
Sharon Bieber,  
Sharon Cota,  
Michael Lawson,  
Mary Lou Thayer,  
Ken & Jan Heugel



## Let Us Pray...

It is a truth worth sharing, Lord, that there is nothing we can say or do that will make you love us more, and nothing we can say or do that will make you love us less, for in your eyes we are all your children, equally precious in your sight.

Such love, so undeserved, poured out and overflowing, so unlike the love that we so often show, demands a response, not only in our prayer but in the thanksgiving offering of our daily lives.

Amen.

—Birch, John. The Act of Prayer: Praying through the Lectionary, Bible Reading Fellowship.



## Please Remember Our Shut-Ins and Homebound Members

Arthur Aarstad—*Newburgh Healthcare*

Norma Cobb—*Home*

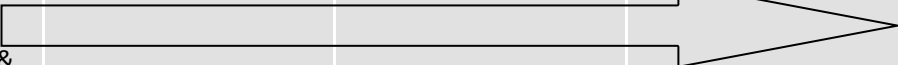
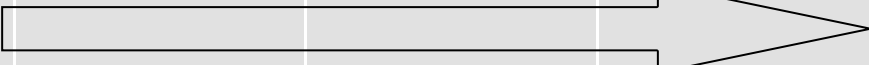
Jan Heugel—*Protestant Home*

Ken Heugel—*Protestant Home*

Dottie Peteritas—*Oasis Dementia Care*



# November Ministry Schedule

	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25
Altar Guild	J— Karen Browning T— Sue Stuckemeyer & Linda Larsen			
Usher	Mike & Judi Chase	Bob Parker/Sherri Zeller	Bob & Gayle Carter	Eugene & Barbara Hamlow
Greeter	J— Marilee Johnson & Pat Powers T—Mike & Judi Chase	J—KewBee McDonald & Diane Meier T—Bob Parker/Sherri Zeller	J— Gary & Mary Klotz T—Tom Pfender & Jim Weitzel	J—John & Ruby Geary T—Eugene & Barbara Hamlow
Communion Assistant	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—	J— T—
Nursery Attendant	J— Margaret Boyles T— Christy Ferley	J— Maria Dennis T—	J— Julie Weyer T— Linda Larsen	J— Angela Koewler T—
Lector	LaVon Niehaus	Wanda Krodel	LaVon Niehaus	
Acolyte	Mackenzie Bryant	Isabella Nelson	Mackenzie Bryant	Isabella Nelson
Assisting Minister	Sherri Zeller	Mark Zeller	Karen Dunlap	Larry Gajderowicz
Coffee Hour	Chase	Koewler	Larsen	Garoutte/Weyer
Kids' Church	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray	J— Susan Gray T— Susan Gray
Media Ministry	J— Mark Myrick & Mary Klotz T— Mike Myers & Carol Courter			



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**Please join us for worship each Sunday**

9 am Contemporary Service

10 am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

11 am Traditional Service