

The Announcer
November 21, 2021

Thrivent Action Grants Still Needed! The Senior ACTS are still in need of action grants to help with their fundraising projects for the National Youth Gathering. Also, the Properties Committee is in need of some grants to assist with the cost of some repairs at church. Please contact Darla if you can apply for a Thrivent grant (and Darla can assist with the process too). Remember: ANY Thrivent member can apply for up to 2 grants per calendar year! Thanks!



Christmas Poinsettias. There is a sign-up sheet on the guest registry table for Christmas poinsettias, which are displayed around the altar for the Christmas season. You may indicate who you are giving one in memory of or you can give to the Glory of God. Please place your donation in the offering plate by December 5th. (Suggested donation is \$20.) Thank you!

Youth Group Golf Fundraiser: There are 500+ golf balls in the Parish Hall. They are there for you to take a look, then take some home. It is our hope that you will leave a free-will donation as you walk away with your treasures.



Holiday Treats & Cookie Sale will be held Saturday, December 11th in the Fellowship Hall. The Senior ACTS and the Women of Our Savior are co-sponsoring it this year. The Senior ACTS are raising money for their National Youth Gathering in July 2022 and the Women of Our Savior continue to use funds for mission work. We are asking our talented congregation to help out by baking Christmas cookies, bars, and treats to be sold that morning. Goodies are sold by the pound. It's not too early to start baking ahead and freezing. Thank you for your support!

Children's Christmas Program Practice begins Sunday, November 28th at 11:30 am. Soup will be provided for the children to eat before practice starts. Please let Sara know if you have any questions. See you then!



Birthdays this week: November 23: Mark; **November 26:** Ken; **November 27:** Jacob.
Wedding Anniversaries this week: November 24: Dennis & Helen; **November 27:** Jeremy & Jamie.

The October - December edition of the *Portals of Prayer* is available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy.

Church Properties Contact Person for November is Bill (563-920-1546). Contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



The Good Neighbor Society is excited to launch their 3rd annual "Christmas Wishes" program. To become a sponsor and grant wishes to the residents: email Paris Schaul at pschaul@goodneighborsociety.org or call her at 563-927-3907 to pick up a wish ticket. Spend \$20-\$40 to fulfill one, two, or all three wishes.

Unwrapped gifts should be dropped off at the Good Neighbor Home by December 1st. Other ways you can support the program are: donate a battery operated mini razor or hair picks, or make a monetary donation to the GNS indicating "Christmas Wishes" on the memo line. Thanks for your support of the GNH residents!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, November 21:	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-10:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
MONDAY, November 22:	6:30-7:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
TUESDAY, November 23:	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
	11:00 am-1:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, November 24:	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Delaware
THURSDAY, November 25:		Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
	11:00 am-4:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
NEXT SUNDAY, November 28:	8:45 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
	11:30 am-1:00 pm	Children's Christmas Program Practice
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
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"A Response to the Problem of Evil" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply? (Luke 1:1-4). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Mission News: The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies. *Remember to thank God for your home. Rejoice and be content in what He has provided for you.*

Generosity Moment: Isaiah 51:6b – "... for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment ..." The things of this earth – the things that hold our attention, that cause us worry, and that tempt us away from the Lord – are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over. Rather, they are to be used for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not the ends, in and of themselves, but only the means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29B) – The sanctity of every human life involves far more than personal choices or political issues. We have the chance to snatch sisters and brothers from destruction (Jude 23) in the epic battle between good and evil. And the Lord's Words do not require our anger to prevail (Psalm 93:4), so let us engage every neighbor with mercy to untangle their confusion (Jude 22). Receive them as gifts and treat them as privileges just like our Father treasures us.

Life Quote: "We pray for God's light to shine on all of our decisions and that every aspect of our lives would be fulfilled within the boundaries of His Law and Gospel. We do not want our worry to guide our search for daily bread (Matthew 6:25-34). Rather, we rely on God's Promise and receive what He has provided with thanksgiving. For we know that with Jesus we have daily bread that endures, even to everlasting life (John 6:28-29)." *Rev. Justin A. Herman, University Lutheran Church, West Lafayette, Indiana - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Building Healthy Families: Over the coming holidays we will spend more time together than usual with our families. As you gather, keep a watchful eye out for excessive negative talk including complaining, fault-finding, and passing on gossip. Sharing gossip and negative messages of gloom and doom is not only sinful and dishonoring to our Father, but it also fosters a depressing atmosphere in the home (...and in the church). Instead, look hard for the positive and talk about it often! "Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely...think on these things." **Philippians 4:8** **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org