

*The Announcer*  
November 10, 2024



**Scrip Cards for Christmas Gifts!** If you want to purchase scrip gift cards/certificates for Christmas gifts, please let Sara know exactly which cards and denominations you want. She will be placing a big order for Christmas on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. You can also request cards we don't normally have on hand such as Ulta Beauty or Bass Pro Shops, etc. Sara can look up any store to see if it is something she can purchase. Most chain stores participate in the scrip program. As always, if you have questions, please reach out to Sara. Thanks!

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church** in Delaware will have their annual Holiday Candy & Cookie Walk on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am. Cookies will be sold by the box for \$12 and candy will be sold by the pound for \$12/lb. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in Delaware!



**Save the date!** The Women of Our Savior and the Senior ACTs will be having their annual Holiday Cookie & Treats sale on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit both groups. As always, there will be lots of goodies to choose from to eat right away or freeze for a later date. It's never too early to start baking ahead and freezing your goodies for the sale. ☺ Thank you for your continued support of the ladies and the youth!

**Church Elections**



**Church Elections:** We will be having our 2-year church elections (2025-2026) for the boards and board directors on December 8<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board. Please prayerfully consider signing up to be on a board or the director of a board. If you have questions on what certain boards do during the year, please reach out to Jim or Sara and they would be happy to get you more information.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated items for the college care packages! The Junior and Senior ACTs packed them last Sunday, and mailed out 16 packages. We truly appreciate your support of our college students!



**Thanksgiving cards** are available on the card stand in the Narthex for \$1 each. There are also a variety of other special occasion cards always available such as wedding, anniversary, birthday, sympathy, and get-well cards. Thank you for supporting the Women of Our Savior!

**SCRIP UPDATES:** We now have some different denominations available - \$10 Walmart cards and \$100 Fareway cards. We also have added scrip gift certificates to Dolce Vita, the new restaurant down town, in \$10 and \$20 increments! Please continue to purchase scrip on Sundays after the worship service, or during the week from Sara in the office. All proceeds benefit the youth group and will help pay for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.



**Birthdays this week:** **November 12:** Carter; **November 13:** Rev. Isaiah; **November 15:** Michael; **November 16:** Joel.

**Wedding anniversaries this week:** **November 12:** Cole & Molly; **November 16:** Ken & Kathy.

**Church Properties Contact Person** for November is Michael (319-521-2817). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.

**This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church**

<b>TODAY, November 10:</b>	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
<b>TUESDAY, November 12:</b>	8:00 am-1:00 pm	Pastor at Winkel (Monticello)
	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
	1:00-4:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>WEDNESDAY, November 13:</b>	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class – SONshine Center
<b>THURSDAY, November 14:</b>	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
	6:30 pm	Parish Planning Council meeting
<b>SATURDAY, November 16:</b>	10:00 am-4:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>NEXT SUNDAY, November 17:</b>	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Sarah Weber's presentation on her mission trip
	6:00-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall reserved



**Youth Group Fundraisers:** The youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in July 2025 have placed envelopes with dollar amounts written on them (\$1-\$100) on the glass wall of the sanctuary. We are asking congregation members to pick envelopes and give donations to the youth group for the amount on the envelope(s). Checks can be made payable to "Senior ACTs". You can leave your donations in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or you can give them to Sara in the office during the week. The youth are also wanting to help assist congregation members with yard work, leaf raking, shoveling snow, assistance at home, etc. and any jobs you would want them to assist with would be for a free-will offering to the youth group. Please contact Sara in the church office to let her know what your needs are, and she will work with the youth to schedule times for them to help. Thanks for supporting our youth!



**We anticipate it will cost each youth and adult around \$1200 to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July – which is around \$19,200 total for 12 youth and 4 adults! This includes the youth gathering registration fee, transportation via bus, hotel rooms, and food. We have a long way to go to raise that much money for the 16 people attending. As always, thank you for your continued support of our youth and the adults who are leading them!**

**RMC Auxiliary Fundraiser:** Holiday Fudge & Caramels pre-orders are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. These are perfect Christmas gifts! Treat yourself to the old-fashioned goodness of mouthwatering fresh fudge, made with real cream and butter! This fudge makes a great gift, so don't forget to get some for friends, relatives, and all of those special people you appreciate. You can freeze it too, and it comes out of the freezer just as fresh as when you put it in.

**ORDER DEADLINE:** December 1st

Our RMC Auxiliary receives 50% of what you spend, so show them your support while getting your gifts and stocking up!

**DELIVERY OPTIONS:**

- Shipped directly to you: \$15 fee
- Distributed by organization: Will ship for free to RMC but must be picked up on Friday, December 20th from 9AM-1PM in the [Sheppard Room](#)

[ORDER NOW](#)

*If you do not want to purchase online, stop by the RMC HILLTOP Gift Shop during normal shop hours to place your order in person and pay via cash or check.*

[RMC HILLTOP Gift Shop Hours](#)

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10AM-2PM*

*Tuesday, Thursday: 8AM-4PM*

**The Lutheran Hour: "Album-Worthy"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy." (Genesis 35:3). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

**Generosity Moment: Colossians 1:10 – "[W]alk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."** Living a godly life really is its own reward. Does the life St. Paul describes here sound more enjoyable than a life of worry, self-aggrandizement and self-centeredness? God wants us to walk closely to our Lord and imitate Jesus for a reason: so that we will be blessed and happy.

**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 give thanks as you pray and thank God for forgiveness. Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.*

**Life Quote:** “For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions.” *Martin Luther ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Trinity XXIV** – Jesus’ people considered bleeding women and deceased daughters (Matthew 9:18-20) not only disposable but defiling. Yet instead of avoiding or discarding them, the Savior draws near and takes hold (Matthew 9:22, 25). Rather than allowing death He wills length of days for them. Won’t the same arm of the Lord and embrace of His body comfort (Isaiah 51:9, 12) in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis? *Prayer: Mighty Savior, open our eyes to behold the sanctity of every human life, and open our arms to share and safeguard it. Amen.*

**Building Healthy Families:** Soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, and marines returning from deployment suffer major depression and PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) at rates much higher than the general population. The lives of service members and their loved ones are forever changed. Who has served our country and now lives in your neighborhood or community? Notice them this week. Then engage your family in planning to show them your respect, appreciation, and love! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## Scrip Gift Cards & Increments

(\*\* local cards)

*~ All proceeds benefit the youth group! ~*

### Retail/Grocery/Fuel:

Amazon: \$25, \$50, \$100  
American Eagle: \$25  
Barnes & Noble: \$10 and \$25  
Bath & Body Works: \$10  
Best Buy: \$25  
Buckle: \$25  
Cabelas: \$25  
\*\* Casey's: \$25 and \$100  
\*\* Castle Theater: \$5  
Claire's: \$10  
Dick's Sporting Goods: \$25  
\*\* **Fareway: \$25, \$50, \$100**  
I-Tunes: \$15 and \$25  
JC Penney: \$25  
Kohl's: \$25 and \$100  
\*\* Kwik Star: \$25, \$50, \$100  
Menards: \$25  
Old Navy/Gap: \$25  
Scheels: \$25  
Target: \$25, \$50, \$100  
\*\* **Walmart: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100**

### Restaurants:

Applebees: \$25  
Buffalo Wild Wings: \$25  
\*\* Burger King: \$10  
Caribou Coffee: \$10  
Chili's: \$25  
Chipotle: \$10  
\*\* Chuong Garden: \$10  
Cold Stone Creamery: \$10  
Cracker Barrel: \$25  
\*\* Dairy Queen: \$5 and \$10  
\*\* **Dolce Vita: \$10 and \$20**  
Dunkin' Donuts: \$10  
\*\* Hardee's: \$10  
McDonald's: \$10  
Noodles and Company: \$10  
Olive Garden/Cheddar's: \$25  
Outback Steakhouse: \$25  
Panera Bread: \$10  
\*\* Pizza Ranch: \$5  
Red Lobster: \$25  
Red Robin: \$25  
Starbucks \$10  
\*\* Subway: \$10  
Texas Roadhouse: \$25

***If you are looking for a gift card not on this list, please contact Sara and she can find out if it is a card we can order.***

**\*\*\* Cards to most restaurants and clothing stores typically offer the highest percentage back.**

**\*\*\* Check out the new scrip gift certificates to Dolce Vita! We also offer \$100 Fareway cards and \$10 Walmart cards! Perfect for Christmas or birthday gifts!**