

November Newsletter 2011



**Thanksgiving 2011 – O Give Thanks Unto the
Lord**

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Thanksgiving Day – November 24, 2011

“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” Revelation 19:9

On this Thanksgiving Day, we pause from our regular schedules and daily routines to reflect on the many things we're thankful for. But for some—perhaps you—giving thanks might not be high on your "to-do" list this year. It may be that you simply don't feel that there are all that many reasons to give thanks. A lost job. Dwindling savings. Poor health. Any one of these circumstances, or a combination of them, may lead you to the conclusion that you can't be happy when you have so little to be thankful for.

But here's some good news to lift your spirit: there's a huge party being planned in heaven, and you're invited. This party is being thrown in honor of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Why? Because Jesus Christ has overcome our sin and all the evil in this world as well as its source, the devil. God has extended an invitation to all people to come and celebrate!

No, being invited to this party won't necessarily mean your career will pick up again, your savings will plump up, or your health will suddenly be restored. But being invited to this party reminds us that the struggles of this life are temporary while the blessings of the wedding supper are

eternal. We can start to identify with the Apostle Paul who wrote, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). Paul was elated to know that he was going to the heavenly wedding party.

God wants more guests there, too. He wants you there. He wants you to share in the joy that is yours in Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Our Thanksgiving Worship Service will be November 23rd at 7:30 PM. The Ingathering this year at our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be for the Leslie Food Pantry. Non-perishable food and other items will be appreciated.

A Letter of Congratulations from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer

“I wanted to take a moment to congratulate all of you on the 165th Anniversary of your congregation. This is a time to come together to celebrate the accomplishments and

recognize the impact your church has had on the lives of those around you.

Your dedication to serving the community has been recognized and it is evident that this milestone is indeed a celebration. This commitment to the parishioners started with humble beginnings on September 1, 1846 and continues today by offering live broadcasts via the internet to people all over the world.

Again congratulations and may you have continued success in the years to come.”

Sincerely,

Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer

9th District of Missouri

Advent by Candlelight

The ladies of Bethlehem LWML have invited our ladies to an evening of preparation for the Christmas season on Sunday, November 27, 2011 at 5:00 PM. We will be hosting a table from Ebenezer. If you would like to attend, please contact Margaret Zastrow or Darleen Edwards. There is room for eight ladies at our table. If the response is great we can reserve another table. It is a very fun evening and lasts about 2 hours.

Thank You!

“I would like to thank all the members, family, and friends of Ebenezer and especially the sausage supper committee for all the hard work that went into making the sausage supper a big success. Special thanks to the folks that worked two shifts to fill in for vacant spots. And...lots

of thanks to this year's committee: Bryan Adams, Mark Kassebaum, Kevin Hoemann and Phil Pelster for handling all the details and pulling it all together. It is truly a team effort. We served over 800 dinners – includes 200+ carryouts. Without your help and support this would not be possible!”

Bob Kirschenmann, Chairman

Recycle Update

October has been a great month for recycle for missions. We have received \$109.40 for aluminum and \$119.18 for walnuts. This brings our recycle aluminum total to \$3,115.00 and our walnut total to \$372.68. Our grand total for all recycling is \$4,256.86. Sincerely thanks to everyone that helped with the recycle for missions possible. These funds will help our missionaries, Robin McCoy, John Strasen, and Mike and Cindy Rodewald.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet on Friday, November 4th at 1:30 PM. The election of the Vice President and Treasurer will be held. The Ladies Aid will have a Christmas Party covered dish luncheon at 12 noon on December 2nd at noon. All ladies of the Church are invited – bring a friend!

Ebenezer Mission Society

The Ebenezer Mission Society would like to thank everyone that donated and purchased items at the Country Store at our Pork Sausage Dinner. The profits will be used for our variety of mission projects. We appreciate everyone who made this possible and pray that our

contributions to the various mission projects will help spread God's love and saving grace.

Our regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st at 7:30 PM. We will be allocating funds from the Country Store to various missions, holding elections for Secretary and Treasurer, planning for Thanksgiving decorations and Advent wreath, and scheduling another sewing night. Everyone is invited to attend and join us!

Highlights of the Quarterly Voter's Meeting

The Quarterly Voter's meeting was held October 17th with 14 members present. Pastor led us in devotion centered on the topic of "Is it right to render taxes unto Ceaser?" For us, he said that we should render ourselves in totalness to God to a holy life. We are marked in baptism by God and justified by grace.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read along with the Stewardship's budget proposal for 2012. The wages and salaries were voted on and it was agreed to give a 3% raise for Pastor, Secretary, Organists, Janitor, Groundskeeper and Bookkeeper.

The Elders are still meeting with Pastor at least monthly.

The Trustee's Report was given and several suggestions were given on what they will be doing about several problems arising around the grounds and church.

Pastor's report stated there were 2 baptisms, 2 marriages and 2 funerals during the past quarter.

The Sunday School/Education report was given stating that VBS was a very big success and that they were able to meet the \$500 commitment to Kids Against Hunger without any help from our treasury. Pastor stated that there will be a movie night to present the life of C. F. W. Walther. The children are sponsoring the Senior Citizens Dinner on December 4th. We will be having more baptisms and adult confirmations soon. 314 pounds of walnuts were picked up on Nut Sunday. We received \$37.68.

The Stewardship Committee made a suggestion to delete a portion of bylaw VII paragraph 8 concerning the job of coming up with a budget for the church every year. It is a great deal of work and it is not ever followed or considered when the bills come in. Motion was made and carried to delete.

The Evangelism committee has promotional pens commemorating our 165th anniversary to be given out. They reported that the anniversary dinner was a success.

The Chairman brought up the topic of district nominations for President, 1st VP and District Circuit Counselor. Pastor has made the recommendation to nominate Rev. Terry Weinhold for President and Rev. Tim Brown for Counselor. The voters agreed that Pastor should make the choices as he knew best who we should nominate.

New lighter weight tables will be purchased for the church basement with some of the money given to our church from Thrivent. The motion was made and carried to sell the old tables and spend up to \$1000 on the lighter weight tables.

The meeting was adjourned with a hymn and a prayer.

News from Robin McCoy

We have received a number of news items from Thailand about the terrible flooding in Bangkok where Robin is a Missionary. The following is a condensed report (dated 10/22/11) on the flooding. Robin has asked us here at Ebenezer to keep her and her friends in Thailand in our prayers.

Thailand's prime minister warned that the kingdom would endure at least one more month of flooding, telling anxious residents in the capital Bangkok to prepare for possible deep water. Millions of nervous Bangkok residents were warned to move their belongings to safety as the kingdom's worst floods in decades began pouring into the outskirts of the city. Bangkok residents have been told to move their belongings at least 3.3 feet off the ground.

Three months of heavy monsoon rains have killed at least 356 people in Thailand and damaged the homes and livelihoods of nine million people, mostly in the north and center of Thailand. About 113,000 people have been forced to seek refuge in shelters. In Bangkok, home to 12 million people, residents have rushed to stock up on food and bottled water, while motorists have parked hundreds of cars on bridges or elevated roads. There are pictures on the bulletin board showing some of the flooding in the home of Robin's friend Pae.

There is an update that we received here October 20th. In the update Robin says they are safe and will remain safe. This update has been attached to the September newsletter from Robin. Please feel free to take one along to read. There are about 6 copies on the table near the entrance.

November Birthdays

Charles Luechtefeld	11-1
Steve Luecker	11-1
Connie Ward	11-1
Todd Satre	11-2
Felix Frye	11-3
Sophia Pohlmann	11-3
Leah Ragan	11-4
Tammy Wettling	11-5
Bryan Adams	11-5
Shirley Hoemann	11-6
Ardell Wagner	11-7
Mary Ann Bellis	11-13
David Summers	11-13
Glenda Alexander	11-15
Bill Pohlmann	11-15
Ben Hoemann	11-15
Thomas Hunter Voss	11-16
Don Warren	11-16
Linda Davis	11-16
Cole Adams	11-17
James Kormeier	11-18
Rodger Hoemann	11-20
Doris Biermann	11-23
Mary Adams	11-23
Pat Anderson	11-23
Angela Bopp	11-23
Paul Brune	11-24
John Edwards	11-24
Rosemary Frye	11-24
Janice Meyer	11-26
Karen Kassebaum	11-29
Drew Scheer	11-30

**We wish all of you a
very “Happy Birthday”
and “Happy
Anniversary”**

*If your birthday or anniversary is
not listed correctly or has not
been listed, please let Mary Sprick
know.*

November Anniversaries

Steve & Judy Luecker	11-2
Jeanna & Steve Voss	11-4
Tom & Pat Anderson	11-10
John & Darleen Edwards	11-17

Usher Schedule for November

1: Bill Pohlmann
2: Tom Anderson
3: Elmer Kellmann
4: Paul Brune
5: Kevin Hoemann
Alternate: Eugene Scheer
Head Usher: Lee Kassebaum

Altar Guild for November

Jenny Redhage and Jennifer Roewe

Acolyte Schedule for November

November 6

Brent Thurmond
Justine Huellinghoff

Bell Ringer

Matthew Kassebaum

November 13

Brian Nelson
Cody Adams

Corey Adams

November 20

Brent Thurmond
Justine Huellinghoff

Jeff Hohlt

November 27

Cody Adams
Brian Nelson

Codie Brunkhorst

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is November 1st and will be observed here at Ebenezer on November 6th. On this day, we will remember with thanksgiving those of our parish who have gone before us with the sign of faith:

Ruth Pelster Gardner 12/11/2010

Oscar Bargaen 12/22/2010

Elda Martha Vohs 3/15/2011

Leonard Louis Brune 3/22/2011

LaVerne Louise Frye 5/3/2011

Cornelia Martha Amalia Bunge 6/29/2011

Kenneth Milton Obermann 8/11/2011

Monthly Treasurer's Summary

September 2011

Beginning checking balance	\$21,524.82
Receipts	\$8,216.32
Disbursements	\$16,127.30
Ending checking balance	\$13,613.84
LCEF savings balance	\$68,853.79
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$18,292.69
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$3,600.00
Monthly receipts needed to meet budget	\$11,798.00
Surplus or (shortfall) in actual receipts	(\$3,581.68)

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Reformation Day	All Saint's Day Walther Movie 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM	Confirmation 6:30 PM Mixed Choir practice 7:00 PM	Adult Confirmation and New member orientation 7:00 PM	Pastor at Seminary in AM Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	Worship 5:00 PM with Holy Communion
All Saints Day (Observed) Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM – Holy Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends Adult Confirmation -		Election Day Elders – 7:00 PM	Confirmation 6:30 PM	Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483	Veterans Day	Worship 3:00 PM
22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM		Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM	Confirmation 6:30 PM Mixed Choir practice 7:00 PM	Education and Sunday School Teachers 7:00 PM		Worship 3:00 PM with Holy Communion
23 rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM – Holy Communion	Mission Society 7:30 PM		Confirmation 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:30 PM	Thanksgiving Day		Worship 3:00 PM
1 st Sunday in Advent Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Advent by Candlelight 5:00 PM - Bethlehem			St. Andrew, Apostle Confirmation 6:30 PM Mixed Choir practice 7:00 PM			