

# November Newsletter 2016



## Thanksgiving Services November 23 – 7:00 PM

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## **From the Pastor's Desk:**

### **Giving Thanks!**

*“O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever” (Psalm 136:1).*

The love of the Lord does endure forever because the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. He was crucified for our transgressions, but He is raised and lives forever for our justification. We are acceptable to God in Christ Jesus.

This is indeed something for which we give thanks. We give thanks in our prayers. We give thanks in the hymns we sing in church. We give thanks by talking about it with our friends and neighbors and teaching it to our children and grandchildren. And we give thanks by giving to the church a generous, first-fruits portion of the income He provides us.

Giving is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever.

Let us then give thanks in all these ways, not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer and praise, in teaching and giving, let us give thanks to God for He is good.

**Prayer: With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.**

**With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise! LW 494**

### **Thanksgiving Service**

**Ebenezer's Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM.** During the service a collection will be taken by the Ebenezer Mission Society of non-perishable food items, household cleaning products and personal hygiene goods to be given to the **Leslie Food Pantry**. This year many people are in need and the food pantry is in dire need of food, cleaning needs and personal hygiene goods. We are one of the larger congregations that support this food bank in Leslie. Please remember those in need in your prayers and your contributions.

Please come and thank our Lord for a great year and the many spiritual blessings He has given us. Donations can be brought to the Thanksgiving service or placed in the basement prior to the service.

### **Pork Sausage Dinner**

We would like to thank all the members, families, and friends of Ebenezer and especially the Sausage Supper Committee for all the hard work that went into making the Sausage Supper a success again this year. We also want to especially thank all the members and families who donated the pies and bread, we certainly appreciate your donations and all the work that went into getting things ready – including peeling potatoes. We served approximately 700 + meals. Lots of appreciation goes to the committee for handling all the details and pulling it all together. It is truly a team effort and without your help and support this would not be possible.

## **LFCS – Special Food Drive**

Lutheran Family & Children's Services will have a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Proceeds will benefit low-income families that work directly with Lutheran Family & Children's Services. Any leftover supplies will be donated to Loving Hearts Food Pantry. Lutheran Family & Children's Services is located at 15 S. Oak St., Union, MO 63084.

The goal of this food drive is to provide low-income families with food items needed to cook a full Thanksgiving meal. Please only provide non-perishable items up until the week prior to Thanksgiving. All perishable items can be dropped off after Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring items and set them by the food table at the back of church. We will take them to LFCS in Union.

The following can be dropped off November 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
Boxed stuffing mix, Canned gravy, Gravy mix packages, Canned cranberry sauce, Canned broth, Pumpkin pie filling, Brown sugar, Marshmallows, Canned sweet potatoes, Canned green beans, Canned corn, Cream of chicken soup, French fried onions.

Please drop off the following items November 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
Pie crusts, Milk, Butter, Potatoes (regular & sweet potatoes), Biscuits/rolls.

If you need more information or have questions, please call Leeann at 314-785-7302 or email her at [leeannp@lfcs.org](mailto:leeannp@lfcs.org)

## **Ebenezer Mission Society Information**

The Ebenezer Mission Society will hold their quarterly meeting on November 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM. At this meeting we will be designating the Country Store proceeds for our

mission projects. All women of the congregation are welcome to join and attend this important meeting.

### **A Big Note of Appreciation**

The Ebenezer Mission Society would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Country Store. All proceeds will be used for mission projects and we appreciate your help!!

### **Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner**

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington will have their 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Club Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Serving starts at 11:00 AM. Adults - \$10.00; Children 6-12 yrs. - \$5.00; Children 5 & Under are Free. The dinner will be served family style from 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM and cafeteria style from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.\

### **Information From Grace's Place**

Grace's Place is a Crisis Nursery in Washington. Their motto is "Keeping Kids Safe in Times of Crisis 24/7/365 Help Without Judgement". Our Ladies Aid gave a donation at the Ladies Day Out at Ponderosa Restaurant on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They have sent us the following information: "Thank you for your support! Your donation directly impacted the lives of children right here in our community – because real problems exist right here, right now". The numbers of children served year to date –

	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
<b>A. Number of Children served</b>	286	530
<b>B. Average number Of children served Per month</b>	40	75
<b>C. Number of meals Served</b>	429	834

Did you know that in Missouri 268,000 children live in a state of food insecurity:

- A. 306,000 children live in poverty,**
- B. 45,000 children are abused or neglected.**
- C. In our area 565 children are currently homeless,**
- D. 42% of kids are receiving free/reduced lunches.**

**Program Updates –**

- A. We are adding a fire escape, which will allow us to serve additional and older children;**
- B. We added a full-time case manager in 2016;**
- C. We sent 30 children back-to-school in 2016 with new shoes, backpacks and all of their school supplies;**
- D. We will once again have our holiday adopt-a-family program this fall/winter.**

Mark your calendars with the following dates of activities sponsored by Grace's Place:

- A. Grace's Place Day of Giving 11/5/16;**
- B. Cookies with Santa 12/3/16;**
- C. Volunteer Appreciation 11/4/17;**
- D. Grace's Place Vintage Market 4/21 – 23, 2017.**

**Grace's Place is located at 301 Lafayette Street, P.O. Box 83; Washington, Missouri 63090.**

**Poinsettia Information**

We have been in contact with Paula at Seitter's Flower Market. She will be able to order Poinsettias for us again this year. We can have them by December 18<sup>th</sup>, but she will need to order them by November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Poinsettias are \$8.99 each. Please let Mary Sprick know how many you would like

to order and place in our Church at Christmas time. Thank you! Order forms will be available soon.

### Walnut Collection

This year we collected **1,354 pounds** of shelled walnuts from our church, Dale Schroeder's, Babs Kormeier's, and Luella Scheer's homes. We received \$223.35 from Beaufort Feed Store for the walnuts. This money will go support our missionaries in foreign lands. Our thanks go out to Nathan Hiatt and Tracey Bade for the use of their trucks and to our families that allows to collect walnuts for our missions.

### November Birthdays

Charles Luechtefeld	11-1
Steve Luecker	11-1
Connie Ward	11-1
Nathan Hiatt	11-2
Todd Satre	11-2
Kimberly Gerding	11-2
Felix Frye	11-3
Tammy Wettling	11-5
Danielle Gerding	11-5
Bryan Adams	11-5
Shirley Hoemann	11-6
Julie Crego	11-6
Kadie Crego	11-8
Katelyn Riechers	11-8
Mary Ann Bellis	11-13
David Summers	11-13
Jake William Eckelkamp	11-14
Glenda Alexander	11-15
Ben Hoemann	11-15
Don Warren	11-16
Cole Adams	11-17
Norman Schroeder	11-17

Tom Shearman	11-19	
Rodger Hoemann	11-20	
Doris Biermann	11-23	
Mary Adams	11-23	
Pat Anderson	11-23	
Angela Bopp	11-23	
Paul Brune	11-24	
Rosemary Frye	11-24	
Tate Brune	11-25	
Janice Meyer	11-26	
Derick Gerding	11-27	<i>If your birthday or anniversary is</i>
Karen Kassebaum	11-29	<i>not listed or listed incorrectly, please</i>
Drew Scheer	11-30	<i>let Mary know. Thank you!</i>

### **November Anniversaries**

Andrew and Kelsey Schroeder	11-2
Steve and Judy Luecker	11-2
Joseph and Marie Wettling	11-6
Tom and Pat Anderson	11-10
Jon and Peggy King	11-16
Chad and Julie Crego	11-26

### **Usher Schedule for November**

2: Alan Hilkerbaumer  
3: Elmer Kellmann  
4: Paul Brune  
5: Doug Eckelkamp  
Alternate: Eugene Scheer  
Head Usher: Lee Kassebaum

### **Altar Guild for November**

Janice and Lindsey Meyer



## Bell Ringer Schedule for November

### November 6

Jeff Hohlt

### November 13

Tyler Kasman

### November 20

Cody Adams

### November 27

Corey Adams

### Please Note

The Mixed Choir will begin practice again on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

### **Monthly Treasurer's Summary September 2016**

Beginning checking balance	\$10,188.09
Receipts	\$11,432.19
Disbursements	\$10,848.21
Ending checking balance	\$10,772.07
LCEF savings balance	\$30,362.24
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$21,028.67
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$3,600.00
Year-to-date income less expenses	-\$17,607.19

## **Noah - The Man, The Ark, The Flood**

### **Bible Study 10:00 AM – Nov. 3, 10, 17**

A five centuries-old man building a huge boat on the startling news of coming floodwaters - sounds like the makings of one remarkable story. It is. Jump in and get your feet wet with Noah: The Man, The Ark, The Flood.

Hosted by Rev. Kurt Klaus and filmed on location at the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, this four-part Bible study from the Men's NetWork looks at the biblical character of Noah, his life and times, and the remarkable vessel he built to escape the waters of the flood. Along the way, commentary from numerous specialists considers the issue of extreme human age, how building such a watercraft was possible, the extent of the flood's reach, how a single vessel could hold such a multitude of animals, and the phenomena of far-flung flood stories in other cultures.

The Genesis account of a cataclysmic flood in chapters six through nine is one of the Old Testament's more timeless sagas. It chronicles Noah and his devout righteousness, contrasting his blameless fidelity to God with the wanton corruption and violence God saw at work in the world around Noah. Along with his immediate family, Noah is singled out for God's blessing-and salvation-from the waters of a flood let loose to wipe out every living thing-except the people and creatures aboard the ark. The story is an extraordinary one to be sure and ends with God blessing Noah and his family for their obedient faithfulness, making a covenant with them to never again destroy the earth by a flood.

**The Bible Study will be held in the Fellowship hall at church. Please come. Note that there will be no evening study for this course.**

# November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor's Conference – Lake of the Ozarks	2 Confirmation 6:30 PM	3 Noah - The Man, The Ark, The Flood – Bible Study 10:00 AM	4 Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	5 Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 PM
6 Sunday School 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 PM <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	7	8 Election Day  Elders 7:00 PM	9 Confirmation 6:30 PM	10 Noah - The Man, The Ark, The Flood – Bible Study 10:00 AM	11  Veterans Day	12 Worship 3:00 PM
13 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00	14	15	16 Confirmation 6:30 PM	17 Noah - The Man, The Ark, The Flood – Bible Study 10:00 AM	18	19 Worship with Holy Communion 3:00 PM
20 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 PM	21 Mission Society Meeting 7:00 PM Decorating for Thanksgiving	22	23 Confirmation 6:30 PM <b>Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM</b>	24  Thanksgiving Day	25	26 Worship 3:00 PM
27 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	28	29	30 Confirmation 6:30 PM Advent Worship 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM			