

November Newsletter 2017



Thanksgiving Services November 22 – 7:00 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Giving Thanks!

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!
1 Chronicles 16:31-34.

On November 24th, Thanksgiving Day, America stops to count its blessings.

Actually, I ought to say today is the day when most Americans count their blessings. I say most, because, according to a new study done by LifeWay Research, there are those who just don't do a lot of thanking. Instead, their survey said that seven percent of Americans don't offer up any thanks on Thanksgiving Day. Another four percent said they don't thank God, or family, or anybody else, for that matter. Two percent said they have nothing for which to be thankful.

I'll bet they're a lot of fun to have at the holiday table.

That being said, the giving of thanks remains important to the vast majority of our people and, even though the Lord has been insulted by society and shoved to the side by various groups, most of us still give thanks to our God for all He has done for us.

Now that doesn't mean we're all thankful for the same thing. We're not.

For example, if you are 65 or older, you are most likely thankful for family (92 percent) and good health (86 percent). A lot lower on your list would be things like "fun experiences."

On the other hand, if you are 25 or younger, you are likely to really value those fun experiences (70 percent) and your own personal achievements (61 percent).

Is there any common place where age groups come together and show an appreciative attitude?

The answer is yes. No, it's not in offering thanks for money or a good job. Nor do most folks wish to show their gratitude for friends and a comfortable home.

That which brings together young and old, rich and poor, educated and self-taught is -- can you guess -- it's family. It is in our families that we do our best and most frequent arguing, but it is also in our families that we find love, understanding and compassion. Maybe that explains why 80 percent of people put "family" at the top of their list.

Following up were things like health (77 percent), personal freedom (72 percent), and friends (71 percent).

Now I know you just have to be dying to find out what was at the bottom of people's lists for appreciation. Well, it's not what I would have thought. No, occupying the lowest spot is wealth.

Now I don't know how you would have answered those pollsters if they had called you. But I most certainly pray you would have insisted they put "My Savior" into their list. Truly, if you have the Savior and all the blessings His

sacrificial life has won, you have everything you need. Without Him, well, without Him, the other blessings, while still wonderful, somehow don't shine as bright.

**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 22 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 650 + meals. \$8,877.75 was the total receipts for the dinner. 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. Also, a special thanks for the members that spent Monday and Tuesday cleaning the church.

**Monthly Treasurer’s Summary
September 2017**

Beginning checking balance	\$20,989.06
Receipts	\$6,805.13
Disbursements	\$11,454.69
Ending checking balance	\$16,339.50
LCEF savings balance	\$30,551.88
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$21,659.53
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	\$-17,249.24

Ebenezer Mission Society Information

The Ebenezer Mission Society will meet November 20 at 6:30 to sew rice bags with the important mission project selection meeting to follow. Women of the congregation are welcome.

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

Mixed Choir Practices

The Mixed Choir will begin practice again on November 1 and November 15 at 7:00 PM in church balcony. The Choir will be practicing for Thanksgiving and for the Advent/Christmas season. Everyone is welcome to sing.

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
Caleb Phelps	11-11
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
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
Karen Kassebaum	11-29

Drew Scheer 11-30

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

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

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

Altar Guild for November

Marilyn Bade and Bonnie Gardner

Bell Ringer Schedule for November

November 5

Corey Adams

November 12

Cody Adams

November 19

Trent Huellinghoff

November 26

Jeff Hohlt

Christmas Tree and Church Decorating Party

On November 26 we will have a church decorating Party after the 10:00 AM service. We will be putting up the Christmas Tree and decorating the church and fellowship hall. Please join us and also enjoy lunch.

Senior Christmas Party

The annual Senior Christmas Party will be December 3rd at 12:00 PM. We need volunteers to bake cookies. Please contact Karen Sprick.

A Big Note of Appreciation

The Ebenezer Mission Society would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Country Store. Over \$2400 was received for mission projects. The Ebenezer Mission Society will meet on November 20 to allocate the funds. Mark the date and come and help us select the recipients. 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 74th Annual Men's Club Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, November 5, 2017. 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	2 Bible Study 10:00 AM	3 Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	4 Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:00 PM
5 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00	6	7 Elders 7:00 PM	8	9 Bible Study 10:00 AM	10	11 Worship 3:00 PM Veterans Day
12 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00	13	14 Pastor's Conference at Lake of the Ozarks	15 Pastor's Conference at Lake of the Ozarks Choir 7:00 PM	16 Pastor's Conference at Lake of the Ozarks	17	18 Worship w/ Holy Communion 3:00 PM
19 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00	20 Ebenezer Mission Society & Rice bag sowing 6:30 PM	21	22 Confirmation 6:30 Thanksgiving Worship 7:00 PM	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 Worship 3:00 PM
26 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Christmas Tree Decorating after church	27	28 Education/Sunday School Teachers 7:00 PM	29	30 Bible Study 10:00 AM St. Andrew the Apostle		