

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – November 2024

Pastor's Paragraphs

“Generous”

What does that word mean to you? Perhaps you think of someone who readily shares their money, time, or knowledge. Maybe you think of it as another way of saying a lot. (As in a generous slice of pie.) Perhaps it means someone who is magnanimous and kind-hearted. Maybe it brings to mind something fertile and productive. All of these are good ways to understand the word generous.

Our stewardship drive for 2025 is all about being generous. This is more than just coaxing you to give money to the church. It is about developing the attitude behind it.

It is hard to be generous if you live a life of scarcity. If you have little food it is hard to share. If you have a lot of bills and not much money it is hard to see how you can include charitable giving. If you work in a cut-throat industry it is unwise to let competitors know your trade secrets. If you have lots of demands on your time it is difficult to have time for volunteer work. Only when you feel a sense of abundance can you be generous.

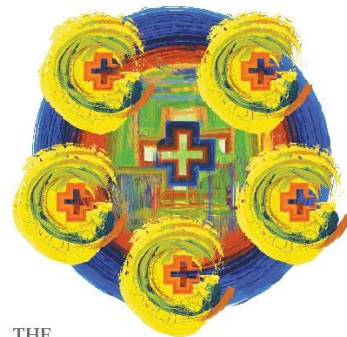
It is always ironic to me that the advertisements give a sense of abundance if you have the product they are selling, yet acquiring the product is just one more burden in an overburdened life! Our society runs on a sense of scarcity.

How can we be generous when everything always seems scarce? We tell ourselves that if we could be like Jesus and feed thousands of people with five loaves of bread and two fish, or turn water into wine, then we could be generous. But when you have to work hard to earn everything generosity is hard.

Generosity is not easy. It never has been. But it is something that can be developed. We learn it and develop in our homes when there is trust and faithfulness. We further learn it in our church as we live with other people who are generous. And, when the church works well, the church proves it is a good steward of the resources we generously give to it.

The church's annual stewardship drive is about more than just asking for money. It is asking for a partnership among all of us so that our combined resources are used well. You'll learn more about this year's focus on generosity when you get the letter introducing drive. I hope your sense of generosity includes more than just

giving, but also in helping to partner in making the church a community worthy of being generous to.
Blessings,
Pastor Jon



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GENEROSITY
PROJECT

Growing in God's Grace Generation to Generation

2025 Stewardship Drive

Our 2025 stewardship drive will run from Pie Sunday (Sunday, October 27) to the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner (Sunday, November 24). Your materials will include a letter about the drive, a time and talent sheet for 2025, and a pledge card. If you can't make it to the kickoff on Pie Sunday we'll mail your materials to you.

Each Sunday in November our worship services will be about generosity. We'll also hear stories of generosity from each other. Please return your pledge card and time and talent sheet to the church at the Thanksgiving dinner, or perhaps before. Let's make 2025 a strong year for our church!

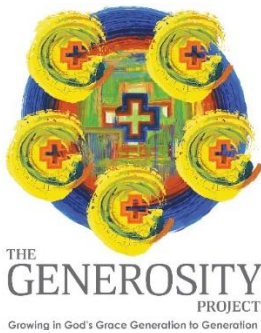


Prayer Service for Election Day

There is a great deal of anxiety as we head into this year's elections. On November 4th, the day before Election Day, we will have a special prayer service at 7pm. This service has been developed by the Rev. Gail Swanson, pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church in Brighton. It is not political. It is an invitation for God's presence and guidance in the election.

November Worship Assistants

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Greeters & Ushers	Helen Crown	Phyllis Henderson	Linda Flood	Janice Lockwood
Acolyte	Alyssa Young	Thomas Bullwinkle	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young
Altar Care (10:30)	Sue Kaufmann		Sue Kaufmann	
Communion Assistants	Mary Zuege		Greg Zuege	
Counters	Burdie Gillern Babette Huber	Mary and Greg Zuege	Anne Stromstad Michele Myers	Bill and Katy Stimmel
Coffee Hour	Anniversary Chicken Barbeque		First Communion – Nancy Shuler	Parish Thanksgiving Dinner



The Generosity Project November Worship Readings

We'll look at these readings during worship as part of our 2025 Stewardship Drive in November:

November 3 John 6:1-14
November 10 Acts 2:41-47
November 17 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
November 24 Matthew 19:16-30



Worship In-person and Zoom

10:30 is in-person worship in the sanctuary and also by Zoom. The Zoom link for 10:30 is emailed weekly. If you cannot connect to the 10:30 service with a computer you can still hear and participate in the service with any phone.

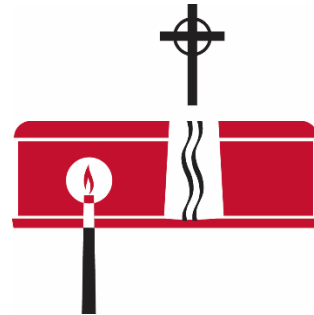
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Pie Sunday



Reformation Sunday is October 27 this year. So, as is our tradition we will have pie for coffee hour! There will be pie after both worship services. If you signed up to bring a pie, thank you. If not, it looks like we'll have plenty. Come and enjoy!

All Saints Remembrance



All Saints Sunday is November 3rd. As a part of worship services that day the names of all congregational members and friends of the congregation who have died during the past year will be read. If you have a friend or family member you'd like to have included in the prayers please give the name to Pastor Jon.



Election Day Bread Sale

We are known as the polling place that has bread! Even when people are grouchy about their choices on the ballot they love the smell of bread when they enter the building. We're again having a bread sale for the general election on November 5. If you can, please consider making and donating a yeast bread or sweet bread (banana, zucchini, etc.). We'll also be baking various breads at church all day. We will begin at 3am and continue until about 7pm. If you are able to come by the church to be a part of the baking crew please talk to Pastor Jon.

125th Anniversary Chicken Barbeque - November 3

We're having a chicken barbeque as part of our celebration of our 125th anniversary. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many chickens to prepare. The sign up also invites you to bring a dish to pass. If you can't bring anything that's fine. Just come and enjoy the food and celebration!



Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be held On Sunday, November 24th after the 10:30 worship service. Please look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the gathering area to see what food items you can bring. Many of the dishes on the table this year will be from food grown in our own garden. Also be sure to bring a empty stomach ready to be filled!



- David Storch as he lives in a memory care facility.
- Becca (Boisseau) DeCann as she is again having heart rhythm issues.
- Jacob Sussan, friend of the Boisseaus, who is 24 years old and is receiving treatments for Stage 3 colon cancer.
- Amy Farr, friend of the Boisseaus, who lives in North Carolina and is awaiting a lung transplant.
- Marilyn Bair who is currently home but needs a lot of care.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with the church siding replacement around the handicapped bathroom and pastor's office.
- Thank you to John DeLeon for painting the new siding.
- Thank you to John Cipollina for repairing the ceiling in the handicapped bathroom and wall in the pastor's office where the air conditioner used to be.
- Thank you to everyone who helped to mow the lawn in October.
- Thank you to Jim and Karen Spawton for leading the 10:30 worship service and performing the skit on September 29.
- Thank you to Mary Zuege for helping to prepare the rooms for the Children's Disaster Services training event.

From Mary Zuege-
St. John's hosted a volunteer training for Children's Disaster Services on October 18-19. This organization is part of the American Red Cross and ministers to children whose families have been displaced by weather events or other disasters. A BIG shout-out to Jim Spawton for de-glitching their power point presentation and Gary Boisseau for stopping by to turn off a pesty alarm that would have disturbed everybody's sleep.



October Bible Trivia Answers

(These are particularly difficult.)

1. We are to live a life worthy of what? Answer: The calling to which you've been called. (Ephesians 4:1)
2. We are to live as children of what? Answer: light (Ephesians 5:8)
3. Who is the only person other than Paul named in Ephesians? Answer: Tychicus (Ephesians 6:21)
4. Why should we speak the truth to our neighbors? Answer: We are members of one another (Ephesians 4:25)

November Bible Trivia Questions

(Hint: All of the answers may be found in the Bible readings used during worship in November.)

1. Who provides the five loaves and two fish Jesus uses to feed the 5000?
2. How many baskets of leftovers were there from the feeding of the 5000?
3. What does Jesus tell the rich man he needs to do for eternal life?
4. What does Jesus say can fit through the eye of a needle easier than a rich person getting to heaven?

Community Outreach Committee



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard is again giving Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in our area. Please consider giving a financial donation directly to the food cupboard. However, if you would like to purchase items for this year's baskets, we are collecting boxes of stuffing. There will be a box in the Gathering Area during the first half of October. If you have questions contact Burdie Gillern.



Victor Holiday Giving Tree

The idea of giving gift cards instead of gifts has been well received by parents in previous years. So we are again asked to provide gift cards in the amount of \$25.00. The card can be to a store of your choice (Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohls, etc.)

A sign-up display is posted in the gathering area. You are asked to sign your name, remove the slip attached to the line and leave your phone number. If you wish to give more than one \$25 gift card you can sign your name on another line. Please tape the slip(s) to the purchased card(s) before they are returned to church. If you don't want to get the gift card yourself you can give \$25 to Burdie Gillern or push cash in and envelope in the offering and label is for Holiday Giving Tree.

The cards need to be at the church by Sunday, November 10th. There will be a box on the usher's stand to put the cards in or you can give them to Burdie.

The Outreach Committee members thank you for your generous support as we try to do what works best for helping to provide our area families in need with a joyful Christmas.



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit Anniversary Challenge

For our 125th anniversary we're challenging ourselves to make 125 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are distributed to those temporarily displaced by natural disasters, refugees, or whenever people must flee for safety.

If you can provide all the items for a few kits that would be great. But all donations are appreciated, so feel free to give just parts. Here is what each kit needs:

- one lightweight bath size towel
- one pair nail clippers
- one adult sized toothbrush in its original packaging
- one sturdy comb (remove packaging)
- two bath sized bars of soap

You're welcome to bring the items to church any time before December 22. On December 22 we'll bring all the items onto the altar and bless them before we make the kits. More details will be in the December newsletter.

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons	2 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	3 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	1 <u>All Saints Day</u> 3-8 Cello Lessons	2
3 <u>All Saints Sunday</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Anniversary Chicken Barbeque	4 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Election Eve Prayer Service 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 <u>Election Day</u> 3am – 7pm Bread baking 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons	6 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	7 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	8 3-8 Cello Lessons	9
10 <u>25th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word 11:30 Worship and Music Committee	11 3-7 Violin Lessons 6:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons	13 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	14 10:00 Bible study at the Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	15 3-8 Cello Lessons Children's Disaster Services Training	16
17 <u>26th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	18 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Property Committee	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	21 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	22 3-8 Cello Lessons	23
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