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## From the Pastor's Desk...



I could not possibly say it better than this! So this month, I share some reflections from Pastor Scott Hannon of St. John Lutheran Church in Amherst, NY:

*“Admit it. You’ve done it. We all have. In this instance, we’re all guilty.*

*It makes no matter whether we are Democrat, Republican or Independent, white or black, rich or poor. We all point the finger.*

*We have made presumptions that, quite simply, aren’t true. We’ve cast judgments on others that are baseless. We’ve thought ourselves higher and better than others. We’ve wondered, “What’s wrong with these people?” “How could they think that?” “How could they support that?”*

*We criticize, call out and condemn. We’ve knocked down rather than built up. When our heads hit the pillow at night, we fall asleep thinking that we’re the heroes in the story of our lives. We believe that we’ve got it right; and those other guys... they’re wrong. At times we’re even tempted to pray, “Thank God, I’m not like those people.”*

*In scripture (Luke 18:9-14), Jesus tells the story of two people – a proud Pharisee and a humble tax collector. The Pharisee, he says, stands by himself and prays this way: (continued)*

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*“Thank you, Jesus! That I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, and adulterers, or even like this guy!”[he says pointing at the tax collector]*

*In contrast, the tax collector standing far off at a distance does not even dare to lift his head, but instead, beats his chest and laments to God: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”*

*Jesus tells his audience it isn’t the proud finger-pointer who walks away righteous, but the repentant sinner. And in doing so he offers an ancient lesson that is as relevant as ever. We are not to judge. It is not up to us to condemn or even to criticize. Rather, we are to humble ourselves. To remember the adage our teachers taught us in middle school: When you point the finger at another, three point back at you.*

*In these days where everything is contested, where we make snap judgments on entire classes of people, where we point the finger more than ever – may we heed the wisdom our Lord gives to his first disciples: ... all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

*This is Jesus’ counsel to Democrats and Republicans, the rich and the poor, black and white, and the Pharisee and the tax-collector.”*

Thank you Pastor Scott! May we humble ourselves today and everyday!  
Lord, make me humble today and stop pointing fingers. Amen

Peace,  
*Pastor Andy*

# 2024 Business Meeting

There will be a fall business meeting  
December 8th at 9:45am in the

**Agenda Items:** Fellowship Hall.

- Election of Congregation Council Members
- Election of 2025 Nominating Committee
- 2025 Ministry Plan

Information Session  
for 2025 Ministry Plan

December 1st

9:45 AM





Kids Worship  
Sundays 11:00 am



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays

- 6:00 PM Youth Dinner
- 6:30 PM Youth Groups
- 7:30 PM Young Adult





**FRIENDSGIVING**



**Wednesday Nov.  
20th 6:00 PM**



LWR Quilters Guild  
will meet Wednesday  
November 20th  
1-4 PM





## Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunday November 24, 2024  
After the 11am Service

Turkey and Ham will be provided  
by the church!  
Bring a Thanksgiving side to  
share!



SOUTH HALL



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Item of  
the  
month



Packages of  
pasta noodles  
can be  
dropped off  
in the  
Narthex.

## Congregation Paint Night



**Join together for a fun  
night of  
painting with guest teacher  
Scottye Sisk. Saturday  
November 2nd from 5:00-  
8:00 PM. No experience  
necessary! All supplies  
provided. Food, Fellowship,  
and fun for ALL!  
Sign up in the Narthex or  
Fellowship hall.**





Dear Church family,

We continue to serve Family Promise and they have a new way to make things easier. They have found that frozen meals are a great way to fit the varying schedules and meet the needs of families with children. I will put their suggestions below. If they receive the frozen food by 4:00, they can get it in the oven and have it ready for the families. I feel if 2 or 3 of us got together, it would be very little cost per person and quite doable. If you would rather make a monetary donation and have us do the shopping we can do that too. Our idea of Sam's pizza and a side is still a popular option. Please let Toni Zavadil know at [tjzavadil@gmail.com](mailto:tjzavadil@gmail.com) or text to 770-519-3346. Here is the message from Family Promise...

*Frozen meal ideas: If you choose this option please still sign up on Meal Train and drop off food by 4:00 so we can cook it.*

*Feel free to add a vegetable, salad or fresh fruit, bread or frozen garlic bread.*

*Stouffer's Party Size Chicken Enchiladas*

*Stouffer's Party Size Chicken Lasagna*

*Stouffer's Party Size Lasagna with Meat Sauce*

*Stouffer's Party Size Five Cheese Lasagna*

*Stouffer's Party Size Mac & Cheese*

*Walmart Great Value Mexican Style Lasagna*

*Walmart Great Value Lasagna with Meat Sauce*



Plan on enough to serve 25-30 ppl.



Please make sure all financial institutions for giving are mailing checks to:

**Christ Lutheran Church  
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## Iglesia Luterana de Cristo



Spanish Speaking  
Service  
Sundays at 1:00PM  
Todos son  
bienvenidos

Estudio bíblico semanal  
en casa

Por favor, póngase en  
contacto con

Pr. Julie Crosby 404  
933 2115

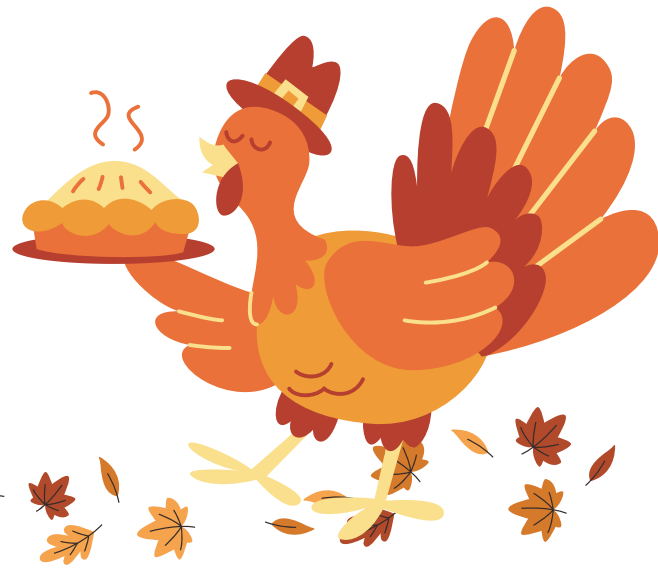
In home weekly bible study  
Please contact  
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# Confirmation

## Nov. 9th

### 1:00 pm





Fall is here and it is time to begin thinking about doing the annual shoe box ministry. I have been stashing things all year in the cupboard in the Bill Wonnacot room. We look for things like school supplies, washcloths and soap, toothbrushes and other small health care items that are on the list of things. Having a nice toy or item starts us off and then I promise you we cram those boxes to their maximum full limit.

I buy nice balls and pumps, dolls and at least 1 other change of clothes to start my boxes. We need small sized socks, little stuffed toys, and flashlights, especially ones that don't need batteries. We need to ship these out mid November and this is a project the youth enjoy helping. Boxes are coming soon for those who would rather pack a box, but if you just want to donate items. please get them to me or the church office and I will add them to our growing stash. Thank you. Toni Zavadil 770-519-3346 or [tjzavadil@gmail.com](mailto:tjzavadil@gmail.com)







Please join Elke and Shawn Baumgartner as they participate in Project J.O.Y. (Jesus.Others.Yourself.) to serve over 500 meals to those looking for a warm meal and fellowship on Thanksgiving Day. This year the need for assistance is greater as several prior volunteers have had to step away for personal matters. A great, immediate need is for a kitchen supervisor on Thanksgiving Day who can work/manage the kitchen staff as they prepare the food. Beyond that, donations are needed for canned goods - see list in flyer - as well as monetary donations for the purchase of turkeys. A donation box for canned goods will be setup in the Narthex and monetary donations - \$15 per turkey - can be given to Elke Baumgartner, via cash, check (payable to "Cash" if possible) or via Venmo to @ebaum5928. If a tax receipt is needed, please see Elke Baumgartner. WELCA will be helping with the baking of desserts. This year's outreach will find volunteers not only volunteering at the Masonic Lodge in Gainesville, but also serving at local motels used by those in need so as to help bring food and faith to them! If anyone is interested in volunteering to help promote the event or on the actual day, whether at the Masonic Lodge or offsite, please speak with Elke Baumgartner - 516-413-5339.

## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE. THESE ARE THE ITEMS WE NEED.

### FOOD ITEMS

- TURKEYS
- CANNED YAMS
- CANNED GREEN BEANS
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- DINNER ROLLS
- DESSERTS

### OTHER ITEMS

- HINGED TO GO BOXES
- DISPOSABLE ALUMINUM PANS

## MONETARY DONATIONS

Rose Moon  
@ProjectJOY





WELCA Women of the Evangelical Lutheran church in America will meet on Monday November 11 at 11:30 in the parish hall . Lunch will be provided by Nancy Garland, Cindy Grastat , and Diane Mulkey . Devotion will be done by Zona Buchen. Our WELCA group will help with the J.O.Y. project by donating baked good. Items - Cookies, unfrosted brownies and cakes, and pies are requested. Please sign up at our meeting to bring a dessert or contact Zona Buchen, Drop off day for baked goods will be Nov 26. Also check the WELCA bulletin board in the hallway for upcoming news and events. President Zona Buchen 229 591-0037



**Important**

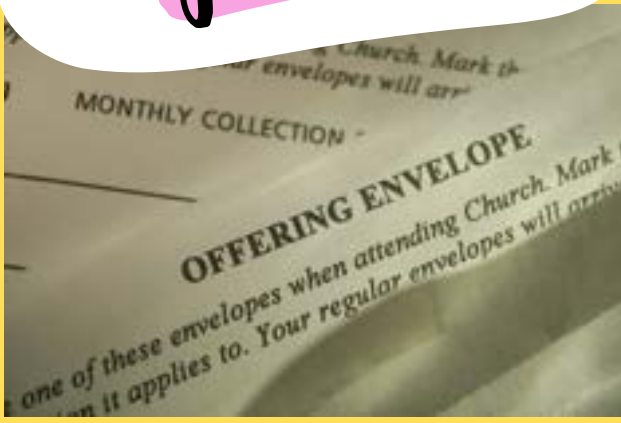
## Offering Envelopes

Envelopes for 2025 are coming. I will have them in the Narthex by December 15.

Some of you do not use envelopes. If you do not have envelopes but would like to have some, please let me know by November 30. If you have envelopes but do not want them, Please let me know by November 30.

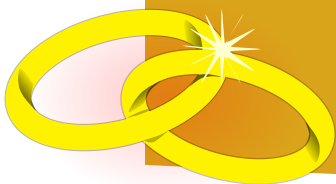
This is a tedious task and I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. You can reach me by email at [freemancat46@gmail.com](mailto:freemancat46@gmail.com)

Thank you, Cathy Freeman



*Happy Anniversary*

11/06 Don & Kathy Singer  
11/13 Gary & Marie Umberger



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

11/1 Ted Best  
11/3 Lisa Sage  
11/4 Kris Miklos  
11/4 James Kelley  
11/6 Jan Slough  
11/7 Marie Umberger  
11/7 Angie Welch  
11/8 Nolan Kangas

11/9 Layla Edlefson  
11/10 Doris Walsh  
11/18 Carol Farrell  
11/20 Philip Clark  
11/20 Joe Vinson  
11/21 Jan Clark  
11/23 Elke Trimboli  
11/25 Jodie Massar  
11/26 Lauren Hackney  
11/30 Walter Piekarczyk



## Serving this month:



### 8:30 AM Worship Service

#### Readers

11/3- Sue Joninas  
11/10- Toni Zavadil  
11/17- Edna Jackson  
11/24- Sue Joninas

#### Assisting Ministers

11/3- Sue McCleese  
11/10- Eric Bowman  
11/17- Alan Clark  
11/24- Sue McCleese



#### Altar Guild

11/3- Beth Marien  
11/10- Lisa Sage  
11/17- Gerry & John Travis  
11/24- Cathy & Mitch Schueler

#### Ushers

11/3- Ana Mouthaan & Cheryl Neller  
11/10- Paul Evans & Toni Zavadil  
11/17- Richard Scott & Dale Osterloh  
11/24- Gerry Travis & Ana Mouthaan

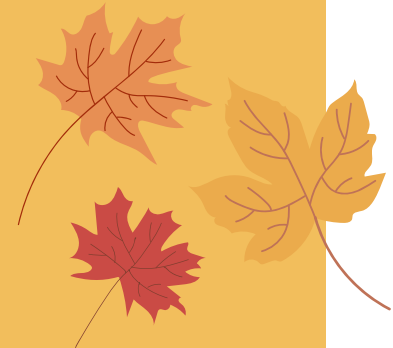
### 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### Readers

11/3- Jeff Winiesdorffer  
11/10- Rick Welch  
11/17- Layla Edlefson  
11/24- Zona Buchen

#### Assisting Ministers

11/3- Karin Bowman  
11/10- Don Woosley  
11/17- Dr. Hank Lewis  
11/24- Jenny Goodwin



#### Altar Guild

11/3- Zona Buchen  
11/10- Denise Simpson  
11/17- Diane Morhard  
11/24- Marilyn Johnson

#### Ushers

11/3- Janet Seibert & Michelle Bair  
11/10- Ron Goetzke & Chris Beck  
11/17- Ron Goetzke & Ted Best  
11/24- Carol Farrell & Janet Seibert

#### Bread

11/3- Karin Bowman  
11/10- Karin Bowman  
11/17- Jill Young  
11/24- Jill Young



# November

## 2024

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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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3 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible + 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	4  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	5 9 am Morning Miracles	6 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study  6pm Youth Group 7:30 Young Adult Bible Study	7 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP  6:30 pm Prayer & Pericope	8  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	9  1:00 pm Spanish speaking conformation class
10 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible + 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	11 <b>WELCA 9:30 AM</b>  <b>6pm Council Meeting</b>  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	12 9 am Morning Miracles	13 7:30 am Men's Breakfast  6pm Youth Group 7:30 Young Adult Bible Study	14 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP	15  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	16  9 am Newborns In Need
17 <b>Christmas boxes due</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible + 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	18  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	19 9 am Morning Miracles  <b>Vine Submissions Due</b>	20 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>1pm LWR Quilters</b> 6pm Youth Group 7:30 Young Adult Bible Study	21 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP	22  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	23
24 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible + 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship <b>Thanksgiving Potluck</b> 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	25  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	26 9 am Morning Miracles	27 7:30 am Men's Breakfast  NO Youth Groups	28 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> 	29  8 pm 4th Dimension AA	30  <b>Offering envelope order deadline</b> 