



# The Watchman



November 2022

*Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS*



“For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things,” says Psalm 107:9. Or “I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it,” says Psalm 81:10. The Magnificat in Luke chapter 1 also says “He has filled the hungry with good things.” There’s nothing that I think of more in November than Thanksgiving, and nothing more for Thanksgiving than the great feast we always enjoy. With our extended family all gathering together, in recent years we’ve had around twenty people all cramming around the table for the delicious spread and the centerpiece, an enormous turkey. And after that meal, we are most certainly filled with good things.

These verses of Scripture do talk about our physical needs; as Jesus himself reminds us, God knows what our needs are in this life and teaches us to trust Him and pray to

Him for those things. He is a loving and generous Father who delights in the world He has made, us and our bodily needs included. Yet Jesus also tells us to, first and foremost, seek his Kingdom; that is, be faithful to him and prioritize the things of eternal life over the transient things of this life.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied,” Jesus teaches in the Beatitudes. He calls himself the Bread of Life and the source of Living Water. He offers spiritual nourishment; he gives himself to us to feed us, sustain us, energize us for the true life and true work of the Kingdom of God. He promises not a lengthening of our life in this present, fallen world, but a new life in a new Creation defined by that righteousness and peace of God.

The Psalm says, “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.” We open our mouths in thanksgiving for God’s gifts of food and family and fellowship, and may we be

filled with these. We open our mouths in thanksgiving for God’s eternal gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ, and we are filled to overflowing. We are filled up and satisfied, and we overflow, the words of his grace filling our mouths as we share the good news. Some of you may not feel particularly thankful or filled around the table this year: family who are absent or separated for all kinds of reasons, difficulties in life and work and health that cast a shadow, financial difficulties that make the feast a little less splendid that you’d like. But in all circumstances and at all times, we are still thankful and joyful to be filled with the righteousness of Christ, the hunger and thirst that Jesus satisfies; to be nourished to overflowing in the needs of our souls and the life that will never end. So indeed, “he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.”



- 6 Dave Griffin & Kevin Rademacher (Elder.)
- 13 Dave Hamilton & Jay Torries (Rita S.)
- 20 Bobby Trehern & Shawn Robbins (Jay T.)
- 27 Kevin Rademacher & Dave Griffin (Dave G.)



- 10 Chesney Hamilton
- 12 Brondum Krebs
- 13 Carol Davis
- 14 Jonathan Torries
- 19 Justin Linn
- 24 Stephanie Maggard
- 25 Reece Hamilton
- 26 Abigail Hamilton



- 6 Eve Waffel
- 13 Cathy Groff
- 20 Donna/Anna Krebs
- 27 Susan Rademacher

## HAPPY Anniversary!

- 2 Dave & Tanya Hamilton
- 7 Frank & Sylvia Feazell
- 10 Bobby & Marilyn Trehern
- 12 Susie & Henry Denton
- 24 Terry & Maria Pike
- 29 Robert & Stephanie Maggard



Melonee Crews & Tanya Hamilton

## Mary Martha News

Mary Martha will be meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Officer elections will be held at this meeting. The canned goods taken up on LWML Sunday were given to Our Daily Bread and a ham and turkey were bought with the love offering.



## OTHER NEWS

- **PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST:** As a reminder to all members, a chain phone call prayer request is available for all members. To either make a chain call prayer request or to start receiving chain prayer calls, please contact either your Elder or Pastor.
- **NURSERY:** Nursery is provided for children during worship service.
- **NEW CHURCH EMAIL:** The new office email is [CLC1888@outlook.com](mailto:CLC1888@outlook.com)
- **MEMBER INFO UPDATE:** Please complete the member form and turn it in to an elder, usher, or send it in an email to help update our records. Also please send a family picture for the directory to Janet or Pastor.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** November 20<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.
- **SUGGESTION CARDS:** Suggestion cards are available in the Sanctuary for recommendations and/or complaints.



Thank you to everyone for the generous gift for Pastor's Appreciation last month! We all feel very appreciated and loved, and there's no other congregation or people we'd rather be with. You are all a real blessing to us, and we hope we to y'all too!

- Pastor and family



**November 6**



**Voters' Meeting**

**November 20, 2022**

**Immediately after the worship service**



**October Birthdays and Anniversary: Left to Right:**

Joseph Waffel, Bobby Trehern, Crystal Robbins, & Kathy Griffin.

(Missing: Dave Griffin)

Kevin Rademacher called the meeting to order

Pastor opened w prayer

Waived to read the minutes of the previous meeting.



**Pastor's Report:**

- Janet is working on a church directory – send a recent picture and information to her or Pastor by November 30 so we can complete and distribute the directory. Pastor can also take a picture for you.
- Advent: Pastor will order advent booklets.
- Birthday and anniversary recognition will begin again on the first Sunday of the month after service in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for cake.
- Pastor is planning a movie night in January or February.
- Pastor is attending a circuit forum this weekend to elect a delegate for the LCMS convention July 29 – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to be a delegate, let Pastor know by Friday, October 19.

**President:** Kevin Rademacher

- Thanks to Dave Griffin and Jay Torries for assisting while Kevin was out for work travel this summer.
- Kevin updated the Council Duties and Bylaws. Contact Kevin if you would like to have a copy.

**VP:** Dave Griffin

- Sign up for ushers and flowers. Signup sheets are in Memorial Hall.

**Elder:** Jay Torries:

- Planning for Oktoberfest
- The hearing assistance devices in the sanctuary now work.

**Financial Secretary:** Carl Erichsen

- Total deposits September \$7815.77
- Self-Insurance Fund \$900
- Ytd deposits \$100,927.66

**Treasurer:** Lin Jacobson

- Checking account balance \$4266.79 all bills paid through October
- CEF \$16,736.63
- CD approximately \$17k

**Trustees:** no report

**Evangelism:** no report

**Mary Martha:** Kyndel Torries:

- LWML Reception October 2 and birthday picture. We collected large cans of vegs and money for Thanksgiving turkeys for Our Daily Bread
- Packed and delivered First Responders goody baskets (Police and Fire Depts in Pascagoula, Moss Point, and Gautier)
- Collected puzzle books and pencils for nursing homes and will distribute this month
- Will send \$100 for Seminary student for Christmas

- Will send \$100 for Hurricane relief
- Planning January Bingo night + dinner

**Youth:** no report

**Education:** no report

**Social ministry:** Kathleen Cox and Marilyn Trehern: Sending birthday cards to retirees and other cards as needed

**Stewardship:** no report

**Safety:** no report

**Endowment fund:** no report

**Old business:** memorial garden-no updates

**New business:**

- Kevin Rademacher is heading the nominating committee for 2023 elections. Please let Kevin know if you would like to be an officer – we have openings for Vice President and Stewardship and Trustee committee members.
- Christmas Dinner planned for December 11 after service
- Singing River Little Theater is using the Fellowship Hall for rehearsals
- We will try using the karaoke machine in the Fellowship Hall as a speaker system during future congregational meetings.
- Congregational meeting November 20—we will be voting for 2023 council members
- Men's Prayer Breakfast November 12
- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully,

Susan Rademacher

**Pastor's Report to the Board of Elders and Church Council  
Christ Lutheran Church, Pascagoula, MS**

**October 2022**

**Membership, Worship, and Christian Education**

- Membership changes: Thyne Brown is on hospice care at home.
- The Sunday adult Bible study is going through the book of Acts. Never too late to join us!
- Janet is still working on an updated church directory; if you have not already sent her your current information, please do. We suggest a deadline of end of November so we can get the directory out after New Year's.
- The speaker in the nursery is working again!
- Advent devotion booklets: how many?
- Birthday celebrations schedule?

### Mission, Witness, and Outreach

- Elders-hosted steak night on Friday, October 7.
- Oktoberfest is planned for Sunday, October 30 after worship. Kathleen has a Thrivent card to purchase a lot of the supplies. Invite your friends to join us!
- Movie night to show the “Luther” movie?

### Circuit, District, and Synod

- Circuit meetings: our first meeting for the season after summer break was in Pascagoula on Tuesday, September 20. The next is October 18 in Waveland.
- As circuit visitor, I am still helping congregations in Biloxi and Hattiesburg fill their vacancies.
- We have a circuit forum on Saturday, October 22, 10am at St. Matthew Gulfport; the main business is electing circuit delegates for the national LCMS convention July 29 – August 3, 2023 in Milwaukee. The congregation can send one lay delegate to vote at the forum, and nominate any lay delegates to the convention itself.

### Travel

- Vacation time for 2022: 16 days out of 21 (2 Sundays out of 3) - Planned travel for October: none.
- Planned travel for November: going to TN for Thanksgiving with family.

### Other Activities, General Information

- We have a new office email address: [clc1888@outlook.com](mailto:clc1888@outlook.com). The old Bellsouth email address is no longer accessible; please change your address book.
- We are holding rehearsals here in the fellowship hall for the play Eve is directing. I am also in it, and Hanna Dunlap is stage managing. We should have all that stuff moved out in two weeks!



## November Sunday Scripture Readings

<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	Nov. 6 <i>(observed)</i>	All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12
	<i>or</i> (Prop. 27)	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Ex. 3:1-15	Psalm 148	2 Thess. 2:1-8, 13-17	Luke 20:27-40
	Nov. 13 (Prop. 28)	Twenty-third S. a. Pentecost	Mal. 4:1-6	Psalm 98	2 Thess. 3:(1-5) 6-13	Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)
	Nov. 20 (Prop. 29)	Last S. of the Church Year	Mal. 3:13-18	Psalm 46	Col. 1:13-20	Luke 23:27-43
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Phil. 4:6-20 <i>or</i> 1 Tim. 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19
<b>New Church Year Starts Here (Series A)</b>						
<b>ADVENT</b>  <b>2022</b>	Nov. 27, <b>2022</b>	First S. in Advent	Is. 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Rom. 13:(8-10) 11-14	Matt. 21:1-11 <i>or</i> Matt. 24:36-44






**November 23 @ 6:00 p.m.**





2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>All Saints Sunday</b> Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00 <b>November Birthday Celebration</b>						Men's Breakfast 8:00
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00 Elders 11:15 Mary Martha 11:15	Council 6:00					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00 Congregational Meeting 11:15			Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00			
27	28	29	30			
Adult Bible class 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship: 11:00						



## Church Member Information

If you have not completed the following form in the last few months, please complete the member form handout and turn it in to an elder, usher, or send it in an email to help update our records. We would like to complete this new directory by November.

Name:	Birthday Anniversary
Family Members	
Address	
Phone Numbers (indicate home, cell or work)	
Email Addresses	