



MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
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 With an extra ordinary message!
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Schubert and Babbtown Newsletter
 Calendar for November, 2022
WORSHIP SCHEDULE
BABBTOWN
 Sunday Worship
 8:00 A.M. Worship
 (Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday)
 Bible Study and Sunday School 9:10
 A.M.
SCHUBERT
 Sunday Worship
 Sunday school
 9:15 A.M.
 Bible study 9:30 A.M.
 10:00 A.M. Worship with
 (Holy Communion)
 Also Streaming on Facebook

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

- Nov 2 WkDay/Confirm 6-7:30 pm
- Nov 6 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov 7 New Ladies Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- Nov 8 Election Day
- Nov 9 WkDay/Confirm 6-7:30 pm
Choir 6:30 pm
- Nov11 Veterans 'Day
- Nov13 Chili Supper,
Choir following worship
- Nov14 Ladies Bible, Blessing and Beyond,
1 pm
- Nov16 WkDay/Confirm 6-7:30 pm
- Nov21 Men's Bible Study/Supper, 6 pm
- Nov23 No WkDay/Confirm
- Nov24 Thanksgiving Day Worship
Babbtown, 8 am
Schubert, 9:30 am
- Nov28 Babbtown Bible Study 7 pm
- Nov30 Honey Creek Chapel
WkDay/Confirm 6 pm
Advent Worship, 7 pm

Dear Friends and Members of St. John's Congregations, Brothers and Sisters in Christ Fellow Redeemed,

St. Paul writes in 1 Thess 1:2, "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayer."

What fitting words that Paula and I would like to use to express toward you—dear Saints at Schubert and Babbtown. You have honored us once more with a marvelous pie buffet and a generous gift. But much more you have honored us throughout these 42+ years with love and acceptance and encouragement and support. We have truly been blessed by God to have been placed in your midst for the ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

What a privilege we have been given to be a part of this Christian family.

We give thanks to God for all of you!

This month we join with the people of our country in a National day of Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for. We also need to be reminded of those things that should be at the top of our list.

So while the world around us gives thanks for the abundance of food and material blessings (which we should indeed be grateful for), we want to put at the top of our list our fellow believers—our brothers and sisters in Christ our faith family.

This means that even if we would be lacking in terms of wealth and prosperity and plenty we would still be filled with thanks for those that God has placed around us.

From the two of us we want to say thanks to God and thanks to you and we want to encourage each of you to give thanks for each other.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor

"O Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures forever!"

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



The new Ladies Bible Study has been rescheduled to start Monday Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m. (The Lord willing). It was postponed because of Pastor had Covid.



It's Time to begin planning the Christmas Eve Service!

The traditional Christmas Eve Worship with the children leading is planned December 24th beginning at Babbtown 5:30 pm and at Schubert 6:30 pm We are planning the service around the theme of gifts, including giving and receiving gifts, and the greatest gift of all - Jesus.

Two practices are planned for Sunday December 18 after church and Wednesday December 21 in the evening.

Sign up now - children ages 3 up through College+!

Name _____

_____ will participate in the Christmas Eve Children Service.

Age _____



Just a reminder we are starting the Choir again and will be singing for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 6:30 will be our first practice.

Former members and new members come and sing praises to the Lord!



Mark your calendars for Nov. 13. We are planning on returning to a regular Chili Supper. Talk to Molly Boeckmann or Michael Forbis. Thanks



Non-Perishable items will be collected again this year for the local Food Pantry.

Please bring items to church by Thanksgiving Worship.

Dear Friends in Christ:

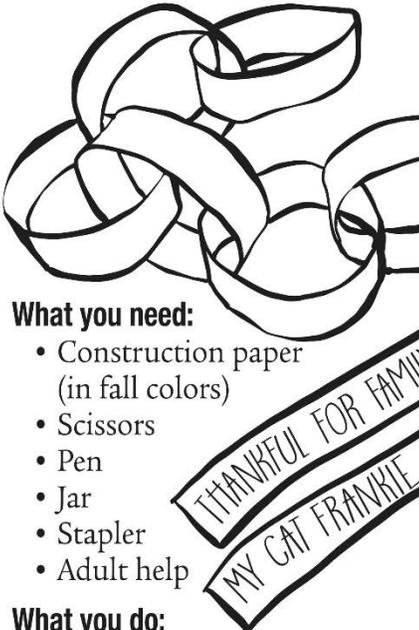
Please join Campus Lutheran Church during, Meet Me at the Manger, an indoor display of more than 500 unique nativity scenes including traditional mangers, world travel mementos, collectible treasures, home-made creations, and touchable children's sets. Each has its own special story! Make plans to bring your family and friends to see this one-of-a-kind free gift to the community from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, December 2 or 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 3 or a special senior living facilities/ADA viewing 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Campus Lutheran Church, 304 S College Ave. (south of Broadway), Columbia/ Refreshments in our Community Life Center.

MeetMeAtTheManger.org/manger.



Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, we in the church, observe the season of Advent using it as a time to reflect on the Great Gift that God delivered to us and the whole world when He sent His Son, our Savior Jesus, into the world to rescue mankind from sin.

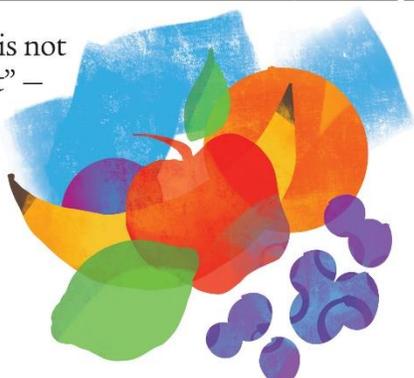
Our season of Advent includes 3 Wednesdays worship services-Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and join us as we feed upon God's word together, giving thanks for the Birth of Jesus.

Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" – but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness



Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

Greetings in the name of Jesus who chose you!

God's choosing gives value to every human life. What a privilege to know we are chosen by God! Unfortunately, many do not feel chosen. There are more than 400,000 children and youth in foster care in the U.S. **November is National Adoption Month**, so what can you do to make a difference in the lives of these young ones chosen by God? Focus on the Family's "**Wait No More**" program inspires families to get involved by praying, giving, mobilizing their church and fostering or adopting. The Wait No More website provides families with free resources, videos and articles. In addition, Lutherans For Life of MO has an adoption fund to help families considering adoption. For information about giving to this fund, contact the editor of this article.

GOD CHOSE YOU!

Choice is a divine gift to humankind.

That means choice isn't a right.

And death isn't a decision.

It's everyone's inevitable destiny.

You can't "choice" your way out of death...

We won't keep our own deaths from happening by making anyone else's death happen.

Thanks be to God Jesus displaces freedom of choice and replaces it with freedom *from* choice.

The choice we need is not a choice we make but the choice we are.

What saves, what gives life, is not choosing but being chosen.

The choice we can't make, the one that matters most, is the one we don't have to.

God chose you, and that changes everything.

No matter whose left you alone, the Almighty Maker chose you.

No matter what makes you afraid, the Lord God chose you.

No matter why you feel ashamed, the Heavenly Father chose you.

God chose you into existence. Your body proves it. You are a privilege.

God chose you into forgiveness. Jesus' body proclaims it. He is a gift.

God chose you into making a difference.

Every neighbor portrays it. They are your invitation.

You've not an accident or an afterthought, even in sufferings or difficulties. You're special. No human life is a joke or a mistake, not even in surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses. Each one's precious, from fertilization to forever. None of us is hand-me-down or half-hearted, not embryos, not impaired persons, not elderly ones. We're all priceless, whatever our ages, abilities, and appearances.

God chose you to embody and to enact the sanctity of human lives. Christians advocate **this** kind of choice.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit." (John 15:16)
(Lutherans For Life bulletin insert; Item LFL 1642 BI)"

In Him who chose you,
Sylvia Glen

Schubert

Usher Schedule

Nov 6 Jim Forbis
Andy Beach

Nov13 Jim Forbis
John Hanes

Nov20 Jim Forbis
Mike Forbis

Nov27 Jim Forbis
Matt Belcher

Communion Assistants

Nov 6 Allan Forbis
Mark Russell

Nov13 Allan Forbis
Gene Walkenhorst

Nov20 Allan Forbis
Gary Stroup

Nov27 Allan Forbis
Russ Mueller

Acolyte

Nov 6 Haley Titus

Nov13 Isabella Larkins

Nov20 Clair Prohaska

Nov27 Mason Mistler



Nov 1 Cole Dippold
Jacob Kollmeyer

Nov 4 Karen Forbis

Nov 6 Robert Lorenz

Nov 8 Gene Walkenhorst

Nov14 Wilhelm Michel II
Chloe Orick
Spencer Orick

Nov15 Linda Kemmer
Harper Schroeder

Nov16 Justin Householder

Nov19 Vera Backman

Nov22 Tonya Toebben

Nov24 Molly Boeckmann

Nov27 Ellie Walkenhorst

Nov29 Tracy Carver
Lars Marion

Needed: Church cleaners for 2023.

We would like to have two cleaners for each month. Some have had to do double duty the past couple of years. We need your help to keep God's house in good condition. PLEASE HELP! Contact Linda Brenner if you are able to help us out.

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CLEANING
COMMITTEE
Willson Family
ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner
Ronda Williams

DECEMBER, 2022

Newsletter Items are due
NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Newsletter items may be
placed in either Pastor's or
Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to
Pastor Schepeler—
st.jschubert@outlook.com

Any announcement:
Weddings, birthdays,
anniversaries, personal
notes, pictures or church
related business are
welcome.

