

November 2026

Elder: Dave Zierke

Altar Guild: Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek

Stewardship: Sonya Kruid



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day See Every Sunday Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Bill & Sharilyn Acolyte: Theron, Lincoln Camera: Justin Ortner A/V: Jon Burt Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	2 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Denny & Mary Acolyte: Reed, Brayton Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	3 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mary K. Audree O. Acolyte: Ivette, Arlett Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Sharon	4 Veterans Day  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	5 10 am Bible Study	6 10 am Bible Study	7 4 pm Worship
8 See every Sunday SS Kids Sing Usher Team: Dave Zierke Greeters: Denny & Mary Acolyte: Reed, Brayton Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Mary Ortner Accompanist: Peggy Christensen	9 See every Sunday Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mary K. Audree O. Acolyte: Ivette, Arlett Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Sharon	10 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Larry Bauder Greeters: Corinne & family Acolyte: Ivette, Arlett Camera: Justin Ortner A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	11 Veterans Day  5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	12 10 am Bible Study	13 No Bible Study	14 4 pm Worship*
15 See Every Sunday Elders Meeting 8:30 am Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mary K. Audree O. Acolyte: Ivette, Arlett Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Brett Anderson Accompanist: Sharon	16 7 pm LWML Guest Night	17 See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Tom & Janie Acolyte: Beckett, Henry Camera: Justin Ortner A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	18 5:15 pm Cat. supper 5:45 pm Catechism	19 10 am Bible Study	20 No Bible Study	21 4 pm Worship
22 See Every Sunday Thanksgiving Worship Usher Team: Larry Bauder Greeters: Corinne & family Acolyte: Ivette, Arlett Camera: Justin Ortner A/V: Curt Anderson Accompanist: Tracy DeBruin	23 Thanksgiving Lunch	24 No Catechism	25 No Catechism	26 No Bible Study 	27 Happy Thanksgiving 	28 4 pm Worship*
29 Thanksgiving Lunch See Every Sunday Usher Team: Jerry Wakeman Greeters: Tom & Janie Acolyte: Beckett, Henry Camera: Justin Ortner A/V: Larry Bauder Accompanist: Sharon Wakeman	30 Thanksgiving Lunch					

Congregational Potluck Lunch!

Sunday, November 29

after worship

Mark Your calendars!



Thursday morning Bible Study continues in the book of 1 Corinthians. Join us for coffee at 10 AM on Thursdays.

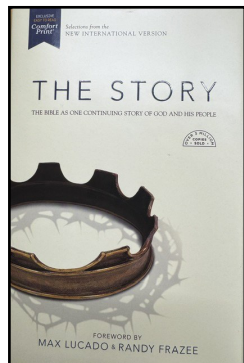
LWML will meet on

Monday, November 16th at 7 PM.

It's **Guest Night!** Mission project for November is Lutheran Family Service.



ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, November 15th.

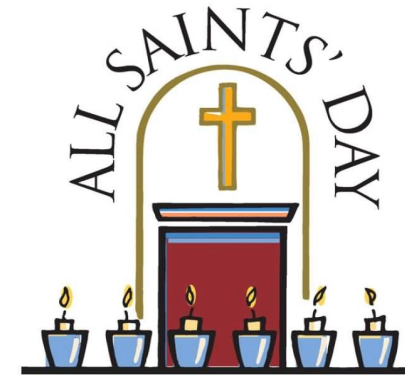


NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

THE STORY Bible Overview

Join us for this journey through the Bible story. Learn or relearn Bible stories that connect the one message of God together in Jesus Christ. This is for everyone- those who are new to reading the Bible and those who know it well. You can never go wrong reading Scripture.

9:25 am every Sunday in the fellowship hall.



Sunday, November 1, 2026

*On All Saints Day we name
and remember...*

Darvin Boyles

March 29, 2026

Lois Greder

April 12, 2026

Marge Dimmick

May 8, 2026

Avis Sunderman

May 24, 2026

Lester Janssen

May 25, 2026

Ardis Huebner

June 6, 2026

Bernadine Danielson

July 18, 2026

Russ Ruhland

August 16, 2026

*Giving thanks to God for their lives, faith, and the
promise of the resurrection of the body and the life
of the world to come in Jesus Christ.*



Saturday Worship will begin
at 4 pm starting Saturday,
November 7.

Sunday School kids sing during
worship on Sunday, November 8th.



GIVE
Thanks
WITH A
Grateful
HEART

Thanksgiving Worship
will be held on
Sunday, November 22.
Pastor and family will be
visiting their families
over Thanksgiving.

MEALS

Please visit this link:

<https://mealtrain.com/q2v7rr>

to sign up for providing a meal
for the catechism kids on a
Wednesday evening.

Thank you!



Getting Ready for Advent and Christmas

The theme for this Advent season is: *Thrill of Hope*

The Weary World Rejoices

This series reflects the age-old theme of hope felt in the Advent Season anticipating Jesus coming at Christmas and at the end of time. But what makes this series more is that it centers the hearers already engaged in the common thrills of the season fixtured in the senses- sights, sounds, and smells. For many, Advent also carries a weariness of a sin-sick world for Christians. In the weary times of life, God's Word creates and maintains in us a thrill and joy that will not be overcome. It pulls us through from frivolous hope that fades, to enduring hope that, despite all, must rejoice because Jesus is coming.



Veterans Day
November 11, 2026

A Legacy of
Loyalty and Service



**It's
Nominating**



NOVEMBER NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee consists of all the Trustees and Elders whose terms do NOT expire this year. This year's nominating committee will be: Shaun Ruhland, Boe Boyer, Mike Bockelman, Dave Zierke, Derek Allen, and Justin DeBruin. **The nominating Committee will meet after worship starting Sunday, November 1. They will meet each Sunday until the ballot is filled.**

If you are contacted and asked to serve an office within Trinity, please prayerfully consider it.

Every office is a two year term, except the Elders, which is a 3 year term.

And just a reminder: according to the church's constitution, if any voting member has been absent for 4 quarterly voters meetings, their name is removed from the voter's list. They will be reinstated by attending voters meetings once again, and signing in. They will not be able to vote at that first meeting, but will need to wait until the next quarterly meeting to vote again.

From Pastor's Desk continued

In every case the Bible writers found their way through in God Himself. He alone brought reconciliation and peace of mind. His Word was the source of strength and way forward. In order to move forward, God flipped the script from their real experiences and fears, to God's real and certain Word. He did it for David and He will do it for you.

Famously, Psalm 23 centers our troubles in the promises of God's present care:

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

In response to Saul's pursuits, David confessed in Psalm 56 ^{"11} in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? ¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life."

God's present, living Word flipped the script. It was God's Word of promise, coming from the outside, that produced a continual conversation of faith and trust. Scripture itself testifies to reality of God's Word: Proverbs 4:²⁰ "My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh." Life and healing- that's what we need! That's what God's Word does.

Next, we will consider how the script of Scripture can be used to battle and reframe our anxious thoughts of the past and fear of the future.

**THE LORD IS GREAT AND
WORTHY OF OUR THANKS
AND PRAISE.**

"Let us come into His presence
with thanksgiving; let us make a
joyful noise to Him with songs of
praise" (Psalm 95:2).





From Pastor's Desk...

In the next few months, I will lay out what I hope to present as a longer article for publication about "Flipping the Script: Replacing Anxious Self-Talk with God's Word." Here's the first installment.

Anxiety is common to humanity. The conversations we have about it are even well documented in Scripture. But the anxious conversations in Scripture are not merely with ourselves, God also speaks. We will explore briefly explore the examples in God's Word, but one thing I want to address. I am not advancing that God speaks apart from His Word in some enthusiastic way. In fact, the whole point of this article is to argue that it is God's Word that speaks outside ourselves, *extra nos*, that becomes the means to flipping our anxious script.

The Psalms reveal the emotions of humanity expressed to God with the cry of lament. This anxiety filled cry is both because of things in the past (shoulda, woulda, couldas) and fears for the future (what ifs). The Psalmist reveals that the anxiety felt has come from the past when he cries: O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! ² Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. ³ For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. ⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled (Psalm 143:1-4).

Likewise, King David confesses his present and future fear of Saul who pursued him. Psalm 56:⁵ All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. ⁶ They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. ⁷ For their crime will they escape?" You can read the full account in 1 Samuel 19. By the way, David continued to have threats and battles with his enemies.

Notice these accounts are real. Real people, real situations, real hurt, real consequences. While, of course, we are able to contrive things in our minds, what we are often battling is due to real events of the past, and, because of that, what could play out in the future. Certainly, our story may not be as vivid or violent as King David's, but, nevertheless, our story produces real conversations based on our experiences.

Now, that we know the conversation we have in our heads is similar to what those in the Bible experienced, we now need to ask, "What can we do about them?"

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Happy November Birthdays!

- 3 Rick Boyer, Michael Van Ballegooyen
- 5 Carolyn Puhl
- 7 Emma Pulfrey, Dylan Stevens, Amy Topete
- 9 Julie Bultman
- 14 Brynnly Ericson, Gloria Finch
- 15 Lincoln Noble
- 17 Kaci Anderson, Holly Breugem
- 18 Karina Pulfrey
- 19 Tristen Miller, Brinlee Ver Mulm
- 20 Cassie Lachman
- 22 Kendra Schelling
- 24 Janissa Baas, Joshua Lowe
- 25 Dillon McKee, Audree Olson, Alyssa Peterson
- 26 Kelcie Wakeman
- 27 Kurt Bultman, John Jacobs
- 28 Stan Hendricks



Happy November Anniversaries!

- 12 Derek & Mandie Allen 13 yrs



Giving Thanks to God

As we approach Thanksgiving and then, shortly thereafter, the end of 2026, we are reminded of the many blessings that God has given to us. The question that we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that He has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things to thank our Heavenly Father for should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated His awesome love for us by sending His only Son to the Cross on our behalf. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we live as forgiven, redeemed people with the assurance of life eternal with Jesus. We certainly will also thank Him for our families as well as our material blessings. How blessed we are that God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith that He provides, He will give us life forever with Him.

I want to suggest another wonderful blessing for us that we should always give thanks for and that is God's faithfulness to us. As the prophet Jeremiah wrote, *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we vacillate in our faithfulness to Him.

Because of God's faithfulness to us, God has blessed us so we can be a blessing to others. Recognizing our blessings are so freely given to us causes us to want to share our blessings. Through faith, we willingly *"share with God's people who are in need"* (Romans 12:13). *"Christ's love compels us"* (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV) to respond to the needs of others, both physical and spiritual needs. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we become channels through which God works.

Those who are a blessing to others reflect and live with an attitude that is described as "an attitude of gratitude." To live with "an attitude of gratitude," means we truly understand that God is the source of all blessings. Understanding God's grace, love, and mercy, we are motivated to live lives which reflect our gratitude for what God is doing in our lives. Living with an attitude of gratitude moves our attention from daily frustrations and hardships to recognize the small and ordinary comforts, big and small. We will operate from a place of having enough rather than constantly chasing more to feel happy. Thankfulness becomes a daily habit.

Have a blessed thanksgiving with your family, enjoy some turkey, and possibly watch some football. Happy Thanksgiving!

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