

# St. John's Journal

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## THANK GOD! FOR WHAT?

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The national holiday of Thanksgiving Day falls on November 26 this year. Even though this is, strictly speaking, a civil holiday, many churches have adopted it as a regular part of their religious observance. This is altogether proper, because the purpose for which Thanksgiving Day was established is in full agreement with the Word of God. For it is to be a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" to the "beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." (*from President Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation*) And God commands us to join together in public thanksgiving and prayer to Him. So it is certainly good for us to observe Thanksgiving in the church. We plan to do so at 7:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve.

It is good for us to gather together in thanksgiving to God, even apart from a special day of national thanksgiving, for we always have plenty for which to thank God! Even in an unusual year like this, when the COVID-19 pandemic has brought sickness and death to so many, caused business closures and job losses, disrupted many of our ordinary activities and routines, and brought some degree of inconvenience to nearly everyone – even in this strange year we have great cause for thanksgiving.

Certainly we thank God for His precious gifts of everlasting life and salvation in Jesus Christ, for the Spirit's work in our lives to preserve us in faith and empower us for godly living, and for the certain promise of the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come. These surely top the list of blessings for which we give thanks to God!

And speaking of the current pandemic, we thank God that He has limited the harm this disease has caused, for it could surely be much, much worse! We thank Him for the fine medical care to which we have access, for the advances in therapeutic care we've seen in the past few months, and for the progress made toward an effective vaccine.

We thank God also for the countless other gifts of His creation, and for all He does to sustain His creation. These blessings were the focus of the original Thanksgiving observances, but all too often today we take

these gifts from God for granted. We live in a land of so much abundance we sometimes think our food and clothing and shelter come to us simply as a matter of natural course. Or we foolishly suppose we obtain these goods by our own hard work and ingenuity. Worse yet, we might even be tempted to think of these gifts – food and housing and medical care – in terms of *rights*, rather than gracious blessings our merciful and generous Creator bestows upon His undeserving creatures.

This should not be. For God is the Source of all our blessings. Holy Scripture repeatedly directs us, both by example and exhortation, to give God the credit for all these blessings, and to thank Him for these gifts. Consider the following passages, which call us to give thanks to God for providing our food and healing and good weather and protection and every other good thing we receive.

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever – ...to Him who gives food to all flesh." *Psalms 136:1, 25*

And (Jesus) took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to His disciples to set before them." *Mark 8:6*

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving." *1 Timothy 4:4*

"Now, one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks." *Luke 17:15-16*

"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains." *Psalms 147:7, 8*

"You have delivered me from the violent man. Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord." *Psalms 18:48, 49*

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Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

## Christian Education Sunday School

Perfect Attendance  
September 2020

None

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### Nov 01

Sheri McCann  
Gabriel Page

#### Nov 02

Cameron Gullett  
Austin Lonergan

#### Nov 05

Sandy Ferguson  
Zander Hopping  
Nathaniel Thomas

#### Nov 07

Billie Jackson  
Ethan Szadkowski

#### Nov 08

Daniel Leach  
Courtney Miller

#### Nov 09

Lisa Pool  
Trina Szadkowski

#### Nov 10

John Adkins II  
Timothy Gay  
Lori Maass

#### Nov 11

Josie Wooden

#### Nov 12

Carter Britton  
Carl Cox  
Kayla Walsh

#### Nov 13

Robert Williamson III

#### Nov 14

Alison Morris  
Madison Morris

#### Nov 15

Hank Nance

#### Nov 17

Bayley Driskell  
Ross Gould  
Trent Hoover  
Mae Houge

#### Nov 18

Amanda Ferguson

#### Nov 19

Ray Barnes  
Shaun Ivey  
Trey Ivey  
Reva Oliverius

#### Nov 20

Zane Dobbelaire  
Jeffrey Ferree  
Christian Tiona

#### Nov 21

Stefanie Wilson

#### Nov 22

Cheryl Ivey

#### Nov 23

Joyce Lonergan  
Stephanie Morrison

#### Nov 24

Isabelle Terrell

#### Nov 25

Marcus Frankel

#### Nov 26

George Andrae  
Ryan Rusk

#### Nov 27

Matthew Nauth  
Claudia Reeder  
Doris Smith

#### Nov 28

Jack Ferguson  
Joseph Lappie

#### Nov 29

Megan Etter  
Carol Goodin

#### Nov 30

Abigail Dagit  
Gavin Glass  
Leah Sipka

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

#### Nov 04

Michael & Tracy Dansby  
Jeffrey & Victoria Plack

#### Nov 05

Gerald & Bonnie Guengerich

#### Nov 9

Adam & Jessica  
Kammeyer

**Nov 11**

Lyle &amp; Doris Smith

**Nov 12**

Gregory &amp; Susan Swibold

**Nov 19**

Craig &amp; Andrea Yergler

**Nov 20**Joseph & Sheryll Hillman  
John & Beverly Wieland**Nov 23**Delmar & Kathleen Deiss  
Brad & Colleen Gardiner  
John & Ann Wilson**Nov 26**

Steven &amp; Mary Depew

**THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE**

will be  
**Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 p.m.**  
**November 25, 2020**

We urge all members to observe the national Day of Thanksgiving as what it is intended to be, a day of public thanks to God in church. Thanksgiving service is also an excellent opportunity to bring guests to church!

**REMINDER TO COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRS:** Please check with your committee members for names of individuals who might serve on your committee and present those names at our next Voters Assembly Meeting, November 9. We will add the names to the ballot which will be voted on at our December meeting. Thank you.

**PARISH NOTES****Church Attendance**

Sept 2020 — **445**—12 services  
 Sept 2019 — **710**—15 services  
 Sept 2018 — **800**—15 services

**Sunday School Attendance**

Sept 2017: **556**  
 Sept 2019: **1,621**  
 Sept 2018: **1,690**

**Worship**

Jim Lonergan

**Videographers**

Rod Bollinger

**Elders Communion  
Assistance****Nov 01**

8:00 a.m. Tom Ivey  
 10:30 a.m. Del Beideck  
 7:00 p.m. Tom Ivey

**Nov 15**

8:00 a.m. Joe Szadkowski  
 10:30 a.m. Del Beideck  
 7:00 p.m. Tom Ivey

**Nov. 29**

8:00 a.m. Aaron Miller  
 10:30 a.m. Brian Umbach  
 7:00 p.m. Tom Ivey

If it is in the Bible, it is SO!

**November Ushers****8:00 a.m.****10:30 a.m.**

Jerry Bohannon	Ross Gould
Randy Couch	Jacob Gould
Noah Kesselmayr	Howie Proehl
Steve Kesselmayr	
Terry Norman	

**Acolytes**

**Nov 01** 8:00 Carter Miller  
 10:30 Ella Friedinger

**Nov 8** 8:00 Lilly Daniels  
 10:30 Ava Friedinger

**Nov 15** 8:00 Carter Miller  
 10:30 Ella Friedinger

**Nov 22** 8:00 Lilly Daniels  
 10:30 Ava Friedinger

**Nov 27—Thanksgiving Eve**  
 7:00 pm Ella Friedinger

**Nov 29**  
 8:00 Carter Miller  
 10:30 Ella Friedinger

**The Flower Chart for 2021** is posted in the Narthex. Please sign-up for the Sunday(s) that you would like to provide flowers for the altar and **call the church office, 347-2136**, and let us know the information you would like in the bulletin.

If you would like a special arrangement for your date, please call Artistic Flowers at 347-0022. Cost is \$40 for 2 vases of flowers and \$5 for delivery, unless you order something special. Then we will let you know the cost.

Remember you can pick up your flowers after the 7 pm service (please leave the green liners) or Mon. to Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.



# **TREASURER'S REPORT** **SEPTEMBER 2020**



	<u>September</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	\$27,476.64	\$283,459.08
<u>EXPENSES</u>	\$26,425.73	\$248,932.89
<u>INCOME</u>	\$1,050.91	\$ 34,526.19
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
<b><u>General Fund Accounts</u></b>		
General Fund		-16,267.46
<b>General Fund Total</b>		<b>-16,267.46</b>
<b><u>Educational Fund Accounts</u></b>		
Educational Grant Fund Checking		4,727.56
Educational Grant Fund CD #1		103,681.64
Educational Grant Fund #2-Vanguard		<u>71,090.53</u>
<b>Educational Fund Total</b>		<b>179,499.73</b>
<b><u>East Bluff Property</u></b>		
East Bluff Property—Vanguard		43,304.48
East Bluff Property Fund CD		107,492.84
Cat Stock at FMV		<u>55,037.35</u>
<b>East Bluff Property Fund</b>		<b>205,834.67</b>
Building Fund Checking		58,247.04
Sunday School Fund Checking		11,197.88
Memorial Fund Checking		<u>32,270.60</u>
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>\$470,782.46</u></b>
Checking Account Balance		<u>90,175.62</u>
		<b>90,175.62</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Note Payable		17,930.73
PPP Loan		24,900.00
Payroll Liabilities		1,544.15
Misc LCMS Orgs Fund		<u>(15.00)</u>
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>		<b><u>44,359.88</u></b>
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>		
Building Improvements		-299,680.34
Net Income (Loss)		34,526.19
Capital Accounts		<u>691,576.73</u>
<b><u>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</u></b>		<b><u>426,422.58</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE:</u></b>		<b><u>\$470,782.46</u></b>

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It's also good for us to review the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its Meaning in our Small Catechism. This, too, is a good reminder of God's great kindness in creating and preserving us. A regular reading or recitation of this in our homes would help us in our lives of thanksgiving to God.

So lets make our Thanksgiving observances, both in church and at home, genuine occasions to thank our gracious God for *all* His gifts. This is the way of honesty, and God most certainly deserves it!

- Pastor Bishop

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## **HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY** **October 12 2020**

Ron Reising called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present so all motions will need to be carried over to the next meeting. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

The September Parish report was provided.

The September meeting minutes were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Drockelman presented the September 2020 Treasurer's Report. Nancy indicated that as far as she knew there were no unusual expenses for the month. Dave Drockelman indicated that the government came out with new rulings for the PPP loans. Anything under \$50,000 will be forgiven but paperwork will still need to be filled out. There were no additional questions regarding the Treasurer's Report.

Board of Trustees – Gary Pool reported that he has not heard anything yet from the company that will be performing the tuckpointing on the church. He has a call into them. He is hopeful that this will be completed yet this year. Gary also reported that there have been some leaks in the ladies' rest room. Once again, hopefully these can be rectified this year. There are also roofing repairs that need to be made. Ross Gould reported that there are a number of projects that need to be completed over the long range. Some items that will need to be completed are finishes in the church basement, restrooms in the church basement, the lower kitchen, and the roof over the gymnasium. On average, we will need around \$50,000 a year for maintenance and repairs. The nativity scene will be put up on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Valerie Ferguson asked if it would be helpful if more money was directed to the Building Fund to handle these repairs and maintenance. If we don't get the funds needed, we will need to borrow money. Nancy suggested talking to Daryl Dagit first. It was also indicated that in years past the Stewardship committee has sent a letter to the congregation informing them of what needs to be done.

Gary Pool asked if we still have people contributing to the East Bluff property and the Educational Fund. Nancy Drockelman indicated that most of the contributions to these funds are through estate planning and people might not have updated where they want estate funds to be directed. We are using the money from these funds as collateral for loans. Gary indicated that he has seen letters from the Central Illinois District indicating a shortage of funds and wondered if money could be taken from these funds to help out. Dave Drockelman explained that there are rules for how money from these funds can be distributed. We have made some expenditures from the Educational Fund in the recent past. Bob Oliverius indicated that from his recollection, the funds were set up so that the principal is protected but the interest from these funds does go into the general fund. The individual committees approve payments from the funds.

Dave Kesselmayer has been doing a lot of work at the parsonage and Ross wanted to extend his thanks for Dave's hard work.

Board of Elders – Dave Drockelman reported that the church helped a couple of families as noted in the Parish Report. The board is still working on a process for contacting members who have not been attending. They are getting more organized and are getting close to having their plan. The board has worked on their budget items. The board has also contacted people to be on board for the next year.

Board of Finance – Nancy Drockelman reported that the committee has a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. They need all budgets by then so they can be consolidated.

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Worship – Valerie Ferguson reported that they will be having Sandy Ferguson make an appointment with the piano tuning company. The 2 patriotic banners that were ordered have come in so we will be seeing them on patriotic Sundays. Julie Wagner has photos if people want to see them. We are still going to use one of the old trees along with the Chrismon ornaments in the new addition. The church will be decorated for Christmas on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Valerie has let Deanna Bishop know so the guild is aware and they can help with the decorating. The committee's budget is ready to be provided to the Board of Finance. The Sanctuary Choir and the Bell Choir have not been performing during the pandemic but we are still paying the choir directors their monthly salaries. It was discussed that we would continue to pay the salaries for the rest of 2020 but starting in 2021 the salaries would be suspended until the choirs can resume their performances. Valerie talked to Mary Ashbaker and Peggy Patten and they understood the situation.

Board of Evangelism – Pastor reported that the board is meeting tomorrow to discuss planning for Friendship Sunday.

Board of Stewardship – Brian Ford reported that 4 food boxes have been delivered. They have also decided to go back to the old way of delivering boxes. Pick up will be on the third Sunday of the month. If you know of anyone that needs a box, please let the committee know. We will once again be giving college students a \$10 gift card for McDonalds as we

do every year. Addresses for students at college are needed so the cards can be sent. Envelopes for next year have been ordered. The committee is in need of 3 new members. If you know of somebody willing to be on the committee or who would do a good job on the committee, please let the committee know.

Long Range Planning Committee – Randy Couch is considering contacting the committee members to have a meeting.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report.

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished business – During the last meeting we discussed the issue of parents not meeting the agreed upon contribution amount toward their child's education at Good Shepherd School. Ross Gould indicated that a discussion did take place at the GSLS board meeting. It was agreed that this is a mission outreach situation and the constitution reads that is it 'recommended' that the parents contribute a certain %. The representatives of all 3 churches agreed that pushing parents to meet that % was not something that we wanted to do. Ross also reported that discussion took place as to why we have lost students to St. Josephs school. Their tuition is \$7500 while the tuition for GSLS is \$5000. It was noted that the Catholic diocese has kicked in \$4000 per student so parents only have to pay \$3500. Ross noted that it was hard to compete with that. St. Joseph's has picked up 25 new students while we have lost 10 students. Ron Reising read the actual agreement that the parents sign indicating that they will attend church. It was questioned if this was happening and he noted that this should be checked into. Ross stated that they are going to have further discussions next month.

New business – Pastor announced that discussion took place at the Elders meeting about Christmas Eve services. Normally we have a fairly large turnout. It is felt that we can comfortably seat 85 people in a socially distanced setting. Talk is taking place about adding an additional service on Christmas Eve. The plan would be to have people sign up in advance, indicating which service they will be attending and how many people will be attending. As of right now we would keep the 7:00 service and possibly have a 4:30 service. We have been running anywhere from 2/3 to ¾ of our normal attendance on Sundays. If we had a deadline early enough and the 2 services are filled up, a third service could be considered but Pastor was not sure that would be needed. We will have Advent services but it was not felt that we are in a position to have the dinner prior to those services.

The meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner  
Secretary





### **LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

Sponsored by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life  
For 5th through 8th Grades

The theme: Proverbs 31:8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Please choose on of the following **Life Issues** and compose your essay keeping in mind the direction from God in Proverbs 31:8. They would like to hear your beliefs about your topic expressed in a way that would be helpful and convincing for your readers.

Abortion	The Unborn
Euthanasia	Adoption
Stem Cell Research	Sanctity of Human Life

Submit all entries no later than December 11, 2020 by mailing to:

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For more information, see the bulletin board in the gym.

Questions? Contact LFL President, Bob Wegner @ 309-481-4886, or cbwegner@outlook.com.

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### **LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

Sponsored by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life  
For High School Students

The theme: Proverbs 31:8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Please choose on of the following **Life Issues** and compose your essay keeping in mind the direction from God in Proverbs 31:8. They would like to hear your beliefs about your topic expressed in a way that would be helpful and convincing for your readers.

Abortion	InVitro Fertilization
Euthanasia	Adoption
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### **NOVEMBER LIBRARY CORNER**

*By Eileen Tiona*



*"Jesus thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him." John 2:11*

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the library and check out all the other wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment.

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

### **FELLOWSHIP CLUB**

At this time the Fellowship Club is not meeting.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

It's time to help our senior members again. 5<sup>th</sup> grade – high school youth meet here at church Sunday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m. to help some of our senior members with leaf raking or other chores. Wear clothing suitable for outdoor work, and bring a leaf rake, if you can. Pizza follows.

**CAN YOU USE SOME HELP** with leaf raking, window washing, or other fall chores? Our youth group will be happy to help you Sunday, November 15. Contact Pastor Bishop at the church office if you'd like assistance.

### **WOMEN'S GUILD** *By Leslie Hauk*

The St. John's Ladies Guild final meeting for 2020 will be Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

All ladies are invited to attend.

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### **FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S**

November 10 will be a Friendship Sunday – a day St. John's members are encouraged to bring (or bring back) a friend to church. Pastor will have a sermon well suited for guests, and we'll have plenty of coffee and donuts in the gym between services, with appropriate literature available for adults and children. So please think of friends to invite, and make arrangements to bring them with you.

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## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### 33rd Annual THANKSGIVING DINNER

Pekin Township will be serving a turkey dinner to anyone who would enjoy a meal. Menu consist of Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, rolls and pumpkin pie.

Call 309-346-3194 by November 24 for curb side delivery and by November 23 for home delivery (in our area) to shut-ins and handicapped **only**. If you know of anyone who may need a meal, please tell them about the Thanksgiving Dinner.

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### **In Our Prayers**

*If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.*

All our shut-ins

Adam Jackson - member of Armed Services  
(grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)

Pastor Niemann	Pastor Kesselmayer
Mark Reeder	Lois Becker
Bob Watson	Cheryl Williams
Bernice Mack	Robert Scott
Stacie Kendall	Bob Funk
Tim Johnston	Donna Bollinger
Billie Jackson	Donna Corso
Lynda Adkins	Flo McClure
Joe Goodin	Sam Kendall
Sandy Morgan	Rick Jarvis
Rita Lakamp	Ellen Morrison
Herb Groenwald	Vince "Buzz" Oltman
Wilmadean Habberfield	Shirley Williamson
Debee Pitchford	Joyce Wertz
Christian Bouche	Peggy Patten
Ray Barnes	Larry Turner
Bob Gregory	Lucille Benker
Marian McDaniels Allen	Marcille Frevert
Pam Nutter	Veva Martin
Priscilla Aderholtz	Tim Gay
Susan Waddell	Jerry Guengerich
Anna Knussman	Michelle Watson
Brittany Allen	Rosetta Turner
Joyce Long	

And all those who have been affected by COVID-19.

Nov 5— Early Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.—P/T Conferences from 1-7 p.m.

Nov 6 — No School - P/T Conferences 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Nov 11 — No School—Veteran's Day

Nov 17 — School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Nov 19 — Fall Book Fair (Nov 19 to Nov 24)

Nov 19 — Junior High Musical @ 10 am & 6:30 pm

Nov 22 — GSLS Students sing at St. John's, Pekin at 8:00 a.m.

Nov 24 — Early dismissal at 12:30 p.m.— Grandparents Day.

Thanksgiving Break is November 25 to the 27.

Back in school on Monday, November 30.

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**PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS or FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY:** Please let the office know the address of your college student(s) or if you have someone serving in our Armed Forces. We would like to send our college students a gift card for Christmas plus send them our monthly newsletter and other information to keep them up to date on events at St. John's.

Thank you.

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**SHUT-INS of the MONTH:** Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten. Please send a card or pay a visit to these shut-ins this month.

Shut ins for November are: Bob Watson, 1503 Anna Rd., Pekin; Addie Weyhrich, Pekin Estates, 1540 El Camino Dr., Room 111, Pekin; Shirley Williamson, 738 Park Ave., Pekin and Marian McDaniels Allen, 1802 Golfview, Pekin.

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

The Elders wanted to let everyone know that St. John's is planning to have two services for Christmas Eve:

**4:30 & 7 p.m.**

We will be asking our members to email or call the office to make reservations for the service you would like to attend. There is a limit of 85 individuals for each service.

More information on this will be in the December Journal.

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**LCMS Foundation Newsletter Article, November 2020**

The Apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 8-9, was encouraging the Corinthian congregation to join with other congregations Paul had planted, in a gathering of gifts to share with the saints in Jerusalem who were suffering because of persecution and famine. In that appeal, Paul wrote, *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* We may not realize that when God moves us to give gifts, beside providing for ministry needs, our gifts cause thanksgiving among God's people.

On Thanksgiving Day, it might be your family tradition to go around the table naming something for which you are thankful. What would happen if we changed our focus to: Who has shown thanksgiving because of something God empowered me to do with his gifts? While giving is never meant to be bragging, the giving of our gifts can be an inspiration for others to give. With that in mind, if you have put a Lifetime Plan for Giving in place from your estate, to family and ministry, have you shared that plan with those closest to you? By sharing, they get to rejoice in God's indescribable gifts, and they get to begin considering how they can do the same. May the Lord bless your sharing! If you would like assistance in setting up a family meeting for this purpose, your LCMS Foundation gift planning counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.



**THANK YOU** to everyone for your cooperation in our COVID-19 precautionary measures. We ask everyone to continue to wear your face coverings and to maintain proper social distancing in all parts of the building, including the gym, church basement, and classrooms. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

Received a thank you letter from Concordia Seminar in St. Louis, Mo for our donation.

Received a thank you letter for our donation from Concordia University, Chicago.

Lutherans for Life sent a thank you letter for our donation.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation thanked us for our gifts which are a blessing for the Lord's mission through LHF.

Anna Knussman thanks everyone for your prayers and cards and to Pastor Bishop for his visits. They were so appreciated.

### **LWML- WOMEN IN FAITH:**

Because of the COVID epidemic, St. John's will not be partnering with the Children's Home of Peoria for the Giving Tree this year. Our congregation's LWML group, Women in Faith, has decided to step in. The ladies need your help, though. They are looking for names of people/families who are in need in our congregation and/or the Pekin area. Please submit names to Faye Kesselmayer by Sunday, November 22. You may contact her either at home: 309-346-0569 or on her cell: 309-202-7350. Concerns about confidentiality may be discussed with Faye at that time. The Giving Tree will be up during Advent.

Thank you for your help.

### **SHARE PROGRAM**

Please help us to restock the SHARE shelves for this fall and winter months: canned meats, peanut butter, lite fruits, sweetened or unsweetened applesauce, low sodium veggies (corn, green beans, peas, mixed), sugar free Jell-O and/or instant puddings, soups (hearty as well as "cream of") mashed potatoes, mac and cheese (elbow macaroni and "boxed cheese"), spaghetti and sauces, instant oatmeal, cereals, and soda crackers. Hamburger (tuna, chicken) helper, rice or potato side dishes, gravies (canned or dry), tomatoes (whole, diced, sauce, paste), beef stew, baked beans, and condiments. Also Boost & Gatorade.

Non-food basics like toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry soap and dish soap.

Thank you to members who have been faithful in contributing to items for the SHARE room, both food and non-food items. They have been greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office, 347-2136, or Pastor Bishop.



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P	I	T	T	E	E	U	L	O	N	R	D	G	U	E
T	R	I	S	R	T	E	I	C	T	E	A	T	R	A
H	N	I	H	U	N	L	E	T	E	T	L	G	C	L
G	E	T	D	C	L	I	U	R	Y	F	U	I	E	O
L	I	V	E	E	T	L	G	D	O	R	I	L	E	U
Y	R	E	B	B	O	R	D	U	A	R	F	R	G	S
T	H	E	F	T	C	O	N	T	E	M	P	T	T	Y
Y	R	T	O	G	I	B	D	P	I	S	S	O	G	S

## Things to Overcome

ADULTERY	HATRED
ANGER	IDLENESS
BIGOTRY	INIQUITY
BOASTING	LIES
BRIBES	LUST
CHEATING	PRIDE
CONCEIT	RAGE
CONTEMPT	ROBBERY
CRUELTY	SCORN
CURSING	SINS
DECEIT	SLANDER
ENVY	STRIFE
EVIL	TEMPER
FRAUD	THEFT
GOSSIP	THREATS
GREED	VANITY
VIOLENCE	
REBELLION	
JEALOUSY	
DECEPTION	
GLUTTONY	

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Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 28

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