



The Eagle November 2022



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*May we continue to be used by
God and share the Gospel with*



This year, the theme for our Mid-Week Advent Worship is Entitled

- THE GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS -

This time of year, along with all the Christmas parties and getting the decorations out and the tree up, sending cards, making the office Christmas party and all the other little traditions that go along with Christmas, one thing that is special for many people is taking an evening or two to watch some of the classic Christmas movies: Frosty the Snowman, Rudolf, It's a Wonderful life. But of all the Christmas movies and stories, none is as well-known and beloved as Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol—the story of old Ebenezer Scrooge, the meanest, most selfish and despicable man in London.

This tale has endured for over 150 years because it is most of all a story of hope, a story of second chances, and a story of being transformed by Christmas. Who among us doesn't desire such things?

This year our midweek Advent worship will revolve around a series of sermons that use the theme of Dickens classic to help us prepare for and experience a deeper and more meaningful Christmas.

A meaningful Christmas is exactly what we need. A moment to catch our breath in the middle of the rush. Advent is becoming more aware of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. Whatever has us rushing from place to place can wait for just a moment. Stop. Take a deep breath. Enjoy your friends and family. Take in the beauty of the decorations. Pray and worship.

Across the church, Advent is the season of slowing down, of waiting and watching.

Advent is the time that we set aside to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Because if we do not slow down, we will miss it.

We will miss the quiet hush of God, telling us that we are loved. We will miss the humble Mary and Joseph, slowly traveling to Bethlehem. And most importantly, we will miss that it is all for us.

So let's enjoy it. Let's slow down, and take it all in. In the midst of this busy season, set extra time aside for prayer. Join us for worship on Wednesday Evenings, November 30 and December 7 and 14.

Allow yourself to take a break just to enjoy the holiness and beauty of this wonderful time of year.

Joyfully,

Aaron Kalbas
Pastor Aaron Kalbas

PRESCHOOL NEWS

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THANK YOU

We want to thank each and every one of you who have made donations to the preschool this past month. We appreciate all of your support!

Important Dates:

- Pie Fundraiser: Oct 30th – Nov 15th
- Director's Retreat: Nov 7th – 8th
- Thanksgiving Party: Nov 18th
- Pie Pick-Up Day: Nov 22nd
- NO SCHOOL: Nov 21st – 25th

A Note from the Director

Happy November!

This past month has been a busy one for the Preschool! Our kids have continued their study of the Old Testament and have been learning about Joseph and his brothers, Moses' life, the exodus and crossing of the Red Sea, and the Ten Commandments.

For our academic curriculum, all classes spent two weeks learning about our wonderful community helpers, many of which were able to come and visit with our students, as well as started their Fall Unit. In addition to those topics, our Mighty Lion & Kinder/bridge classes have continued growing their writing and math skills. We are looking forward to continuing our Fall Unit in the upcoming weeks and preparing for Thanksgiving!

This month we will be having our very first homemade pie fundraiser for Thanksgiving! The pies will be available for preorder from October 30th – November 15th and can be ordered from any preschool student. If you don't know a student personally you can always call me to order one at 254-967-5652! We hope that you will allow us to bake a treat for your family this Thanksgiving, while helping support our school!

God's Blessings,
Hailey Partin





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Finance Update

St. John Lutheran
Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group
 September of Fiscal Year 2022
 Responsibility: All
 Fund: 01 - General

Income

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Total Income

Expense

04-Board of Outreach

10-Board of Elders

12-Board of Education

13-Board of Trustees

14-Board of Finance

16-Preschool Board

20-Memorial Expenditures

21-Non-Budget Expense

Total Expense

Income Less Expense

Current Month		Year-to-date	
Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
39,832.00	45,129.29	367,390.00	410,509.13
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1,498.00	662.50	8,232.00	4,128.26
18,272.33	18,624.41	140,171.97	143,806.02
1,264.00	444.69	15,163.00	12,277.16
9,139.00	3,030.96	80,033.00	147,062.56
4,269.00	3,735.46	37,423.00	31,427.07
9,501.67	13,544.24	79,507.03	93,134.81
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	10,902.91
43,944.00	40,042.26	360,530.00	442,738.79
-\$4,112.00	\$5,087.03	\$6,860.00	-\$32,229.66

John Schoedel

St. John Men's Club

Thomas & Linda

In loving memory of



We are in need of volunteers to provide Altar Flowers for the last two Sundays in November and the first two Sundays in December. If you feel that you could do that, please contact the church office and let me know. Thank you for helping make our worship services special.

The Ruth Guild is again selling Poinsettias for Christmas to brighten our sanctuary. Cost is \$12.00. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please pay in advance. Checks are payable to The Ruth Guild.





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Anniversaries

7th	Paul & Kathy Christensen	41 Yrs.
24th	Forrest and Cecelia Jenson	58 Yrs.

Birthdays

2nd	Dawn Johnson, Ima Roberts
3rd	Carlos A. Olalde
7th	Daniel Olalde, Kim Tyson
9th	Jack Bussey, Emma Johnson
10th	Allison Bussey, Mason Bussey
11th	Addyson Clowdus
12th	Martin Wenzel, Addley Yates
13th	Rick Housden, Layton Stork
15th	Darryl Beach
19th	Shirley DeLoach
20th	Don Tyson
22nd	Danna Hurst
23rd	Jimmie Horton, Geraldine Kautzsch
24th	Connie Nolte, Emily Wagner
27th	Linda Moore
28th	Joe Polster
29th	Sharolyn Lawson
30th	Lawson Yates

Baptisms

1st	Reagan Reich
3rd	Brittanie Clevenger
9th	Klayton Kensing
10th	Jim Schrank
13th	Graham Bussey, Anna Gaydos
14th	Doug Wagner, Khloe Wenzel
15th	Tag Gruetzner
16th	John Polster
18th	Connie White, Kyle Zschiesche
19th	Kyler Kensing
20th	Wilma Gaydos, Delores Stanford
22nd	Jonathan Hurst, Emery McElroy, Colt Weiser
23rd	Ricky Brown
24th	Roger Bushee
27th	LeeRoy Tyson
30th	Calvin Friedrich, Darrell Wagner



Upcoming November Events

6th -	MITE BOX SUNDAY 11:15am Bd of Elders 1:30pm Nursing Home Devotions
8th -	5:30pm Bd. Of Finance
13th -	11:15am Bd. Of Trustees 11:15am Bd. Of Outreach
20th -	11:15am Preschool Bd.



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Devote yourselves to
PRAYER
being watchful and thankful. Col. 4:2

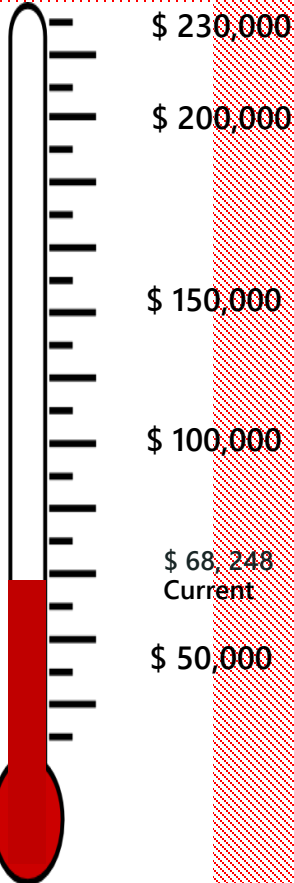
**Breakfast and
Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am
(Live streamed on
Facebook)**

**Quilting
Tuesday 9:00am**



BUILDING FUND



T Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Josh Chorenziak, Isaac Jerrell, Krista Jerrell, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Cade Roenne, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Garrett White.

T Our Homebound & Nursing Facility Residents

Focused Care: Kendra Code, Frances Donahoo, Lillye Sanders, Jewell Zimmerman, Geraldine Kauitzsch **Hamilton Health Care:** Corene Streger, Katherine Hopper **Belton:** Maxine Wenzel **Home bound:** Ricky Brown, Artie Peters, Frances Schrank, Nell Helm camp, Barbara Jahns, Irene Zaruba,

T Our Members:

Justin Melde—Slowly improving

T Our Friends:

Oralia Alverado - (Angie Tawater's mother) various health issues
Noland Arbaugh - (Friend of Darryl & Michelle Beach) praying for complete healing of his paralysis
Molly Beach - (Niece of Darryl & Michelle Beach) suffering from an auto-immune disease
Bobby Cathey - (Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues
Gene DeLoach - declining
Justin Monk - cancer has returned
Kellie Revelos - (Andy Ivey's sister) cancer has returned, pursuing treatment
Ossie Scott - (Doyle Robert's Sister) cancer has returned

T Praise and Thanks - Bonnie Williams

T For those who Grieve -

T Special Prayers - Covid-19; Teachers & students; President & Government Officials; Medical Professionals; First Responders & Rescue crews; Fires and firefighters; Rain; The war in Ukraine

Please contact the church office at 254-386-3158 with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones. Thank you.



Deaconesses Trained to Reach Out in Love and Share Christ

Caring For and Sharing Christ with Hurting People Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — \$100,000

2021–2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:
\$2,150,000
Mission Grant #14
\$100,000

*As each has received
a gift, use it to serve
one another, as good
stewards of God's
varied grace:
whoever speaks,
as one who speaks
oracles of God;
whoever serves,
as one who serves
by the strength
that God supplies—
in order that
in everything
God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.
To him belong glory
and dominion forever
and ever. Amen
(1 Peter 4:10-11).*

Deaconesses are professional church workers trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. Equipped with God's Word, deaconesses share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who have not yet heard it. In reaching out to those in need, deaconesses continually point them toward the cross.

Deaconesses may serve in the parish, in institutions, or in the mission field. Their specific ministries change depending on their call, but all deaconesses reach out and care for others as they share the love of Christ. They lovingly and selflessly provide much-needed care and works of mercy to people who are suffering and often marginalized. These include people who are sick, homeless, disabled, malnourished, homebound or hospitalized, enduring grief or loss, in hospice care, or living in nursing homes or convalescent homes. They also may serve those who are mentally ill, troubled youth, teen mothers, children of divorce, and those suffering from neglect or domestic violence.

The deaconess certificate is awarded to women in various ways. Some women complete the three-year residential program at Concordia Seminary or the dual degree program while also studying at St. Louis University. Some women receive their training and certification by participating in a four-year distance course study through Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) or Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). Starting in the spring of 2021, women can become certified as they study four years in their home area through the online deaconess studies program.

Deaconesses serving in a parish may visit shut-ins or make hospital calls. They may manage the Sunday School program, lead women's Bible studies, and work with the youth. Regardless of how they serve, they listen and grow to understand the needs of those they serve.

Some deaconesses may serve as a hospital chaplain or work in an institution that is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. They may serve as counselors at a center for troubled youth or minister to unwed mothers who learn to care for their child.

Deaconesses, who are recent immigrants to the United States, use their languages skills and understanding of different cultures to help people assimilate into this country. They understand the struggles immigrants are facing and keep pointing them to the loving arms of Christ.

The money from this grant will help fund scholarships for the training of women to become certified deaconesses. It will also cover some of the costs of managing the deaconess training program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

For more information go to lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/deaconess-ministry

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants





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Ruth Guild News

Quilters have been busy! We currently have over 265 quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

We are thankful for the quilts that have been pieced together, assembled, and hand-tied by ladies from St. John, St. Paul—Aleman, and volunteers from other local congregations.

Ladies who give their time to this project include: Shirley Meissner, Bernadene Kruger, Sheryl Sommerfeld, LaRue Barnett, Mary Beckner, Juanita Seider, Tootie Schoen, Neede Anders, Mischelle Bottlinger, and Aubry Gates.

The Blessing of the Quilts and Kits will be Sunday, November 6th, when all the quilts will be displayed in the church.

In addition to the quilts, Ruth Guild has assembled 57 school Kits and 29 Personal Care Kits.

Thank so everyone who donated to the LWR Missions Outreach programs in 2022!

Ruth Guild will be selling poinsettias to adorn the church during the Christmas Season. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Poinsettias are \$12.00 each. Please pay when you pre-order. Orders are due December 11th.



Upcoming Events

Saturday - November 5th - 9:00AM:

Need help putting quilts out on pews.

Tuesday - November 8th - 9:00AM:

Need help boxing quilts & labeling boxes for shipping.

Any able bodied person is welcome to help with these events.





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FOR ALL THE SAINTS

1864

William
Walsham How
(1823 - 1897)

*But the saints of
the Most High
shall receive the
kingdom, and pos-
sess the kingdom
forever, even for-
ever and ever.
Daniel 7:18*

*Music Notes
by:
Gary
Gromatzky*

William Walsham How was born into a wealthy British home just before Christmas in 1823. His father was a lawyer and his grandfather a preacher. William attended Oxford to study law, but after graduation he entered the Anglican ministry. He proved very capable and was offered the Bishopric of Manchester; but he turned it down without even telling his family of the offer. He also refused the Bishopric of Durham, England, with its large salary and prestige. He wanted to serve in humbler places.

In 1851, he became a country parson in the rural parish of Whittington near the Welsh border. He labored there for twenty-eight years, during which time he wrote most of his nearly sixty hymns. In 1879, he moved to London and began working tirelessly among the poor as an assisting (suffragan) Bishop.

He was called the “Omnibus Bishop” for he refused to ride in the private coach afforded bishops. He preferred public transportation. He was also called “the Poor Man’s Bishop” because of his concern for the poverty-stricken of Victorian London.

William tended toward liberalism in his theology and was influenced by the intellectual trends of his day, including the theory of evolution. His son once said, “My father considered evolution to be the wonderful way in which the Lord formed man out of the dust of the ground.”

Nevertheless, William was a passionate soul-winner and an evangelical hymn-ist. He once said a minister “should be a man pure, holy, and spotless in his life; a man of much prayer; in character meek, lowlydevoting his days and nights to lightening the burdens of humanity.” And he said about his poems: “A good hymn should be like a good prayer—simple, real, earnest, and reverent.”

In 1897, How was asked to write the national hymn for the British Empire’s observance of Queen Victoria’s Jubilee, but he had little time to enjoy the honor. He died on August 10 that year while vacationing in Ireland.

One of William’s greatest hymns is “For All the Saints,” originally titled “Saints Day Hymn—Cloud of Witnesses—Hebrews 12:1.” It was written for All Saints’ Day (November 1) and is often used as a processional in church services on that day due to its majestic tune. It was first published in 1864 in Earl Nelson’s Hymns for Saint’s Days and Other Hymns.

*For all the saints Who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth’s wide bounds and ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host.
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*



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CHRISTMAS EVE

children's program



It won't be long and the holidays will be upon us... that means Christmas Eve Pageant rehearsals at St. John.

WE NEED HELP!

St. John needs someone or a few "someones" to help Pastor make Christmas Eve extra special.

We can't do it without you. No experience needed!

Talk to Pastor if you are interested.



Share Advent

Advent begins November 27th with our first Advent Mid-Week Service Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 PM. As in years before, we are asking for volunteers to serve meals before the services at 5:30 PM. If your Board or group would like to prepare a meal for these services, you can sign up on the sheet in the narthex, or call the church office. This is always a great time of food and fellowship.



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Highlights from October 24th Voter's Meeting

The 2023 budget and constitutional changes were passed. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of these documents.

Officers and Board Members for 2023:

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Sonny DeLaGarza

VICE-PRESIDENT

Gary Gromatzky

SECRETARY

Tommy Duetsch

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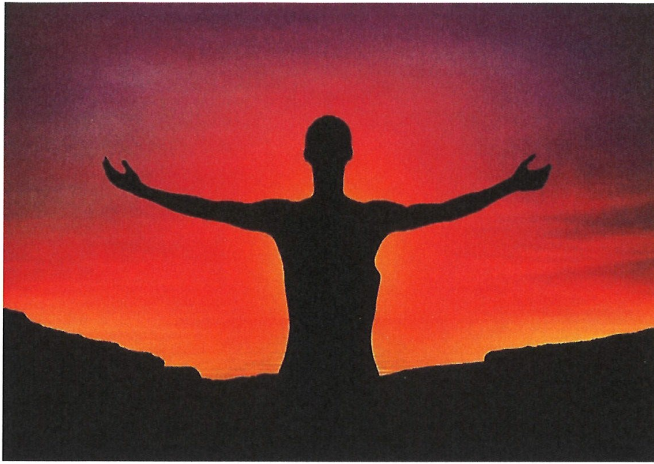
Jennifer Ivey

Jennifer Knutson

Sr. Youth News

St. John Lutheran Hamilton and Trinity at Badger Ranch Host

Fall Fellowship, Faith and Fun Festivities



Walking in Faith
and
Leading For Faith

9:30 Ice Breakers

10:00 Disc Golf

12:30 Lunch (gluten free)

1:15 Bible Study

2:00 Games (9 square, corn hole, gaga ball)

3:30 Leadership Talk and Snacks

4:15 Capture the Flag at airport

5:30 Sunset Dinner and Devotion

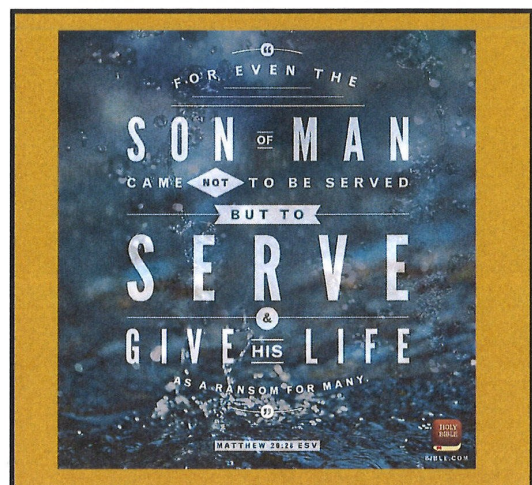
6:30 Departure



Saturday, Nov. 12th

In Hamilton

Sign up by Sunday, Nov. 6th





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