

November 2024

The "Good News" Letter

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

2024: The Year of Rest!

THE 'GOOD NEWS' LETTER

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

November, 2024



The power of generosity.

In a story attributed to Mother Teresa, she and other religious sisters were distributing food to an impoverished village. Each family was allowed to send one member with one bucket to be filled with dry grains of rice. To the surprise of a novice shadowing Mother Teresa, one elderly woman held two buckets.

Greeting the woman by name, Mother Teresa filled only one of the buckets. Thanking her, the woman walked away, and emptied half of her full bucket into the second empty one. The novice asked, "Why did we not fill up both buckets for that poor, elderly woman?" Mother Teresa explained that there was only enough rice for one bucket per family each day. "Her neighbors are very ill," she said. "She is emptying half of her family's share into her neighbor's bucket to bring to them because she cannot carry more."

Overcome with sorrow, the novice wanted to fill the sick family's bucket and carry it for the woman. Mother Teresa looked at the novice. "Never take away the right of another person to be generous," she said.

What will you do with what you are given?



Our Mission

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we who belong to the congregations, agencies and ministries of the Northwestern Ohio Synod will witness together to God's creative and redeeming Word to the entire world.





**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Sharninghouse, Michele Robles and Linda Ross. Devotions led by Michele on the church's mission. Linda will lead October 9 devotions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reviewed and discussed. Dave moved and Michele seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reviewed and discussed. Linda moved and Michele seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave reports preparation are in order for the church picnic at his house on September 22.

- He also shares Basinger's Heating and Plumbing did fix the leak under the church kitchen sink and fixed the air conditioning in the Parish Hall.
- God's Work Our Hands Sunday was observed by baking cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry and the Sundy School helped load these cookie boxes into Robin Kershner's car for transport.
- We will plan to knot quilts on September 18 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall for Lutheran World Relief donation October 12.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda reports the Christmas Poinsettias are ordered.

- She also shares there will be some variations in the coming weeks with the church service liturgy.
- With the passing of Dan Waisanen, his family requested the use of the Parish Hall for a Celebration of Life gathering for family and friends on October 12, from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. The church will provide a light lunch for this.
- The October pastoral leaders scheduled are: October 6-Pastor Bill Schultz; October 13-SAM Bob Fett; October 20-Pastor Bill Schultz; October 27-SAM Bob Fett.
- Dave shares Synod staff has been working on supply for our Sunday services with Ken Pollitz, a retired pastor from Findlay, possibly helping on some Sundays. This is not working through the call committee. He relates there may be a meeting with Synod next week.
- Continued review and planning is being done on the 2025 Budget.

Linda moved and Michele seconded to adjourn the meeting. All agreed and motion passed.

Meeting closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ross, Secretary



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2024

Members Present: David Sharninghouse, Carol Cary, Michele Robles and Linda Ross. Devotions led by Linda, "Who Would Jesus Bless today". Carol will lead November 13 devotions.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Carol moved and Michele seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Linda moved and Michele seconded to accept this report. All agreed and motion passed. Discussion was held on possibly investing some of the money from the savings and checking accounts in a 4 or 6 month CD with that interest being higher at present. Carol will check into this at the bank and report back to us.

Pastor's Report: Dave introduced a form we need to fill out from Synod by October 31 on evaluating the SAM we are having to help us lead our Sunday services. This is a new form. We completed it and will send it to Synod via Email which our secretary, Dana Bournes, will do for us. We also need to send a letter from our Church Council to the Bishop and Synod Council stating we still have a need for a SAM (Synod Approved Minister) to serve in our congregation, which also needs to be done by October 31, 2024.

Old Business: Finishing figures are in process on the 2025 Budget to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 17. Notice of this meeting will be in the weekly church bulletin November 3 and 10.

-Preparations are in order for the October 12 Celebration of Life gathering for the family of Dan Waisanen. We will provide a light lunch for them.

New Business: Carol announced she will pick up the 3 boxes of frozen sugar cookies at Gordon Food for us to bake and provide for the McComb Home Town Christmas Celebration in December so the children can decorate them.

-Carol will place a flyer in the weekly church bulletin on how to donate money to the Lutheran Disaster Response for the recent flood areas in the U.S. We discussed donating \$200 from the church and then welcome individual church members to add to this and the total will be sent in together. Carol moved to donate the \$200 for this. Michele seconded this. All agreed and motion passed.

-Dave reports Basinger Heating and Plumbing representative will be here

October Council minutes cont'd:

tomorrow to look at what is needed to put in the Fail Safe Valve required by Northwest Water company. Dave and/or Carol will meet them here.

-Updated pastoral leaders for October services: October 6 – Pastor Bill Schultz; October 13 – Paul Brooks; October 22 – Pastor Bill Schultz; October 27 – SAM Bob Fett.

-Christmas giving was discussed and it was decided to continue our practice of giving \$200 to 3 families in need. Carol will contact the school to see if they have suggestions on families in need. Michele moved to continue this process with the \$200 each for 3 families. Carol seconded this. All agreed and motion passed.

-Filling the Giving Tree with mittens, hats and gloves were discussed. Carol will ask Carol Yeager if she will lead this project.

-We agreed to give our Christmas Eve offering to the Hancock County Religious Education.

-We were encouraged to ask congregational members if they would consider serving on Church Council to get added support.

Michele shared the McComb Main Street windows are to be decorated for Christmas and anyone with desire to share their talent and flair is invited to offer their service to the McComb City Council.

Linda moved and Carol seconded to adjourn the meeting. All agreed and motion passed.

Meeting closed by all praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ross, Secretary



IN OUR PRAYERS: John Sharninghouse, Gary Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva George, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Chris & Arlene Heiny, Bob, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Pat Newell, Kelli Sterling, Ann Cantrell and Gordon Myers. Pray also for the victims of natural disasters, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

Banking Summary - Month To Date

10/1/2024 through 10/25/2024

Category 10/1/2024-
10/25/2024

INCOME

Direct Deposit	300.00
Envelopes	2,545.00
Hurricane Relief	100.00
Memorial Money	75.00
Mile Of Pennies	35.00
Plate	44.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,099.00

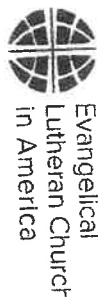
EXPENSES

Church Supplies	42.91
Copier	292.01
Gifts	100.00
Insurance	1,880.50
Outreach	310.39
Supply Pastor	525.00
Utilities	95.24
Water & Sewage	95.24
TOTAL Utilities	95.24
Utilities	145.42
Electric	120.00
Gas	265.42
TOTAL Utilities	265.42
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,511.47

TRANSFERS

FROM Checking	10,000.00
FROM Savings	5,000.00
TO S/L C/D'S	-15,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00

OVERALL TOTAL -412.47



**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
HURRICANE HELENE**

OCTOBER 2024

ELCA.org/hurricanes

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners,

Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response
equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDDG0010
- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response* \$ _____ DDG0087

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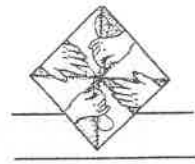
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Give through your congregation or make your check out to:
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA
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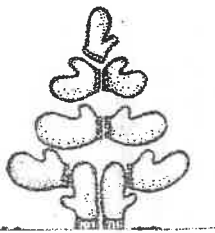
QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: We are thrilled to share the news with you that the LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry is expanding to reach neighbors in need in the United States. This means that quilts and kits will now comfort families here in the U.S. – and abroad, as they always have.



St. John's have done both ministries in the past, but in the last number of years, we have done just the quilts. Saturday, October 12, 7 boxes containing 31 quilts were taken to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pemberville, OH. Quilts were also taken to Hope House, CHOPIN Hall, and City Mission in Findlay.

My grateful thanks to those of you who have supported this ministry by giving me fabrics, money toward purchasing batting, and your time to come help tie knot those quilts.
– Sharon Kreh

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Brought in were 80+ items (bar soap, body wash, shampoo, hand soap, etc.) through the months of September and October for the pantry at Lutheran Social Services and CHOPIN Hall. Thank you!! Do you realize that this congregation is a very generous one! Thank you again for your continued support!



GIVING TREE. Once again we will be setting up a Giving Tree on Sunday, November 17. Donations of gloves, hats, socks and scarfs this year will be taken to the McComb School, Mohawk School, City Mission and CHOPIN Hall. Last day to bring these items is Sunday, December 13 to provide time to deliver them before Christmas. Thank you for your appreciated donations.

- Carol Yeager

MAY GOD'S MOST SPECIAL BLESSINGS BE WITH YOU ALWAYS!



November Birthdays

- 11 – Quinlyn Johns
- 15 – Brice McDaniel
- 25 – Atticus Mewhorter
- 27 – Lorene Raney

November Anniversaries

- 1 – Jim & Lisa Kryling
- 18 – Paul & Sue Maki
- 26 – Todd & Holly Hankins

God’s Helpers for November

Readers:

- November 3 - Dave Sharninghouse
- November 10 -Lori McDaniel
- November 17- Carol Cary
- November 24 -Linda Ross

Worship Leaders

- November 3 - SAM Bob Fett
- November 10 - Paul Brooks
- November 17 – SAM Bob Fett
- November 24 – SAM Bob Fett

Altar Care

Sharon Kreh

NOVEMBER

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2 (KJV)

COUNT

Author Unknown

- Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
- Count your gains instead of your losses.
- Count your joys instead of your woes,
- Count your friends instead of your foes.
- Count your smiles instead of your tears,
- Count your courage instead of your fears.
- Count your full years instead of your lean,
- Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
- Count your health instead of your wealth,
- Count on God instead of yourself.

At this time of the year, we are thankful for many things: the beauty of fall season and all the wonderful things that come with it — apples, cooler weather, and magnificent colors!

Calendar of Events



- Nov 3 – TIME CHANGE, 1 hour!
- Nov 3 – ALL SAINTS DAY, we remember Gus Robles, Bob Smith, and Dan Waisanen
- Nov 5 – Election Day – VOTE!
- Nov 10 – Pancake & Sausage Bkfst at the American Legion, 9 am-1pm
Veterans eat free!
- Nov 11 – VETERANS DAY
- Nov 12 - Lions Dinner Mtg. 6:30 pm
- Nov 13 - Church Council Mtg. 5:30
- Nov 17 - Annual Congregational Mtg, following worship.
- Nov 28 – THANKSGIVING DAY.
Count your Blessings!
- Nov 29 – Newsletter Deadline

Looking Ahead:

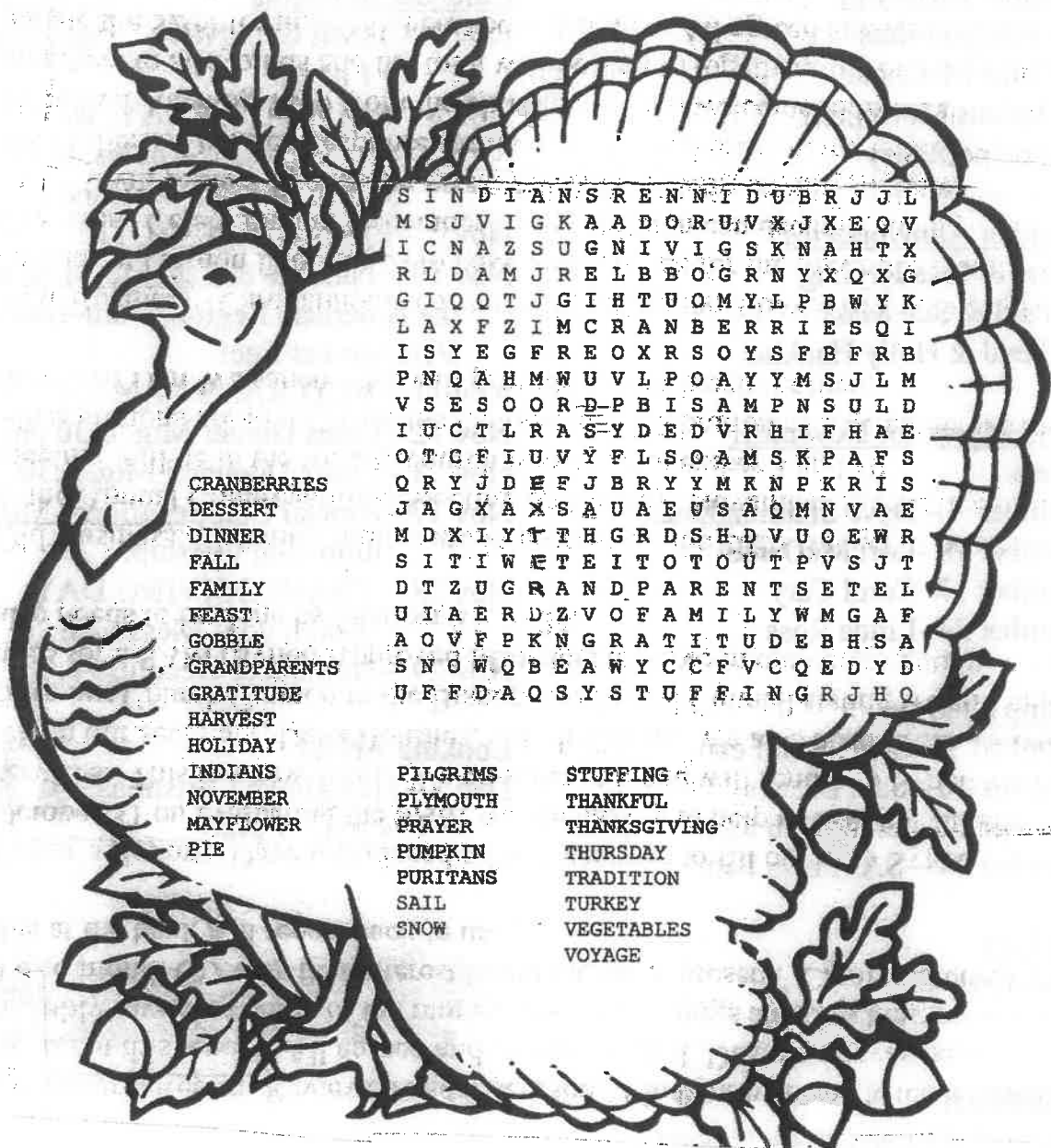
- Dec 1 – Hometown Christmas
4 pm – 7 pm



As we gather with family and friends, let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving and counting our many blessings.

Dear God, we come to You in prayer, thankful for our many blessings. We know this is a time of gratitude to You, our creator and provider, for Your love and guidance. As we spend time with our families, let us not forget our neighbors and the homeless who may not have families to gather with. Help us to reach out to those who are in need of our help and share.

God, we pray for peace among people all over the world. Guide and direct our world leaders. We ask for a special blessing upon our servicemen and women: Protect them and keep them safe. Return them soon to their families and friends. We ask for Your continued blessings and love. Give us a heart full of service, love, and thankfulness. We ask for this in Your name. Amen.



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THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS
 TO ALL!