



St. Peter's November KEY

"God Is Still Speaking"

Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher



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In the Life of Our Congregation ... from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the One who continues to rain blessings down upon us; the One whose love knows no bounds; the One whose promise is always with us.

It is hard to believe, but the dog days of summer are becoming a faded memory. The lush greens of the trees have given way to the vibrant hues of autumn, which are now fading as the leaves fall from the trees. The hot humid days of summer are over, making way for the crisp clear days of fall. Shorts and t-shirts have been replaced by jeans, sweatshirts, and sweaters. The gardens have produced all the bounty they will provide for the year and have been tilled under so that the soil may rest and recuperate from the demands of the growing season in preparation for next year's planting. It is at this time of year we are called to take special time to give thanks to God, whose love provides all the bounties and blessings we have.

In the Bible the book that contains more words of thanks to God than any other is the Psalms. There is one Psalm in particular which speaks to us here at St. Peter's UCC; it is Psalm 126. I have taken the liberty of paraphrasing and changing a few words so that it may speak to us today.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of St. Peter's UCC, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the communities, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

God truly has restored the fortunes of St. Peter's UCC. We have become a growing, vital congregation where the Spirit of the Living God moves and guides. We have become a congregation where worship is alive and empowering, allowing God's Word to reach people in new exciting ways. We have become a congregation who is beginning to dream and search for new ways to respond to the many blessings we have received.

On a personal note, I am thankful for the wonderful place that God has called us. I am thankful for the loving community which surrounds us with warmth and compassion. I am thankful for the openness of the congregation and the receptive minds which have allowed me to try new ways of serving God at St. Peter's. I am thankful for your prayers, the power of which I feel every day. I am thankful for the love and support of friends and family who are far away in terms of miles, but always in our thoughts and prayers. I am thankful for my children who no matter what, always seem to find ways to make me smile and amaze me with their love. I am grateful for our grandson, Lexx. His presence in our lives has brought new joy and love. Mostly, I am thankful for my best friend, Kathy. She constantly and lovingly provides me with direction and focus. Without her love and support I could not be the pastor, friend, father, man I am today. God has richly blessed my life. Praise be to God.

During this special time of year let us each take the time to thank God for all that we have and all that we are. Let us, as a congregation, strive to show God our thanks for our many blessings by prayerfully discerning how we can use our blessings to be a blessing to God's glorious creation. The LORD has done great things for us; let us rejoice and give thanks to the LORD.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mark

*thankful
&
blessed*

I would like to express my gratitude to the congregation of St. Peter's UCC for the unexpected and humbling display of love, support, and appreciation shown me as you recognized Pastor Appreciation Day on October 14. I thank you for the many goodies and gift cards I received. I was especially touched by the many notes of love and support that were included in the gift basket I received. I feel so blessed to be in ministry with the people of St. Peter's UCC. It is extremely gratifying to know that feeling is reciprocated. May God continue to bless our ministry together for many years to come.

Pastor Mark



Join us for a performance of ***Handel's Messiah*** on December 8, 2018, 3:00 pm
at Ozinga Chapel,
Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL

Tickets:

(for groups of 10 or more) are available at 3 levels:

\$24.00, \$29.00, \$34.00

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Number of Tickets:

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Checks are due by November 7, 2018
to the office or a M&E member.

Contact Membership & Evangelism with any
questions:

Marcia Steward, Margie Norman, Kari Fleck and
Allyn Krusemark

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

DECEMBER 8, 2018, 3:00PM

Stilian Kirov, Conductor
Elmhurst Choral Union

Hallelujah! Maestro Kirov ushers in the holiday season with this joyous masterpiece along with special guests, the heavenly Elmhurst Choral Union and four superb soloists.

Fun Facts:

- Handel composed the entire 259-page score of *Messiah* in about three weeks.
- Standing for the "Hallelujah Chorus" began with King George II at the London premiere because, when the King stands, everyone stands.

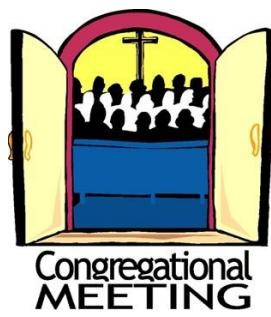
"A treat for the ears and spirit!"

Presented by the Ozinga Foundation
and Elmhurst Choral Union



From your Council President ... *Bruce Wille*

Let's take another look at the scripture from October 14th, Matthew 19:24-26 "Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God. When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved? Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." If you missed that scripture and message, you missed was a touching service.



It is that time of the year again as the congregational meeting for passing next year's Faith and Mission statement is set for November 11th after the worship service. We as a church are a congregation most would say is rich, and have many blessings. We have a 100+ year old church that is a magnificent building. We are blessed with a talented church family with many resources as can be noted by the rooster in back of the sanctuary, the quits and quilt supports hanging throughout the church, the handymen we have that volunteer their time to maintain the facility, the wonderful music talent we have, an amazing webpage/Facebook (and soon web access throughout the church), members dedicated in the Christian education of our children, support staff in all phases of our ministry and a caring/supporting congregation. I'm sure you can name many more blessing that this church supplies to each one of us as you have many times throughout the year. Yet as a council we struggle, as man, to care for the church structure, our support staff, our church mission and the daily running of the church. We sometimes try to control instead of letting God's talents work for us, however we do our best to lead the church in faith and provide you with a Faith and Mission Statement.

So join us at the congregational meeting on November 11th, as we discuss our Faith and Mission Statement and followed by our stewardship program. As we look into our future, we can determine if our goal as man is trying to put a camel through the eye of a needle or working together as the body of God providing greater blessing to Saint Peter's UCC, the community of Frankfort and the world God created for us.

As Ernie has stated in a recent e-mail, "You folks are the churches blessing" And to go a step further The church is a blessing to all of us, the community and the world.

Remember what Jesus told the disciples "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." This is still true today so support us with your talents and blessing in Saint Peter's to be even more blessed place because with God all things are possible.

Bruce Wille
Council President



LET'S MAKE LAP BLANKETS!!

Women's Fellowship is having a get-together on Monday, November 12th from 6:30 – 08:00 PM in the Friendship room. We have been asked to assist in making lap blankets for area hospice patients. We will be making no-sew, knotted fleece lap blankets. Hospice patients are often chilly so a blanket to cover their laps while sitting in chairs is a simple way we can show them the love of God. Please plan on joining us as we work together to help others.

Please meet your new Organist: Lisa Kristina began piano studies at age 4, and continued into her undergraduate work at DePaul University. She holds music degrees from DePaul, the Manhattan School of Music, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She began accompanying for choirs at age 10, and shortly thereafter, began playing organ at her parish church, St. Agnes in Chicago Heights. Since then, she has been organist at St. Michael's in Orland Park, St. John's Episcopal in Flossmoor, Temple Anshe Sholom in Olympia Fields, Trinity Lutheran in Park Forest, and St. Mary of the Angels in Chicago, as well as a regular pianist at Old St. Patrick's downtown.



In addition to her church work, Dr. Kristina has been both an onstage performer and keyboard player in opera and musical theater. She appeared in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*, on Broadway, and on tour in the U.S. and in Germany. She has been heard live as both a singer and pianist on WFMT radio, and has been pit keyboardist for several Chicago Opera Theatre productions including *Flowering Tree*, with composer John Adams conducting. She has played concert tours in China (big band jazz), Lithuania (choral accompanying and chamber music) and Canada (accompanying an Irish pop singer). She currently teaches voice at Marian High School, and has been an adjunct music professor at Prairie State College since 2002. She continues to work extensively as a free-lance keyboard player, even after winning some money as a two-time *Jeopardy!* champion last year, and is very pleased to be a part of the St. Peter's family!

Please meet your new Choir Director: Shirley Drobak is very excited to be back at St. Peter's after 13 years. She finds the choir still wonderful, the congregation very welcoming, and the church vibrant and servant hearted.

She has been singing in a church choir since age 2 and directing since age 18. She grew up singing at the Baptist Church in Bloomington and later was a member of UCC in South Holland and Chicago Heights when she came to the south suburbs.

She taught music for 25 years, mostly in Flossmoor and Tinley Park. She also directed The Tinley Park Community Choir for 17 years. When she is not making music, she enjoys travel with family and friends, attending concerts, exercising at the gym, playing bridge, and scrapbooking.



She has 2 children, Melissa, in ministry in Bloomington, and Robert, an attorney in Chicago.

She looks forward to sharing in music ministry for many years here at St. Peter's.

Sunday, November 18 we will be participating in an ecumenical Thanksgiving service with our sisters and brothers in Christ from other churches in our community. We will be gathering at Peace Lutheran Church ([1900 E Lincoln Highway, New Lenox, IL 60451](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1900+E+Lincoln+Highway,+New+Lenox,+IL+60451/@41.4811,-87.7001,17z)) at 7:00pm for an evening of word and music. Choirs from the churches will each be sharing an anthem, with a final song by all the choir combining their voices in giving thanks and

praise to God. Afterwards, there will be a time of fellowship and, of course, food. I hope that you will make plans to join us for the special assembly expressing our gratitude for our many blessings.



If you have been enjoying the choir so far this season, maybe you would like to give us a trial and join us for the holidays. We will be working on Advent and Christmas Eve music starting Wednesday, Halloween night from 7 to 8:30 and every Wednesday after that except for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Drobak @ 708-704-6906 or any choir member. We would love to have you join us.



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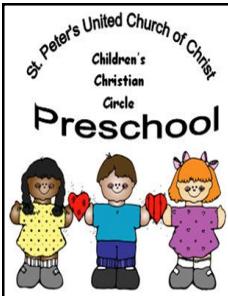
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The St. Peter's Preschoolers have had a boo-tiful October! The weather has been so wonderful we have enjoyed many days outside and explored the grounds for signs of fall! The 2's found the color orange in many places; the 3's learned the nursery rhyme Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater; and our 4's talked about Fire Safety. All classes enjoyed a field trip to see "Little Red Riding Hood" with their families!

Christi Breitbarth
Director and 4's Teacher
St. Peter's Preschool

**The office will be closed Thursday,
November 22 and Friday, November 23,
in celebration of Thanksgiving!**

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Amazon donates.
[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



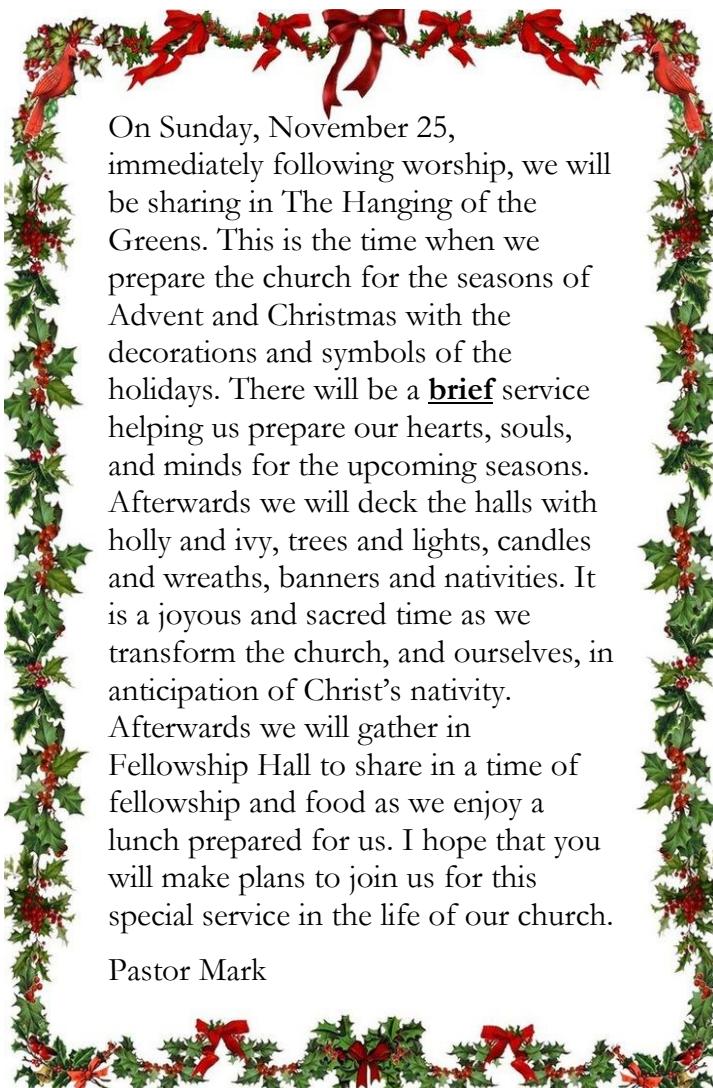
SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the 5th Monday or Thursday of the month, St. Peter's cooks and serves lunch at Shepherd's Table, Joliet. We invite our congregation and friends to join us in this humbling service to our community.

2018 dates

Thursday, 11/29
Monday, 12/31

Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.



Don't forget to "give" and "get" at the same time!!! Remember to Support St. Peter's with your Amazon Smile Order!!!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2924265>

**Both Classes:**

Believe it or not, we start practice for the Christmas program in this month. Our choir director, Shirley Drobak, has been kind enough to make a CD of the songs for the kids so they can practice the songs at home. We will be sending the CDs and words home this month.

As you can see from the lessons, the kids are being reminded about the endless and steadfast love of God.

Sunday, November 4th after service

Please join us as we pack the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are packing 42 boxes so we can use your help.

Sunday, November 18th during service

During this ingathering service, the children will bring forth non-perishable food goods brought by them and other congregational members. Please remember to bring some food & join in this activity.

Sunday, November 25th after service

Join congregation members as we share lunch after we decorate the church for the holiday season.



**4th - 8th Grade
Jennifer Stephen, Teacher**

Our class will primarily be the speaking/stars of the program as well as singing with the other children. We will be having a short lesson and then practicing during Sunday school this month and next.

NOTE: YOUTH GROUP IN NOVEMBER IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH!!

**3 yrs - 3rd Grade,
Cathy Dutro, Teacher**

3 years to 3rd grade:

Our class will primarily be comprising the nativity scene as well as singing songs during the program. The younger students will be performing our popular & traditional rendition of *Away In The Manger*.

**NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS IN FRANKFORT:**

VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT Sponsored by Hickory Creek Middle School
Thursday, November 8 6:30 PM Hickory Creek Middle School

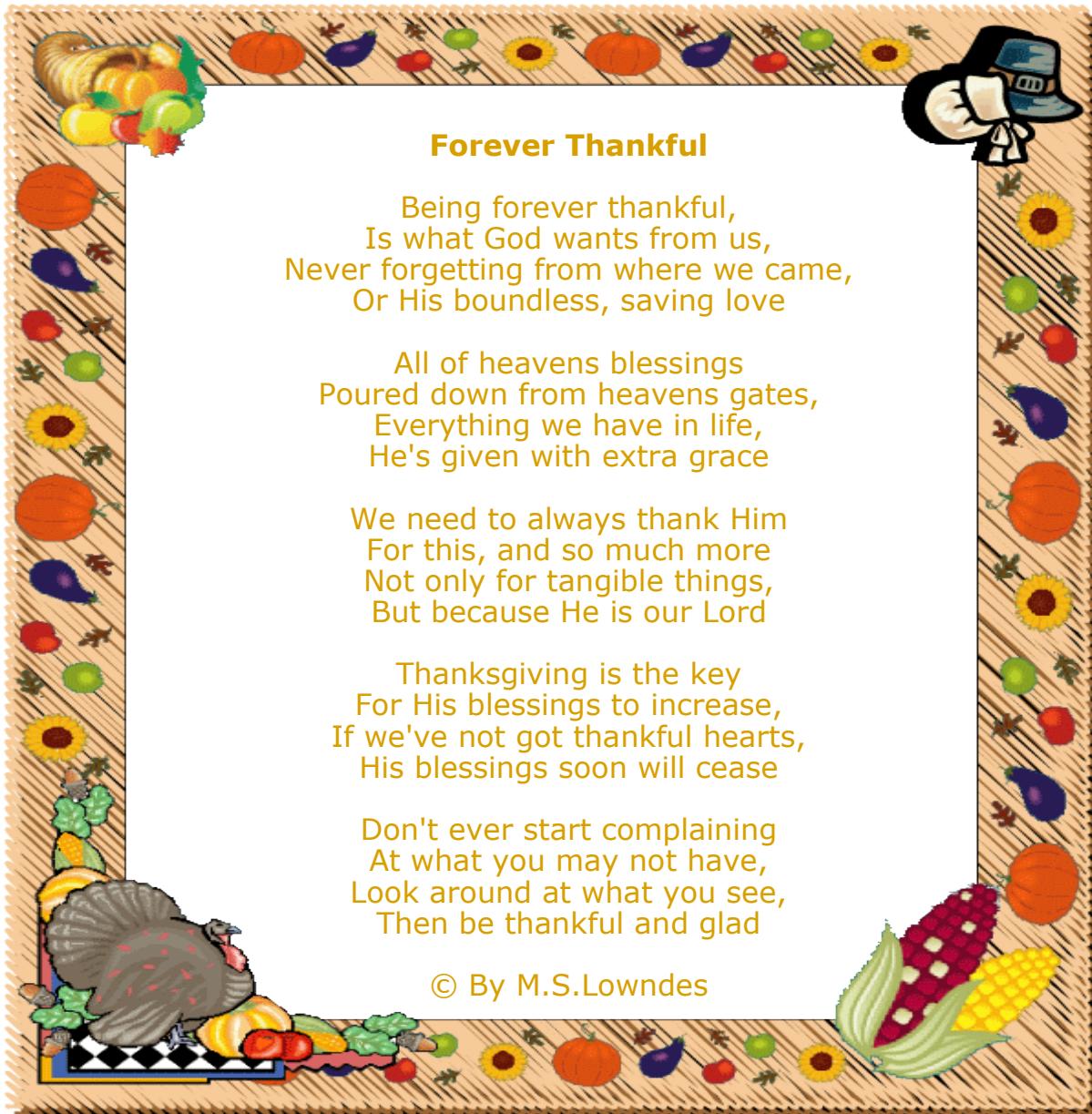
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Thursday, November 29 6:30 PM —Breidert Green Downtown Frankfort

What we'll be studying in November, 2018

11 - Mark 12:38-44

18 - Mark 13:1-8

25 - Revelation 1:4b-8



Forever Thankful

Being forever thankful,
Is what God wants from us,
Never forgetting from where we came,
Or His boundless, saving love

All of heavens blessings
Poured down from heavens gates,
Everything we have in life,
He's given with extra grace

We need to always thank Him
For this, and so much more
Not only for tangible things,
But because He is our Lord

Thanksgiving is the key
For His blessings to increase,
If we've not got thankful hearts,
His blessings soon will cease

Don't ever start complaining
At what you may not have,
Look around at what you see,
Then be thankful and glad

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WHAT: The Milligans' Annual Christmas Open House

WHERE: The St. Peter's UCC Parsonage
8 West Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL

WHEN: Friday, December 14 @ 6:00pm

WHO: All our friends and family.
Come dressed in your finest holiday garb,
bring a dish to share and a joyous holiday spirit
as we gather for an evening of festive food and
merriment.

In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Linda Klier, Virginia Osmus, Gordon Nelson, Charlotte Pfuhl, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Bruce Stone, Ed Tewes, Richard Walsh., Robert Yehnert Also, all service personnel, including: Kevin Rutolo, Capt. Carson Cleveland, Lt. Jr. Grade Kelsey DePorto Lopez, Major Jodi Krippel, Major Steven Krippel, Private Minor, Mstr. Sgt. John Fowler. All anonymous needs and requests. Thank God for all answered prayers!

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**Membership and Evangelism**

At St. Peter's, we "mug" our visitors and guests! The coffee mugs, new and improved, are back!

On Sundays, please help the ushers identify guests and visitors who will, in turn, receive a mug courtesy of St. Peter's.



CARDS AND NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE SENT TO LINDSAY JOHNSON AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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LINCOLN, IL 62656

Vision statement of St. Peter's United Church of Christ: To become an open, loving, and welcoming community striving to reflect God's love for all creation.

Vision Statement Ministry Team:

Cheryl Howard
Paul Muenchow
T-Kay Nagy
Helen Simpkins

Joey Sparenberg
Lyle Tewes
Rev. Tom Norwalk
Rev. Mark Milligan

Greetings from your prayer chain:

Please call with your requests and praise.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Please call the office, 815-469-2220 or
Delores, 815-469-5106.



FOR NOVEMBER MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS COLLECTING:



Items for the Thanksgiving table, along with canned vegetables; green beans, cream corn, etc.

November Responsibilities**USHERS:**

Becky Cleveland
Stacy Holland

COFFEE AND...

Sylvia Tewes
11/4 Gail Roy

LITURGIST:

11/4 Evan Sparenberg

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Every 3rd Saturday of the month!!

Kup-a-Joe's
8:00 am

Come for good food, lively conversation and friendly fellowship!!!



**Please note: St. Peter's new website address is:
www.stpetersfrankfort.org**

**New email:
stpetersfrankfort@gmail.com**

Birthday Greetings:

11/2 Linda Stephen

11/5 Patty Allen
Tracy Gissler11/7 Beth Enskat
A.J. Krusemark

11/8 Lois Cranfill

11/9 Keith McLean

11/10 Darren Lattz

11/11 Donald Hellriegel
Phillip Hess Jr.
Scott Klier
Sandra Robinson
Jeri Vece11/13 Robert Allen
Paul Dalen

11/14 Allison Goldsmith

11/16 Vincent Bourke
Cheryl Miller

11/17 Robert Schultz

11/18 Madison Cummins
Cheryl Howard11/19 Arthur Frank
Mike Melnyk

11/21 Gary Niedermeier

11/22 Marissa Russotto

11/23 Emily Perish
Allyn Krusemark Reed11/25 Teri Schram
Robert Yehnert11/26 Erik Lynch
Alexis Meyer
Audrey Yoshioka**Birthday Greetings:**11/29 Kara Gustafson
Cressa Perish
Wendy Rinke
Terry White**Wedding Anniversaries:**

11/6/2004 Ray & Beth Whittinghill

11/10/1979 Dennis & Rebecca Cleveland

11/23/1975 Marla & Bill Krippel

11/23/2008 Matt & Nancy Srednicki



Don't forget to "Fall Behind" on November 4 @ 2:00 am! Turn your clocks back 1 hour ... extra hour of sleep!!! YAY!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies!! We have lots of exciting events planned for the remainder of 2018.

Mark your calendars for....

Making lap blankets for hospice on Monday, November 12 @ 6:30 PM

This activity was started last year and was really enjoyed by everyone. It was a great fellowship opportunity for the women to evangelize to those suffering from devastating illnesses. Come tie knots and share some food & fellowship with others.

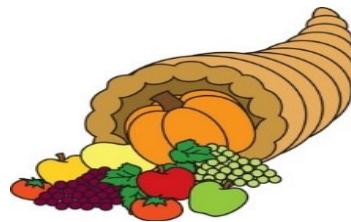
Christmas Party on Monday December 3 @ 6:30 PM

Join us for great food and fellowship as we celebrate our Savior's birth. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Ronald McDonald Charities houses.

Watch the weekly church bulletins and monthly *KEY* newsletters for updated information.

We look forward to spending time together in service to Christ.

Questions? Contact the Cathy Dutro (815-469-3788), the church office (815-469-2220), or Jennifer Stephen (815-469-4509).



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Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.
Enter off the east parking lot entrance.

2018

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
				1 Revelation Study - 10am Fire Drill 9:30am Choir 7pm	2	3 “Sew What” 9am Hayride/Bonfire
4 Worship 9:30 am Communion Coffee And... 10:30am OCC Packing Party 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am	5 Y&F, 6pm GENERAL ELECTION Open Sew 6:30-9pm	6 Choir 7pm	7 Revelation Study - 10am	8 Revelation Study - 10am	9 “Sew What” 9am	
11 Worship 9:30am Emma Meidell Baptism Military Quilt Presentation Congregational Meeting Coffee And... 10:30am K.F.C. 10:30am	12 Seneca-Carlson Memorial & Luncheon Women's Fellowship Lap Blankets, 6:30pm	13 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	14 Worship Meting 6pm Choir 7pm	15 Revelation Study - 10am CCC Thanksgiving Feast 7:00am - Noon	16 Council Reports Due AM	17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am Kip-a-Joe's Sew What Retreat 9-5 (including lunch)
18 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... 10:30am Confirmation 10:30am Sew What Retreat 12-5pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving @ Peace New Lenox 7pm	19 Council Meeting, 7pm	20 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	21 Choir 7pm	22 THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 Memorial Service
25 Worship 9:30am Coffee And... 10:30 am Hanging of the greens 10:30am	26	27 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	28 Choir 7pm	29 Revelation Study - 10am Lighting of the Frankfort Christmas Tree 6:30 Breider Green	30	

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Address Service Requested.



SUNDAYS— (Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.)

9:30-10:30 am

Sunday School

9:30 am

Worship - Nursery care provided

10:30 am

“Coffee and...” First Sunday only during the Summer

WEEKLY

Tuesdays:

*Open Sew, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays:

Choir, 7 pm

Thursdays:

Bible Study, Revelation, 10:00 am

* All sewing/quilting classes are held in room #213 off of the east parking lot

11/1 7:00 pm Special Choir Practice

11/3 9:00 am “Sew What”

11/4 9:30 am Worship, Communion
10:30 am OCC Packing Party
10:30 am Confirmation

11/5 6:00 pm Youth & Family Meeting

11/6 All Day General Election

11/9 9:00 am “Sew What”

11/11 9:30 am Worship
Emma Meidell Baptism
Military Quilt Presentation
Congregational Meeting
10:30 K.F.C.

11/12 11:00 am Senesac-Carlson Memorial Luncheon
6:30 pm Women’s Fellowship - Lap Blankets

11/14 6:00 pm Worship Meeting
7:00 pm Choir

11/16 A.M. Council Reports DUE

11/17 8:00 am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Kup-a-Joe’s
9:00 am “Sew What” Retreat

11/18 9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Confirmation
12:00 pm “Sew What” Retreat
7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving @ Peace, New Lenox

11/19 7:00 pm Council Meeting

11/22 All Day Thanksgiving, Office Closed

11/23 All Day Office Closed
KEY Articles DUE

11/25 10:30 am Hanging of the Greens

11/29 6:30 pm Lighting of the Frankfort Christmas Tree, Breidert Green