

St. John Journal

News & info for the family of St. John
Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill



*A loving and welcoming family of faith,
excited about what God has done
(and continues to do!)*

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Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! – Psalm 95:1-2

November is that special month which brings us together with an attitude of gratitude! With a feast of turkey, mash potatoes, yams, pumpkin pie, families come together to give thanks for the blessing in their lives.

This special holiday began in 1620 with the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. 102 passengers travel from England on a small ship named the Mayflower. For 66 days, they endured the smelly cramped hull of the ship. Landing at Plymouth Rock, food was scarce. The first winter was brutal. Their shelters were primitive and ineffective. Disease ran through the settlement. In fact, 51 pilgrims died after one year. Half of the colony passed away. After their first harvest, the remaining pilgrims gathered for a feast and giving thanks to God for the many blessings in their lives.

The practice of giving thanks to God and to others comes in the form of speech and celebration. The Biblical Hebrew word, *todah*, is the act of offering thanks or being thankful to God. We offer thanks to God for the provisions He gifts us with like food, clothes, crops, rain, shelter, etc... *Todah*, is the act of offering thanks to God for delivering us from sin, death, darkness, and he devil through Jesus Christ. *Todah*, is also the act of offering thanks to God because of His good character. *Todah* is commonly associated in scripture with meals and worship. Of course, David in Psalm 95 is illustrating the importance of coming to God to give Him thanks and praise by writing, “*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*”

So, please sit with your family on Thanksgiving Day and enjoy the feast and family fellowship. Also, take a little time as you chomp on Pumpkin pie to ask, "Name one thing you want to thank God about for this year." We truly need to get back to praising and giving thanks to God in our country, community, and family. Amen!

Sola Deo Gloria -to the Glory of God!
Pastor Norm



November Worship Note:

The new church year begins November 27 with the Advent Season. The Advent wreath is brought out of hiding. Three purple candles, a pink candle, and a white candle crown the Advent Wreath. Each Candle gives us focus on Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Christ. The pink candle is our "Joy" candle. Using the theme of "Joy", our Sunday Advent Sermon Series will concentrate on the following themes"

Advent 1	November 27	The Christmas Joy of Prophecy (Isaiah 7:14)
Advent 2	December 4	The Christmas Joy of Bethlehem (Luke 2:12)
Advent 3	December 11	The Christmas Joy of Shepherds (Luke 2:8-11)
Advent 4	December 18	The Christmas Joy of Angels (Luke 2:13-14)
Christmas	December 25	The Christmas Joy of Christ (Isaiah 1:18)

Please come and experience the Joy of Christmas with your St. John family.



Contact Information for Pastor Norm

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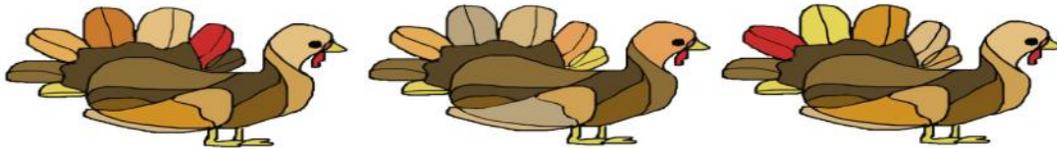
Cell Phone Number (361) 362-9108

Or

Email: pastornorm2003@yahoo.com

Readings for November

November		FIRST READING	RESPONSIVE	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
6	All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 149	John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
13	Pentecost 23	Malachi 4:1-6	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians:3:6-13	Luke 21:5-28
20	Christ the King	Malachi 3:13-18	Psalm 95:1-7	Colossians 1:13-20	Luke 23:27-43
23	Thanksgiving	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
27	First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Roman 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44



Nov	Acolyte	Layreader	Flowers Given By
6	Alex Grote	Katie Seeker	<i>Johnny & Sherry Randermann in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary</i>
13	Hunter Janner	Sandra Tillman	<i>Colton & Lauren Maass in honor of their Wedding Anniversary</i>
20	Wyatt Davis	Sandy Ordner	<i>The Finke Family in memory of Kervin Finke</i>
23	Charlie Schramme	Kallie Krause	
27	Rhett Schroeder	Charles Gaskamp	<i>Linda & Larry Pieper</i>

Baptismal Anniversaries

<p>11/02/2003 Haylie Tosta 11/02/2003 Ryan Tosta 11/03/1951 Karen Tiller 11/03/1957 Karen Dreyer 11/05/1939 Evelyn Strangmeyer 11/05/1972 Gil Janner 11/05/2000 Camryn Finke 11/08/1959 Dale Reisner 11/09/2008 Izabelle Sommerfield 11/11/2007 Swayzee Huckert 11/12/1939 Elvera Tisdell 11/13/1988 Jayda Knebel 11/14/2004 Kaden Seeker 11/14/2021 Jones Kaminski 11/15/1992 Kaylee Landon 11/15/1998 Colson Altman</p>	<p>11/15/2015 Jake Church 11/17/1946 Donald Lange 11/20/2016 Hudson Griffin 11/22/1965 Shanan Marburger 11/24/1985 Adrienne Reynolds 11/24/1985 Kacie Wellbrock 11/24/1996 Dillon Randermann 11/25/1973 Brian Rosenbaum 11/26/1995 Jess Boswell 11/26/2000 Taylor Klatter 11/27/1966 Keith Kroll 11/27/1977 Chad Westerfeld 11/29/2015 Kenley Hernandez 11/30/1952 Donna De Leon 11/30/2003 Reece Knebel 11/30/2014 Robert Spinn</p>
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Wedding Anniversaries

<p>11/08/2008 Cammie & Juan Guzman 11/09/1982 Johnny & Sherry Randermann 11/12/2011 Blake & Johanna Becker 11/14/2020 Colton & Lauren Maass 11/16/2019 Jordan & Cody Kaminski 11/17/2007 Chris & Stephanie Koehler</p>	<p>11/20/1993 Herbert, Jr. and Cathie Klatter 11/23/1991 Robert & Annette Neuendorff 11/27/1999 Glenn & Connie Mueller 11/28/1976 Larry & Linda Pieper 11/30/1958 Emery & Helen Schulze</p>
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You are in our thoughts and prayers as each of you celebrate your special day. May God richly bless you!

REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2022

The Church Council of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church met for its monthly meeting on October 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Council President, Kenneth Seeker, called the meeting to order. Pastor Norm Sulaica opened with scripture and prayer. All members except Jeannie Kroll were present. The September minutes were approved as distributed.

Unfinished Business

Slate of candidates for open council positions for 2023-2024 were presented. The search for a President-Elect continues.

President-Elect: _____

Secretary: Rita Gaskamp

Worship: Virginia Altman

Parish Education: Stephanie Koehler

Property: Colton Maass

Asst. Sunday School Superintendent: Kaley Bednar

New Business

Motion to approve placing an ad in The Banner-Press' Fall/Winter Visitor's Guide that will go out at the end of October for the sum of \$260. **MSC.**

Motion to make \$100 donation to the Prairie Hill-Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department for its Frightnight 2022, a safe kid-friendly event on the Independent Town Square sponsored by the VFD. **MSC.**

Motion to respond to a non-member's request to hold wedding ceremony and rehearsal at our church on March 25, 2023 advising the family of the Wedding Policy and Building Use guidelines and fees. **MSC.**

Motion to set Pies and Prayers Thanksgiving Service for Wednesday, November 23, with pie served at 6pm and prayer service following at 6:30pm. **MSC.**

Motion to set Christmas Service schedule as follows: Christmas Eve Children's Program at 4:30pm, with homily and holy communion to follow; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00pm with full worship service and holy communion. Christmas Day Services will be Sunday morning at regular worship time of 9:15am with holy communion. No Sunday School is scheduled for that day. **MSC.**

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report Sharon Neutzler

Report as submitted.

Financial Secretary Report Jeannie Kroll

For month of September, the total Weekly Giving Deposits were \$11,960 and Direct Deposits were \$4,332.63 for a total giving of \$16,292.63.

Community Concerns Report

India Randermann

Food Pantry served 72 families (141 people) at two distributions in September.

Worship and Music Report **Mary Longhofer**

The usher list for 2023 is being revamped to accommodate one worship service.

Parish Education Report Jennifer Schroeder

SS will host a Halloween Celebration at 4:30pm on Sunday, October 30. Christmas program practice starts November 6. Christmas tree set-up will be 10am on November 25 and take down will be 3pm on January 1. SS Christmas in the Country after worship service on December 18 to include hayride, face painting, arts/crafts, and hot dogs for lunch. There will be no children's SS on October 30, December 18, December 25, and January 1. Children's SS classes will resume January 8.

Youth Report **Herbert Klatte Jr.**

Family Fish Fest (for all ages) will be Saturday, October 22. Meet at church at 7am for fishing hole locations with a noon weigh-in. A Fish Fry Meal and award of prizes will be held at 6pm.

Evangelism Report **Josh Clay**

Good Neighbor Sunday will be November 13 with Gary Goebel catering the turkey meal. Inserts will be in the bulletins to reserve a meal for you and your family, friends, and neighbors for the dine-in Thanksgiving meal. To go plates will be available but there will not be a drive-through. Youth will deliver meals to the shut-ins.

Property Report Steve Skrla

Claims for the damage to miscellaneous equipment and lights will be filed with the insurance company.

Pastor's Report Pr. Norm Sulaica

Will preside at wedding of Kallie Finke & Kullen Krause on October 15.

Will preside at Abiding Word's pastor's installation service on October 16, following conducting an abbreviated service for Prairie Hill at its normal worship time.

Will attend NALC Texas Pastor's Fall Retreat from October 18-20.

Will preside at memorial service for St. Matthew Lutheran Church's members, Gloria Randermann Caro and Frank Carlo on November 4.

Weekly Bible Study on Luther's Small Catechism, continues on Mondays at 10am.

Faith and Family Sermon Series continue in October on Marriage, Parenting, Kids, and Being Single.

NALC Pastor's Conference will be held January 31-February 2 in San Antonio.

Motion to approve all reports as presented. **MSC.**

Motion to adjourn. **MSC.** The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

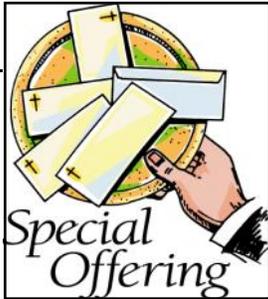
Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Fairlie

Council Secretary



November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>Special Offering: Food for the Poor</p> 			
		<p>1 6:30PM Rachel Circle</p>	<p>2 5:00PM Conf Class 7:00 PM Cho stice</p>
<p>6 All Saints Day 8:30AM Sunday School 9:15AM Worship Service Christmas Program Practice</p>	<p>7 10:00AM Bible Study 6:00PM Executive Meet- ing</p>	<p>8 6:30AM Food Pantry Voter Election in Parish Hall</p>	<p>9 5:00PM Conf Class</p>
<p>13 Pentecost 23 8:30AM Sunday School 9:15AM Worship Service Good Neighbor Meal be- gins @11:00AM</p>	<p>14 10:00AM Bible Study 6:00PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>15 9:00AM Quilting</p>	<p>16 5:00PM Conf Class</p>
<p>20 Christ the King 8:30AM Sunday School 9:15AM Worship Service</p>	<p>21 10:00AM Bible Study</p> 	<p>22 6:30AM Food Pantry 9:00AM Quilting</p>	<p>23 No Confirma 6:00PM P Praye 6:30PM W Servi</p>
<p>27 First Sunday of Ad- vent 8:30AM Sunday School 9:15AM Worship Service</p>	<p>28 10:00AM Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 5:00PM Conf Class</p>

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WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Confirmation Prac-	3 Office Closed 2:00PM Naomi Circle	4 Office Closed	5
Confirmation	10 Office Closed 2:00PM Ladies Aid	11 Office Closed <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 Parish Hall Reserved
Confirmation	17 Office Closed	18 Office Closed	19
Confirmation Classes and Worship Service	24 Office Closed <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 	25 Office Closed 10:00AM Christmas Tree Decorating	26
Confirmation			

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Before we begin the new month, I have a few lingering announcements for the end of October.

There will be no Sunday School on October 30. That evening at 4:30, we will enjoy a trick or treat hayride down Independence Road. If you live close by the church and would like to be a trick or treat stop, please let me know! After the hayride, a hamburger supper will be provided at the parish hall. Please bring a bag of chips or dessert to complete the meal. All kids and friends are welcome!

Our rotations this month will focus on the continuation of the life of Moses; The Red Sea and Wandering in the Wilderness. We will also begin preparing our hearts for the beginning of advent season and look forward to cooking and crafting as we learn more about these important events from the Bible.

Christmas program practice will also begin this month with sign ups available for participation. All children of St. Johns are welcome to be part of our program that will be held on Christmas Eve at 4:30 pm. Please sign up using the link below: <https://bit.ly/stjohnph>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

In His Name,
Megan Schramme
979-421-0904



*The following are sharing their time
and talents for the month of November:*

COMMUNION BREAD Deanna Giese

ALTAR PREPARATION Sherry Randermann, Diana Williams

FAMILY AID Connie Rohde

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Carolyn Kessel, Sandy Ordner

SANCTUARY PREP Sandy Janner, Carol Haarmeyer

CHURCH TELLERS Charles Giese, Deanna Giese

SCREEN CREW Barnay Glaesmann, Steve Skrla

USHERS James Schawe, Billy Wellmann, Josh Clay

2022 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Kenneth Seeker
Vice-President Herbert Klatte, Jr.
Treasurer Sharon Neutzler
Secretary Janice Fairlie
Community Concerns India Randermann
Evangelism Josh Clay
Financial Secretary Jeannie Kroll
Parish Ed. Jennifer Schroeder
Property Steve Skrla
Worship & Music Mary Longhofer



2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who has been unable to pick theirs up! The Flower Chart has been posted in the Annex. We have several spots available, so please sign up if you are able.



Choir Practice

We are inviting all voices to come and be part of St. John's Choir. The first practice will be held Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Mary Longhofer and Laura Sulaica



November Quilting Schedule

Meeting at 9:00AM on

November 15th & 22nd

Deanna Giese will be hosting.

There is no meeting in December.



Rachel Circle meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting will be November 1st at 6:30PM.

Naomi Circle meets on the 1st Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be November 3rd at 2:00PM.



St John Lutheran Prairie Hill Food Pantry

Upcoming Dates:

November 8th & 22nd from 6:30AM-8:00AM



Thanksgiving Good Neighbor Sunday
Please join us for a dine-in or walk-in plate of Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 13, 2022, after worship, beginning at 11:00AM. Please complete one of the forms to reserve a plate for you, your family, friends and neighbors.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE
BEGINS NOVEMBER 6TH DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL. ALL
CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.**

To sign-up, go to:

<https://bit.ly/stjohnph>

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**



BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Pastor Norm is leading a weekly Bible study beginning at 10:00AM based on Luther's Small Catechism. We welcome you to join us.



*Pies and Prayers
November 23rd at
6:00PM, followed by
6:30PM worship service.*

Christmas Tree Set-up



Decorating Time

Friday November 25th at 10:00AM by the Sunday School Classes. All children are invited to participate.



Dates to remember in November and December:

Wednesday, November 2nd

7:00PM Choir Practice

Sunday, November 6th

Christmas Program Practice

Sunday, November 13th

Good Neighbor Sunday meal after worship service, beginning at 11:00AM

Wednesday, November 23rd

6:00PM Pies & Prayers follow by worship service at 6:30PM

Friday, November 25th

Tree Decorating at 10:00AM

Sunday, December 18th

Sunday School Christmas in the Country

Saturday, December 24th

4:30PM Christmas Youth Program with Communion

7:00PM Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25th

9:15AM Christmas Day Service



A very Happy Birthday to all members celebrating in November.



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The deadline for the
November newsletter is:

November 21

Submissions received after
this date will be included if
time and space allow.

Thank you!



November

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**