

# St. Peter Lutheran

## November 2024 Newsletter

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Items for the Hat, mitten and sock tree will be picked up for distribution.
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study leader is Pastor Czymbor. Breakfast server is needed.
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs' "Reaching the Unreached"  
~ Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Election Day
- Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
~ True Woman Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at the Parsonage, Lesson #6
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting with Election of Officers, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Muffin Sunday – Ladies A - J are asked to bring the Muffins
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - FLY Bible Study and business meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
~ True Woman Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at the Parsonage, Lesson #7
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday in Advent. Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Advent Family Night – Soup Supper served by the FLY group. More info to follow

Usher's List: Nov. 3 – Chris Punt & Corey Whitney

**Communion Lay Assistant – Don Fink**

- 10 – Darwin Kreth & David Hartmann  
17 – Don Fink & Doug VanZee  
24 – Dwight Brenner & Ervin Fink

Cleaning List: Oct. 28 – Nov. 3 Tami Fink & Cindy VanZee

- Nov. 4 – 10 Bonnie Villmow & Carey Brenner  
11 – 17 Chris Lau & Dee Fink  
18 – 24 Danielle Revoir & Donna Picek  
Nov. 25 – Dec. 1 Donnelle Hoffman & Hannah Lau



## Count Your Blessings!

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** “<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” The main idea for this month is verse 18 but the two previous verses, among the very shortest in the Bible, are included because they work to complete the whole thought of our memory work for November. The desire of God is that any who claim to be His servants will give thanks in all circumstances: good, bad, or otherwise.

God uses the language of marriage to describe and emphasize the relationship between Himself and His people. In these verses He is telling us what type of attitude we are to have as Christians. Traditional wedding vows state, “to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.” Our verses convey similar vows regarding how we should approach God. From the moment we surrender to Him and He cleanses us of our unrighteousness and we become born again in the Holy Spirit, from that time we hold Him and He holds us. We can and should be rejoicing always from then on because of what He has done for us. I would be so bold as to say that anyone unable to rejoice always is unable to point to God as the source of their salvation and freedom from sin, death, and the devil. They should run to Christ, confess, repent, and be cleansed of their sin burden so they can enter into God’s presence with a rejoicing and thankful heart.

A healthy marriage relationship is one defined and founded upon God. And communication is the second most essential component. If a married couple has communication problems with either God or each other that marriage will be one of suffering and problems. Hence, why praying without ceasing is essential. Prayer is communication between two parties. In the Bible this is between God and mankind. In any successful relationship it is between the participants in that relationship. I urge you to heed the command and advisement of these verses, speak to God and to any others who you value in your life (spouse, parents, kids, best friends) intentionally and often. No relationship exists without back and forth communication within it. This is why the “fan” relationship in pop culture and entertainment is so bankrupt and empty, especially the more elevated and godlike the fan makes their idol.

In the closing verse, God reminds us simply that it is His Will that in our relationship with Him we will be blessed and appreciative of Him, such that we give Him thanks and glory for all that He has blessed us with. In all circumstances, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part. God’s patience, faithfulness, goodness, mercy, and love are never ending for those in obedience to Him. And though death will part us from relationship with the world, it never separates the Father from His children. This is the greatest blessing we have from our Creator: **Hope!** Hope in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His teachings and wisdom are available for us to receive and choose to obey. His forgiveness is only hindered by our pride. May God provide you with the strength and courage needed to step out in faith, forsaking this world and embracing His identity and purpose for your life.

Whatever tempts you, may God allow you to see the emptiness and futility of following that habit or possession. Whoever is speaking in your life and leading you deeper into the world, whoever tells you what you want to hear and believe rather than the Truth of God, whoever is pressuring you to be like the crowd instead of the One who blazed the path through the pain, suffering, and death that is waiting to devour us all, May God silence, trip up, and bring judgment upon all who cause His people to stumble (Malachi 2:8, Proverbs 4:16, Psalm 140:4, Matthew 5:29-30, Matthew 18:7-9, Mark 9:42-47, Matthew 16:23, Luke 17:2, Matthew 13:41)

I hope you have experienced the joy of God having removed your sin debt and burden. If so, you can rejoice in us each week as we imprint the song, “**Count Your Blessings**” #575, on our hearts and minds this month. If you lack God’s joy in your life I urge you to set aside your pride and submit to Him before it is too late. You can reach out to me any time for help in getting to know Him and the love He has available to all who confess and repent of their sin burdens.