

November Sermon Series  
"Thank Goodness or Thank God?"

We often say thank goodness.  
What are we actually thanking?  
Is this less offensive than thanking God?  
Human reality says we should thank God.

November 5 (All Saints' Sunday)  
God is Bringing Power  
November 12 God is Bringing Justice  
November 19 God is Bringing Light  
November 26 (Christ the King Sunday)  
God is Bringing His Kingdom

Please pray for

Healing: Kris Lokemoen, Charles Rohrer, Judy Mankin, Shirley Koelling, Maxine Johnson, and Jason Johnson, Rick Heet, Cooper Alcott, Monica Anderson, Delphine Bauer, Janet Betros, Kenley Cash, Connie, Carolyn Etting, Elosia Gabaldon, Linda Eisinger, Vera Erdmann, Joanne Finstad, Bill Gathright, Jim Harper Sr. and the Harper family and friends, Adam Kincaid, Randy and Robin Matney, Pat McKinney, Eric Mueller, Dan Oligschlaeger, Bruce Petersen and Jennifer Schlotter, Leta Twehouse.

Success of new young adult ministry "The Branch"

Military Safety: Abney Cooper, Shawn Dinwiddie, Lucas Frey, Brittany Jackson, Lewis Kempker, Karli Shockley, Bryce Taylor and Tyler Temmen.

*(Names on this list for more than one month are removed at the end of each month, unless an extension is requested.)*

**Calendar for the Week of 11/12/17**

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Classic Worship in the Worship Center\*  
10:00 a.m. Brunch  
10:30 a.m. Modern Worship in the Worship Center\*  
10:30 a.m. Children's Worship, upstairs to the right\*  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday class  
11:40 a.m. Prayer Time in Prayer Room (upstairs to the right)

**Wednesday:** 6:00 p.m. Adult Sunday class will resume on December 6.  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Praise band rehearsal

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(\* Nursery available at this time downstairs next to the worship center)

Altar Flowers

You can contribute flowers for our altar in honor or memory of someone, to celebrate an event, or to the glory of God. A flower chart is located at the Information Center.  
The cost is \$30.

**OUR SAVIOR'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds; but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs.*  
Matthew 13:31-32

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**Connections Team** – Connections Team: For today's worship services we thank the following people for assisting in His name. At the 9:00 a.m. service: Greeter – Debbie Curtis; Ushers – Mary Williams, Nancy Hoffman and Jennifer & Rylea Schlotter; Brunch Hosts – Mary Williams, Steve Walker & Marjorie Beenders; Nursery Attendant – Janice Rambo. At the 10:30 a.m. service: Communion Assistants – Mike Goldammer & Gordie Menken. Greeters are Gordie and Shirley Menken.

**Thankoffering Service** - Today's service is prepared and presented by the Women of the ELCA. The offering will be sent to the churchwide women's organization to support their ministries. One of which is Raising Up Healthy Women and Children: Our health initiative gives seed grants to congregational units to start programs that bring physical, mental and spiritual health to women and children in their communities.

**Thanksgiving Worship this afternoon November 19** - The Christian Ministerial Fellowship sponsors an annual community Thanksgiving service. This year the worship is at 3:30 pm today, at Christian Fellowship Church which is located at 600 Beck Street.

Save the date – Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 p.m. – **“Lead Me Back to Bethlehem” musical** - Our Savior's Singers with a chamber orchestra. Rediscover the Joy, Peace, and Love of Christmas featuring new and familiar songs, our favorite hoop choreographer, artist, signer, and more. Oh yes, and a delicious dessert reception. Tell your friends!

**November Stewardship Verse** – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7(NIV)  
6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**The Central States Synod Assembly** – Wayne and Gloria Sharp were elected at the meeting held November 12, to represent the OSLC as voting members to serve at the annual meeting for ELCA congregations of Kansas and Missouri. Are you willing to join them at Bethany Lutheran College in Lindsborg, KS on June 7 - 9, 2018?

**The Women of Our Savior's are hosting a SERRV Fair Trade Sale Today** and December 3 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be selling items from artisans from countries such as the West Bank, Peru, Ecuador, Indonesia, India, and Bangladesh. These artisans and farmers live in challenging circumstances and depend on these sales to support themselves and their families. Sales through SERRV enable them to receive a fair price for their products. Items include nativity sets, baskets, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, and chocolates, etc. These make great Christmas gifts!

**Bakeless Bake Sale** This is your opportunity to support the ministries of the Women of the ELCA. With your gifts, we are able to support Oaks Indian Mission and ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Heisinger Bluffs, and also present activities for our congregation such as the Sweetheart Dinner and the Mother/Daughter Tea. Please consider giving an offering by placing your gift in the provided envelope & placing it in the offering plate. Thanks so much!

**Time for Prayer** – Each Sunday, the Prayer Team meets after the second service in the Prayer Room upstairs (the last room in the hallway to the right). Everyone is welcome to join in or submit a prayer request. We have had some beautiful answers to our prayers. St. Paul reminds us not to “...fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.” Philippians 4:6-7, *The Message*.

**Have you checked out The Branch?** It is our new young adult ministry of music, activities, community service, library, and prayer - all in a coffee house conversational style setting. It happens on Friday evenings starting at 6 pm. If you're under 40 years of age, come! If you're over 40 years of age and are willing to come alongside a young person, come! In addition, make sure you "like" The Branch on Facebook.

We have some very **young folks who might be interested in beginning the reception of elements during Communion**. Communion, like Baptism, is a means of God's grace - meaning it is purely a gift of God. There's no age requirement for receiving Communion. It's a conversation between the child, parents, and pastor as to when it seems to be the right time. So if you're interested in considering the possibility, stick around after 10:30 worship in the sanctuary this Sunday for a short introduction to Holy Communion.

**Donation Options** – Simply put, at Our Savior's we seek to connect people to Jesus. If you would like to invest in that mission, you can make a donation in the offering plate (passed during the 9:00 a.m. service, and up front during Communion at 10:30 a.m.); you can go to our web site and choose Give; or you can scan the QR Code at the right with a smart phone. Thank you for your partnership with God as He brings about His Kingdom through people like us.



**Church Office Volunteers** – We are in need of volunteers to take care of the church office for a morning or afternoon. If you have the ability to give your time and administrative talents for a few hours each week, we would like to hear from you. We can also use people to do special tasks like newsletter editing, web site administration, etc. Please e-mail Janice Rambo, our office staff coordinator, at [administration@reachingoutinlove.org](mailto:administration@reachingoutinlove.org), if you are interested or would like more information.

