



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

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From the Pastor...

PRAYER TEAM

Recently, the council was informed that a prayer team is beginning at the church. Presently, it is comprised of the following members: Donna Dudash, Sandy Ritter, Terry Tegtmeier, Doug Dix and Jim Davis. The purpose of this group is to give others an opportunity for personal prayer after each service on Sunday. Each Sunday one member of the team will be available in the parlor for anyone who desires prayer. Of course, confidentiality will be maintained.

The group will expand and provide other experiences of prayer for the congregation. The prayer chain will be a focus for them as well in the future. In addition, they will be encouraged like everyone else to pray daily for the church.

I am quite pleased that this group is excited to be a part of the work of God in the church. How often do people say, "I will pray for you" but it goes no further than that. Prayer must be intentional and not haphazard. Prayer gives us the chance to stop our daily activities and direct our thoughts to God. Time for prayer is crucial for our faith to grow and mature. Worship, of course, provides that on a weekly basis but daily prayer nourishes our desire to pray publicly with others.

Another aspect of worship that we direct our attention to as a prayer team is taking a few moments to pray together with the worship assistants, lectors and acolytes just prior to the beginning of the Sunday service. This will enable us to prepare our thoughts to praise and honor God.

As the group expands an emphasis on prayer, my hope is that others will also participate in this initiative. There are many dimensions to prayer so that the efforts of the group will expand to include other aspects of our communication with the Lord.

In closing, I offer for your consideration Luther's morning prayer.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is yours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one has no power over us. AMEN

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MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 2024

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
11/3	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	11/3	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier		10:30 am	Terry Tegtmeier
11/10	8:00 am	Steve Maurer	11/10	8:00 am	Byron Lautenschleger
	10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 am	Marcia Howenstine
11/17	8:00 am	Charlann Young	11/17	8:00 am	Dave Zastawny
	10:30 am	Kim Pohovey		10:30 am	Richard Dudash
11/24	8:00 am	Jim Ward	11/24	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Randy Simers		10:30 am	Cheryl Simers
USHERS & GREETERS			SCREEN		
11/3	8:00 am	Aaron & Meghan Woods	11/3	8:00 am	Terri Howell
	10:30 am	Randy & Cheryl Simers		10:30 am	Doug Dix
11/10	8:00 am	Byron & Marianne Lautenschleger	11/10	8:00 am	Jen Ward
	10:30 am	Dave & Linda Clugston		10:30 am	Ted Howenstine
11/17	8:00 am	John & Sandy Bolitho	11/17	8:00 am	Pam Ward
	10:30 am	Tom & Tammy Huggings		10:30 am	Dee Garrison
11/24	8:00 am	Dave & Charlann Young	11/24	8:00 am	Olivia Howell
	10:30 am	Dee Garrison		10:30 am	Doug Dix
Altar Guild			Community Meals		
		Ted & Marcia Howenstine			Kathy Pozzuto

Readings

<u>Nov. 3</u> <u>All Saints Sunday</u>	<u>Nov. 10</u> <u>Twenty-fifth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>10/17</u> <u>Twenty-sixth Sunday</u> <u>after Pentecost</u>	<u>10/24</u> <u>Christ the King</u>
<u>Revelation 7:2-8</u>	<u>1Kings17:8-16</u>	<u>Daniel 12:1-3</u>	<u>Isaiah 51:4-6</u>
<u>Psalm 149</u>	<u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>Psalm 16</u>	<u>Psalm 93</u>
<u>1st John 3:1-13</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:24-28</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:11-25</u>	<u>Revelation 1:4-8</u>
<u>Matthew 5:1-12</u>	<u>Mark 12:33-44</u>	<u>Mark 13:1-13</u>	<u>Mark 13: 24-37</u>

Stewardship Report

2021	2022	2023	2024
\$181,036	\$143,867	\$137,226	\$146,955



Daylight savings time will end on November 3, 2024 according to USA Today. Make sure you turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday Night November 2.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!!



November Birthdays



November Anniversaries

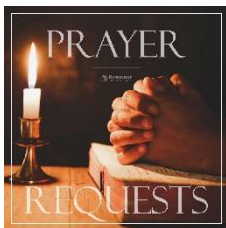
Bennett Gettan	11/4
Paulette Hoskinson	11/4
John Kienzle	11/5
Emma Garver	11/7
Maryann Miller	11/8
Zac Pirillo	11/8
Dave Zastawny	11/9
Randy Simers	11/11
Andrews Reeves	11/18
Riker Grewell	11/28
Alyce Snyder	11/24
Jerry Hoskinson	11/28

Dave & Dorothy Garan	11/5
Zac & Beth Pirillo	11/16
Carl & Faye Gregory	11/17
Dave & Linda Clugston	11/17
Fred & Maryann Miller	11/9

All Saints Day: All Saints Sunday is **November 3rd** this year. The list of those deceased this year is in the Narthex. You may add additional names of those you may have known to the list.

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

Shut-ins: Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. **John Kienzle** – Hennis Care Center, Bolivar, OH. (Room 206) **Dave & Dorothy Garan** –1204 N. Crater Ave. Dover, OH 44622 - **Betty Menapace** – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave. Room 19 A, Dover OH 44622 and **Alyce Snyder** at Assisted Living at Brewster Park 360 Wabash Avenue (Lodge/Inn Bldg.-(Room 608) Brewster OH 44613



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Crista Brubaker, Pam Ward, Suzanne Kuntzman, Jennifer Hockenberry, Mary Sanders, Alyce Snyder, Irene Ward, Hunter Renicker, Rosemary Gambaccini, Rita Morrin, Pat Mizer, Netta Strand, Fred Lecce, Patti Rimer, Jacob Walker, Nancy Mahoney, Bill Nelson, Brenda Schreffler, Lissa Johns, Kay Locker, Brock McNutt, David Shetler, James Baltzly, Margret Cox, Pam Miller, Jeff Elliott, Lucie Dillon, Jeff Siegenthaler, Dave Mason, Josh Aubihl, Dominic Manuel, Joanne Simers, Jessica Ditous, Hannah Dragomir, Bob Leffler, Devlin Crist, Gary Smerglia, Lyn Christenson, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Seth Hershberger, Abraham Marlowe, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Camren Taylor, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, Jordan Ritter, William Robishaw



PRAYER FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER 2024



Have you ever seen a butterfly flitting from flower to flower? It spends a few seconds on each but derives no particular benefit from any of them.

Then came a little bee. When it entered a flower, it emerged laden with pollen. It had left the hive that morning empty but would return full.

When it comes to Bible study, some people are like butterflies, going from one verse to another, one seminar to another, or one book to another. They're very busy and expend much energy, but have little to show for their efforts. They remain unchanged in any significant way because they never really delve into the Word wholeheartedly, being simply content to flutter around the edges.

Others may also study in depth, but never apply it to their lives. In some cases, their grasp of Scripture is exceptional, but they know nothing of true love for God and obedience to Biblical truth. What a tragedy.

But you don't have to be a Biblical scholar to make that mistake. You need only to fail to apply what you learn to your daily life. Rather, strive to be like the bee, spending time in the Word – reading, studying, taking notes – then emerging fuller than when you began. Your mind will be filled with wisdom and Biblical insights, like the bee was filled with pollen. Your life will be sweeter and purer.



Thank God for the opportunities He gives you to study His Word. Take full advantage of them. Then like the Psalmist, you can truly affirm:
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 19:105



Homeless Shelter Benefit Dinner: Generosity and compassion pave the way as we help to make a difference for the well-being of others.

All the glory to God who lives in us every day!

The Rebekah's Sisters, Sonshine Ladies along with more than 25 volunteers and a loving community were able to raise over **\$2500 for Jack's House of Hope**. We want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your involvement in our cause that means so much to us. We also thank Thrivent who gifted \$250 toward the food for our dinner.

With kindness and a genuine desire to make a positive impact, we gathered as friends and Christians. By supporting others, we gain insight into our own values, when we imagine ourselves in someone else's shoes we broaden our perspective and develop a sense of understanding for humanity.

Our love for one another is powerful! ***We'll say it again, all the glory to God who lives in us every day.***



Book Club: The Christian Book Club completed our discussion of the book “The Crucifixion of the King of Glory on Tuesday, Sept. 24. We had an extended discussion covering the last third of the book. As usual, there was plenty of discussion and amazement of topics most of us had never considered. Just one example was the discussion about why and how that crucifixion was considered “the cruelest and most disgusting penalty” by writers in that era, such as the Roman Orator Cicero. We would recommend any Christian to read it at some time.

Our next book is not as long or as deep, but still a topic that will be interesting to discuss. It is entitled “Evangelism for the Rest of Us” by Mike Bechtle (subtitled “Sharing Christ Within Your Personality Style”). While we may agree that evangelism is one of the biggest responsibilities (and privileges) of every Christian, many of us do not feel qualified to engage in sharing our faith. He “gently...peels away the layers of excuses most of us hide behind.” And part of that tactic hides behind our personality differences. This book helps take guilt off our shoulders and replaces it with confidence. Only 150 pages and easy reading. Contact Terry Tegtmeier if you’d like a copy (\$5-\$10 apiece).



Prayer team: Anyone who desires personal prayer is asked to take advantage of the services of the prayer team. Pastor announced the beginning of the prayer team this past Sunday. The schedule is as follows: **10/27 Jim - 11/3 Doug - 11/10 Sandy - 11/17 Terry - 11/24 Donna**

Responsibilities: Pray with the lector, assistant, and acolyte prior to the service beginning. Be available in the Parlor after the service for anyone who wishes to have prayer. Offer suggestions for the weekly minute of prayer on the screen. Any other ideas that come to mind from the congregation or our team Thank you for your faithfulness in serving.

Council News: Council approved sending check **for \$5,000** to the NALC Disaster Response Warehouse for Hurricane relief fund. In addition, Jim Davis will be filling in the remainder of this year as Vice President.


Disaster response: Anyone who wants to donate for the recent disasters in North Carolina and Florida can send checks to the following address: North American Lutheran Church, 2113 Harwood Road, Suite 309, PMB 409, Bedford, TX. 76021-4703 and write disaster response in the memo section.



Operation Christmas Child: This year we are again participating in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are available in the narthex. All boxes should be returned by **Sunday, November 17th. The Church will pay for all shipping cost.**

NALC news: The budget for the NALC in 2025 is \$4.4 million which represents a 15% increase from the \$3.8 million budget for the current year. In other news, 17 students have entered candidacy and five students have been approved for ordination.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					11/1	11/2
						Make sure you turn your clocks back 1 Hr. Standard time
11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. All Saints Sunday	Yoga 9-10 a.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m. Election Day	Evangelism Meeting 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 - 1:00 P.M.		Property 9:00 a.m.
11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 p.m. Veterans Day!		Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting 10:00 a.m.	Youth Group Fellowship Hall	
11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.		Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 - 1:00 P.M.		
11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10:00 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 p.m.	Homeless Shelter Meal 5:00 pm Book Club 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	THANKSGIVING DAY  Randy & Cheryl Simers - Fellowship Hall		

Month To Date Giving

Month to Date Giving Through November - Amount 2024 **\$8,358.10**

Month to Date Giving Through November - Amount 2023 **\$8,873.00**

