

St. John's Lutheran Church
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023

- Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
The With One Voice (blue hymnal) will be used for worship this morning
*Gathering Song – *Come, We That Love the Lord* # 742
*Greeting (*Season after Pentecost*) p. 46
*Scripture Song p. 47
Prayer of the Day ~ *in unison*
Prayers and lessons can be found on Celebrate insert
- *First Lesson ~ Amos 5:18-24
*Psalm 70 ~ *read responsively*
*Second Lesson ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
*Gospel Verse p. 48
*The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 25:1-3
- Sermon ~ Pastor Harold Sharp (*refer to insert*)
Honoring Our Veterans
On this Veteran's Day weekend, we honor those who have served and sacrificed to defend the freedoms we hold so dear. This morning, we would like to recognize and thank the following active members of St. John's for their service to our country.
- Edward Buchanan, James Buchanan, Matthew Chester, Gary Fultz, Ross Harshbarger, Randall Harshbarger, Robert Keller, Ralph Murphy, Donald L. Smith and Kenneth Wyland.*
- *Hymn of the Day – *Bind Us Together* # 748
(Please remain seated for the hymn)
*Response to The Word p. 49
*Tithes and Thankofferings
*Offertory (*Season after Pentecost*) p. 50
*Offertory Prayer (*Season after Pentecost*) p. 51
*Prayers
*The Lord's Prayer p. 52

- *The Blessing p. 53
*Sending Song – *Soon and Very Soon* # 744
*Dismissal p. 53
Postlude

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Ken and Nancy Wyland in memory of
Mark and Dorothy Smoker.

The White Rose on the Altar is in loving memory of
Gwen Hornberger...from her cousin, Kelly,
who somehow forgot about her on All Saints Sunday.
You are loved and missed!

Today

Greeter: Chelsea Reed; **Lay Reader:** Chelsea Reed
Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

Next Sunday ~ November 19

Greeter: Ed Bilich; **Lay Reader:** Erica Hargenrader
Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Sound:** Jay Byler

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo
Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org
St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

Our Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

Please remember in prayer ~ Erica Hargenrader, Miriam Williamson, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY Pastor Harold Sharp ~ Guest Speaker

THURSDAY 9:30am Comfort Knotting

NEXT SUNDAY Holy Communion

Pastor Doug Pierce ~ Guest Speaker

We welcome Pastor Harold Sharp as our guest speaker this morning.

Pastors Harold Sharp, Doug Pierce and Randy Traxler have all agreed to preach when needed this month and next, including Christmas Eve. Council is discussing plans for an interim, and will share details at the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 10.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to write a meditation for our Advent devotional. **If you have not already, please turn in your submission ASAP.** The booklets will be available in the narthex by Sunday, November 26.

November 26 is available for anyone who would like to place altar flowers. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The 2024 altar flower sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. At this time the cost remains at \$40.00.

The Social Ministry committee is collecting items for the Shelter Service. Non-perishables food items (canned and boxed), toiletries for men, women and children, and twin sheets new or gently used.

You may place your donations on the table in the narthex.

January 1 thru November 9, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 28 Offering ~ \$2,835.00

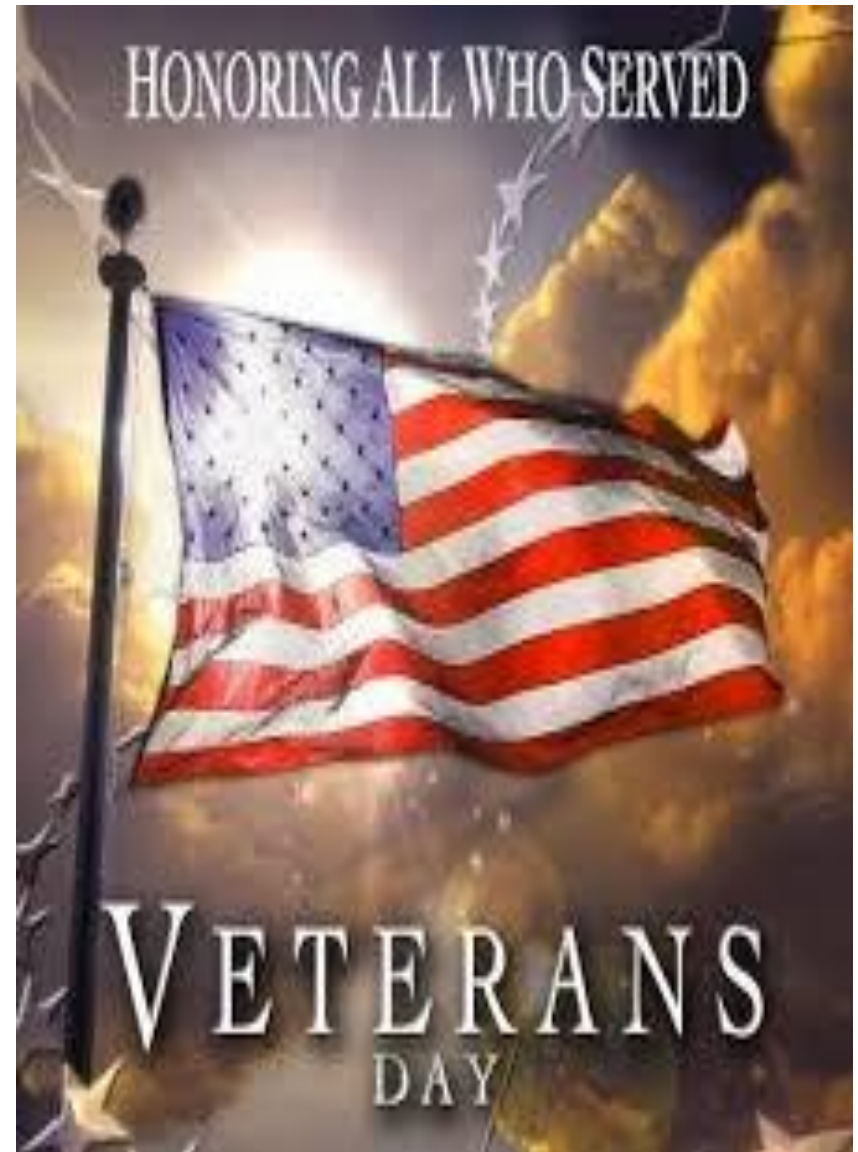
Income \$ 200,807.59 Expense \$ 210,276.16

Net Income \$ -9,468.57

Daycare ~ Income \$ 288,770.17 Expense \$ 306,105.62

Net Income \$ -16,455.63

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The Gift Show is next Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25. There are many returning vendors this year, along with several new ones, offering a wide variety of hand-crafted gifts. Carol Fultz and crew will be up “early” Friday morning making ham pot-pie. There will also be homemade soups, hot dogs with meat sauce or sauerkraut, barbeque, and a variety baked goods. In-person seating will be available along with take-out for all food being served.

This year, the wreaths are being supplied by Sam and Barbara Peachey of Daisy Lane. They are approximately 24” with your choice of Frasier greens for \$25 or mixed greens (Frasier, cedar and boxwood) for \$28. A homemade bow of your choice is also included.

If you are interested in pre-ordering, please sign-up in the narthex. All wreaths must be picked up at the show; payment can be made at that time.

Donations of homemade soup, baked goods, candy and other treats is always appreciated. If you would like to help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex.

The men’s group of the St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lewistown is inviting the men of our church to attend their Barnabas Brothers Breakfast Meeting at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lewistown being held on Saturday, November 18th, at 8am.

The guest Speaker at the breakfast is Mr. Chad Curry, Military Veteran and Director of the Dream Center (the old Burnham Hardware Store). Director Curry has dedicated his life to Our Lord and Savior and helping his Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

All Men of the Church are encouraged to attend and enjoy a King’s Breakfast, Dynamic Speaker and Christian Fellowship. An RSVP is needed by Wednesday November 15 to provide a count for the Cook’s.

Please contact Ed Bilich, at 717-935-5395 or edbilich@gmail.com with your RSVP count or any questions you may have.

Rev. Ela Robertson and Bill S. Cullingford will join other parishioners and friends to present music of the Advent and Christmas seasons on Sunday, November 26 at 3pm at Lewistown Presbyterian, 17 E. Third St. Refreshments will be offered after the concert. The concert is free. Church phone # is 717-248-4561.

More Than Enough

Gen. 17:1 “I AM God Almighty”; Walk before me and be blameless.
I am El Shaddai, The All-Sufficient One, More than Enough.”

Ps. 23:1 “The Lord is my best friend and my Shepherd. I always have More than Enough”

Ps. 46:1 “God you’re such a safe and powerful place to find refuge! You’re a proven help in time of trouble – More than Enough and always available whenever I need you.”

II Cor. 12:9 “My grace is always More than Enough for you, and my power finds its full expression through your weaknesses, for when I’m weak I sense more deeply the mighty power of Christ living in me.”

Our God who is More than Enough is able to surprise us with more than we expect!