



# Messenger

Celebrating 150 Years!

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

*A day of thanksgiving*

Giving thanks: there are few things that will build up a congregation, one is having a culture of thanksgiving. You know the type - people who feel comfortable and natural expressing their thanks to one another.

When people are thanked they feel appreciated and valuable, wanted and needed to the point they are the volunteers for the next project.

We probably need to work on this. I know I don't thank you all enough for the work and time you put into the ministries, committees and boards. **THANK YOU!**

Some of you thank me in unusual ways! Most appreciate me with food, drink and gift cards. Like three chocolate cookies from McDonalds and a mug

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### JOIN US FOR A NEW BIBLE STUDY

Sunday mornings at 8:30AM

A special DVD bible study series on  
The Story!

It is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique experience discover together with us how our story is found in God's story!

of coffee or a cherry pie right out of the oven, hot Chai Tea, African and Nepalese food hot and spicy, a sit-down lunch at a senior facility or a gift basket from English class. Of course I'm leaving some of you out who have gone out of your way to say thank you, it really makes a difference in my work and attitude.

There is a book on my desk titled: "Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving the Ministry". Here are some ideas that come from it. The steps to creating a culture of thanksgiving in your

congregation;

### Start with God

- for the gifts he has entrusted the congregation
- for the ways people in the congregation have lived out their faith and used their gifts.
- for the people who continually remain faithful to the Word
- Ideas on how to do this is in prayers, worship, voters meetings, committees and board meetings etc.

### Plan your thanksgiving

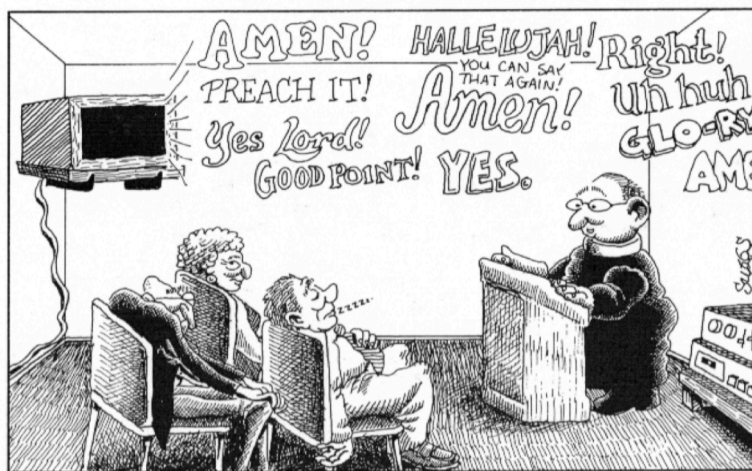
- Especially those who provide leadership each month
- Expand the circle of thanks-givers
- Do we have anyone who has the gift of thanksgiving? Turn them loose with your blessing. Give them thank-you notes, enveloped, and stamps, use them up and come back for more

### Thank the large groups of people

- When the year is up
- When the project or event is finished

Quote: Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

**William Arthur Ward**



*Accompaniment tapes for preaching*

### Thank personally

- Personal thank-you, face to face
- A myth sometimes we have heard is we don't want to thank too often, really its too seldom giving thanks is where we are unsafe.

### Thank immediately

- It's an expression with strong appreciation
- It is perceived more sincere

### Pass on a Thank-You

- Sometimes a thank-you is received by boards, ministries and individuals But it doesn't mean you can't share them with the whole congregation
- Post them on the bulletin board, (or website, or Facebook)
- Notify the office when you say or write a thank you or even if you received a thank you we will share it with everyone

**Summary: The goal is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus by modeling giving thanks often.**

Let the Apostle Paul encourage you as you consider how eager he was to thank God for his brothers and sisters in Christ. Romans 1:8-12

# Social Ministry

## Thanksgiving



November 2015



Members are encouraged to bring a grocery bag of food on Thanksgiving, Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>, or on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to benefit the food pantry. There will be a table in front of church to place your purchased groceries. On Thanksgiving we are reminded that God has provided us with our daily needs. May we show our thankfulness by sharing our gifts of food with those less fortunate.

*The Giving Tree* will be in the narthex of the church on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please take an ornament off the tree with a suggested gift to buy. After buying the gift, place the tag on the gift and return on date to be given later.

*Psalm 107:1, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."*

Food pantry will be closed Saturday, November the 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

# Parish Health

## Hospice Care

**NOVEMBER BEGINS WITH THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINT'S DAY.** May we be strengthened as we recognize our calling as Saints of God. November is also recognized as **NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH.** We live our days as God's saints with the precious assurance of living our eternity with Him and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This understanding helps us to better understand the nature of our life as well as our death.

These words also give us hope when we or a loved one are dying. It is important to remember that Jesus has conquered death and the grave, but that sickness, suffering and death are very real and difficult experiences for us. Persons who are dying may experience reactions to dying, and need our support and care through their struggles.

St Paul speaks to us in these words, *"...if only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" (1Cor. 15:19).* Jesus is present and helps us in every way in our living and in our dying. May we share this hope and comfort as we minister to one another.



***If you have a medical problem or question, please call the church office or Maureen Rehmer at 352-6266.***



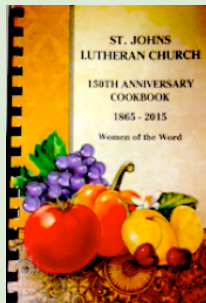
Makes a great Christmas gift!!



## WOW 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook

**\$10 each!**

*Please see Melba  
Fanger before  
worship or contact  
the church office,  
314-773-0126*



November 2015

## WOW Thank You!

The Women of the Word would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Trivia Night. Your donations and funds, auction items, attendance prizes, and helping hands are greatly appreciated. Thanks, too, to all of you (and your family and friends) who attended the event and played trivia. We hope that you had fun and that you will join us again next year. Your generosity will help us to provide support for projects in our congregation and our community.



## Evangelism Pray

When the Evangelism Board/Ministry began many years ago, Prayer was the main component of everything we did--We prayed before and after our meetings. We used a training program, which involved teams of 2-3 people going out into the neighborhood to share the Gospel with the names of prospects that we had. We prayed in the car before left and we prayed again when we returned; we had prayer partners who prayed for us in their homes while we were making calls. Our board established a prayer chain (which we still have) whose participants pray for the requests that we receive.

Our Evangelism efforts have changed over the years, basically due to less participants and the area of visits. But Prayer has not changed. *1Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "Pray at all times; Pray continually; Pray without ceasing"* -(different Bible translations). Each of us should use the privilege of praying every day. Please pray for our church to be an outreach to the community--for people to come and learn about Jesus--for our members to be comfortable sharing God's love--for all of us to be willing to work with each other in loving ways--all because God sacrificed His only Son, Jesus, to pay for our sins and attained free salvation for each of us. Give God thanks and praise for His great gift.

***PRAY--God is always listening. John 10.***





### *Pray for the Nations*

*Go and Make Disciples of ALL Nations:  
Then, Now and For Eternity*

As His church we invite you to be informed and pray for Nations all over the world to complete the Great Commission theme during our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Each Sunday through December we will present two countries. Join us in prayer that God's kingdom comes and His will be done for the millions who still live in poverty, war, and darkness.

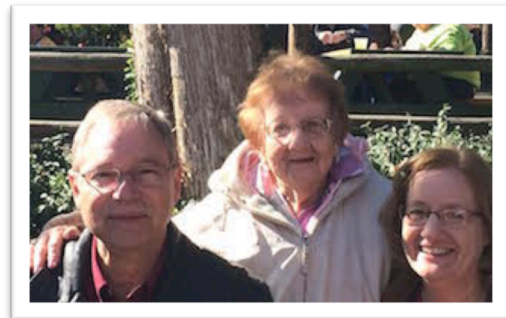


Women of Faith is a non-denominational Christian Women's Conference being held in Kansas City, February 12-13, 2016. If you would like to attend contact Cheryl 314-773-0126. If we can get a group of 10 or more 3 free tickets will be available as well as discounted tickets. Tickets must be purchased by December 2, 2015. To learn more about Women of Faith check out this You Tube Video:

<http://www.womenoffaith.com/about>

You will laugh, cry, and worship with an arena full of women!

Grace  
Lutheran  
Church  
Wisconsin  
Servant  
Event



Doris Seevers' 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Abiding Savior Servant Event



Eagle Students Pumpkin Picking



**November 3** *Ray Gluesenkamp*

**November 4** *Sam Williams*

**November 5** *Krystal Govero*

**November 7** *Steve Bain*

**November 9** *Michael Foster*

**November 24** *Kathie LaFever*

**November 27** *Michelle Pribble*

## Upcoming Board Meetings

### Voters

November 1  
December 13

### Executive Council

December 13

**COMPASS VOLUNTEERS** – Compass is looking for volunteer mentors for the before and after school care. Help is needed at this time from 6:15AM to 7:30AM Monday through Friday. If interested please contact AJ Espinosa at [aj.espinosa@compassedprograms.org](mailto:aj.espinosa@compassedprograms.org) or 314-440-0012.

~ November 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> All Saints Day 8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Voters	<b>2</b> 3:30PM Compass 7:00PM Elders	<b>3</b> 1:30PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass	<b>4</b> 8:00AM Eagle Coffee & Conversation 10:30AM Confirmation 3:30PM Compass 6:30PM Choir	<b>5</b> 10:30AM Preschool Chapel 1:30PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass 6:30PM ESOL	<b>6</b> 8:00AM Bible Study	<b>7</b> 8:00AM Social Ministry 8:30AM Food Pantry 12:00PM Compass Basketball Ferguson YMCA
<b>8</b> Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship w/ Communion	<b>9</b> 3:30PM Compass 7:00PM WOW	<b>10</b> 1:30PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day Eagle School Closed 10:30AM Avalon Bible Study 11:30AM Confirmation 6:30PM Choir	<b>12</b> 1:30PM Home Bible Study 3:30PM Compass 6:30PM ESOL	<b>13</b> 8:00AM Bible Study	<b>14</b> 8:30AM Food Pantry 2:30PM Compass Basketball Carndelet YMCA
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<b>29</b> First Sunday in Advent 8:30AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship	<b>30</b> 3:30PM Compass	<b>Notes:</b>				

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