

November  
2022



# HOPEWELL NEWS GAZETTE

## St. John Lutheran Church (Hopewell Township)

Even though Saint Marys is so close and a small town in the sprawling farmland of West-Central Ohio, when we lived in town I was certainly not quite as aware of harvest and the work of farmers as I feel I am right now. In town, there were all the distractions of the school and fall sports and concerts. Living in Chatt, everywhere I look, everywhere I drive, there is the business of the harvest and fall field preparation. Beans and corn are coming off. Wheat is going in (actually going in the field across the street while I type this!). Manure is being spread. Everything is dusty. Tractors, combines, and wagons are on the road. Everywhere! The farmers I have talked to have been generally happy with the harvest.

At our own home fall yard things are wrapping up. This year's very successful garden is just about put to bed with some collard greens being the gift that just keeps giving (although we had more tomatoes and green beans than we could keep up with too). We are still grateful for and enjoying the blessing of many peaches being given to us. I think we have cut the lawn for the last time... I think.

God has blessed and is blessing us all abundantly.

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, Martin Luther, at a new church building dedication spoke of the two main purposes of the church. First, the church is given that we might hear God's Word – both that Word, that condemns and convicts our sin, and that Word, that gives us Jesus crucified and raised for our forgiveness and new life. Second, the church is given that we, its people, should respond to God in *prayer, praise, and thanksgiving*. This month of November will give us several opportunities for *prayer, praise, and thanksgiving*.

Of course, there is Thanksgiving! Celebrated at the end of harvest, we give thanks and celebrate with the traditional feast. Our *prayers, praise, and thanksgivings* in our regular service will reflect our thanks to God who has provided for our needs once again, in his faithfulness. We will also have the opportunity to give *prayer, praise, and thanks* at the Community Thanksgiving service on November 20, hosted at Zion at 7p.m.

We also have the opportunity to give solemn *prayer, praise, and thanks* for our departed saints over the last year on Nov. 6, All Saints Sunday. This year we will be giving thanks for the lives, love, and witness of congregation members Marge Frahm, Connie Jackson and Lela Siebert at St. John, and for Rick Bollenbacher, Evelyn Frank, Joe and Martha Fisher, Margaret Robinson, and Jackson Ross at Zion. We will also be including non-congregation members in the prayers as well, giving thanks for them as well.

On Nov. 13, we will also take a few moments to recognize our Veterans and give thanks to God for them and for their service, without whom we would not know the safety and freedom of worship that we enjoy in this country.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His lovingkindness endures forever!

Pastor Adam

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**November Readers**

November 6th	Terry Carr
November 13th	Michelle Tribolet
November 20th	Britt Menchhofer
November 27th	Brad Carr



The next monthly meeting of the St. John Church Council will be held on Thursday, November 10th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members of the church are always invited to attend the St. John Council meetings as guests.

Copies of the minutes of the Church Council meetings will be on the table in the back of the sanctuary (when available).

**Acolyte Schedule for the month of November—**

*Acolyte for the Month*



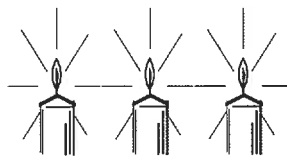
6th	Aaron Sheets
13th	Emmery Temple
20th	Isaac Menchhofer
27th	Caleb Poe



**Friday, November 11th**

Happy Veterans' Day to all who are serving or who have served our country!!

**THANK YOU!**  
**GOD BLESS!**



***All Saints Sunday***

**All Saints Sunday is November 6th.** We will honor our St. John members, who passed away since the last All Saints Sunday, by lighting a candle in their memory.



**Volunteers for the Backpack Program**

Our "Backpacker" volunteers will be continuing their duties on Tuesday, November 1st, 15th, & 29th, at the C.A.L.L. Food Pantry in Celina beginning at 9:00 a.m. thank you for your help with this ministry.

**Our benevolence contributions** for the month of November will benefit the Celina High School Pantry.



**Kingdom Kids** will continue on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will wrap up on Wednesday, November 9th at Zion Lutheran Church (Chatt). All children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there!

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The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Our Bible Study will be led by Pastor Adam. Offering meditation is by Pat Siebert. Project of the Month will be Family Crisis Center. Hostesses/altar flowers are by Donna Post, Audrey Siebert, and Sherry Shaffer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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**Catechism Class & Youth Group Information: Here is the schedule for November.**

**1) Sunday, November 6th, at Zion (Chatt)** - Catechism Class from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Youth Group 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please see future bulletins for more details.

**2) Sunday, November 20th** - Youth Group will meet at St. John 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and will go for lunch and bowling. Catechism will follow the youth group outing.

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**The St. John Lutheran Men in Mission** will be meeting on Wednesday, November 9th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Bible Study, "Children of Israel turn back" based on Numbers 13:26-14:45, will be led by Warren Menchofer. Russ Bensman will share the scripture and prayer. All men are invited to attend.

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**Operation Christmas Child Boxes!!** Boxes are available in the kitchen along with supply lists to get you started. Start packing your box today! Boxes are due on Sunday, November 20th as we will bless them during our worship service. The Board of Education has agreed to pay the shipping charge and we will also be using the money collected from the medicine bottles. Don't have time to fill a box? Monetary donations are accepted also - see Michelle Tribolet.

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The **Chatt Valley Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** this year will be on Sunday, November 20th at Zion Lutheran Church (Chatt) at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and offer praise to our Lord, giving thanks for all of our blessings during this past year.

# NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR -- St. John Lutheran Church (Hopewell Township)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Daylight Savings Time Ends 6 "All Saints" Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Catechism Class at Zion 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Chatta-John Youth Group at Zion 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.		All Saints Day 1 Volunteers for the Backpack Program 9:00 a.m.	Kingdom Kids at Zion (Chatt) 6:00 p.m. Women of the Church Meeting 7:00 p.m.			 5
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"Christ the King" Sunday 20 Worship with Holy Communion, "Blessing of the O.C.C. Boxes, & guest Chris Parker from Wernle 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Chatta-John Youth Group ~ meet at St. John 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ~ lunch/bowling Catechism to follow Youth Group Chatt Valley Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 p.m. at Zion (Chatt)	21			 24		26
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