NEWS AND NOTES

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Pastor: The Rev. Terry L. DeGiovanni (785 396 4411)
Organists: Pam Steinmeyer and Gloria Falk
Chairman: Bruce Abitz Vice Chairman: Alan Fischer
Elders: Martin Henneberg and James Revell
November Altar Duty: Patti Kolterman December Altar Duty: Janet Kufahl

Sunday, November 29, 2026
Attendance: Saturday, November 21: 8 Sunday, November 22: 48
Thanksgiving Day: 22

Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus's birth at Christmas and Jesus's return at the Second Coming. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, often referred to as Advent Sunday. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. The name comes from Latin *adventus* ('coming; arrival'), translating the Greek *parousia* from the New Testament, originally referring to the Second Coming

We continue to pray for those unable to Worship with us who are residing in a Care Facility:

Onaga Health and Rehab: Cynthia Althouse, Eugene Abitz
Eastridge (Centralia): Gary Kolterman
RedBud Assisted Living: Lavona Biesenthal
Wellsprings at Westmoreland Assisted Living: Dorothy Guth and Betty Koch

Remembering in our Prayers: Pastor Gruoner, Dale Figge, Alan Fischer

Sunday School Staff: Ireta Schwant, Superintendent Pre-K and Kindergarten: Jenny Donnelly and Maggie Revell Upper Grades: Joy Zabel and Brenda Schlegel
Substitute teacher: Dixie Revell
Attending 10 Sundays: Hazel, Olive and Walter Ubel
5 Sundays: Elsie and Michael Henneberg, Timothy and Sawyer Graf
Sunday School and Staff November birthdays: James Matzke
High School: William Spevacek

Today: Sunday, November 29, Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m., in order to prepare for the Children's Christmas Service scheduled for worship service on Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m.

The offering plate for Sunday School children is in the Narthex!

Today: Mite Box collection for the LWML Mission projects!!!!

November 29 – Advent 1 – Isaiah reminds us that every person is created by God. We are all the work of His hands: "we are the clay and He is our potter" (Isaiah 64:8). Not only does this teach us that each life is precious, it instructs us that our lives and our bodies are not ours to do with as we please. It is God alone who determines each life's beginning and end and how we are to use our bodies to glorify Him. Thankfully, we can rest securely in His care, upholding His gift of life, because "God is faithful" and "sustains you to the end" (1 Corinthians 1:8)

Be sure to designate your "**Thrivent Choice Dollars**" before the end of the year!!! Call **800 847 4836** to designate your choice dollars.

Saturday Evening Worship Service will continue to be held on third Saturday of the Month. 5:00 P.M with Holy Communion. Next Service will be December 21

Pastor will have his office hours during Advent on Wednesdays at McFarland. If needed, please call his cell # 412 334-4280

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Redbud Assisted Living worship with Pastor Terry at 1:15 p.m. "Gather in the library"

Thursday, December 10 LWML gathering at Redbud Assisted Living (1:30 p.m.) with singing, treats, etc. We will meet at the Sportsman at 11:45 a.m., for lunch. RSVP to Ruth and/or Ireta for our lunch count! LWML December birthdays: Susan Magnett and Ireta Schwant

Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship, Children's Christmas Service

The LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO SCHEDULE:

November 29, 2026 **"Advent Hopes and Dreams** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies
The season of Advent is a time for hopes and dreams, but it is also about living through an ongoing letdown. Matthew 24:36-44

December 6, 2026 **"December Gives You Wings (results may vary)"**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
December's festivities can provide a temporary boost but cannot satisfy our deeper longings. The words of Isaiah point to God's enduring promises, fulfilled in Christ. Isaiah 40:4