

***Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame***

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. "They shall be mine," He says, "and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him" (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining "the distinction between the righteous and the wicked" (Mal. 3:18). He truly is "the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith "weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19–20).

**It's All About Jesus  
Colossians 1:13-20**

- 1. Today (Sunday) marks the end of the church year.**
- 2. The Apostle Paul wants the Colossians and us to focus on Jesus.**
- 3. Jesus has rescued and redeemed us.**
- 4. With the Father and the Holy Spirit Jesus has created us.**
- 5. Jesus is the head of the church bringing everyone together.**
- 6. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead and will raise us on the Last Day.**
- 7. Jesus brings us new life, forgiveness and an eternal inheritance.**

## WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

**THANKSGIVING SERVICES:** Please join us for our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00PM or our Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, November 24 at 9:00AM. *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4*

**ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:** Please join us for special Midweek Advent Worship Services focusing on "Jesus, the Son...": Wednesday, November 30th, - Jesus, the Son of David; December 7th, - Jesus, the Son of Abraham; December 14th- Jesus, the Son of God. Services are held at 11:00am and 6:30pm. A lunch will follow the morning service at 11:30am and a dinner will precede the evening service at 5:30pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children ages 3 - 8th grade-Sundays at 9:15am. Please note: There is no Sunday School on Sunday, November 27th. Happy Thanksgiving!

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** The Book of Acts-Sundays at 9:15am.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** The Gospel of John-Tuesdays at 6:30am.

**TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** A Study on Advent-Tuesdays at 9:00am.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** The Good Shepherd-Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

**WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY:** LWML Studies- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** 1 Corinthians-Thursdays at 9:30am.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy- 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am.

## CHARITABLE INFORMATION

**FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS:** For the 4th Quarter of our year, our Special Mission Offerings will support Lutheran Counseling and Family Services (LCFS). LCFS is a non-profit, state licensed outpatient mental health care agency and adoption service provider, serving the State of Wisconsin. Their licensed therapists and psychologists provide counseling to children, individuals and families regardless of race, ethnic background, or religious affiliation. To sponsor Special Missions, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING:** During the first trimester our offerings will be going to Lutheran Church Charities - Comfort Dogs. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ.

**WARMING TREE:** During the month of November, we will be collecting new, or like new, winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and jackets of all sizes, as well as blankets and boots. These will then be given to the Orphan Grain Train, who will deliver them to Ukraine. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Phillips.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the event of inclement weather, Blessed Savior may need to close and/or cancel Worship Services. Closings will be posted on Channels 4,5,6, and 12, as well as on Facebook.

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY:** Please join us for our biannual Voters Meeting on Sunday, November 20th at 11:30am. In addition to updates on our ministries and the Pastoral Call Committee, we will also be voting on our 2023 Annual Budget. A copy of the budget is available for you to view prior to the meeting in the Narthex.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** A big THANK YOU to everyone that stuffed a Christmas box this year. We were able to ship 97 boxes as a statement of love to others around the world!

**PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Thank you for your generous response in collecting plastic. In just a few short weeks we have already collected 500 pounds for our first bench. We are 200 pounds into our second bench which we will apply for in March. If you would like to recycle and help out this cause please place your clean plastic

in the appropriate bin in the fellowship hall. Items recycled include: plastic grocery bags, ice bags, ziploc type bags, newspaper bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, cereal bag liners, plastic mailers. Your donations will be turned into a bench that can be used in our outdoor area.

**STUFF THE SHELVES:** Join us as we bring in non-perishable food items to donate to our local food pantry. Donations can be placed in the fellowship hall or on the lower level near the north entrance. Help us to share the love of Jesus by donating food to those who might otherwise go hungry!

**POINSETTIAS:** Will be available for purchase to beautify the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may place your order on the church sign-up sheet found on the bulletin board through December 4. Please use the envelopes by the sign- up sheet and mark it "Holiday Plants".

**BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST FOR JESUS:** Please join us on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00-10:30 AM for Birthday Breakfast for Jesus. This is a free event for ANY children ages 3 through 5th grade. Come and hear the Christmas story, make a craft, enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast, and even birthday cupcakes for Jesus! Please see the Sunday School bulletin board in the hallway for more information as well as a registration form. We will also need volunteers that day so if you are willing and able to help please sign up as well! Questions or for more information please see Jennifer Leinss.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** We invite you to a special Sunday School Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 a.m. Our children will present a short Christmas message entitled "Mystery in the Manger" as part of the service that morning. Hear the story of Christmas as well as sing some of your favorite Christmas songs! You won't want to miss it!

**KRINGLES FUNDRAISER:** The Youth Group is once again selling Kringles to raise funds for their different activities and to start saving for the 2025 Youth Gathering! To order, please see a Youth Group member, or the bulletin board. We will take orders through November 27th, and they will be available for pick up on December 12.

**YOUNG AT HEART:** On Thursday, December 1 at 11am we will celebrate Christmas with a presentation by Mr. and Mrs. David Wiedenkiller, who will portray Mary and Joseph. Following the presentation, we will enjoy a delicious lunch made by Bruce and Karen Diener. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for food.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** Save the date! We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, December 3rd at 11am. We hope to see you there!

**ONLINE GIVING:** Keep forgetting your checkbook? Don't like writing checks? Please inquire with Julie in the Church Office on how to sign up for our online giving program! Fill out the form by December 10 for 2023!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** Please help yourself to the plethora of devotion booklets available in the narthex. Advent is a time of preparation and what better way to prepare our hearts than to be in the Word of God with a devotion.

**YOUTH GROUP:** All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, November 20th from 6-8pm for our annual Thanksgiving shopping event for Bethany Lutheran and New Berlin Food Pantries.

**CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Join us on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00pm for the annual Christmas by Candlelight event hosted by Women's Ministry. Tickets are \$20 and are now on sale in the hallway by the Women's Ministry bulletin board. If you are interested in hosting a table, or serving as a Gentleman Server, please sign up on the bulletin.

**CRAFT AND BAKE SALE:** Save the date! The Women's Ministry Craft and Bake Sale will be on Sunday, December 11th after both services. If you would like to donate craft items to sell, or baked goods, please have drop them off in the Church Kitchen and mark them "WM Craft and Bake Sale". A small presale with gifts perfect for St. Nick's will be held on December 3rd.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

***We pray for our members:***

Judy Karen Nancy Alice Bettylynn Joanne Laverne Ron

***We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:***

Wally Geraldine Frank Curtis

***We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.***

Garrett Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

**Altar Flowers are sponsored by**

**Bulletins are sponsored by** Don and Deb Marx in celebration of Laura and Paul's Birthdays.

**Special Missions are sponsored by** Helmut and Lorna Sperl in celebration of Great Grandson, Sully's Birthday.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 18th- 27th**

<b>SAT</b>	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal	<b>WED</b>	7:00pm Worship and Communion
<b>SUN</b>	8:00am Worship	<b>THURS</b>	9:00am Worship and Communion
	9:15am Education Hour	<b>FRI</b>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	10:30am Worship	<b>SAT</b>	8:30am Men's Bible Study
	11:3am Voter's Meeting	<b>SUN</b>	8:00am Worship and Communion
	6:00pm Youth Group		9:15am Education Hour
<b>MON</b>	6:30pm Endowment Fund Meeting		10:30am Worship and Communion
<b>TUES</b>	6:30am Bible Study		
	9:00am Ladies Bible Study		
	6:30pm Women's Home Bible Study		

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Fridays 9:00am-1:00pm**

**PASTOR STANTON'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**By Appointment Only**

**Attendance: 172 Offerings: \$33,282.64 Needed Weekly: \$11,760**