God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence

There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Zachary DeArmond

Organist: Kim Woller

Elders: Thurs: Lee Roloff

8:00am: Jack Welter & Dennis Kutz 10:30am: Rick Krause & Matt Birr

Ushers: Thurs: Team 7-Roloff

8:00am: Team 5-Diener

10:30am: Team 6-Dwyer

Lay Readers: 8:00am: Joan Ziegler

10:30am: Max Blair

Acolytes: Thurs: Morgan Knoblauch

8:00am: Sophia Boettcher 10:30am: Nathan Orlando

Altar Guild: Julie Czarnecki & Marlene Yerges

Greeters: 8:00am: Steve and Joan Hammill

10:30am: Rick and Bev Krause

Fellowship: The Malone Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR NOV 14th-23rd

9:30am Handbell Rehearsal 10:00am Craft Fair Set-Up

SUN 8:00am Worship and Communion

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Worship and Communion

11:30am Voter's Meeting

TUES 7:00am Bible Study

9:00am Ladies Bible Study

6:30pm Council Meeting

WED 9:00am Quilters

7:00pm Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Confirmation

THURS 9:30am Bible Study

6:30pm Worship and Communion

SAT 8:30am Men's Bible Study

9:30am Handbell Rehearsal

SUN 8:00am Worship and Communion

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Worship and Communion

6:00pm Youth Group

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: Please join us for a service of praise and thanksgiving for all of God's abundant gifts on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30pm. The offering collected at this service will be given to the New Berlin Food Pantry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: for all 3-year-olds through 8th grade begins each week at 9:15am in Oswald Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Each week we will look at the complete story of the Bible from Genesis-Revelation as one seamless story! We will meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying Paul's letter to the Corinthians every Tuesday at 7:00am in the Church Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is working their way through the series "The Chosen".

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Hebrews. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is studying Paul's letter to the Corinthians every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is taking a longer look at the readings on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am and is studying "Grace, Period. Living in the Amazing Reality of Jesus' Finished Work".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Our fourth quarter special mission will be to support Journeys Lutheran School in Hales Corners as they continue to recover from the devastating floods that struck in August. This mission gives us the opportunity to walk alongside the school community as they rebuild and restore their classrooms and resources for this very special ministry. Together, we can help provide stability and encouragement for the students, staff, and families who have been deeply affected. For more information about the ministry of Journeys Lutheran School and their recovery efforts please visit their website at www.journeyslutheran.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH: November is National Adoption Month. On Sunday, November 23rd, during the Bible study hour, Carol Flanary of LCFS will share about the work they are doing to establish and promote adoption as a viable and loving option for families. She will also discuss ways you can support this wonderful ministry.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: There are a variety of Advent devotions available for you to take in the Narthex! We pray these devotions would help focus your Advent season on the birth of our Savior!

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are excited for the response to Instant Church Directory! This online directory will include contact information for all our members, as well as pictures. For more information on how to get set up on this new tool, please see the flyer on the table in the Narthex or contact the Church Office.

KRINGLE SALE: The youth group has kicked off their annual Racine Kringle fundraiser! To purchase Kringles, please see one of the youth group members sitting at the table in Narthex on Sunday mornings. Your orders will be available for pick up on Monday, December 15th.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND PIE: Thanksgiving worship will take place on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30pm. Following worship there will be a special time of fellowship with pie! If you would like to bring a pie or are willing to help serve, please sign up on the bulletin board.

VOTERS MEETING: Please join us for our biannual Voters Meeting on Sunday, November 16th at 11:30am. In addition to updates on our ministries, we will also be voting on our 2026 Annual Budget. Copies of the budget are available for you in the Narthex, or online in the weekly Bits.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CRAFT FAIR: Stop by and start your Christmas shopping with some beautiful hand-made gifts and crafts on Sunday, November 16th! All proceeds will benefit the various ministries and missions that our Women's Ministries supports.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT: Tickets for the annual Women's Ministry Christmas by Candlelight event on December 2nd at 6pm are now on sale! Tickets are \$20 and include dinner and entertainment. To purchase your tickets, please stop by the Women's Ministry bulletin board, or contact the Church Office. If you are interested in hosting a table or serving as a gentleman server, please sign up on the Women's Ministry bulletin board.

POINSETTIAS: You may place your order red, white, and jingle bell poinsettias on the sign—up sheet found on the bulletin board through December 1. Please use the envelopes by the sign—up sheet and mark it "Holiday Plants". Prices remain the same as last year, 6.5" \$12.00, 7.5" \$20.00.

STUFF THE SHELVES: Our annual "Stuff the Shelves" campaign is back for the month of November!! Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the Fellowship Hall or on the lower level near the north entrance.

WARMING TREE: We will be collecting new, or like new, winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and jackets of all sizes, as well as blankets and boots until December 1.

BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST FOR JESUS: Please join us on Saturday, December 6th 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 waffle and sausage breakfast, and even birthday cupcakes for Jesus! Registration is required so we know how many kids to plan for. Please see the Sunday School bulletin board in the hallway for more information, the registration form, and volunteer sign up. Questions or for more information please see Jennifer Leinss.

YOUNG AT HEART: Please join us as we welcome the Harmony Singers on Thursday, December 4th at 11am. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Charles Boie Shari Schulz

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

Phillip Pastor Alex Dan Sr. Mary Paul Gabe Ellie Rich Sandi John Jenny Dan Sarah Elizabeth Aiden Brenda We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Kathy Rettig, in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Special Missions are sponsored by Carol Weber, in loving memory of her husband, Chuck; Ruth Priewe, in celebration of her birthday and God's many blessings.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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