



St. James Lutheran Church

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Serving in God's House in November

Trustee: November 6 – Dave Milleville
November 13– Chris Schimschack
November 20– Brian Milleville
November 27- Justin DeVantier

Altar Care: Margaret Wittmeyer &
Laurie Schmidt

Organist: November 6 – Janet Galvano
November 13– Janet Galvano
November 20 – Jennifer Parris
November 24 – Jennifer Parris
November 27- Lianda Waugaman

Readers: November 6 –Stephanie Camidge
November 13 –Judy DeVantier
November 20–Pam DeVantier
November 24–TBA
November 27 –Beth Wruck

Communion Assist:
November 6 – Fred DeVantier
November 20 – Bob Gardiner

Acolytes: Volunteers Needed



Caring Friends Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be collecting food items for the North Tonawanda food pantry once again this year. Caring Friends will donate the turkeys and would appreciate any donations. Anyone willing to donate the food items are asked to sign up on the list outside the Grey Room. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope in the Sunday offering. Items needed are: 5-pound bag potatoes, stove top stuffing, gravy, canned vegetables (corn or beans), applesauce, cranberry sauce, boxed cookies/dessert.

Please have items to the church by Sunday, November 20th.
"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
Thank you, Caring Friends




LET US GIVE THANKS



In Honor of Melvin DeVantier's 90th birthday, \$90 was given to the endowment fund.

In memory of Charles Schmidt, \$25 was given to caring friends.

Pastor's Corner:

Christ is King

We are coming to the end of the Church year. November 20th is Christ the King Sunday which marks the end of the Christian Calendar. There are two other, seemingly unrelated events on the calendar in November as well. Thanksgiving is on the 24th, and this year Election Day is November 8th. These days may appear unrelated, but I believe there is a relationship to explore.

Many are saying that our country is more politically divided now than in any other time in history. A poll this morning shows that 80% of voters believe the political opposition poses a threat that, if not stopped, will destroy America as we know it. As we go to the polls this coming Election Day, many will be placing their vote for the men and women we believe will save this country from certain demise. As a country, we look to placing the right persons in control to save this great land. But no matter who ends up in office, half of this country will be disappointed. If we put our trust in mankind, we will always be disappointed. But if we place our trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will never be disappointed.

That brings us to the second day on the calendar this November, Christ the King Sunday. On this day we celebrate Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. In these times of political strife and divide, it is good to remember that Christ is King and he currently reigns from his throne in heaven. Place your faith in him. Hand him your worries and concerns and he will carry them. Know that he is in control and no earthly king (or politician) can change that. "God, whose will it is to restore all things in His well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, will mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule"¹

With this in mind, let us look at the third day in November, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time when believers and unbelievers alike give thanks for the gifts they have. The difference is where that thanks is directed. As Christians we often take this time to give thanks to God for our earthly gifts, like food, shelter and family. But what if you are struggling to make ends meet and food is scarce, or you were forced out of your home? What if you don't have a family, or are estranged from them? As Christians we still give thanks, because Christ is King, and we know the struggles of this life are only temporary, and one day we will see him face to face to live in his presence for all eternity.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Randy

"They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of Lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." (Revelation 17:14)

¹ Adapted from Book of Common Prayer