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Worship is Sunday 9:15am

**OUR MISSION: We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through
worship, witness, and ministry to our members
and community**

WELCOME: Psalm 90 proclaims: “Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations” (v. 1, NRSV). May children, youth and adults all feel at home in this, Christ’s church. Welcome.

If you are visiting and you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your church home, but above all, we invite you to come and worship with us at any time.

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 19, 2023

ReClaim Lutheran Hymnal – Setting 1 (pg.21)

Prelude *(please stand when indicated by *)*

Blessing of Quilts

⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:43-47)

Congregation lays hand on quilts.

L: God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

L: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love.

C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

L: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

L: God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR and those of local care facilities where these quilts find their home. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

C: Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

L: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these quilts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C: Amen.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution p. 21

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Time for silent reflection)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you that are penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

HYMN #247: Come Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success, And let thy righteousness On us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And with your spirit.

* Kyrie p. 22

♪ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

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* Gloria in Excelsis (“*Glory be to God on high...*”) p. 23-24

♪ P: Glory be to God on High and on earth peace, good will to all.

♪ **Lord, we praise your name on high, worship you and glorify. To the Lamb of God we cry and join the angel’s song.**

Refrain:

***Gloria! Let the music flow. Gloria! To the earth below.
Gloria! Feel our hearts aglow with the joyful angel’s song.***

**You have borne the sins of all. Mercy, Lord, and hear our call.
Everyone, both great and small, come join the angel’s song. (*Refrain*)**

**You, alone, the Holy One, You, alone, God’s only Son, In your name
we’ve just begun to join the angels song. (*Refrain*)**

* Salutation

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, **in baptism you pour out upon us gifts of immeasurable, eternal worth — faith, salvation, and the calling to serve as your witnesses in the world. Help us to deepen our baptismal life, walking wet daily, and responding with abandon to your gracious gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the LORD God! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice — "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Psalm 90:1-12

¹LORD, you have been our refuge*

from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,*

from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say,*

“Go back, O child of earth.”

**⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past*
and like a watch in the night.**

⁵You sweep us away like a dream;*

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶In the morning it is green and flourishes;*

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we consume away in your displeasure;*

we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,*

and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;*

we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even
eighty;***

yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,

for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?*

who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days*

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the

day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying,

“There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them

as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But

you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night

or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep

awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who

get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be

sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the

hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain

salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether

we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one

another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

♪ Hallelu! Halleluia! Give praise to the Lord for the blessings of heaven in God's holy Word. For the words of forgiveness, the words that endure, Hallelu! Hallelujah! Give praise to the Lord.

*** Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

♪ Glory be to you, O Lord.

¹⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

♪ C: Praise be to you, O Christ

*** Nicene Creed:**

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Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Sermon by: Pastor Randy Kaminska

Hymn #26: How Great Thou Art

1.O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

2.When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. (Chorus)

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Chorus)

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" (Chorus)

Morning Announcements (Please be seated)

Offering: As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.

* Offering Song

♪ **We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for all that we have: ourselves, our time and our treasures, all that first belonged to you and has been gifted to us, your children. Accept our offerings as a sign of our devotion to you, and make us truly grateful for the many gifts we have received. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **C: Amen**

* Prayer of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord be merciful to us all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory **Amen**

* Prefaces & Sanctus

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you, and singing:

♪ **C: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Pow'r almighty. Pg. 35**
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

* Lord's Prayer & Words of Institution p. 36

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me. Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Agnus Dei & Distribution of Communion p. 37

♪ **C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, your mercies never cease. Lamb of God, you take the sins of the world. Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you give us peace.**

Hymn #199: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we'd first begun.

Hymn #252: Beautiful Savior

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Hymn #223: What A Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

Hymn #193: Just As I Am

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee I find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

HYMN #181: Chief of Sinners

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous thought
Found me when I sought him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is All in All to me;
All my wants to him are known,
All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By your Spirit and your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
When I live and when I die.

Hymn #212: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conqu'rors we are!

3. His Word shall not fail you—he promised;
Believe him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Nunc Dimittus (*“Lord, now let your servant depart...”*) p. 38

C: Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, According to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, Which you have prepared before the face of all people: A light to lighten the Gentiles And the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen

Thanksgiving p. 38

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **C: Amen**

Benedicamus p. 38

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with your spirit**

P: Bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

HYMN #40: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

Postlude

ENTER TO WORSHIP – EXIT TO SERVE

Serving in God's House Today:

Trustee: Justin DeVantier Reader: Katie Dysard
Communion Asst.: Lori Haseley
Altar Care: Danielle Nemi. Organist: Jennifer Parris

Serving in God's House Next Week:

Trustee: Bruce Milleville Reader: Bob Gardiner
Organist: Janet Galvano

This Week at St. James November 19th – November 26th

Sunday:

8am Adult Bible Study
9:15 Communion
10:30 Sunday School

Thursday: Office Closed
10am Service at St. Peter's

Friday: Office 8:30-1:30

Monday: Office Closed
7pm Worship and Music Meeting

Saturday: Office Closed

Tuesday: Office Closed
7pm Council Meeting

Next Sunday:
8am Adult Bible Study
9:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School

Wednesday: Office 9-2
9:30 Text Study

Next Week's Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a;
1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46
Attendance Last Week:85, Online: 44

Announcements

**Thanksgiving service will be a joint service with St. Peter's at St. Peter's. The service will be at 10AM.
There will be no Thanksgiving service at St. James.**

Woman's Bible Study will be starting a new study this month on Tuesday the 21st at 7pm. It will be on the book of Isaiah. If you would like to join us, please contact Marjorie at (716) 731-3681.

SINGERS: Choir would love to welcome some additional voices to our group. Rehearsals are at 7:30 on Thursdays. Ladies - both soprano and alto voices especially! If you don't have the weekly time commitment for choir - but enjoy singing - please see Jenn Parris. Either occasionally as a soloist, duet or small group (Men's quartet, ladies trio etc.) - any ages are most welcome! Rehearsals can be arranged around the singers availability. If there is interest in a junior choir, (ages 12-16 ish) contact Jenn at 716-940-0227 or see her after church. We hear some great voices in the congregation singing but don't feel you have to have a "soloist" voice to sing with the choir or small group - you don't even need to read music

The annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday Dec 10th immediately following Church Service in Fellowship Hall. Topics: 2024 Budget, Worship Schedule, and Election of Officers. The following positions are open: Vice President (1) Maureen Milleville, Elder (1) Duane DeVantier, Trustees (4) Dave Antonelli, Brian DeVantier, Andrew North, and Chris Schimschack. The individuals noted have chosen to run these open positions. Should you be interested in running, please reach out to Sue Milleville or John Schultz. Election of Officers will take place at the congregational meeting.

52 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, 10 quilts to Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission, 10 to Lighthouse Woman and children's ministry, 15 to Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

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 19th. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Thank you, Caring Friends

Sharing Tree - St. James will be providing Christmas gifts again this year for families in need. We are "adopting" approximately 15 children this year. We hope to have names for the tree by Sunday 11/26. Please consider participating not only in providing gifts, but also delivering the gifts and praying with the families. If you have any questions please contact Kelli Kaminska @ 716-531-8892.

The flowers on the altar are placed to the Glory of God in honor of John and Karen Collins' 60th Wedding Anniversary on November 16th.
"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:14

For Condolences and sympathy to Judith DeVantier who passed away on November 11, 2023, wife of Rev. Peter A. DeVantier (son of St. James). Cards and letters can be sent to 101 Taynton Rd, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, 16901.

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers (*Denotes a St. James Member)

The Family and Friends of Albert Wienke as they mourn his passing

The Family and Friends of Judith DeVantier (Rev. Peter A. DeVantier) as they mourn her passing.

*Roger Siegmann *Julia Camidge *William Rafter Sr. *John Collins

*Debbie DeVantier *Bill Salisbury Fran O'Mara Kim Wagner

Jack Schroeder Denise Joy - Ted and Connie Washburn's Niece

Alfred Swift (brother of Richard Swift) Wende Schimschack

Cassie Stumpf Larry Edwards (cancer)

Roger Myers (family of Brenda Wise)

Continuing Concerns:

*Judy Schoelles *Mark Voelker *Sandy Schultz *Joanne Witjes

*Morrie Johnson Sabine Miskey Mary Ann Richter

Greg Milleville (Nephew of Carol Moll) Beverly Boczon

Also Remember in Our Prayers

- Stephen Ministry

- "Young Life" - youth evangelism & discipleship at North Tonawanda, Niagara Wheatfield & Starpoint High Schools.

- All Emergency Services personnel, Scott Milleville, Michael Jon DeVantier, and David Nedell. School staff and Students

-The members of our armed forces, Edmond Moloney (Virginia), Eric Graca (Okinawa), Michael Coulter (Korea) Joshua Drasgow (US), Justin DeVantier (Niagara Falls). Keith Coleman (Okinawa).