“The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” Matt 9:37

500th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION & HARVESTFEST WITH TRACTORS AT CHURCH
Sunday, October 29th!

Both services will have special music by Adult Choir, SS students & Brass Band. Join us for a special HarvestFest for all ages at Sand Prairie Lutheran! At noon, an OctoberFest-style meal with brats & sauerkraut along with fresh apple cider right from an apple cider press, and homemade rootbeer, will be served east of the parking lot. Please bring a dish to share. There will be kid’s activities, bonfire, music & more. Bring lawn chairs if you wish.

Members from our church are invited to bring tractors for everyone to enjoy seeing, especially the kids who will also get a preview during Sunday School that morning. Contact Keith Friedrich if you are able to bring a tractor. For details on where and when to park: call (309) 267-1516.

Fun and fellowship for every age!
The public is also invited!
ALL ARE WILLKOMMEN!
ALL SAINTS DAY is November 5th, we will be remembering the following: Larry L. Schumm, Irvin (Red) S. Wyss, Mary Ann Marion, Eleanor Neikirk, Lorene A. Schappaugh, John E. Beck, Cheryl A. Friedrich.

5th ANNUAL EWELE WALK will be next Sunday, November 5th from 11:00 to 3:00 at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Pekin. Come and join us for a delicious chicken and noodle dinner and some Christmas shopping at our many vendor booths! Special music will be provided by students. All funds raised will be used to purchase items for the silent auction tables in March. Come by for one stop Christmas shopping and fun!

JFC LOCK-IN will be held Friday night, November 10 at 8:00pm, concluding at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning, November 11 at Five Points, Washington. 16 confirmands have signed up. Drivers and all-night chaperones are needed. Call the church office if you can help.

A PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER will be served by our local Thrivent group on Wednesday, December 6th, the 1st Wednesday in Advent, following the 5:30 service. A free will offering will be taken to help support projects within our church which include funding the Cradle roll, purchasing baptismal medallions, and providing assistance to attend Camp CILCA.

A NEW MEMBER RECEPTION will be held on Sunday, November 26th. The following families will be received into membership in either service: Brooke Herrman (Kayleigh and Kallie); Vannessa Mitchey (Ally), Chantel Burch (Bella), Dan Greving, Nate and Nikki Ronna (Drake and Eli), Joyce Starkjohan. They may be greeted in a receiving line following each service. A Panera breakfast, courtesy of an Action Team grant, will be served in the Fellowship hall 9:00-9:30 a.m. Alex Lambrecth, Thrivent representative, will be on hand to answer any questions. Please come and help to make these newest families feel welcomed and loved.
**ANGEL TREE** names have arrived and can be found by the Christmas tree in the Fellowship hall. Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship program that provides Christmas gifts for children who have a parent in prison. Members and organizations are encouraged to stop by on Sunday morning during the fellowship hour and sign up for one or more names. Two $20 gifts (one toy and one clothing item) are to be purchased for each child. (You may wish to buy only one gift). The gifts are to be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree by November 26. **THE ANGEL TREE COMMITTEE WILL PURCHASE THE GIFTS IF YOU WISH TO GIVE A MONETARY DONATION.** Please write the check out to St. John's, but clearly mark it “Angel Tree” and place in the offering plate or send to the church office by Nov. 26. These gifts will be wrapped by the JFC on Dec. 3rd. The gifts will then be delivered that week by JFC, and the Evangelism committee. If you have any questions call Cherie Reagan, coordinator, 217 502 7202, or Bill Krueger 642 1818.

**REBEKAH CIRCLE:** It’s never too early to mark your calendar for an important and exciting event! Rebekah Circle will hold an “Advent by Candlelight” evening for ladies of the congregation, their family members, friends and neighbors, on Sunday, November 19th at 5:30pm here at the church. This will be a wonderful evening filled with Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing! Hostesses will be setting beautiful tables all decorated and set for Christmas for your viewing. This year we will be serving a cold sandwich plate. And a dessert plate. Be watching for a bulletin insert to register for this event. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions regarding being a hostess, please call Christie Martis at (309)264-4978. A free will offering will be collected with proceeds going to our Church Food Pantry.
BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
A Series of Sermons for Advent

Sermon plans are as follows:

Thanksgiving Eve November 23rd – 5:30pm
Advent 1 – Saved by the Water December 6th - 5:30pm
Advent 2 – Washed in the Water December 13th – 5:30pm
Advent 3 – Dying and Rising December 20th – 5:30pm
Christmas Eve – 4:30, 7:00 & 11:00pm
Christmas Day – 10:00am
New Year’s Eve – 5:30pm

All are welcome to be a part of these worship services.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the fall bazaar a success. It takes lots of hands to make the crafts, bake the goodies, and serve the delicious breakfast/lunch. The proceeds enables the Society to support a college student in the DCE program, and various other projects that will further LWML ministries.

MILITARY SERVICE? – Church members who have been in the service have been included in our Veteran’s Day slide show. If you know of corrections that need to be made, especially if someone should be added to the slideshow, please get any additions or changes to the church office before November 5th.
### FLOWER CHART FOR NOVEMBER

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ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS, produced by the Lutheran Hour Ministries, and funded by the Evangelism committee, will be available by the end of the month. The first day of Advent is December 6th.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS:
The Food Pantry will be held on Tuesday November 7th from 9:00am to 10:00 am. MIDWEST FOOD BANK DELIVERY will be on Thursday, November 16th at 10:30. Volunteers will be welcome. Please help if you are able.

VIDEOTAPER NEEDED: The 1st service needs someone to tape once a month. DVDS are taken to 8 shut ins and 5 nursing home. Call the church office if you help continue this important ministry of our church.
November Birthdays

**Nov 1** Virginia Urish *
**Nov 2** Ron Friedrich
**Nov 3** Amanda Hamann, Cindy Davis
**Nov 4** Lauren Bresnahan, Don Herrmann *, Lauren Shissler, Nate Smith
**Nov 5** Phyllis Lutz *
**Nov 6** Vergie Friedrich *
**Nov 7** Taylor Becker, Brian Bong
**Nov 8** Dick Beebe, Debra Null
**Nov 9** Andy Reagan, Matthew Knott, Ryan Hoeft
**Nov 10** Robin Boyer, Andrea Cantrall,
**Nov 12** Jacob Wattles
**Nov 13** Taylor Kilgus
**Nov 14** Kelsey Urish, Angela Wikoff
**Nov 16** Judy Ripper, Amy Weyhrich
**Nov 17** Sharon Lemon *, Joshua Graff
**Nov 18** Julie Rich
**Nov 19** Jim Turney, Amber Knott
**Nov 21** Gary Shay
**Nov 22** Eloise Golden *, Andrea Simpson, Steven Brush, Dustin Lutz
**Nov 23** Billy Moore
**Nov 25** Charlie Larimore, Norman Tisdale *, Jessica Armstrong, Wesley Armstrong

*“*” represent 75 or older

November Birthdays cont.

**Nov 26** Sheri Catton, Christie Martis
**Nov 28** Earl Urish *, Matthew Null
**Nov 30** Davin Fairchild, Amy Brecher

November Anniversaries

**Nov 3** Ed & Jody McFarlin
**Nov 8** Jim & Linda Turney
**Nov 9** Jim & Sharon Lemon, Jerry & Phyllis Privett
**Nov 10** Ryan & Nancy Fairchild
**Nov 11** Brian & Sara Becker
**Nov 15** Dave & Cherie Reagan
**Nov 16** Glen & Gretchen Evans
**Nov 18** Keith & Christen Friedrich
**Nov 25** John & Carol Breedlove
**Nov 27** Alan & Kim Hall
**Nov 30** Brandon & Holly Flexsenhar

forever & always
Thank You, what an easy phrase that seems to roll off of the tongue when you say it. However, therein lies the problem, how often do we say it? One of the most powerful things that I remember from the seminary has nothing to do with class work. Instead, it had everything to do with that phrase, “Thank You.” Every year we seminarians would receive a list of usually a name or two of people who had donated money to help pay for our tuition. We were supposed to write Thank You notes for these people in order to let them know of our appreciation. I know that every situation is different, however, I know that financially it would have been impossible for me to make it through Seminary without these people that had decided to help people while they were in need.

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in this great nation. We will take a chance to reflect on what has happened in our past that has gotten us here and we will reflect especially on what has happened this past year. And as we look back we will be thankful for all that we have. We may be thankful for a good harvest, or good rain. Perhaps we are thankful for those that have helped us during turbulent times or just in times of need. In all, this thanksgiving we are thankful for all the ways in which God has blessed our lives.

In this time of thanksgiving, while we are giving thanks to those around us and to God, let us not simply focus on the events of the past year or past hundred years, instead, we can look farther back to what Christ did for us on the Cross. We all know that we have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And in many ways we know that on our own to achieve salvation would be an impossible task. Like so many if not all of the blessings in our lives are things we could not do on our own, so our salvation comes from Christ. This Thanksgiving, I hope that you all have a good meal and good experiences with your family, but don’t forget that small phrase. Remember to say thank you to all those that have helped when you could not help yourself, and remember to praise God for all that He has done for us in the past, as well as all the blessings He continues to bring in our lives today.

In Christ’s Love
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Pastor Kevin Bueltmann
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8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Contemporary Worship
5:30 pm Wednesday Worship

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Return Service Requested