

# The Parish Voice

St. Thomas Lutheran Church — Streetsboro, Ohio

November 2022



We begin the month of November with the celebration of All Saints Day (and All Saints Sunday). We end the month as we celebrate Christ the King. Many saints; one King.

On the church calendar there are days of commemoration and there are feast days.

Days of commemoration indicate that we give proper attention to the importance of an individual or an event in the history of the church. For instance, on November 30, we will commemorate the day of St. Andrew, Apostle, honoring one of the disciples that walked with

Jesus, and perhaps taking some time to learn more about him and how his life might help inform our Christian journey [check out his information at [Wikipedia](#)] As we commemorate, we learn, we may be inspired, we can grow.

Feast days are to be celebrated. The concept of naming a date on the calendar as a “feast day” implies that there will be some food upon which to feast. In the Church, this almost always means the meal provided by our Lord Himself: the Holy Eucharist. That meal is always “a foretaste of the feast to come,” the eternal banquet we will share in heaven. That image also implies that, on feast days, we should find reasons to become exuberant in our praise, our fellowship, and our witness. Both All Saints and Christ the King are feast days.

All Saints Day brings us the joyous reminder that, because of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross and His glorious resurrection, nothing of our sins is counted against us. We are declared by God to be “holy” — in Latin, that word is *sanctus*, from which we get the word “saint.” All of God’s people are thus saints, because all of God’s people have been declared holy and righteous before God.

St. Andrew gets the word “saint” capitalized before his name because he is mentioned in the Bible. While many people throughout history have been designated with this title (in the Roman Catholic Church, this is accomplished through the process known as canonization), in Lutheran circles, we are inclined to honor only those whose names are clearly drawn from the Word of God. Yet, we all *could* adopt that title for ourselves, because God has made us into something we could never have accomplished on our own, by our deeds, or through our merits. That’s a very good reason to celebrate.

But, lest we get carried away with ourselves (for Luther taught us that we are *simul justus et peccator* — at the same time sinners and saints, and we always need to be on guard that the sinner not take over), Christ the King Sunday reminds us that there is only one King (and neither you nor I get that title)! We celebrate that there is just the one king because, if we all were vying for the title (which our sinful selves would be inclined to do), we’d mess up kingship completely.

The kingship of Christ is an important message for our faith. We are inclined to divide our thinking between religious and secular realms. Thus, we are inclined to think that our religious fealty

operates solely on Sundays and our secular obligations run the other six days. When we say that Jesus Christ is King, we are saying that we owe Him our allegiance all the time and in all places. Yes, there is a secular authority that is over us (we call it government; Luther called it “the kingdom of the left hand”), but it is under the kingship of Christ. All of life is under the kingship of Christ. So every waking moment His saints seek (as Luther wrote) to “*live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness . . .*”

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## Our Worship This Month

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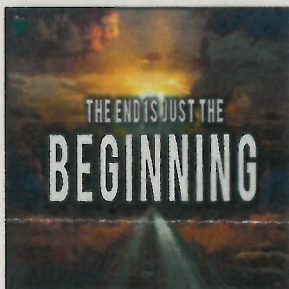


### November 3 — All Saints Sunday

Sermon: “*What Does It Mean to Be ‘Holy’?*”

Texts: Daniel 7:1-8,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

The word “saint” comes from the Latin “sanctus” which means “holy.” We explore what that means for our walk of faith.



### November 13 — Pentecost XXIII

Sermon: “*Do We Know What’s Coming?*”

Texts: Malachi 4:1-6; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Jesus teaches His followers what to look for as the end times approach. Do we know what to look for?



### November 20 — Christ the King

Sermon: “*Save Us From Our Crosses*”

Texts: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 95; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

The thief on the cross cries out to be rescued. We often cry out to be spared pain or sorrow.



### November 27 — Advent I

Sermon: “*You Know What Time It Is*”

Texts: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

St. Paul tells the Christians at Rome that they know what time it is. How did they know? How do we?



We remind you to turn back your clocks before you retire on Saturday, November 5 since at 2:00 AM on November 6 Daylight Savings Time comes to an end (and you don’t want to arrive for church at the wrong time!)

On December 1 we begin **Midweek Advent Services**. This season we will focus on the theme: **Be Born in Us Today**, reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us, and renew us. Soup suppers begin at 6:30 PM; our worship begins at 7:30 PM. Please join us. If you wish to volunteer to bring a soup, salad, bread, or dessert, a sign-up sheet will be on the narthex bulletin board.



**December 1**  
**Be Born in Us Today Bringing Blessing**

In Genesis 12:2, God promises Abraham that an offspring from his line would bring blessing to all. When Jesus was born, that promise came true with an abundance.



**December 8**  
**Be Born in Us Today Bringing Renewal**

The prophet Isaiah declared (40:31) that a Holy One would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and weary. Christ's birth restores our strength that we might serve him.



**December 15**  
**Be Born in Us Today Bringing Guidance**

In Psalm 31:3, the children of Israel are reminded that they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, often doubting God's plan for them. With the arrival of Jesus on the scene, we have a clear path to the promised land of heaven through him who is The Way.



**December 22**  
**Be Born in Us Today Bringing Power**

Reflecting Exodus 15:6, John the Baptist pointed to the power of God present in Jesus Christ. As we prepare for the birth of Baby Jesus, we point others to the power at work in our lives through our Emmanuel, God with Us.



**The Redeemer Crisis Center**, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the English District at 2970 West 30th Street (Corner of West 30th and Walton Avenue) in Cleveland, provides assistance to hundreds of people on the near west side of the city. They are in need of volunteers for their bag packing events as follows:

2022 Thanksgiving Bag Packing on November 16, 17 and 18 (NOTE: Nov. 18 has sufficient help).

2022 Christmas Bag Packing on December 14, 15 and 16 (NOTE: Dec. 16 has sufficient help)

Volunteers are needed from 7:00-9:00 PM each day. Congregations are asked to send 3 groups of 6-8 people. Individuals can volunteer also. Those interested need to contact the Redeemer Crisis Center at: (216) 631-6434 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

Donations needed at this time: Canned meats: Tuna and Chicken; Ladies Bath Gift Sets (such as body wash, loofah, soap, etc.); Men's Bath Gift Sets (such as body wash, soap, wash cloths, etc.)

If you plan to volunteer or donate, ask Pastor Just for directions (or you can bring items to church and we will see that they make it to West 30th).



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Aggie Blankenship	Palagia Hlava	Lorene Kozar	Becky Larkins & foster children
Ayers Family	Steffen Nicely	Carol Poston	Heather Poston
Rory Wolff	Patty Abramovich	Alexa	Ally
Diane Altier	Niklas Bohne	Paul Bowers	Russ & Lana Carnes
Leona Corban	Carlton Dorris	Dennis Fuldauer	Gidget
Daniel Gump	Mary Hardesty	John Johnson	Naomi Just
Lance	Laurance Jeanblanc	Steve Mamber	Frank Manijak
Joe Manijak	Amanda Nicely	Kathy Peters	Larry & Sally Powell
Leslie Slanina	Angela Smith	John Szabo	Deacon Robert Szalai
Dave Tregoning	Tyler	Linda Valetta	Victoria
Bennie Wegener	Darcy Wood	Donny Wood	Richard Trivisanno family
Ukraine refugees	COVID-19 patients	All Natural disaster victims	

**We would love to have updates on our prayer list. If you have good news about someone on this list please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!**

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

Mrs. Audrey Holland  
Willowood Care Room 1001  
1186 Hancock Rd.  
Brunswick, OH 44212-4582

Carole Poston  
3096 E Pioneer  
Aurora, OH 44202

Lorene Kozar  
8460 Westport Dr. #225  
Mentor, Oh 44060

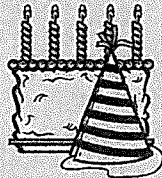
Our College Students—Grace Rohaley, Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Jenna Zimmerman, Jacob Zimmerman

Our Military member—Troy Roman

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### Birthdays

9-Ken Nicely III  
17-Grace Rohaley  
24-Amy Rohaley  
29-Thomas Ayers



Happy Anniversary to...  
9-Sam & Denise Nicely  
29-Pastor & Kristine Just

### NOVEMBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

#### Baptism Birthdays

4-Stephanie Johnson  
14-Jarid Phillips  
29-Sam Nicely

**If anyone has been left off this list or any other list, please let Marla Manijak know so she can add you. I would love birthdays and anniversaries and baptism birthdays if you know when it is. Thanks!**

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4 after the worship services. Refreshments will be served. The budget, new council member elections, talk about our search for a new pastor and other items the congregation would like to discuss will be presented at this meeting. Please mark your calendars for this very important meeting.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Group will be meeting sometime in November 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please see Marla if this date doesn't work with you. We are studying the book "Grace" by Max Lucado and will be reading Chapter 5 and discussing the questions at the end of the book when we meet again. Any questions please see Joyce Torres or Marla Manijak.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

To help out those in need we have been donating to Lutheran Missions Ministry, Redeemer Crisis Center, the Akron Pregnancy Center and the Streetsboro Community Pantry. Donations are accepted every week, just mark your checks or envelopes with the addition of one of these missions. Thank you for your support!

**Church Council** will be meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. If there is anything you would like the Council to discuss please let one of these members know... Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Deb Wolff, Joyce Torres, Diane Lee, Del Groff, Marla Manijak or Pastor Just.

**Contact Person:** Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays from 8:00-4:00. Please call ahead to make sure he is there.

## CHURCH FINANCES

Please continue to remember your church each month. Our expenses are still here and we could use your help in keeping up with these expenses. Thank you! You can send your offering to P.O. Box 2247.

### TREASURERS REPORT - Month of September 2022

	Current Month:	Current YTD	Prior YTD:
TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only	3451.38	42578.22	38963.28
TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only	3889.72	40751.47	41677.49
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<b>(438.34)</b>	<b>1826.75</b>	<b>(2714.21)</b>
TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below)	2065.00	2728.84	6107.00
TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below)	34.51	538.33	389.83
<b>NET GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<b>2030.49</b>	<b>2190.51</b>	<b>5717.17</b>
Average General Fund Income Per Week	<b>862.85</b>	<b>1091.75</b>	999.06
Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week	<u>1229.52</u>		

#### Special Funds Include:

Special Building/Property, Pastor's Second Chance, Memorial Gifts, New Building, Lutheran Women's Group, 5th Sunday Benevolence

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
And extol him with music and song.*

*For the Lord is the great God,  
The great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
And the mountain peaks belong to him.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
And his hands formed the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down in worship,  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;  
For he is our God  
And we are the people of his pasture,  
The flock under his care.*

Psalm 95:1-7

**Have a blessed  
Thanksgiving!!**

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
Come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
And his courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Psalm 100

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.**  
**IN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON CHANNEL 96.9 FM**  
**LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**  
**OR PLEASE JOIN US INSIDE (Mask is optional)**