



THE PEACE POST

November, 2005

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, unto life everlasting.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

“Give Thanks to the Lord”

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

1 A psalm. For giving thanks. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 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. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100)

Ahhh . . . the smell of turkey roasting in

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the oven; family and friends gathered around a table overflowing with delicious food; games, conversations, reunions with loved ones; the Lions and Cowboys on T.V. Thanksgiving Day – one of the best days of the year. A day set apart for feasting and resting; a day set apart for fellowship and reunions; a day set apart for giving thanks.

But, for what do we give thanks? That is the question. You see, Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday, a holiday which is not bound to the constraints of religion, race, or creed. It is a holiday celebrated by the faithful and unfaithful alike. To many, it is simply a day off from work; it is simply a tradition to gather together with family and friends on this day. Many do not realize to whom they owe their thanks. Many do not acknowledge the fact that everything they have is from the love and generosity of the Lord. The sad reality is that many are lost.

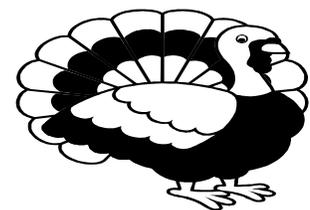
But, we are not lost. We have been brought to faith in Jesus Christ. We know to whom we owe our thanks. We give thanks to God for all things – for our lives, families, friends, daily food, clothing, and all other material possessions. We acknowledge that everything we have is from the loving hand of our God. But mostly, we give thanks to the Lord because He “is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.” We give thanks for our salvation, for the Person and Work of Jesus Christ, who lived the perfect life required of us and died on the cross to redeem us from our sins.

Each Sunday is Thanksgiving Day for Christians, because each Sunday we come to the Lord’s house to receive His gracious gifts, responding in praise and thanksgiving for forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. In fact, every day is a day of thanksgiving for Christians, for we realize that it is only by God’s grace that we have been brought to, and are sustained in, the one true faith; the one true faith that clings to, and trusts in, the Word of God, which declares us justified in His sight through faith in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather with family and friends and enjoy the wonderful blessings the Lord has bestowed upon you, take time to give thanks to Him for everything He has provided you, especially for the salvation He has won for you through your Lord Jesus Christ. Give thanks to the Lord and praise His name, for He is good and His love endures forever!

In Jesus’ Holy and Precious Name. Amen.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Messer



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



New books in our library:

- *Luke*. People's Bible Commentary.
- *Just As I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham* (donated by Marilyn Oswald).

Donated by Bill Hendrick in memory of Pat Hendrick:

- *Shepherds Abiding*.
- *Footprints: Scripture with Reflections for Women*.
- *Blessings and Prayers for Women*.
- *Embraced by the Light*.
- *When I'm on My Knees*.
- *Small Miracles for Women*.
- *The Autobiography of Santa Claus*.
- *Love Psalms: God's Gift of Life Everlasting*.
- *A Woman's Journey Through Ruth*.
- *The Christmas Train*.
- *Skipping Christmas*.
- *A Cup of Comfort for Friends*.
- *The Hand of God: Thoughts & Images Reflecting the Spirit of the Universe*.
- *Women's NIV Devotional Bible*.
- *Christmas in Mitford (Gift set)*.

We would like to encourage people to use our Church Library more often. We will be encouraging people to read books and share a book review with the congregation via the monthly newsletter. If you have read a book from our library that you enjoyed, or that inspired you, and you would like to share it, please contact Beth Brostrom or Coaline Luplow.

THIS MONTH'S REVIEW:

From Sierra & Myka Luplow

Sierra and Myka had the first chance to experience *Journey Through the Church Year*. This is a set of three books, a CD recording of the books, and three activity books that come in an easy-carry vinyl bag.

The books are appropriate for pre-school through grade school. The activity books are reusable with crayons or dry-erase pens.

Journey Through the Church Year includes: *The Time of Christmas*; *The Time of Easter*; *The Time of the Church*. Through the eyes of two little mice who move into the church, you learn about Christmas, Easter, and the Church.

Sierra said, "Really good books. It tells us about Easter and Christmas. They explain the triangle being the Holy Trinity and a flower being the Luther Seal."

Myka said, "I liked them. The church mice live in a church. They live in the organ and that don't work out, so they move to a box. They find a cross and leave it out for the pastor to find. Everybody is happy."

Tell your children or pick them up for your grandchildren to read and listen to. Everyone will enjoy them.

(Next month a review from another member of our church)

Want something included in "The Peace Post" next month? Email Beth or Pastor Messer (addresses on back page) by November 15 with your item. Also, call or email them anytime with your feedback and/or ideas!

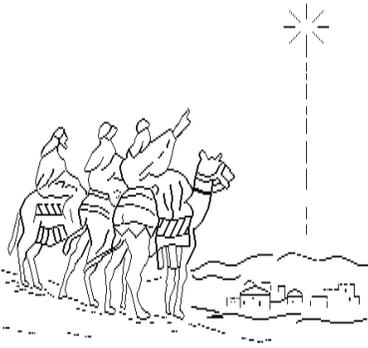
INTRODUCING TABLE TALK!



Table Talk will be a time for members of Peace to get together with Pastor Messer for an informal discussion on whatever topics (as long as they are somehow related to the faith) are brought up. This is NOT a time to register your complaints about anything to the pastor. In-

stead, it is a time for you to "pick his brain" on whatever topics interest you and to discuss those things with him and with your brothers and sisters in Christ who attend. The first *Table Talk* will take place on **Thursday, November 10 at 8:00 p.m.** We will continue to

have *Table Talk* every second Thursday of each month at the same time as long as there is interest in doing so. If you have any questions about *Table Talk*, please contact Pastor Messer.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

The star over Bethlehem shone brightly in the sky to mark the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The magi from the East were wise to follow that star, for they believed that the star signified the birth of a new king, and they wanted to find this infant king, bear witness to his birth, and pay him homage. They were wise because what they believed was, in fact, true. The star did signify the birth of a king - the King of kings and Lord of lords. By following that star, the wise magi were led to the Savior of the world!

We, too, have a sign from God that leads to the Savior. It is the Bible, God's Holy Word, and it has shone brightly throughout the centuries, leading men and women to the revelation of the Savior. What a tremendous blessing it is for us to possess the very revelation of God in Holy Scripture. Unlike the magi, we do not have to travel a great distance over rough terrain to find the King. Instead, the King comes to us in His Word. He comes to us to give us His gifts in the Divine Service, and He comes to us to teach us that which He would have us learn as we study His Word. Let us be wise and take advantage of every opportunity the Lord gives us to learn from Him. Listed below are the opportunities we have at Peace to study God's Word.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School is offered every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for all children from Kindergarten through 12th Grade.
- Adult Bible Class is offered every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for adults. The title of our current study is *From Genesis to Revelation: An Overview of the Bible*. On **November 27**, we will begin a new study titled *The Truth About the End Times*, which will lead into a detailed study of the book of *Revelation*. See page 4 for more details on this exciting study!

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class is taught every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Adult Confirmation/Information Class

- A new Adult Confirmation/Information Class will begin on **Saturday, October 8**. The class will be from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** and will run for 10 weeks. This class is offered for those interested in learning, or brushing up on, what we believe and teach here at Peace. Everyone is welcome to attend. Membership at Peace will be offered to those who complete this class.

Women in the Word

- Our *Women in the Word* Bible Study takes place every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. All women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Female guests are always welcome, too. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of the **Gospel of John**. Please plan on joining us soon.

Coming Soon . . .

- **Men's Bible Breakfast:** This will be a time for the men of Peace to come together on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to enjoy fellowship, food, and to study God's Word. Arrangements are being made to begin the *Men's Bible Breakfast* very soon!

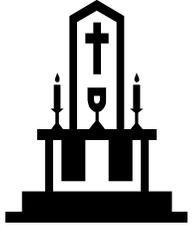
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105)

"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11)



LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** The November meeting of the Guild will take place on **Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Marlene Wiltshire will be the hostess (December - Cheryl Henry/Carol Durst). All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our guild meetings; if you are a female member of Peace, you can be a member of the guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the guild. **NOTE: The November meeting will be an important meeting for the Guild as we will put together a schedule of volunteer workers for the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale in November. Please attend!**
- **COOKIE WALK AND CRAFT SALE:** Saturday, December 3, 2005 - 9:00-4:00. If you know of anyone who wishes to have a table, please contact Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101). Plan on baking 20-25 dozen small cookies for the walk. **NOTE: We are in need of coffee cans for this event! Please bring your empty coffee cans of any size into the church and place them in the kitchen. Thank you.**
- **LADIES GUILD PRAYER CHAIN:** The Ladies Guild has a prayer chain in place. If you wish to be included in the prayer chain as a caller, see Marlene Wiltshire. If you wish to add yourself or someone else to the prayers, the chain starts with either Georgia Spindler (466-4352) or Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101).
- **ALTAR GUILD DUTY:** November - Tammy Oswald/Marilyn Oswald; December - Carol Zeile; January 2006 - Beth Brostrom.
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a flower calendar for 2005 posted on the fellowship bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar some time during the year, fill in your name and/or contact Marilyn Oswald. A bouquet usually lasts about one (1) month and the cost is about \$25.



UPCOMING COFFEE HOSTESSES:

NOVEMBER 6 - Lois Ramsey

13 - Cheryl Kuehnlein

20 - Trina Palmer

27 - Carol Durst

DECEMBER 4 - Jo Wendt

11 - Darlene Palmer

18 - Coaline Luplow

25 - Carol Zeile



EUCHRE NIGHT!

The next euchre night has been scheduled for **Friday, November 18 at 7:30 pm.** Dave and Carol Zeile were the big winners last month and have been rewarded the opportunity to host in November. Everyone is welcome to come and have fun playing the great game of euchre. Please bring a dish to pass. See you there!

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE END TIMES

On **Sunday, November 27**, we will begin a new study during Adult Bible Class which will be titled, "The Truth About the End Times." This study will focus on the Second Coming of Christ and the events surrounding that great and glorious event. We will analyze the various End Times views in light of what God's Word reveals to us to determine which view is Scriptural. This study will lead into a detailed study of the book of Revelation. In light of the plethora of errors surrounding us today regarding the End Times, it is paramount that we Christians know the truth. We need to know what the Bible teaches about the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Antichrist, and so on. If you have ever wondered about these things, and I know you have, you will not want to miss this study! Also, this study will provide you with an excellent opportunity to invite those among your family and friends who may be interested in the topic to attend church and Bible Class with you. So, come and learn the Truth about the End Times, and bring your family and friends with you!

In Christ,

Pastor Messer

“OUR BLESSED HOPE”

ADVENT PREVIEW

On Sunday, November 27, we will begin the season of Advent. The word “advent” means “coming” and the season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Usually, we associate Advent with Christ’s first coming – His birth. We view this season as a time for us to look upon the precious baby Jesus in the manger; a time to sing Christmas carols, drink egg nog, decorate our homes, go shopping, exchange gifts, and so on; a time to get together with family and friends and celebrate the birth of our Savior. In short, we often view Advent as being all about Christmas.

However, the season of Advent is not only about Christmas. It’s also time for us to focus on Christ’s second coming. In fact, you may not be aware of this, but Advent is really a penitential season, like Lent. It’s a time of personal examination and reflection; a time for us to examine whether or not we’re eagerly waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. One question we should be asking ourselves during Advent is, “Are we longing for the Lord’s return?”

With that in mind, our Advent Midweek Sermon Series this year is titled, “Our Blessed Hope,” based on Titus 2:13, where we’re told that “the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, is our blessed hope.” We will begin the series by focusing on the glorious return of Christ and learn what Scripture has to say about that remarkable event. Then, we will focus on the eternal separation of believers from unbelievers that will take place as Christ pronounces judgment on all people. Finally, we will look at what life in the Eternal Kingdom will be like for all who have the return of Christ as their blessed hope. Here is an outline of the series:

“OUR BLESSED HOPE”

Wednesday, November 30	“The Glorious Appearing”
Wednesday, December 7	“The Final Judgment”
Wednesday, December 14	“Eternity”

Please plan on joining us for our Advent Midweek Services this year. All services will be held at 7:00 p.m. and, in addition to the Sermon Series that you will not want to miss, we will be using “Evening Prayer: Service of Light” in Hymnal Supplement ‘98, page 17, which is an absolutely beautiful service that I am completely confident you will enjoy.

As for our Sunday Services in Advent, we will be using “The Order of the Holy Communion” in TLH, p. 15. Here is an outline of the Sermon titles and texts for the Sundays in Advent:

Sunday, November 27	“Longing for the Lord’s Return” (1 Cor. 1:3-9)
Sunday, December 4	“The Gracious Delay” (2 Pet. 3:8-14)
Sunday, December 11	“Behold, The Lamb of God” (John 1:6-8; 19-28)
Sunday, December 18	“You Will Be With Child” (Luke 1:26-38)

I hope and pray that you will join us for all of our Services this Advent Season. You won’t want to miss any of our services as we prepare for both the celebration of the birth of our Savior and His glorious return on the Last Day.



Have you checked out our website lately? Be sure to visit often - many exciting additions are on the way!

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(As of October 28)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 165

Confirmed - 128

No Official Acts

Membership gains: 1

(Freda Hill - transfer from Trinity Lutheran, Zanesville, OH)

Membership losses: 2

(Clayton Byers and Amy Gustavison - both by self-exclusion)

Financial Report

YTD Receipts (1/1/05 - 10/28/05): \$71,329.38

Budgeted YTD (1/1/05 - 10/28/05): \$75,169.00

“PLANS FOR PEACE” SUMMARY

As promised, here is a summary of the discussions we had at our “Plans For Peace” gatherings:

Attendance

- We were very pleased with the turnout
- Goal was 70 members; 58 came with 3 guests

What has Peace done well in the past?

- Friendliness, welcoming guests
- Support one another in time of need – like a family
- Strong Ladies Guild
- Remained solid in doctrine and practice

What has Peace neglected to do in the past?

- Lack of outreach, evangelism
- Weak in organization and record-keeping
- “Sunday only” mentality has developed in the congregation

Immediate goals Peace should set:

- Develop evangelism committee
- Advertise – people don’t know we’re here
- Enhance website/newsletter
- Set up road signs on Alger and Superior
- Contact past members and invite them back
- Offer more Bible Study opportunities (Women’s and Men’s)
- Establish better lighting in sanctuary
- Enhance music – develop voice and handbell choirs, etc.

Future goals Peace should set:

- Air conditioning throughout church building
- Become more accessible for the disabled
- Get a new copier
- Start a school
- Add a weekday evening Service (Monday or Wednesday)

Ideas for future outreach events:

- Advent Tea; Community Dinners (spaghetti, fish fry)
- Helping Hands
- Church Picnic/Carnival for community
- Mother/daughter & Father/son evenings
- Easter egg hunt, Halloween party
- Golf, bowling leagues

Ideas for nurturing our members, in addition to Divine Service and Bible Studies:

- Staying in touch with college-aged kids (sending care packages, newsletters, etc.)
- Shut-in visitations and communication not only from pastor, but other members
- Having our own church picnic/festival
- Having time to meet with pastor outside of organized Services and Bible studies for informal discussion

How do we foster the desire and raise the funds necessary to purchase new *Lutheran Service Book* hymnals next fall?

- Begin using the services that will be in the new hymnal early next year
- Encourage members to commit to buying a hymnal for the church and place sticker memorandum in hymnals

Your overall vision for the future of Peace in 5, 10, 15 years and beyond:

- Outgrow current church building – build a new, large, beautiful church

- Have a thriving, growing Day School
- Be *the* beacon of light in the Alma community

Interests for Adult Bible Class:

- Revelation/End Times (by far the most interest)
- Old Testament history and prophecy
- Comparison of denominations and/or world religions
- Study of our Lutheran Confessions
- Creation vs. Evolution
- John, Romans, Philippians
- Bio-ethics (feeding tubes, living wills, invitro-fertilization, stem-cell research, etc)
- Hymnology and liturgy – why Lutherans do things the way we do

As I have said time and time again, it was an absolute pleasure to have so many of you over to our house for these wonderful gatherings. It is exciting for me as your pastor to see your enthusiasm and hear your ideas for the future of our congregation. Please keep this summary on hand and review it from time to time to see how well we are doing as a congregation to accomplish the goals we have set. And remember, “*you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light*” (1 Pet. 2:9). Each one of us needs to realize who we are in Christ and seek opportunities to serve Him both in our congregation and in the world around us to share our faith (“proclaim His praises”) with each other, our community, and the world. I pray that each one of you will see yourselves as God’s priests in this world and actively participate in our congregation’s efforts to achieve our mission.

In Christ,
Pastor Messer

PYG NEWS

The Peace Youth Group will hold its next meeting on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13** at **NOON**. This meeting will focus on preparing crafts for the Bizarre in December, and on deciding upon which PYG members will work the Bizarre at what times. We will also be discussing ideas for December PYG activities. A couple of possibilities to start thinking about include: 1) Babysitting services offered one Saturday in December in which members of Peace (and others) can bring their children to Peace to be watched by PYG members while they complete some Christmas shopping; 2) Christmas Caroling for the disabled. We will discuss the details of these events at the November meeting, and consider any ideas for future events. Please make it a point to be there!

KATRINA RELIEF

Continue to keep **Trinity Lutheran Church of Meridian, MS, Bethel Lutheran Church of Point Clear, AL, and Trinity Lutheran School of Mobile, AL** in your thoughts and prayers. As noted in the last newsletter, these are the congregations and school that have been assigned to our Region in the Michigan District for our support. **Elder Bill Hendrick** is our Congregational Liaison and has been in contact with these congregations through our Regional Director. He is aware of their needs and has already sent some initial support to them. If you would like to participate in the support effort, please see Bill and he will let you know what they need. Thank you!

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS—DISTRICT/LOCAL

1. **THRIVENT CHAPTER BOARD ELECTIONS** – Annual elections for Central Michigan Thrivent Chapter Board leaders will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 320 S. Bradley St., Mount Pleasant, on Saturday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. All Thrivent members and their families are urged to attend. Luncheon will be catered by Chefs with Spirit and there will be numerous door prizes. All nine of the current leaders are eligible to run again and have consented to do so. However, the position of Events Director has never been filled on the Board and Board members are hoping this is the year someone will step forward to fill this leadership role. Is that someone you?
2. **Project Compassion Ministries** is sponsoring the **Harvest Festival of Music** on Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. The theme for the concert is “rejoicing on the King’s Highway” and will feature many choirs and singers including the Detroit Urban Lutheran School Choir. The concert will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal), 4800 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are \$7 at the door, \$6 in advance through Project Compassion Ministries at (313) 897-7470 or (800) 626-9622.
3. **“The Feast of the Nativity”** in Zion, Holland’s upper room theater. Dec. 1-4, 7:00 p.m.; Dec. 4, 3:00 p.m. An evening of song and merriment, gentility and tomfoolery, as we travel back in time to the pageantry of old. Admission is free, however tickets are required. Please call the church office at (616) 392-7151 for more information.
4. **The Lost and Found Christmas Tour** will be at St. Paul, Caro on Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance (\$10 at the door) and children under 7 will be admitted free. Advance tickets and details are available by calling Greg Arnett at (989) 673-4212 or email at greg@stpaulcaro.org.
5. The **Concordia University, Ann Arbor** community invites you to the 28th **Boar’s Head Festival**, a Christmas celebration crafted in music, dance, and medieval pageantry. Performances will be held on campus in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale November 7. Adults—\$12-\$15 and children 12 and under—\$8-\$10. For more information, contact the Box office at (734) 995-4612.

ASK THE PASTOR

Each month, this space will be used to answer a question I was asked by one or more of our members. If you have a question you would like answered in a future newsletter, please contact me and let me know. No names will ever be mentioned, so feel free to ask away!

Q: Are Jews, as a race, still God's chosen people?

A: This is a good question that needs to be asked and answered, especially in light of the fact that there are many so-called Christian teachers among us today who confidently answer in the affirmative. They claim that the Jews are still God's chosen people and that we Christians are obligated to help and protect them as much as we possibly can. They claim that we share a common heritage with national Jews and that we share faith in the same God. They are wrong!

National Jews are not, as a race, God's chosen people. And, while we do share a common heritage with them, it is not true that we share faith in, and worship, the same God.

We believe in, and worship, the One, True, Triune God—the God who has revealed Himself to be One God in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Today's Jews, who adhere to the religion of Judaism, vehemently deny the Holy Trinity. They follow in the footsteps of the Jewish religious leaders who rejected Jesus and plotted to have Him executed. They deny that Jesus was the Christ (the Messiah) who came into the world to save all people from sin. They deny that He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity and claim that He was nothing more than a false prophet. By their denial of Christ, they exclude themselves from fellowship with God and keep themselves from the salvation God offers through His Son, Jesus Christ. As Christ says, "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

In Romans 9-11, St. Paul laments the fact that so many of his fellow Jews rejected Christ and, as a result, cut themselves off from the only source of salvation.

Those who claim that Jews, as a race, are still God's chosen people make two critical mistakes: 1) They fail to distinguish between Israelite religion (which believed that salvation came through faith alone in the Messiah) and Judaism (which believes that salvation comes through obedience to the Law—works-righteousness); 2) They maintain that we must distinguish between Israel and the Church, that God is working out two separate plans for two distinct people—one for Israel (or national Jews) and one for the Christian Church.

To these mistakes, we answer, on the basis

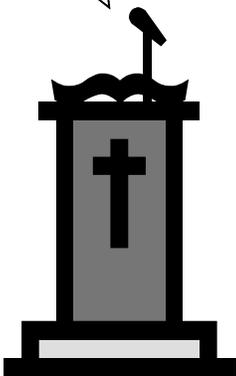
of Holy Scripture, that the Christian Church is the *continuation* and *fulfillment* of Israel. All believers in Christ are God's chosen people and *true Israelites* by faith. As St. Paul says, "If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29). It was by faith alone in Christ, the Promised Messiah, that all Old Testament believers were saved (see Hebrews 11), just as it is by faith alone in Christ that we are saved today. There has always been only one true religion and the Christian Church is the continuation of the true religion that began with Adam and Eve and was continued through Abraham and the Israelites throughout Old Testament history. Furthermore, we reject outright the idea that God is working out two separate plans for two distinct people as a Satanic perversion. There is only one plan of salvation revealed by God in His Word—the salvation which was accomplished by Christ and which is given to us by faith.

With all that said, the simple answer to the question is, "No, the Jews, as a race, are NOT God's chosen people." Only those Jews who are brought to faith in Christ are God's chosen people. All those who deny Christ remain outside of God's family of believers.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Messer

"All believers in Christ are God's chosen people and true Israelites by faith"



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1 - George Facaros | 13 - Jessica Penzien |
| 4 - Brian Stroven | 20 - Brian Palmer |
| 7 - Jenna Kuehnlein | 21 - Aaron Reithel |
| 13 - Lillian Manns | 23 - Joyce Kohler |

Happy Anniversary to:

- | |
|----------------------------|
| 9 - Lisa & Pastor Messer |
| 22 - Sarah & Ryan Cummins |
| 25 - Susan & Don Reithel |
| 28 - Yvonne & Jim Elenbaas |

If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

October 30	October 31	1	2	3	4	5
9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC		9:30 am—Women in the Word	9:00 am— <i>WW</i>	5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm—Youth Confirmation Class		10:00 am— <i>Thrivent Chapter Mtg.-Immanuel, Mr. Pleasant</i> 7:00 pm—Adult Confirmation/Info. Class
6 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	7 7:00 pm—Ladies Guild Hostess: M. Wiltshire	8 <i>City Elections—Peace is a voting precinct</i> 9:30 am—Women in the Word (meet in Youth room)	9 9:00 am— <i>WW</i>	10 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm—Youth Confirmation Class	11	12 7:00 pm—Adult Confirmation/Info. Class
13 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC 12:00—PYG mtg.	14 6:45 pm—Council Meeting	15 No <i>Women in the Word</i>	16 9:00 am— <i>WW</i>	17 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> NO Youth Confirmation Class	18 7:30 pm—Euchre Night	19 7:00 pm—Adult Confirmation/Info. Class
20 8:00—Elders Mtg. 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	21	22 9:30 am—Women in the Word	23 9:00 am— <i>WW</i> 7:00 pm—Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 THANKSGIVING DAY	25	26 7:00 pm—Adult Confirmation/Info. Class
27 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—SS/BC	28	29 9:30 am—Women in the Word	30 9:00 am— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm—Potluck dinner 7:00 pm—Advent I Mid-week Service	December 1 5:00 pm— <i>WW</i> 6:00 pm—Youth Confirmation Class	December 2	December 3 9:00 am—4:00 pm— <i>Ladies Guild Cookie Walk & Craft Show</i> 7:00 pm—Adult Confirmation/Info. Class

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
6—9:30 am	Jordan Henry Samantha Messer	Beth Brostrom	Curt Oswald	Vern Jakolat Miguel Ortiz	Jeff & Cheryl Kuehnlein
	Crucifer: CJ Oswald				
13—9:30 am	Kelsey Gensler Alex Henry	Mary Jakolat	Terry Luplow	Jon Greening Larry Elliott	Lisa Messer & Family
20—9:30 am	Sarah Messer Lauren Penzien	Mary Jakolat	Dave Zeile	Leland Oswald Jon Penzien	Terry & Coaline Luplow
23—7:00 pm (Thanksgiving Eve)	Kim Penzien	Beth Brostrom	Dave Zeile	Leland Oswald Jon Penzien	
27—9:30 am	Jared Kuehnlein Melanie Penzien	Beth Brostrom	Bill Hendrick	Richard Palmer Burt Henry	Helen Myers / Lois Ramsey
30—7:00 pm (1st Wed. in Advent)	Jessica Oswald	Mary Jakolat	Bill Hendrick	Richard Palmer Burt Henry	
DECEMBER					
4—9:30 am	CJ Oswald Alex Henry	Beth Brostrom	Curt Oswald	Bill Brostrom Don Reithel	Dick & Darlene Palmer
7—7:00 pm (2nd Wed. in Advent)	Lauren Penzien	Beth Brostrom	Curt Oswald	Bill Brostrom Don Reithel	

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men” (Eph. 6:7)

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