



St. John's Lutheran Church



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News & Notes ~ November 2023

A lady went to the Pastor and said.... "I won't be attending church anymore."

The Pastor said, "May I ask why??"

She said, "I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some just ain't living right, they are all just hypocrites."

The Pastor got silent and he said, "Ok.... But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"

She said, "What's that?"

He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the church 2 times and don't let any water fall out of the glass."

She said, "Yes I can do that." She came back and said "It's done."

He asked her 3 questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?
2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
3. Was anybody living wrong?

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her, "When you come to church, you should be just that focused on God, so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said 'Follow me'. He did not say follow Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused YOU are on God."

BEAR & GEM'S ADVENTURES

Gem here: Wow we had a party at my house and oh boy the people. I was getting fed pretty good with hot dogs, and marshmallows, etc. It's a wonder I wasn't a sick puppy. I am getting used to my new home. Loving all the smells and meeting new friends. Mom and dad bought a fire pit and it keeps them warm outside but gosh gee I have a fur coat on, so I get a little warm and start panting. I guess I'll get used to it when the snow is falling down.

Bear here: Boy I've been miserable with my allergies. Mom gives me a pill every day and it makes me sleepy. I'm getting ready to go to the doctor to get my 6 month check up. Hopefully my liver is doing good. I hear there is a holiday coming up in December. Does that mean presents? If it does I know I will get a lot. Gem & I haven't been up to much. You know same old thing, eat, drink, play, pee and poop. What a life we have. We both have people that love us. Until we bark next month.

Hugs & Puppy Kisses,
Bear & Gem

Please come and join us

Sundays @ 9:30am for Bible Study/Sunday School
@ 10:30am Worship

Usher Captains for November

Nov 5- Fred Ross
Nov 12- Tim Ceasar
Nov 19- Mark Blaho
Nov 26- Fred Kolenda

November Greeters

Nov 5- Joann Pocus
Nov 12- Carmella Kolenda
Nov 19-
Nov 26-

Lectors for November

Nov 5- Fred Kolenda
Nov 12- Paul Kamzelski
Nov 19- Fred Kolenda
Nov 26- Paul Kamzelski

Communion Assistants for Nov

Nov 5- Tim Ceasar & Jerry Droz

Bible Study & Prayer Time

Please join us every Tuesday @ 10am for Bible Study. We are studying "The Chosen".
Prayer time with Paul is every 3rd Wednesday @ 10am in the Chapel.

Sewing get together

Stitches in Time for sewing meet every Tuesday evening from 6pm-8:30pm. What a great way to make things and have some great fellowship.

Can't make it to church

No worries. Watch us on Facebook live on Sundays @ 10:30am

Save the dates

November 19- Thanksgiving luncheon
December 2- Live Nativity & Food Sale and Bake Sale

What's New

We will be having communion on the 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month.
If you are interested in being a greeter for Nov please let the office know. Thank you.
Heather is having a Women's Bible Study, Wednesday evenings @ 6pm. Come join in the fun and fellowship.

THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God above,
Thanks for expressions of His Love.
Seen in the book of nature, grand
Taught by His love on every hand.
Let us be thankful in our hearts,
Thankful for all the truth imparts,
For the religion of our Lord,
All that is taught us in His word.
Let us be thankful for a land,
That will for such religion stand:
One that protects it by the law,
One that before it stands in awe.
Thankful for all things let us be,
Though there be woes and misery;
Lessons they bring us for our good-
Later twill al be understood.
Thankful for peace o'er land and sea,
Thankful for signs of liberty,
Thankful for homes, for life and health,
Pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.



Thankful for friends and loved ones too,
Thankful for all things, good and true,
Thankful for harvest in the fall,
Thankful to Him who gave it all.