



St. James Messenger

Gather ♦ Study ♦ Serve



This Week

Sunday, November 17:

8:00 Adult Sunday School

9:15 Communion

10:30 Children's Sunday School

Tuesday, November 19:

7:00 Women's Bible Study

Wed, November 20:

No Text Study

Thursday, November 21:

No Text study

6:30 Bell Choir

7:30 Choir

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Next Week

Sunday, November 24:

No Adult Sunday School

9:15 Worship

10:30 Children's Sunday School

No Catechism

Coffee Hour after service

Tuesday, November 26:

7:00 Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 27:

No Text Study

6:30 Bell Choir

7:30 Choir

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Thursday, November 28:

Thanksgiving

No Text study

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ST. JAMES NEWS

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Pastor's Vacation: Pastor Randy will be on vacation from November 17 – November 24.

Caring Friends:

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 sheets on the table in front of the gray room. You can put your money in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving" and place it in the offering plate. Items needed are 5-pound bag of potatoes, stove top stuffing, gravy, canned vegetables (corn and beans), applesauce, cranberry sauce, boxed cookies/dessert. Please have items by **TODAY, Sunday, November 17th**.

LWR Hurricane Assistance: If you would like to give to the effort to assist those affected by Hurricane Helene, Lutheran World Relief has an opportunity to receive matching funds for your donation. To make a gift, mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write "match" in the memo line, or "hurricane match" if you wish to designate your gift to hurricane recovery in the U.S.

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study is this Tuesday at 7 pm. We are on Lesson #9. This is the last lesson in our study of Isaiah. We will not be meeting in December.

In memory of Robert Wolanske, \$20.00 was given to Caring Friends.

In memory of Norma O'Brien a donation was given to the Memorial Fund.

Quilting Update:

We have finished quilting for the year. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped. We reached our goal of 100 quilts and 20 lap size quilts. The blessing of the quilts will be on Sunday, November 24.

Thank you again for a terrific year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York will host a program on Historic and Influential People in WNY, on November 21st at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Rick Falkowski. Join them at the Wheatfield Community Center 2790 Church Rd, North Tonawanda, NY.

We are beginning the process of updating our database. Until this process has been completed we will pause publishing birthday and anniversary dates.

Serving in God's House in November.

Trustee:

November 17 – Andrew North
November 24 - Dave Milleville

Readers:

November 17 – Beth Wruck
November 24 - Kristen Rafter
Thanksgiving - TBA

Organists:

November 17 – Jenn Parris
November 24 - Janet Galvano
Thanksgiving - Janet Galvano

Communion Assistants:

November 17 – Lori Haseley

Altar Care: Danielle Nemi and Lori Haseley

Coffee Hour: Justin and Ashley



Online Giving- ChurchTrac

On Online: 51

Attendance 11/10: 99

Come and Sing Christmas Carols with us! St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 6167 Walmore Rd., Sanborn has invited us to a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. It will be on Friday, December 6th at 7:00 pm.

They will be singing in German and English. Refreshments will be served.

Niagara Gospel Mission is looking for volunteers to assist for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Last year they fed around 1800 for Thanksgiving and over 1000 for Christmas. They assume the numbers will be even higher this year. God has blessed the Mission immensely and now it is our turn to bless our community. Here are some of the areas we can use help:

- Volunteers to cover the phone lines when people call in to order their meal deliveries.
- Volunteers to assist at the corresponding "Pie Parties" prior to Thanksgiving on Wednesday 11/27 and for Christmas on Monday 12/23.
- Shelf-ready pies for Thanksgiving
- Christmas cookies for Christmas
- Volunteers to be delivery drivers and meal deliverers
- Scoopers to help with putting the meals together
- Baggers to prepare the meals for deliveries on the days of the events
- Monetary donations to purchase food and items used in preparation and delivery of the meals
- Prayer Teams

If you are interested in volunteering, we encourage you to sign up by November 15th. Please send an email to dstevens@niagaragram.org or call Donna Stevens at 716-946-6163 to set up your time.

Martin Luther wrote in the Large Catechism, "But to pray, the Second Commandment teaches, is to call on God in every need. This he requires of us. It is not a matter that is to be left to our choice." To be a Christian is to pray! Here are some suggestions for prayer during the week.

Sunday: Pray for the church in all its forms as well as your local congregation

Monday: Pray for your family, especially those who do not know Jesus.

Tuesday: Pray for those who are suffering.

Wednesday: Pray for those who are struggling in life.

Thursday: Pray for peace in the world and in families.

Friday: Pray for our children.

Saturday: Pray for God's will in your life.



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