



# Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

The story is told of a lady who died and found herself outside of paradise. Soon an angel showed up and said, “Hello, Virginia, we’ve been waiting for you.” The lady asked, “What do I have to do to gain admittance?” The angel replied, “The gates will open for you if you can correctly spell one word.” She said, “And what is that word?” The angel replied, “Spell *love*.” Very carefully Virginia spelled “L-O-V-E.” Although we know it is only through the merit and the blood of Jesus that we get into heaven, in this story, the gates slowly opened and the lady was in.

Although heaven doesn’t have time, about three years later (by earth’s time), Virginia was on duty at that same gate when her earthly husband showed up. With an official tone, she said, “Hello dear, how have things been going?” He confessed, with a pretty big smile, “Well, things have been going famously. Do you recall that attractive nurse who was taking care of you just before you died? We fell in love and got married a couple of months after you died. Then I found I was holding the only winning ticket to a \$50 million dollar lottery. We moved into a mansion. I quit my job and we traveled all over the world. The last thing I remember is that we were skiing in the Swiss Alps and I tried to outrun an avalanche.” Then he asked, “So, how can I get in?” His ex-wife replied, “To get in, all you need to do is spell one word correctly.” “And what’s the word?” he asked. She smiled and said, “Czechoslovakia.”

I’m certain that if God were to ask us to decide whether certain people we know should make it into heaven, we’d end up saying “no” to more than one! Thankfully, God reserves the right to judge human souls for Himself. The reality is that God wants all people to be with Him in heaven. St. Paul writes, “*This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth*” (2 Timothy 2:3-4).

The Reformation (celebrated this year on October 29) reminds us that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. We don’t have to wonder if we’ll get into heaven. It’s not simply wishful thinking. We trust that Jesus, through His death and resurrection, has forgiven our sin and opened the gates of heaven for all who believe. All Saints’ Sunday (celebrated on November 5) calls to mind the faithful people of God who are now with Him in heavenly glory.

Rejoice in God’s plan of salvation! To be saved we don’t have to do anything, not even learn to spell Czechoslovakia. All we need is Jesus as our Savior. If we trust in Him, the gates of heaven are open!

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Steve Voigt*

# Loyalty Sunday November 19

November is the month in which we observe a national day of Thanksgiving. It's also the time when we work on our church budget for the next year and ask each of our members to make a financial commitment for their offerings.

Loyalty Sunday will be on November 19. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship of the blessings God has given to you including your time spent in prayer, Bible study, and worship in addition to the financial treasures you possess.



## Church Info & Staff

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Mon. - Fri.; 6am - 6pm

Director: Joely Douyette

# Official Acts

## Baptism

September 24, 2023—Maverick Ezekiel Dills

Son of James & Megan Dills

Sponsors are Aaron Williamson & Sarah Kudalski

## Funeral

Howard Wenzel

(October 4, 1937 - September 18, 2023)

Service was held September 22  
at Harder Funeral Home in Brookfield, WI.

## Ushers

9:30 a.m.

Phil Murphy	Karen Winefeld
Maria Riley	Alexander Gottsacker Jr.
Dave Valdes	Georgia Cucinello
Marge Valdes	Steve Dasher
Traci Murphy	

## Altar Guild

Nancy Keck  
Colleen Gottsacker  
Judy Weiss

## Greeters

November 5

9:30am—Marcie Dawson & Pat Holz

November 12

9:30am—James & Mai Kruse

November 19

9:30am—Len & Mary Ernst

November 26

9:30am—Diana Streil & Audrey Wilde

## SPECIAL GIFTS

Capital Improvement.....	\$320
Concordia University.....	\$270
DCF Grant.....	\$2,559
Helping Hands Food Pantry.....	\$105
Operation Christmas Child.....	\$120
Outreach Events.....	\$80
Roof Collection.....	\$1,320
Trunk or Treat.....	\$50

## MEMORIALS

Bernice Elger Memorial—\$863.46

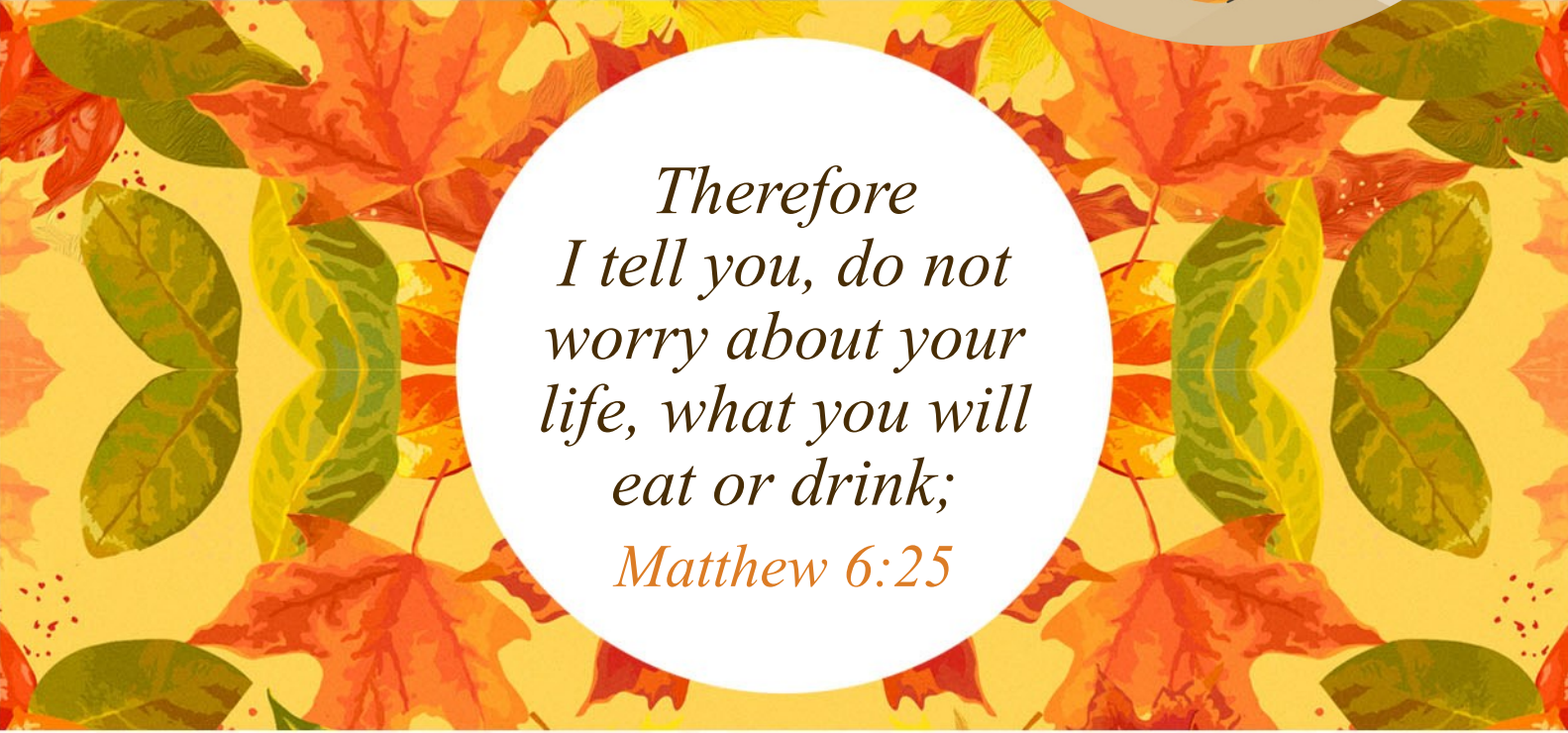
# Thanksgiving Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve  
Wed, November 22  
At 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day  
Thurs, November 23  
At 9:00 a.m.



Covenant Early  
CHILDHOOD center will  
BE CLOSED ON  
THANKSGIVING DAY AND  
THE FRIDAY FOLLOWING  
THANKSGIVING.



*Therefore  
I tell you, do not  
worry about your  
life, what you will  
eat or drink;  
Matthew 6:25*

## Birthdays

### November 4

Madeline Denmark  
Joe Kutcher  
Kaye Maletzke

### November 5

Micki Hauser  
Jenifer Weiler-Smith

### November 8

Bodie Weeks

### November 13

Emily Voigt

### November 14

Scott Newton  
Susan Wendt

### November 15

Suzanne Hurst

### November 16

Malachi Borders

Jen Weeks

### November 17

Heidi Zoesch

### November 18

Brian Johnston

### November 19

Jackie Minotte

Joanne Wiedenhoeft

### November 21

Natalie Rimmel

### November 22

Bob Patten

### November 23

Bill Campbell

### November 24

James Kruse

Olivia Vogt

### November 25

Ca'Marion Colson

### November 26

Joe Bath

## Anniversaries

### November 18

Mario & Karen Carini



# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:30am Northwest Chapel 1:30pm Communion Service & Fellowship 7:30pm Dartball	<b>2</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	<b>3</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Choir 10:30 am Sunday School  <b>All Saints' Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3:30pm 8th grade Confirmation	<b>8</b> 8:30am Northwest Chapel 7:30pm Dartball	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Mission & Ministry Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Choir 10:30 am Sunday School  <b>24th Sunday After Pentecost</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 3:30pm 8th grade Confirmation	<b>15</b> 8:30am Northwest Chapel 7:00pm AA Monthly Mtg. 7:30pm Dartball	<b>16</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	<b>17</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Choir 10:30 am Sunday School  <b>25th Sunday After Pentecost</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship	<b>23</b> 9:00am Thanksgiving Worship	<b>24</b> 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>25</b>
 <b>Northwest Thanksgiving Break - No School November 20-24</b>						
<b>26</b> 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Choir 10:30 am Sunday School  <b>Last Sunday of the Church Year</b>	<b>27</b> 1:30pm Prayer Team	<b>28</b> 3:30pm 8th grade Confirmation	<b>29</b> 8:30am Northwest Chapel 7:30pm Dartball	<b>30</b> 10:00am Bible Study		

# THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Are you planning your Thanksgiving dinner yet? Please consider also helping those who must come to the food pantry at Mission of Christ for their dinner supplies. *For holiday cooking*, we are collecting: gravy packets or canned gravy, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes (box or bag), corn muffin mix, pie crust mix, pie filling, and stuffing mix.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to share Jesus' love with our community! Bring the items to Covenant and they will be delivered to Mission of Christ Food Pantry.



# EVENTS & MERCY MISSIONS

MLHS Music Boosters

## ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

- One-of-a-kind Gifts • Jewelry
- Stained Glass • Home Décor
- Hand-sewn & Knit Crafts
- Artwork • Woodwork
- Soaps • Candles
- Photography
- and more!



**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9am to 3pm**

Milwaukee Lutheran Gym  
9700 W. Grantosa, Milwaukee

**Only \$3 Admission**



We are once again participating in Operation Christmas Child. This outreach project provides gifts for children in many countries around the world who would not otherwise have any presents for Christmas. It also gives us the opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas! Boxes are available today, along with a list of what can and cannot be put in your gift box.

**Boxes must be returned by Sunday, November 12.**



## VOTERS' MEETING

The annual Voters' Meeting will be held on

**Sunday, December 3,  
at 10:45 a.m.**

Items on the agenda include election of Mission and Ministry Council members and the 2024 Budget.

No lunch will be served.

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