

Offering

November 20 – \$1990
November 20 – Evening - \$190

Those Assisting Us Today

Organist: Alicia Haggin
Elder: Chase Zimmerman
Altar Guild: Susan Martin
Sue VanWakeman

Church Officers Needed! In January 2023 the church council will be needing names to fill the election ballot. The positions that will need to be filled on the council will be a secretary, two elders, one trustee, and one assistant financial secretary. Be thinking about how YOU can use your talents to serve the congregation. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board.

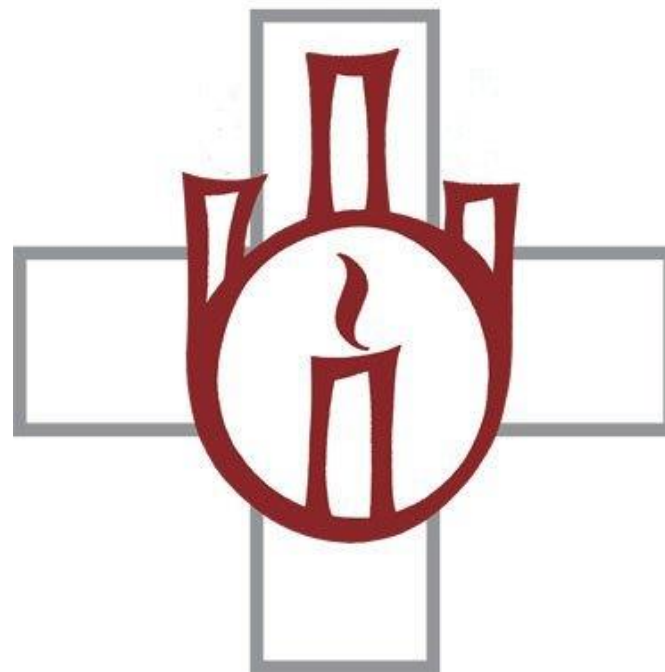
Offering Envelopes! If you have never had offering envelopes and would like some for 2023, please see Barb Whitehouse-Gercken or Brenda Hendricks. If you usually had offering envelopes and do NOT want any, please notify them, too. Please contact them by December 1st so the 2023 envelopes can be organized and prepared to be handed out.

Bulletin Deadline: If you have announcements for the weekly bulletin, please forward those to Brenda Hendricks by noon on Friday. You may contact her by email at mhendrick@mchsi.com or by text or phone at 309-826-9733.

“Worship Anew” – Know someone who can’t get to church? Lutheran Ministries from Concordia Theological Seminary produces “Worship Anew”. It airs locally on WCIX – 49 on Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM.

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**The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**



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Divine Service, Setting Four

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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn, “Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”357(Stanza 1,2)

Readings: **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: **Bulletin insert**

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the
twenty-first chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn of the Day, “Savior of the Nations, Come”332

Sermon

Prayers

Offering: Offering plates are available in the back of the church.

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Service of the Sacrament

Distribution: Communion for those outside in cars will still be the first part of the Communion distribution. The distribution will take place with the elder and pastor going out the front door and meeting the cars as they pass by the front sidewalk. Communion for those seated inside will follow. Communicants will be ushered to the FRONT of the church in groups of 5-6 people. They will space themselves on both sides of the Baptismal font. Please exit the altar area by the outside aisle to the side that you were ushered from. The service will then end with the Communion Liturgy.

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Let Us Pray...

....for our homebound member: Karen Bryan

....for Debbie Lammle as she manages her pain

....for Shirley Sprau as she recovers from medical issues

....for Rae Ringer as she recovers from surgery

....for John Gercken for his upcoming heart surgery

....for Concordia Seminary in St. Louis

....for Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana

....for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sadorus

Announcements #1

Happy New Year! Ok...the calendar new year is about five weeks away, but today is the first Sunday of a new church year, four Sundays before Christmas. The church year is divided into two parts. Today begins the “festival half” of the church year which will continue through Pentecost Sunday. Trinity Sunday, which next year is the first Sunday in June, starts the “non-festival half”, otherwise known as “Ordinary Time”. We tend to distinguish these two “halves” by the way in which our services are conducted. In the festival half, there is more “singing” both by the pastor singing (sometimes called “chanting”) his parts, singing responsively the Introit, etc. We do this to emphasize the greater “festiveness” of this half of the church year. In the non-festival half of the church year, we speak these portions, to emphasize that it is a more “ordinary” time of the church year. The festival half of the church year features three great festivals of the church: Christmas, which celebrates God the Father giving us His Son; Easter, which celebrates God the Son giving His life and rising from the dead for our sins; and Pentecost, the festival of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

What is “chanting”? When the pastor sings parts of the liturgy, it is often called “chanting”. Actually, in these cases the pastor and the congregation are “chanting”, it is just that the congregation is more often accompanied by the organ or piano. Chanting became popular in the early Middle Ages as a practical way for the pastor to be heard. In large churches before microphones and electronic PA systems, it was a more reverent and dignified way for the pastor to be heard. A raised speaking voice can be rather unpleasant to listen to. Singing projects much better and sounds far better in a worship service than “yelling”.

The special garment that is the same color as the altar paraments which is worn only during communion by the pastor is called a “Chasuble”. The chasuble was worn by both laity and clergy alike until about the 6th Century, after which it gradually became a special garment worn by the pastor when celebrating communion. Pastor McPike has a full set that match all the other colors of the church year, but until this fall, he never had a blue one. Today is the first use of the blue one. Use of it represents the special nature of the sacrament itself, which is why it is typically only worn during the communion portion of the service.

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Announcements #2

Please sign-up on the bulletin board at the back of the church if you wish to donate a poinsettia for the Christmas season. The flowers will be displayed on December 24th, December 25th, and January 1st. After the service in January, the flowers may be taken home. The cost is uncertain at this time so watch for details.

Christmas Church Decorating! NEXT Saturday, December 3, at 9 AM the congregation is invited to help decorate the tree and put up the greenery and the outside decorations.

Christmas Treat Bags! Everyone who would like to contribute to the fruit and candy sacks which are given out on Christmas Eve, can give their money to one of the elders: Dwight Hooker, Jim VanWakeman, Don Warsaw, or Chase Zimmerman in the next three Sundays. A \$250 Thrivent Action Team Card has been applied for to also help pay for the goodies. The treat bags will be assembled on December 24 at 9 AM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to help assemble them.

Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall on Thursday, December 8th at 11:30 AM. All Ladies Aid/LWML members are welcome to invite a guest. Please sign up on the back bulletin board so we know the attendance. Also, since it will be a potluck there is a food donation sheet on the board. Instead of exchanging gifts, members are asked to donate hats, mittens, or gloves. They will be donated to needy causes in our communities. ALL members of the congregation are also invited to donate these items. There is a collection box on the back church pew.

With grateful hearts during this Thanksgiving season, we want to thank Pastor McPike for his visits to our mother (Jeri Bidner) during her stay at Carle Hospital and to all who sent cards, called, and expressed their condolences upon her death. It is in times like these that we realize how important our church family is. We want to thank the Ladies Aid/LWML members for organizing the meal, to Don, Steve, and Jeff Warsaw for getting the church set up for the visitation and funeral, and to elder Dwight Hooker for all of his help. Although we mourn the loss of our beloved mother, we are comforted in knowing that she is in heaven where a place has been prepared for her. Love, Cheryl, Susan, Gayle, and Kim