

November 7/8, 2026

LIVING IN THE LIGHT THIS WEEK AT ST.JOHN'S

You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into **light**.
Psalm 18:28

SATURDAY (7)
5:30 PM Worship
5:30 PM Bell Choir

SUNDAY (8)
8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship
9:15 AM Adult Bible Class
9:15 AM Blast/ Jr- Sr High
9:15 AM Women In the Word

MONDAY (9)

TUESDAY (10)
Pastor Circuit Meeting
10:00 AM Stitching Blessings
1:00 PM Caregiver Support
6:00 PM Board of Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY (11)
Veteran's Day
Shut In 1 Sid 4 Peggy
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
1:00 PM Card Party
6:00 PM Weekday School- **(Packing Boxes for OCC)**

THURSDAY (12)
10:00 AM Serenity Estates Worship
6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice
7:30 PM Canticle Choir Practice

FRIDAY (13)
6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

SATURDAY (14)
5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY (15)
8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 & 10:30 AM Canticle Choir
9:15 AM Blast/ Jr-Sr High
9:15 AM Adult Bible Class
9:15 AM Women In The Word

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Sat: 36 Sun 8AM: 134 10:30AM: 105 = 275

GENERAL CHECKING CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: $11,703.00



Flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of Gerry Koertner from Jean, Kristin, Brooke and family.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINER *"Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion- it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ." – Charles Spurgeon*

Living Stewardship



Imitate Jesus: Stewardship is a way of life; it is Jesus' call to use to imitate Him. Stewardship is not marginal to the Gospel; rather it is there that Jesus tells us about God and about how we are to live. By urging us to avoid the problems inherent in materialism and by telling us what his father's kingdom is like, Jesus gives us a clear picture of stewardship.

Leftovers! There are leftovers in the kitchen from the Noodle Bazaar for sale. There are baked goods, noodles, candy, and crafts. Please check out the kitchen/ Narthex/ and in the fellowship hall if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS NEEDED!

We will soon begin our family Christmas shopping. If you are interested in being a shopper for a needy family please contact Michelle at the church office by November 9th (or ASAP). We'll fill you in on the details.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC):

We are so grateful for your continued donations, love, and support for this ministry!
We THANK YOU!

- In the month of OCTOBER, we are looking for SMALL TOYS: balloons, cars, card games, musical instruments/whistles, puzzles, jump ropes, balls, travel games, playdoh, stuffed animals, etc.
- Take a look at the thermometers for other needed supplies.
- Monetary donations can be labeled "OCC" and placed in the offering box or given to the church office.
- Check out our OCC AMAZON WISH LIST on our church website/Facebook!
- SAVE THE DATE: Our Shoebox Packing Party will be Wednesday, **November 11th at 6pm during Week Day School.** Join us in the fellowship hall as we pack the love of St. John's! All are welcome!
- **Anyone willing to help set-up for our packing party, please meet in the fellowship hall Wednesday, November 11 at 9am. Thank you!**

Current needs for the Stephenson County VA Pantry:
The following items are very low for the VA Pantry: Cans of Soup, Cans of Vegetables, Cans of Fruit, Ramen Noodles, Shampoo and Conditioner, Body Wash, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and Laundry Soap. We can also use some gas cards and food gift cards. These have become our most requested items. Donations can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 at 316 W Main St., Lena. This list is immediate needs; however other items will always be accepted. Questions call Deb Holmes at 815-233-5284



Hunger Luncheon
Friday November 13th
Located at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Freeport
$25 per seat/ $200 per table (8 seats)
RSVP by Friday November 6th
Doors open at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00, Program 12:30- 1:00pm

REMEMBERING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS
Our college students have a couple of months under their belts at school by now. They have been making decisions, studying, and adjusting to life on campus. We want them to know that they are not forgotten by their friends and family at St. John's, and we look forward to seeing them soon over the upcoming holidays. You can help us do that. The goal is to send encouraging notes and care packages on a regular basis. There is a collection container in the Narthex. If you would be so kind, the next time you are out shopping, add a little extra to share with our college students. This will be an ongoing project for the school year so all seasonal items will be appreciated. We have had a tremendous outpour for the fall season that we appreciate enormously. Remember it should be easy to ship. Below is a list of suggestions: Goldfish -Life Savers - Reese's - Cheetos - Gum - Pringles - Mentos - M&M's - Peanuts- Gift Cards—McDonald's, Starbuck's, Subway and the likes - Candy - Cookies - Beef Sticks - Packets that just need water added like drinks, mac & cheese, - Ramen noodles - Cheese and cracker packets - Individual packets of just about anything!!!



If you have any questions, please talk to Brenda Offermann or Fawn Nolan. There is a collection container in the Narthex area for you to place your love donations.

NOTICE: As church leaders continue to find ways to cut costs, one of the budget items that can be trimmed is the cost of printing contribution envelopes. If you give in other ways, (electronically, automatic withdrawal, etc.) and don't use the physical envelopes that are put in your boxes annually, please let Michelle know in the office so we can update that information in our files and hopefully cut down on our envelope order. Thank you!

MAKE-A-SMILE CARDS FOR LENA LIVING CENTER – We would like to have **November Cards,** using a **Thanksgiving theme** donated next. If you are creative and are a card maker, please be a part of this wonderful venture and please include a sentiment or Bible verse inside the card. A basket will be placed on the table, outside the office, for your beautiful creations and we will get the cards to Good Shepherd Church who in turn will get them to the Activity Director at the Living Center around the 10th of each month. Thank you in advance for your willingness and being part of this venture. For questions, please contact the church office



THANK YOU so much to all those that decorated TRUNKS and came to TREAT at our annual Trunk or Treat Event! We had 18 trunks and about 50 kids attend this year!

Directories are Available



Would you like a paper directory of those at St. John's Church? They are currently located on the table in the Narthex. We will keep printing them until needed. If one isn't available, keep checking the table because we will keep printing more.

<u>DECORATING THE CHURCH</u> –
Saturday, November 28th, we will be decorating the church for the celebration of Christ's birth. Tentatively, we will begin at 9:00 am and be done before 12:00 Noon. If we can all pitch in, it may even go faster.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th AT 7:00 PM!!



Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude on our part for all the blessings God has given us in Christ Jesus. These blessings revolve around our physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. We are inviting and encouraging all our families to set aside this time for worship, praise, and thanksgiving! As a part of our Thanksgiving celebration for the multitude and variety of our blessings—we use this opportunity to return a portion of our blessings to help others.

We do this through a "PROCESSIONAL OFFERING" where each family comes forward with their gift of food or cash to present to the Lord to help others. The food and cash gathered is put to use through the Le-Win Food Pantry serving our area communities.

Items needed:

Canned Foods—Meat, Meat Entrees, Soups, Vegetables, Fruits

Boxed Foods—Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pudding, Hamburger Helper

Personal Hygiene Items---Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Disposable Razors, Other Items—Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent

<No Homemade Items Please—by law we cannot distribute them, and please, no open items> Remember your blessings! Then share your blessings!

Bake Sale

A benefit bake sale will be held at Helm Truck and Equipment at 2290 Business Rt. 20 East on Tuesday, November 17 from 9:00 to 1:30. The funds earned will be matched by Helm Truck and Equipment and will be donated to needy people.

Women in the Word:



If you are a lady looking for a place for a group to have fellowship. Women in the Word just started a series of studying 31 Women in the Bible. We meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in Matthew. Come join anytime. This week we will be talking about Hagar "Seeing the God who sees".

Time for a funny:

What instrument does a turkey play? **The drumstick**



Current needs for the Stephenson County VA Pantry as stock is very low.
Cans of Meat-tuna, chicken, ham, etc.
Cans Vegetables
Cans Fruit
Ramen Noodle
Mac and Cheese
Spaghetti
Shampoo & Conditioner
Body Wash
Liquid hand soap
Laundry soap
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Bath towels
Any pantry items will be gladly accepted.
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Questions call 815-369-4684

Food Drive for the Vets

During the month of November the Lions Club is having a food drive for the veterans. They are looking for food and toiletry items. A box is located outside of the church office. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



