

November 14/15, 2026

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

the Lord make his face **shine** on you and be gracious to you;
Numbers 6:25

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 Adult Bible Class
9:15 AM Blast/ Jr- Sr High
9:15 AM Women In the Word

MONDAY (16) 3:00 & 6:00 PM Bible Prayer Journaling

TUESDAY (17)
9:30 AM Friendship Center Board Meeting
10:00 AM Stitching Blessings
11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting
3:00 PM Thrift Store Board Meeting
4:30 PM Board of Evangelism Meeting
6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (18)
Shut In 3 Dave 6 T&M Bannon
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
1:00 PM Card Party
NO Weekday School

THURSDAY (19)
Newsletter Deadline
6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice
7:30 PM Canticle Choir Practice

FRIDAY (20) 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study

SATURDAY (21) 5:30 PM Worship

SUNDAY (22)
8:00 & 10:30 AM Worship
9:15 AM Blast/ Jr-Sr High
9:15 AM Adult Bible Class
9:15 AM Women In The Word

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Sat: 70 Sun 8AM: 93 10:30AM: 75 = 238

GENERAL CHECKING CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK: $12,153.00



Flowers are placed on the altar in celebration of our grandma, Donna Osborn's heavenly birthday November 9th. You are in our hearts all the time- Winter Family

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINER "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." – C.S. Lewis

Living Stewardship

Give First- Manage the Rest: If God comes first in our lives, then giving to God should also come first. The person who says, "After I pay all my bills I can't afford to give," may be telling the truth. But these people have made a grave error. They have put the cart before the horse! None of us could afford to give with what's left. Putting things first means giving first and then managing the rest of our income in a way by which we will still pay all our bills. And this is easier than we may thing.

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

DECORATING THE CHURCH –

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.



2027 Flower Chart

The 2027 flower chart is now posted in the Narthex. Please take a couple of minutes to sign your name and reserve the weekend of your choice to provide altar flowers. Thank you to everyone who provided altar flowers in 2026.

Note: the November and December 2026 chart is also on the board with a few open spots still available.

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.

To our St. John's Family:

The family of Ursie Broge would like to thank you for all the kindness shown to us in mom's illness and passing. Thank you for all the cards and words of compassion and sorrow, the food provided for the luncheon, and the memorials given in her name. Thank you to Pastor Shaw for the touching homily. Thank you to the sound board operators, the staff preparing the worship folder, and the ladies in the kitchen preparing the luncheon. The hands of Jesus were working through all of you at St. John's.
May God bless you all.
In Christ's Love,
Rose, Nick, Christine & Brad, Eugenia & Lee, John & Karoline and families

<u>Newsletter Deadline</u>

Newsletter Deadline is November 19th.

This does include for both December and January.



Church Directories are Available in the Narthex on the table. After this week I will move extras to the office. If you'd like one after that just stop in and pick one up or let the office know and we will put one in your mailbox. A reminder that there are directories available in pdf form if you would like one emailed to you instead.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time benefits to income eligible homeowners and renters to help with energy bills and for reconnection of energy service. Applications being accepted NOW! Income eligible LIHEAP customers of Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas will receive a monthly discount on their natural and/or electric bill through the Low Income Discount Rates. Please call the NICAA Main Office at 815-232-3141 or Toll Free at 800-883-1111 to receive information on outreach locations and schedules, and for information on what documents are needed to apply and different ways to submit your application.

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".

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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.



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



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!

