The Cross & the Flame



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Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is hard to believe that November is already here! As we look back over the past months, we can see how God has been faithful to us. Some days have brought joy and blessings, while others have been filled with challenges and concerns. Yet through it all, God has continued to walk with us.

November invites us to remember, give thanks, and look forward with hope. On All Saints Sunday, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. We also take time to honor our veterans for their service and sacrifice.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded that gratitude is not only about the blessings we receive but also about sharing God's love with others. Even in difficult times, there is always a reason to thank God for His presence, grace, and faithfulness.

Toward the end of November, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday and begin the season of Advent. What a beautiful reminder that Jesus Christ is our Lord, our strength, and our hope for tomorrow!

My prayer for our church family is that we continue to grow together in faith, care for one another, welcome those who come through our doors, and share the love of Christ throughout our community.

May this month bring peace to our hearts, joy to our homes, and renewed hope as we continue walking together with Jesus.

November Worship Theme: Living with Gratitude and Hope

Throughout November, our Scripture readings invite us to remember God's promises, remain faithful in our daily lives, use our gifts to serve others, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

May our worship encourage us not only to hear God's Word but also to live it through love, kindness, generosity, and service.

Church Family Highlights:

November 1 – Communion Sunday and All Saints Sunday: Remembering those who have gone before us in faith and celebrating the hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ. " Blessed Are Those Who Mourn" Revelation 7:9–17; Matthew 5:1–12-- We remember those who have gone before us in faith and celebrate God's promise of eternal life. Jesus reminds us that those who mourn will be comforted by God's love.

November 8 – Veterans Recognition: Honoring our veterans for their service and sacrifice as we approach Veterans Day on November 11. " Choose to Serve the Lord" Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25; Matthew 25:1–13-- God calls us to remain faithful and ready to follow Him. Each day gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to serve the Lord.

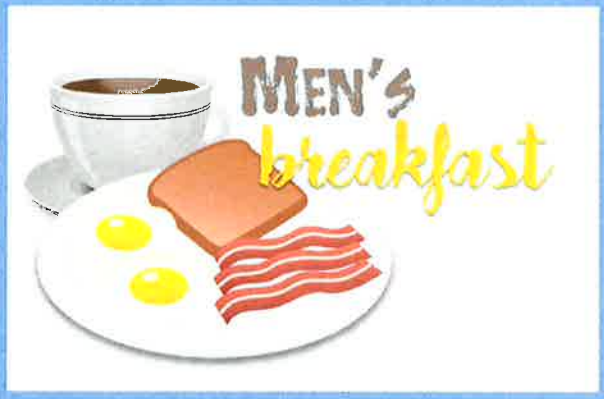


Thanksgiving Dinner…
November 26
1:00 PM
Everyone is invited to come & dine...

Men's Group Coffee
7:30 AM

Men's Group Breakfast Meeting
8:00 AM

Saturday, November 14



Sewing Circle
Monday,
November 9



Monday
November 16
9:30 AM





November Adult Bible Study

By Virgil Mink 8:30 – 9:30 before Worship Service

Jesus said, "Among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist." We see this greatness as we study the story of John the Baptist. The story of the birth of the one who came to be known as John the Baptist gives signs of the greatness to come. John's parents were an older couple named Zacharias and Elizabeth. They were both descended from the priestly family of Aaron (Luke 1:5). The Bible says Elizabeth had not been able to have children. She was "barren, and they were both well advanced in years."

Zacharias, also known as Zechariah, was a priest of the division of Abijah. He was married to Elizabeth, a descendant of Aaron, and both were righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. Despite their faithfulness, they were childless, and both were advanced in years. Then came the day when Zacharias, while burning incense at the temple, saw an angel. Zacharias was startled by the appearance of the angel. But perhaps he was even more surprised by what the angel told him. Elizabeth would bear a child in her old age! They would name him John, and he would be set apart for a special purpose. The New Testament places a very high estimate of the importance of John and his ministry.

There existed a real solidarity between the missions of Jesus and John. Great care was preserved in the gospel's writings about John the Baptist. John the Baptist ended nearly four hundred years of prophetic silence. Our Sunday morning Bible study for November will be a study of John the Baptist, as he leads the way for Jesus. We have just 4 Sundays before the Advent season, which takes us into Christmas and the Birth of Jesus Christ.

There will be NO Game Night in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday! See you in December for our New Year's Eve Celebration on Thursday, December 31, 5:00 PM.

November Birthdays &

7	Patty Montgomery
9	Virgil Mink
10	Bonnie Alger
11	Sione (John) Stupor
13	Hope Binkley, Jim Rice
14	Pat Lycan
16	Kathy Cho
19	Peggy Deaver
20	Larry Brookhart
22	Myron Kirkpatrick
23	Amber Earl
24	Ann Jakubowski
26	Jim Heilman
27	Emerson Boyd
28	Rick Parsons



November Anniversaries



6	Don & Vicki Upton
10	Roy & Deborah Stephenson
11	David & Peggy Deaver
17	Dee & Jane Zuehlsdorff
21	Jim & Linn Barrett
27	Jim & Marty Lynch

Pastor's Corner

1. As you may have noticed, the quality of this newsletter is not my usual 100%. I am learning my new program called Office Libre. For those of you unfamiliar with computer-land, Publisher went defunct on October 1st, so they no longer support the use of it. I am learning this reluctantly, but you know what they say about "old dogs and new tricks!" Please be patient with me and excuse any boo boo's this month.
2. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Outdoor Market & Bake Sale a success! Thank you to all of the bakers who provided us with wonderful goodies! Thank you to Betsy Augustine who baked 70 loaves of bread! She had so many varieties from which for us to choose. We cleared over $1,700 for user with our local and foreign mission projects. The Men's Group were a wonderful help. We could not do this event without them to set up, take down, and provide food for the vendors and patrons.
3. Thank you to the Eureka Casino for their support and generous donations! They provided all of the water, pop, chips, and buns for our food court. They gladly give to us because this helps the community, and they ask nothing in return, so support Eureka Casino, please.

