



### **Purpose Statement**

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

### **News for Sunday, November 17**

#### **Join us for Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

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**This morning** we extend a welcome to Pastor Carol Soderholm.

**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Steven Julifs, Bev Julien, Phyllis Jacobsen, JoAnn Garcia, Barb Lenn, Lori Dewey, Betty Steinke, Michael Harting, Larry Wahler, JoDell Cruz, Sandy Julifs, and Lila Edeus.

**During this time of transition** if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

**Tri-Church Teen (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) Time** in November will be a service event of packing buddy bags on Wednesday, November 20 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church (2200 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sterling). Please meet there. Come and serve with us!

#### **Breaking Bread Together (BBT)**

Our fellow congregation, Immanuel, gets together once a month for a meal. BBT is a time of sharing life, God's love, and a meal together. These are no-host gatherings of all interested parties. Join us for BBT on Wednesday, November 20, at 11:30 a.m. at El Jacalito (14 E. Third Street, Sterling). Come and share life with God and each other at BBT!

**Would your family like to light** the Advent wreath and share the reading and litany in worship this Advent? Families are needed to assist with Advent Wreath Lighting and Litany on December 1, 8, 15, & Christmas Eve. during worship. In addition, families are needed for the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. Please let Sue know if any dates work for your family. Thank you in advance!

#### **Gratitude Sunday**

Sunday, November 10, was Gratitude Sunday. If you did not have a chance to turn in your 2025 Pledge card and Time & Talent Sheet, you may do so by putting it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. There are pledge cards and T&T sheets on the back table in the sanctuary.

#### **Christmas Program Rehearsal began in November**

On Dec 15 our worship will be led by our youth. We will have a Christmas Play for the message. Rehearsals will be during the Sundays School hour Nov 17, 24 and Dec 8. Children and youth of all ages are welcome to participate in the play, making set/scenery and offering special music. Let Gabby how you want to be involved!

#### **Rock River Hospice & Home Festival of Trees**

You can support Rock River Hospice & Home through their 2024 Festival of Trees!

Trees on display for viewing and bidding from November 18-24 at Northland Mall, (2900 E. Lincolnway, Sterling). Bid sheets will be used; please bring your own pen. Trees are included in online auction along with table settings and wreaths.

Online auction will be from November 14-24, featuring "Live" and "Silent" auction items plus a dessert auction. Check [www.hospicerockriver.org](http://www.hospicerockriver.org) of the Rock River Hospice & Home Facebook page for links to the auction.

The Country Store at Northland Mall is open November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. – November 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Consider doing your shopping at the Country Store and supporting RRH&H as you purchase.

There is also a Tree of Memories – Rock River Hospice & Home recognizes that the holidays are a time of joy and celebration and also a time of reflection. Loved ones can be honored and remembered during the holiday season with the Tree of Memories during the Festival of Trees. Memorial ornaments can be ordered in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Orders may be made by stopping by the hospice office (2706 Avenue E, Sterling). Visiting [www.hospicerockriver.org](http://www.hospicerockriver.org) or calling 815-625-3858 for an order form, or purchasing the ornaments at the County Store at Northland Mall between November 14 at 10:00 a.m. – November 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Following the Festival of Trees, ornaments may be picked up on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Festival of Trees or the hospice office beginning Monday, November 25. For more information or to order, call Rock River Hospice & Home at 815-635-3858 or visit [www.hospicerockriver.org](http://www.hospicerockriver.org).

**An Organ Concert** with Ross Jallo will be held on Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (421 N. Peoria Avenue, Dixon). A freewill donation for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. All are welcome! For more information about the concert please contact St. Paul at [www.stpauldixon.com](http://www.stpauldixon.com)

**CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)**

CLEO meet monthly at 5:30 p.m. at a designated restaurant. The November outing on Monday, November 25 at Willy's in Sterling. If you are unable to attend because of bad weather or personal reasons, please join us the next month. If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

**Family photos**

On December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Liz (Arduini) Klein will be available following worship to take family photos. These will be used in a new Church Directory being planned for next year. Bring your smiles to worship!

**Children's Offering**

The November and December children's offering will be for the God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA Good Gifts. A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable-development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, November 17**

December Newsletter deadline

**Wednesday, November, 20**

Quilting day – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BBT at El Jacalito in Sterling – 11:30 a.m.

Tri-Church Confirmation Buddy Bag packing at Wesley UM Church – 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 22**

Office Closed

**Friday – Saturday, November 22-23**

**LOMC Youth Fall Retreat**

**Next Sunday, November 24**

Worship/Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Program practice – 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

**Next week's Worship Assistants**

Presider: Pastor Mark Luepke

Opener/Head Usher – Mary Ordean

Closer – Mary Ordean

Acolytes – Ordean family

Greeters – John Renner, Gary Fields

Ushers – Greg Zeigler, Dan Dir

Reader – Greg Zeigler

Sound – David Carrillo

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*