



## THE REPORTER

*When they look on Me,  
On Him whom they have pierced,  
They shall mourn for Him,  
As one mourns for an only child.  
(Zechariah 12:10)*

The prophet Zechariah is known to most people as the prophet who proclaimed Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. We read Zechariah 9 every Palm Sunday and First Sunday in Advent.

Zechariah not only prophesies about the beginning of Holy Week. He prophesies about the end of Holy Week as well. He prophesies about the Messiah being pierced, causing great mourning among the people. Don't remember that happening? Don't remember that during the Passion? Let's refresh your memory.

*And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle,  
When they saw what had taken place,  
Returned home beating their breasts.  
(Luke 23:48)*

Jesus gave up His spirit. All the miracles that surrounded Jesus' death had taken place. Even to the staunchest among the Pharisees and Sadducees, this was evidence that something supernatural had just gone wrong. Everyone who had assembled on Golgotha to witness Jesus' crucifixion went home beating their breasts. They were mournful because of all that had transpired. All that they had seen with their eyes, heard with their ears, felt with their hands and feet. They could not deny the fact that something terrible had transpired. Yet, many of them continued to refuse to believe what they had seen.

How are we to focus on these verses today? How can we find comfort in Zechariah's prophecy of Jesus' piercing? We have mixed reactions. We mourn for His piercing because of our sin. However, we also rejoice because His piercing brings us salvation. We look upon the cross with hope and love because the cross is where hope and love were joined for all eternity. On the cross, the hope of all the nations was crucified. On the cross, God shows His sacrificial love for us.

Jesus' piercing brings us comfort in our own pain. He was pierced that we might mourn our sins. But He was also pierced so that we might know, for certain, that God has given us everlasting life with Him in Heaven. We have that promise now. All because Jesus was "pierced for our transgressions ... and with His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

### Men's Bible Breakfast

We will continue studying the *Psalms of the Messiah* on November 9. Dean L. will be our host. This month, we will focus on Psalm 101. All men of the congregation are encouraged to join us.

### Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is available. Cost to sponsor these inserts is \$16/month. If you want to sponsor November or December, talk to Renee. Grab your copy from the narthex.

### Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal November 6 at 6pm. This month we will have a Soup Night. Talk to Renee if you want to bring a pot of your favorite soup or any extras.

### Sunday School News

Our Sunday School children will be singing during service on November 10. Starting November 17, the children will begin practice for the Christmas Program.

### Special November Birthday

On November 7, Melvin Rieches will celebrate his 98th birthday. He loves his family and waiting for the mail. Can you help fill his mailbox with cards and well wishes? His address is 315 N. Axtel, Milford. Thank you!

### All Saints' Remembrance

The church celebrates All Saints' Day on November 3. We will remember those that have died this past year. If you would like a friend or family member that has died between November 2023 and October 2024 included, please send their name, birth date, baptism date (if known), and death date. Please send that to the church office by October 30, 2024.

### Prairieview Lutheran Homes Thank You

The 50th Anniversary Fall Festival was a huge success! Thank you for all your help and support. When we talk about 50 years of Prairieview, it is community that has driven us to be able to celebrate such a historic milestone. Thank you for being you and lending a helping hand in bringing together our communities. It was the biggest event we have ever hosted. Our hearts are full, and we cannot wait to do it again next year!

-Jared Lauritson

### Thanksgiving and Advent Services

We will gather for the Divine Service Thanksgiving Day, November 28 at 9:00am.

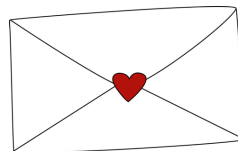
Our Wednesday Advent Services will be Wednesday, December 4. Meal at 6pm, Service at 7pm. This year Pastor's series will be "From Heaven Above". Look for more information in the December newsletter.

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### Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

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Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave
Arlene Hines	503 S Chicago St
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd
Brenda St. Peter	817 S Hanson Dr



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### **Poinsettia Orders**

If you would like to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas, please fill out the order form and give it to Renee or put form and payment in the Secretary mailbox in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$15. Extra order forms are in the narthex. Return orders by November 17.

### **Radio Ministry Fund**

For 2024, the Radio Ministry Fund is behind \$691. The last quarter (July - Sept) \$100 was donated to the Radio Ministry while \$1800 was spent. If you would like to make donations to the Radio Ministry, please note that on your check. **Radio Sponsorships** are also available. If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast. The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give date sponsoring to Renee (anytime throughout the year) to be added to the Radio scrip that is read each week.

### **Missions Fund**

Our yearly missions goal is \$20,000. This money is split up between several different people/organizations helping to spread the gospel. Currently, our missions money given is just over \$10,500. We are coming up short with 2 months left in the year. Thank you to those that have donated to missions throughout the year. If you haven't donated to missions this year, you still have time.

### **2025 Offering Envelopes**

Envelopes have arrived and we are getting them ready for distribution. If you have not used them in the past and would like a set OR if you have not used yours and don't want a set in 2025, please let Renee know by November 13 at 10am. Thank you for helping us update our records.

### **St. Paul's Lutheran School of Woodworth Upcoming Events**

The students at St Paul's invite all veterans to join them for a Veterans Day program at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 11th in the gym. Everyone is welcome and the students would appreciate the opportunity to honor you for your service.

St. Paul's is hosting a **Fish Fry** on Friday, November 15th. Carry-outs begin at 4:00 pm in the lunch room with dining in the gym beginning at 5:00 pm. Free will donations will be accepted to benefit student technology.

### **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

On Sunday, November 3 at 2am, daylight savings time ends. Remember to "Fall Back" and gain an hour of sleep before our Divine Service at 9am.

### **Podcast of the Month**

Our podcast for November is the **Coffee Hour** podcast from KFUE. Andy Bates and Sarah Gulseth bring you stories of the intersection of Lutheran life and a secular world. Catch real-life stories of mercy work of the LCMS and partners, updates from missionaries across the ocean, and practical talk about how to live boldly Lutheran.

### **Wrestling with Theology Schedule**

**Confessional Corner** – November 25 – Formula of Concord

#### **Digging Deeper**

November 7 – Testing the Spirits in Love (1 John 4)

November 14 – Faith Is the Victory (1 John 5)

November 21 – The Elect Lady Walking in Truth (2 John)

November 28 – Beloved Gaius (3 John)

# November 2024

Date	11/3/24	11/10/24	11/17/24	11/24/24
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Bob Storm	Con Campbell	Neil Rieches
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright	Justin and Brenna Schroeder	Charlene Rieches Patty Bruens
Sound Board	Neil Rieches	Patrick Teig	Patty Bruens	Kendra Morts
Greeters	OSLC Youth Group	Gene and Marilyn Reeves	Patty Bruens Julie Towers	Marv and Deb Wright
Acolyte	Ruth Harms	Jackson Lavicka	Ellie Schwartz	Ruth Harms
Old Testament Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	1 Kings 17:8-16	Daniel 12:1-3	Isaiah 51:4-6
Psalms	149	146	16	93
Epistle	1 John 3:1-3	Hebrews 9:24-28	Hebrews 10:11-25	Jude 20-25
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-13	Mark 13:24-37
Festival	All Saints' Day	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Last Sunday of the Church Year
Altar Paraments	White	Green	Green	White

**Head Usher:** Dean Lingley

**Altar Guild:** Linda Kellerhals and Gloria Schleef



## *Happy Birthday to You!*

Sheila Selk	November 1
Sarah Verswijver	November 3
Monica Wright	November 3
Jim Winder	November 4
Marilyn Reeves	November 5
Landon Reutter	November 7
Melvin Rieches (98!)	November 7
Brady Moore	November 9
Corey Moore	November 9
Phil Raddatz	November 11
Zane Trumann	November 16
Kelly Smith	November 19
Linda Brazel	November 20
Stacie Trumann	November 21
Luke Trumann	November 22
Darren Bakken	November 25
Becky Bridge	November 28
Robert Hastings	November 28
Avery Schroeder	November 30

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Rich and Charlene Rieches  
November 5 (47 years)

Dave and Ethel Lucht  
November 13 (59 years)

Jeff and Becky Bridge  
November 18 (5 years)

Darren and Jamie Bakken  
November 24 (10 years)

Glen and Shelle Franke  
November 26 (36 years)



## Thankful November Food Pantry Giving

Each day add an item to a box. Bring your box to church either Thursday, Nov 28th or Sunday, Dec 3rd (or earlier if you are finished) to be delivered to Food from the Heart, Inc in Watseka for those in need in our community. For those that don't want to donate items, we will also take a door offering on Sunday, Nov 24th and Thursday, Nov 28th.

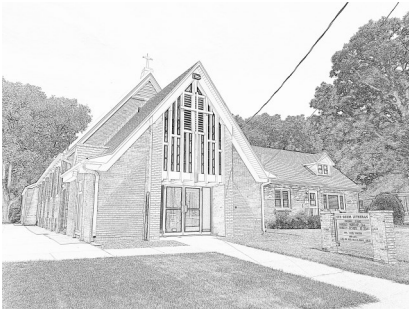
- November 1 – Box of Cereal
- November 2 – Peanut Butter and/or Jelly
- November 3 – Stuffing Mix
- November 4 – Boxed Potatoes
- November 5 – Jar of Gravy
- November 6 – Canned Fruit
- November 7 – Applesauce
- November 8 – Canned Meat
- November 9 – Dessert Mix
- November 10 – Can of Icing
- November 11 – Macaroni and Cheese
- November 12 – Canned Tomatoes
- November 13 – Canned Beans
- November 14 – Box of Crackers
- November 15 – Package of Rice
- November 16 – Ramen Noodles
- November 17 – Pasta
- November 18 – Spaghetti Sauce
- November 19 – Chicken Noodle Soup
- November 20 – Tomato Soup
- November 21 – Canned Corn
- November 22 – Canned Green Beans
- November 23 – Jar of Salsa
- November 24 – Tortillas
- November 25 – Hot Chocolate
- November 26 – Can of Coffee
- November 27 - Granola Bars



\*\*If you can't get all the items, just get as many as you can. If you can add extras, please do. They are thankful for all donations!

Please put your donations on the counter in the kitchen.

Food from the Heart, Inc in Watseka is getting ready to make food baskets for Christmas. They give out about 400 baskets for families in need in the surrounding communities. If you know of a family that is in need, please talk to Pastor about submitting their name for a food basket by Sunday, December 1, 2024.



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Worship Service 9:00 am  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
10:30 am

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **NOVEMBER REPORTER**

**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service  
starting at 9:00 am**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
209 West Jones Street, Milford  
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on WIQI 95.9 FM or WHPO 100.9 or  
listen to a live audio stream on our website**

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