




- 11/02 Ariel "Buzz" Kelly
- 11/05 Tanya Nagel
- 11/07 Michael Sauers
- 11/07 David Knauff
- 11/14 Katie McClure
- 11/17 Cheryl Davidson
- 11/17 Linda Sabbagh
- 11/22 Brooke Claus
- 11/23 Nancy McCormick



11/01 Matthew & Jeannette Claus – 35 yrs.
 11/03 Keith & Valerie Cardinal – 20 yrs.
 11/05 Charles & Cheryl Davidson – 44 yrs.

November

Assisting Ministers
 8:00 AM – Kelly Greb
 10:30 AM – Martha Ward

Ushers
 8:00 AM –
 10:30 AM –

Counters

Mission Statement

*St. John is a living witness to the love of God as shown in Jesus Christ.
 His name to **worship** and praise Him; and we go forth in peace to **share** the Good News and to
serve the world around us.*

November Newsletter

Address service requested

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Sunday, November 21, 2021

The Rev. Brian Hauser of Mars United Presbyterian Church will be leading Whorship Service.

There will be one service at 10:00 am.
Sunday School with be at 9:00 am



Even though it's been a really hard year I decided I wanted to find things for which I am thankful. At first it was difficult. I could only see the hard things, the sad things, the things that hurt.

Then I found my first thing. I am thankful for the opportunity to go to the movies with my son. We saw 'Sang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings' last night. His excitement becomes my excitement. And his joy of the two of us having "going to the movies as 'our thing'" is a blessing. Nate is 18 and still

likes to spend time with his mom!

[From Pastor Heather]

It was a place to start. And then I discovered that once I started I couldn't stop. For each item I added to the thankful list, I thought of 2, 3, 5 more.

My thankfulness increased the more I gave thanks.

Today I am thankful:

For my daughter, Fiona's, silly voices that make me laugh and her ability to lift my spirits when I need it most.

For conversations with Nate that inquire and imagine and explore the complexities of life, the universe, and Marvel verses D.C. comic superheroes.

For my husband Paul. For his constancy, resiliency and endurance through tough times. For his quiet support. For not losing it at the same time as me.

For Pastor Scott, my partner in ministry. We have each other's back and together we make sure that things don't fall apart when one or the other of us feels like we are.

For the way we are church together – I am blessed to not just have one church but the opportunity to work with St John's as well in your time of transition. It keeps me on my toes and reminds me that church is the same and different in each place.

For hiking, spring, summer and fall. For the health it gives me; conversations with my family, and the wonderful awe of God's amazing world.

For times when I get to be creative and have fun at work.

For spur of the moment vacations days to zoos and water parks.

For NOT encountering the bears on our random hiking trails through the woods in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.

For an abundance of stuff and still having space for my mom to come and stay a few days a week.

For a clean office and the color turquoise.

For the leadership in ministry at St. John's Lutheran and your steadfastness in the midst of change.

For Denise's exceptional organizational skills that keep on track.

For a God who loves me even when...

For being Lutheran

For times when two sisters can meet over a deck of cards and a bowl of grapes and spend hours playing cards, laughing and talking.

For youth trips and mission work that keep us grounded.

These are some of the things I am grateful for: things that made this year better; things that have made me better; things that have brought light in the dark, hope in despair a smile to my heart.

Start your list – and see how far it takes you...

What ARE You Thankful for? have and

Advent Wreath

We often use symbols to help visualize our faith and remind us of our journey with Christ. They especially can have heightened meaning when used with a season such as the Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath has its roots in the pre-Christian practices of northern Europe. People sought the return of the sun in the dark time of the year (winter solstice) by lighting candles and fires. In the middle Ages Christians used fire and light to represent Christ's coming into the world. Using this same symbolism, the Advent wreath developed a few centuries ago in Germany as a sign of the waiting and hopeful expectation of the return in glory of our Lord. The wreath, a circle, came to represent the eternal victory over death through Jesus Christ. A circle has no beginning or ending. The evergreens were a sign of the faithfulness of God to his people, even in death. The lighted candles were a reminder of the light of Christ brought into the world.

As with all symbols, they speak most loudly to remind us of God's promised of life when they are drawn directly out of our experiences and the environment. The circular shape is most important. Four natural candles are always appropriate and symbolize the Light for which we wait. Some traditions use other colors for all or one of the candles such as blue (color of Advent), purple also used for Lent or a pink candle for the 3rd Sunday which is no longer used. The pink candle tradition arose when Advent was considered a penitential season rather than one of hope and expectation of the coming of Christ. This hope looks forward not only to celebrating the child in the manger, but even more to Christ's coming in glory at the end of time. Candles in rich royal blue are symbolic of this hope. Blue and purple have long been associated with this same idea: the symbolic colors of royal blood and of longing, the natural colors of the dawn before the sun rises and the deep shades of midnight.

Principles for Worship

The Use of the Means of Grace

Upcoming Zoom Meetings and Worship Services

Sunday Worship – throughout November – 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

In-person worship in sanctuary.

Join Zoom for 10:30 AM service: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther
Available on our **new**

YouTubeChannel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC35PpgMPeMgDRNmKsXvQ>
and the church Facebook page: [St John Lutheran Church Mars PA](#) later in the day.

Trustees Meeting – November 7 – 1 – 2:30 PM - In person and on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther

Elders Meeting – November 4 – 7:00 PM – In person and on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther

Deacons Meeting – November 2 – 7:00 PM -In person and on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther

Council Meeting – November 16 – 7:00 PM - In person and on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5663185411> Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Chair Aerobics 6:30 pm	2 Deacons Mtg. 7 pm	3	4 Elders Mtg. 7 pm	5 Homeless 6 pm	6 Youth Group 12 noon
7 Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am Trustees Mtg. 1 - 2:30	8 Chair Aerobics 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am	15 Chair Aerobics 6:30 pm	16 Church Council Mtg 7 pm	17	18	19	20
21 MUP visits for 10 am service Sunday School 9 am Youth Group MUP	22 Chair Aerobics 6:30 pm	23	24	25	26	27 Cookie for Meals on Wheels. 10:00 am to ?
28 Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am	29 Chair Aerobics 6:30 pm	30				

Holidays and Observances: 2: Election Day, 11: Veterans Day, 25: Thanksgiving Day, 26: Black Friday