



Greetings in Christ!

We do not know how much time God will give each of us on this earth. Some may be given 90 years while others may only be given 20. We never know when our Lord will take us from this world. Our Lord has also promised that one day He will return and the world as we know it will end.

As we remember that our time in this world is limited, how shall we live? In Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV) we are told, "Look carefully, then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Our Lord desires that we live as His children with all the time that He gives us.

Living as His children and making the best use of the time involves two basic elements. First and foremost, we live in faith toward Him by being baptized, calling upon His name in prayer, receiving His forgiveness, studying His Word and gathering with His body, the church, to receive His risen body. In other words, we live dependent on Him.

On the other hand, to live as His children and make the best use of the time given to us also involves loving others. But whom should we love and how should we love them? The Bible gives specific instructions to us based on the relationships we have with others. I encourage you to look up the following passages as they pertain to your various stage/position in life (several of them are also listed in the Table of Duties in the Small Catechism):

Husbands: Eph. 5:25-33; 1 Peter 3:7; Col. 3:19

Wives/Mothers: Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Peter 3:5-6; Titus 2:4-5

Widows: 1 Tim. 5:5-6, 14

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Fathers: Eph. 6:4

Children, Grandchildren: Eph. 6:1-3; 1 Tim. 5:4

Older Men: Titus 2:2

Older Women: Titus 2:3-5

Younger Men: Titus 2:6

Youth: 1 Peter 5:5-6

Workers: Eph. 6:5-8

Employers: Eph. 6:9

Church Members: 1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Tim. 5:17-18; Heb. 13:17; Col. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:14; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 4:3-4.

Citizens/Those with responsibility for governing: Rom. 13:1-7; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14; 1 Tim. 2:1-3

All People: Rom. 13:9; 1 Tim. 2:1

We will look at a number of the passages above in adult Bible study. Please join us as we learn more about how we, as God's children, love the people God has made our neighbors and make the best use of the time that God has given us on this earth.

– Pastor Burfiend

Good News Class – Join us on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm as we learn why the Christian faith really is Good News for a fallen world. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about Jesus and our church.

Nov. 4 - 9 am - Noodles – Please join us to make noodles together!

Nov. 13 – Mite Sunday – Please bring your spare change to make a donation to

the mission projects of our Synod's Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Nov. 15 - 6:30-8 pm – Advent Family Fun Night - We will make a quick and easy advent calendar for your use throughout the Advent season (all supplies will be provided). Pastor will read a Christmas book to children, and refreshments will be served.

Nov. 20, evening – Serve Thanksgiving Meal at Shepherd of the City Lutheran – All youth and adults are encouraged to join us for this opportunity to serve those in need. Please let Pastor Burfiend know if you are interested in helping.

Nov. 25 – 3 pm – Thanksgiving Dinner and games. Join us and invite a friend! Please sign up in the church office hallway.

Nov. 27 – 11:30 am – Church Decorating – Please join us to decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Christmas!

Nov. 30 – 1st Advent Dinner and Service

Dec. 1 – 5-8 pm– Open House/Nativity Display at New Hope during Ossian Hometown Christmas – Please join us and invite friends for a display of over 100 nativity sets in our narthex. Refreshments will be provided.

From the Finance Board:

YTD Income: \$108,511

YTD Expenses: \$121,618

(Income does not include donations toward the mortgage)

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NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 Reformation Day	1 All Saints' Day	2 Bible Study, 7:30 am Wells County Courthouse 11:10 am Pre-K Chapel	3	4 9 am Noodles	5
6 All Saints' Day (Observed) Revelation 7:2-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12			9 Bible Study, 7:30 am Wells County Courthouse 11:10 am Pre-K Chapel	10	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
Bible Study: 8:45 Divine Service: 10 NT Class: 11:30		<u>Decatur Circuit Meeting</u> Concordia Theo. Sem. 9:45am - 3:30pm	Good News 6 pm Bible Study 7pm		10 am Mary Martha	
13 Trinity 22 Micah 6:6-8 Philippians 1:3-11 Matthew 18:21-35	14 6:30 pm Board of Education	15 6:30-8 pm Advent Family Fun Night	16 Bible Study, 7:30 am Wells County Courthouse 11:10 am Pre-K Chapel	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
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20 Last Sunday of the Church Year Is. 65:17-25 1 Thess. 5:1- 11; Matt. 25:1-13 Bible Study: 8:45 Divine Service: 10 Voters' Meeting: 11:30 Evening: Serve meal at Shepherd of the City	21	22	23 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Philippians 4:6-20 Luke 17:11-19	24 Day of Thanksgiving December 1	25 3 pm Thanksgiving Dinner	26
27 Advent 1 Jeremiah 23:5-8 Rom. 13:8-14 Matt. 21:1-9 Bible Study: 8:45 Divine Service: 10 NT Class: 11:30 Church Decorating, 11:30	28	29	30 Bible Study, 7:30 am Wells County Courthouse 11:10 am Pre-K Chapel	December 1 5-8 pm Open House and Nativity Display for Ossian Hometown Christmas	Upcoming Events: Advent Dinners (6pm) and Midweek Evening Prayer Services (7 pm) : Dec. 7, 14, 21 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 7 pm Candlelight Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 10 am Divine Service New Year's Eve, Dec 31: 7 pm Divine Service	