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To Be and To Make
Disciples of
Jesus Christ

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



THE LORD
WILL INDEED
GIVE WHAT
IS GOOD,
AND OUR
LAND WILL
YIELD ITS
HARVEST.

PSALM 85:12, NIV



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Moses says to the people of Israel and to us today:

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God ... Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth ... (Deuteronomy 8:10-11, 17-18, NRSV)

The people of Israel were soon to enter a land with many rich blessings and many severe challenges as well. God wanted his people to know, and to remember, that this land was His free gift to them. Today we would call it a gift of His grace. And it was given to a people He had redeemed from death and destruction.

An important part of giving thanks is the act of remembering. Remembering is what God's people do when they think about God and what God has done for them. In all ages and generations, God's people remember afflictions that turned out to be blessings. God had tested his people for 40 years in the desert. He tested them with various afflictions, as they moved toward the land of blessing. During that time, God satisfied their hunger with manna and quail and sustained them by His grace. That long and arduous journey forced the people of Israel to depend on God's every word and action. During that time, He miraculously fed them, strengthening them physically, and he also strengthened them spiritually with His Word. This act of remembering leads to praise and thanksgiving for people of faith.

On their journey through the wilderness the Israelites had to fight the same sin that catches so many of us today – the sin of self-sufficiency – thinking that we can do everything on

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our own and that, as a result, we do not need God. We deceive ourselves, forgetting that it is God who enables us to earn a living in the first place.

In Deuteronomy 8 we are reminded about what we already know – that God is gracious and merciful. We are reminded that God wants only the best for His people, and that He wants to supply our every need. It does not matter whether these needs are physical or spiritual. As we remember, we realize that it was not our power or ability that made all these things happen. We could not do anything without God's power at work in us. An honest appraisal of our lives, individually and congregationally, reminds us that whatever we have been able to accomplish has been done by God's blessing.

I look forward to seeing you in worship where we publicly gather to give God our thanks and praise as a community of faith, bearing witness to God's goodness to the world.

Your Sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Kathy".

**Congregational Budget Meeting and
Council & Endowment Member Elections
will take place on Sunday, December 3,
immediately following the worship
service.**

Highlights of Pastor's Report

- ◆ Not a whole lot to say. September was about getting Confirmation instruction started and making final preparations for our October Anniversary Celebrations in addition to normal ministry responsibilities.
- ◆ Great work was done during our special council meeting on establishing some goals for 2024. I look forward to seeing how we continue to work on these goals and expand on them over time.



HTLC ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

Nomination Slips Available

Sun 11/5 & Sun 11/12

**Please confirm that your Nominee is willing to serve in the position for which you nominate them.*

Nominations Due—Thurs 11/16

Nomination List Published—Sun 11/19

ELECTION DAY—Sunday, December 3



Thanksgiving

Worship Service

Our Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday, November 21 at 7pm. We will be joined by members of First English Lutheran Church as we celebrate and give thanks to the Lord for his faithfulness.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Catalyst

Drug Intervention

Please Make Checks Payable to HTLC

Contributions may be mailed, dropped in the church mail slot, or in offering plate.

The November Special Offering envelope supports Drug Intervention via Catalyst Life Services in Mansfield, OH. Monies received will be matched by our Tithes on the Bequest and Memorial Fund.

Catalyst Life Services is a private non-profit offering mental health and crisis services including a 24 hour stabilization unit and helpline 419-522-HELP. Catalyst Life Services has been in operation for over 65 years constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community and guiding the people we serve to lead more fulfilling lives. Visit www.catalystlifeservices.org for more information.

November Birthdays

2nd—Mary Steude
10th—Greg Boltman
16th—Jeannine McKee
17th—Cindy Shasky
19th—Robert Laderman
26th—Liz Pritchard
 Brody Zeigler
28th—Mark Smith



Thank You

Dear HTLC Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts, and special notes of gratitude that were received in celebration of Clergy Appreciation month. It is a joy to share in ministry with you. Also, Barclay is grateful for the prayers and gifts he received during his recovery after being attacked by a neighborhood dog.

In Christ, Pastor Kathy



**SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK
1 HOUR ON
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4**

**All Saints Sunday
November 5**



Madison Community Christmas Cantata

The 19th annual Madison Community Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 10. If you would like to participate, in "The Silence and the Sound," rehearsals will take place in the Madison High School Choral Room. Practice schedule is:

- Sunday, 11/5 2:00-3:30pm
- Sunday, 11/12 2:00-3:30pm
- Sunday, 11/19 2:00-3:30pm
- Sunday, 11/26 2:00-3:30pm
- Sunday, 12/3 2:00-3:30pm

Performance takes place on Sunday December 10 @ 3:00pm at the Madison Middle School.

BABY STEPS toward Generosity

by Rev. Dr. Amy Little

Living a life of generosity is a mark of discipleship for many. It is a process in which we learn to appreciate that all we have is a gift God has given us. Just as an infant goes from rolling to sitting up, to scooting and crawling, then walking, so we, too, go from a limited understanding of stewardship to being fully committed to sharing what we have with others for the sake of Christ.

For my husband and me, it began when we were first married. Each of us had just earned a college degree. We were making just over minimum wage, yet somehow we had everything we needed! Our giving to the church had a presentation on generous living, we had all the usual questions: "Why should we give?" "Can't those whose income is higher be the ones to support the church?"

The Holy Spirit began to work in us. Our pastor quoted Malachi 3:10: **"I am the Lord All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing."** Put me to the test, said the Lord. Try me out, and see if I will bless you!

So in faith we took a baby step, doubling our offering the next week and for many weeks thereafter! Over time we grew our giving to a tithe because our love for the Lord and our trust increased. This was a huge leap in our spiritual journey.

First Hot Point: Luther taught that all we have

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comes from God's divine generosity: "I believe that God has created me and all that exists, that he has given me and still preserves my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my reason and all my senses, together with food and clothing, home and family, and all my property. Every day he provides abundantly for all the needs in my life. He protects me from all danger and guards and keeps me from every evil. He does this purely out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore, I ought to thank, praise, serve, and obey him. This is most certainly true!"

How often are you generous with thanksgiving and praise to God? Do you stop throughout your day and thank God for everything he provides you? What baby steps can you take this very day to pause and praise God for your life and everything about it?

Second Hot Point: Paul urged believers to walk in a manner worthy of the calling placed on our lives by Christ. This happens by faith. As we learn to trust God with all we have, we take a baby step towards living a life of abundance rather than scarcity. What is your default—abundance or scarcity? Do you live with the fear that there will not be enough or do you trust God will provide for your every need through your faith in Jesus Christ? Where do you need to grow in letting go?

Third Hot Point: What does generous living look like in your life? Living generously often starts with small steps. Try trusting God completely and grow in generosity to five percent, seven percent, and then a tithe—ten percent of your income.

How might you and your family put the Lord to the test? Try him out and see how faithful he is!

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Our presence at the worship during your celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the congregation's ministry was a wonderful time spent in worship and at the luncheon that followed. I was privileged to share memories of our presence as members and my presence as an ordained pastor having been given true ministry experience at HTLC under the leadership of Dr. Wray Smith and the, truly, faithful leadership of the congregation through the years. Sally is thankful for the prayers of the folks at HTLC as her pain level continues to diminish. Given the geography of where we live we will be worshiping in proximity to our home in the future. Blessings!

Pastor Dick & Sally Beal

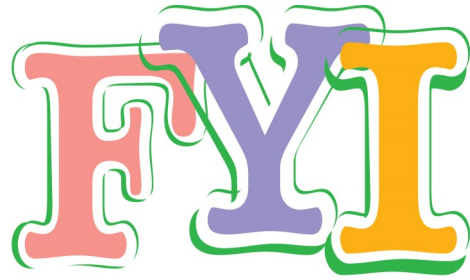
Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:30am—12:30pm

***Pastor Kathy is Out of Office on
Mondays.***





• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

If you have missed a service or you want to review notes you made during a service, we have started posting Pastor's sermons on our website. Visit us at HolyTrinityMansfield.org and scroll down on the homepage where you will find the most recent service posted for your listening convenience.

In the SoundCloud box, click on the church's name, you will be directed to her previous sermons, as well.

Sanctuary or Altar Candle dedications can still be made on a monthly basis. Sign up on the forms in the Narthex. You will receive a reminder card prior to your commitment. Your payment of \$10 for each dedication can be returned in the envelope which will be provided to you. Your dedication will be included in the weekly bulletins for your chosen month.

Flower dedications can still be made. You may choose to purchase a bouquet to be placed on Sunday mornings before service. If you would like to include a dedication for the flowers, please notify the office by 10AM WEDNESDAY MORNING before the flowers will be placed.



Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m., Paradise Church

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m., Belmont Court

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m., ARC Empowerment

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth

Friday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Fusion, 220 Industrial

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., Jericho Wall, 195 N

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy

Sunday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Open Bible, 1150 R

Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of

Monday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m., Church Requel, 21

Blessed are Peacemakers, for they shall be called children of

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Holy Trinity, 525 W.

With Kingdom Grace Fellowship and First English

Blessed are those who are persecuted by my namesake, for

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m., Linden Road

Blessed are you, when people revile you, and persecute you

falsely on my account; Rejoice and be glad, for gre

Thanks Living 2023

and Series of Thankful Worship Gatherings

Be in the Attitude — based on Matthew 2: 1-12

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great is your reward in Heaven.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY			
<h1>November 2023</h1>			1			
			5	6	7	8
			ALL SAINTS			10a Comfort
			9:15a Parish Ed			10a Godsfie
			10a Worship Svc		5:15p HT Bells	
11:15a Youth/Adult Ed		6p Property Mtg				
1p Confirmation Class		6p Dance Lessons				
12	13	14	15			
VETERANS						
10a Worship Svc						
11:15a Youth/Adult Ed		5:15p HT Bells	2p Finance M			
<i>4:30p-8:00p Scouts Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner/Cake Auction</i>		6p Dance Lessons				
		6:30p Council Mtg				
19	20	21	22			
10a Worship Service	9:30a PEO - L					
11:15a Youth/Adult Ed						
1p Confirmation Class		7p Thanksgiving Svc				
26	27	28	29			
10a Worship Service						
11:15a Youth/Adult Ed						
		5:15p HT Bells				
	6:30p Scouts	6p Dance Lessons				

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2	3	4
	10a Bible Study		
	1:30p Books Coffee & Dessert Book Club		SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
	6p Dance Lessons		
	7p Appleseed Squares		
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fortMakers	10a Bible Study		Veterans Day
sfield Mtg-L	11:30a Worship Music Mtg		10am Scouting for Food
	12:30p HT Singers		
	6p Dance Lessons		7-10p Appleseed Squares Dance
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	10a Bible Study		
	12:30p HT Singers		
ce Meeting			
	6p Dance Lessons		
	7p Appleseed Squares		
	23	24	25
	Thanksgiving		
	Office closed	Office closed	
			St Luke's Hot Meals
	30		
	10a Bible Study		
	12:30p HT Singers		
	6p Dance Lessons		
	7p Appleseed Squares		

IN CHRIST

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12**

Head Usher

JIM FLEMING

Greeter

KAREN TICKNOR

Lectors

NANCY COLLIER

BONNIE ELIAS

Cantors

**KAREN
FEICHTNER**

**BARNEY
MUSSELMAN**

Ushers

AL & JOLENE SANDC

**Communion
Assistants**

KAREN & L

Altar Guild

DICK & M

Counters

DON & RO

**Snow
Removal**

N/A

N/A

F'S SERVICE

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 26**

JIM FLEMING

KAREN TICKNOR

BOBBIE BALLENGER

LINDA FLEMING

BOBBIE B & NANCY C

DICK COLLIER

DOR, ROGER & MARY STEUDE

& LARRY FEICHTNER

& NANCY COLLIER

ROBERTA KARGER

N/A

JIM FLEMING

Outreach Ministry

Meeting: October 23, 2023

Attendees: Bonnie Elias, Sue Hendrickson, Bobbie Ballenger, Carol Bertholf and Jean Erwin

- ◆ Love Our Heros tote materials were delivered to Bellville. The congregation again showed their love for our military personnel.
- ◆ Food items were delivered to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Please continue to add those extra items to your cart for the less fortunate. Remember: Every Sunday is Food Sunday!
- ◆ The Flood Bucket Event was a great success! Thank you again from the Committee.
- ◆ Clothing was purchased for fellow HTLC member who now resides in a nursing home. He was most appreciative!
- ◆ We received a letter from Richland Pregnancy Services. We were able to donate a total of \$2,074.94 after HTLC matched! HTLC ROCKS!
- ◆ We will collect for the Woodland Teachers during November: dry erase markers and tissues are needed.
- ◆ Salvation Army will be contacted about bell-ringing during the holidays.
- ◆ We will reach out to Scout Troop 159 to see if they have a family that needs help this Christmas before we ask the 179th. The Giving Tree will go up in November!!!

Respectfully, Jean Erwin, Chairperson



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

MOVIE MATINEE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
2:00PM



“The Good Journey”
Based on two parables.
Two brothers. One purpose.
An epic scenic journey.
Starring: Nathan Todaro & Jeff Prater

DOORS OPEN AT 1:40
COME JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, A FREE MOVIE AND
FREE POPCORN



SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Your non-perishable donations are a gift to those in need!

Every month we deliver your food donations to a local agency: Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Shelter or Wayfinders (formerly Harmony house).



**HOT MEALS Are Served at St. Luke's
Please Help!**

Sign-up in on the Table in the Narthex.

◇ **November 25** ◇

4:15—6:15 pm.



**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday,
we anticipate serving more
individuals!**

**For more information
contact Elaine Bishop
419-589-3401**

BOOKS, COFFEE AND DESSERT BOOK CLUB

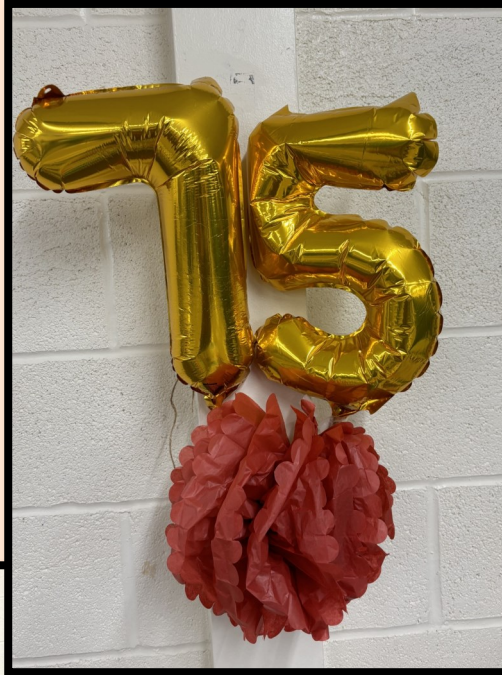
The book club will meet Thursday, November 2, at 1:30 PM in the home of Carol Bertholf.

Join us for discussion, fellowship and dessert.

If you have questions, contact Linda Fleming @ 419-756-4929 or Carol Bertholf @ 419-756-7900.



75TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2023**



I'm so Glad I'm a



, Part of the Family of





Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, December 2—
9:00am





Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias will be available in the Narthex during November. Order forms and payments will be DUE Thursday, December 7

6.5" Poinsettias (red, white or marble) - \$12.00

8.5" Poinsettias (red only) - \$26.00

Poinsettias will be displayed beginning Sunday, December 17. They will be available to take home after the 10am December 24 service.

Special WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 12/3— 10am Worship

Sunday 12/10—10am Worship

Sunday, 12/17—10am Worship

Sunday, 12/24—10am Worship

Christmas Eve—7pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, 12/31—Songs & Carols

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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a Christ-centered Bible-based Church, equipping disciples with Scripture to share the good news of God's reconciling love with conviction, courage and compassion while responding to the needs of others in our community and the world.