

# November 2009 Newsletter

## OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**10:30 am Divine Service**

**9:15 am Sunday School & 9:30am Bible Class**

### **This is Heaven on Earth**

When we approach the Lord's table, with whom do we commune? Who joins us at the Lord's Supper table? Who is beside us, across from us, or at the other end of the table?

Answer: All the company of heaven.

We live in an age that promotes the feeble strength of the rugged individual and the false security of private religion. Many try to find comfort and peace in isolation from others. Sadly, some Christians even isolate themselves from their fellow Christians. But the Lord loves us too much to let us be "Lone-Ranger Christians." Instead, He graciously gives us "all the company of heaven."

In the Lord's Supper liturgy the pastor addresses God with these words: "Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name." It's no accident that we hear these words just before we commune at the Lord's table. The Lord's Supper is one of God's best tools for gathering His family together, a family that includes not only Christians on earth but also all the company of saints who rest from their labors.

November 1 (or a Sunday close to it) is traditionally observed as All Saints' Day. On this day the Church remembers those who have finished the course of this life in faith. On All Saints' Day, we thank God for the faith of our fellow saints and for their example in the Christian life.



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But most of all, we praise God for His faithfulness to His saints, keeping them in His merciful favor. God promises to be faithful to us just as He has been faithful to our fellow saints before us.

What does it mean when the pastor says the words "with all the company of heaven"? It means heaven and earth are joined together at the Lord's Supper table. It means that even as we commune with our fellow believers, we are united with the saints of every age.

What an awesome miracle! When we commune, the whole company of heaven is looking on- Abraham and Moses, Ruth and Hannah, David and Isaiah, Peter, Paul and Priscilla, just to name a few. In the Lord's Supper we are given a sneak preview, you might say, of what awaits us: the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb and His bride the Church. For now we are joined together in a hidden reality.

But one day the reality will be fully revealed, and we all shall dine together. Heaven comes down to earth in the Lord's Supper and prepares us for the great heavenly banquet yet to come.

This is great comfort for all Christians as we mourn the deaths of loved ones. Yes, a beloved family member or dear friend may have departed this life and may rest in the grave, but as a fellow saint he or she is still joined to us in all the company of heaven. We may not see it, but we do believe it. And as often as we commune, we are also joined together with our faithful loved ones. This too is part of Christ's resurrection victory over death.

In some churches the communion rail extends out from the front wall and bends around the front of the altar. What if the rail extended through the wall where we can't see and joined together on the other side? We'd then have a completed circle.

This is a good way to ponder "all the company of heaven." Even though we can't see our fellow saints, we have the promise of God's Word that in Christ we are all one. What the saints now have in full-life and salvation-we also receive as we join in this sacred meal.

Article taken from the *Lutheran Witness*

# BAKE SALE



## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1102 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Pipestone



*Saturday,  
December 5th*

8:00-11:00 am

Coffee & Rolls  
Freewill Offering

*Christmas Sprays - \$7.00*

## Ladies Guild News

### ♥ **November Meeting—Nov 9, 7:00 pm**

*Program: Thanksgiving Service  
Bring Something for the Food Shelf  
Mite Box dedication*

*Business Meeting: Election of Officers*

*Lunch: Joan Crawford*

### ♥ **Bake Sale—Dec 5, 8-11 am**

Please sign up if you can help or donate bakery items.

## **JOIN THE CHOIR**

You are invited to join the choir at 4:45 pm on Wednesdays.

Schedules are busy and commitments are many. However, the gift of music is a special gift from God and the benefits it provides are many. Yes, it does require effort, practice and time, but what a wonderful way to spend time—singing music grounded in God's Word and sharing it with the rest of our church and others.

*Linda Erickson, Choir Director*

## **WANTED: GREETERS**

Greeters welcome members and guests before the service. A friendly smile is all that is required. Please sign up as you are able! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Thank you to Ron & Fay Erickson for greeting in October.

## **Happy Baptismal Birthday**

*November 1<sup>st</sup> – Bryan Francis  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Karen Currier  
November 4<sup>th</sup> – Alexandria Bootsma  
November 6<sup>th</sup> – Jenny VandenBosch  
November 7<sup>th</sup> – Shane Vos  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – James Klinsing  
November 13<sup>th</sup> – Keera Klumper  
November 15<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Crawford  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – Jacob Bauman  
November 24<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Preteau  
November 25<sup>th</sup> – Jadyn Kor  
November 30<sup>th</sup> – Nakia Evans*

## **Happy Birthday**

*November 1<sup>st</sup> – Nora Griebel  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Linda Erickson  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eloise Olsen  
November 8<sup>th</sup> - Ayden Kontz  
November 9<sup>th</sup> – Joyce Hammer  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – Devin Currier  
November 21<sup>st</sup> – Denise Stotz  
November 27<sup>th</sup> – Fay Erickson*

## **Happy Anniversary**

*Ron & Fay Erickson  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Terry & Judy Hailey  
November 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Doug & Lisa Smidt  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

## **Membership Changes**

### **Christian Burials**

*Joe Crawford—October 10th  
Don Suda—October 18th  
Alvera Reese—October 20th*

# Our Saviour's Sick and Homebound

## Local:

### **Robert & Mavis Ripley**

503 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE  
Pipestone, MN 56164  
(507) 825-4015

### **Alvin Langner**

716 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW  
Pipestone MN 56164  
(507) 825-5366

### **Florine Johnson**

520 5<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Pipestone MN 56164  
(507) 825-4579

## Out of Town:

### **Vernon Krusemark**

Sunrise Manor Nursing Home  
Box 280, Room # 170  
Tyler MN 56178  
(507) 247-8800

### **Ray Stueven**

47725 251<sup>st</sup> St  
Baltic SD 57003  
(605) 529-5235

## Ashton Care Center:

### **Pearl Buffington**

916 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW - Pipestone MN 56164  
(507) 825-6000

## Good Samaritan Village:

### **Nora Griebel**

(507) 825-3872

### **Hank Gerdes**

1311 N Hiawatha Avenue - Pipestone MN 56164  
(507) 825-5428

### **Aurelia Stueven**

(507) 825-4532

### **Dorothy Tepley**

(507) 825-2329

## Falls Landing:

### **Joyce Jacobson**

(507) 825-3668

1101 N Hiawatha Avenue - Pipestone MN 56164

## Ridgeview Estates:

### **Elden & Eloise Olsen**

(507) 825-5615

903 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE - Pipestone, MN 56164

## Pipestone Hospice

### **Jim Klinsing**

309 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW - Pipestone, MN 56164

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(507) 825-9975  
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(507) 777-4210

The members of the **Board of Elders** work closely with the Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the Congregation. Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to Pastor or the Elders.

The members of the **Board of Christian Education** give attention to education materials and programs. Concerns about Sunday School, VBS, Adult Classes, or similar items should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

The members of the **Board of Trustees** give attention to the Church's physical properties. Concerns about maintenance of the church, or similar items should be addressed to the trustees.