

# THE NOVEMBER BELL 2022

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## A Blessing for Daylight Savings Time

*This item popped up in my email inbox. One person's take on pushing back time.*

We are messing with time,  
With light,  
With the ticktocking of our souls.  
We are anxious to get started,  
To see what we've missed,  
So we push the dawn to retreat on our terms.

Somehow farmers rise  
In every weather and light.  
They plant and milk,  
Harvest and nourish  
Even while others remain  
Buried in covers,  
Prettying the darkness and  
Hiding from daybreak.

At night we build a fire and shout  
At the sun's cowardly retreat.  
We bless those who need light for their good work  
And those who labor in winter's shadows.  
We scold the Southern sky as it pulls away  
The golden glow long before dusk  
Should swallow its shine.



*Peace and Blessings,*

*Pastor Craig*

***Set your clocks back before you go to bed on November 5!***



## November Special Days

- All Saints' Day — November 1
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends — November 6
- Veterans Day — November 11
- Christ the King Sunday — November 20
- Thanksgiving Day — November 24
- First Sunday of Advent — November 27

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## EXPRESSION OF FAITH

As we consider our stewardship commitment this year and every year, we may need to redefine what stewardship means to us and to our relationship with God. This may evolve because of life experiences such as a new job, or the loss of a position; the birth of a child or grandchild, or the loss of a loved one; conquering an existing health issue, or determining how to cope with a new one. All of these things, and more, affect our not only our daily lives, but our relationship with God.

As we consider our stewardship commitment to Bethany Lutheran Church in 2023, we need to think about our use of the money, possessions and time that Jesus has entrusted to us. Jesus often spoke about possessions, emphasizing the good that can and should be done with what we have been given.

As Christians we know that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and take care of. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with the Lord. Our resources still belong to God, and they are meant to be used in the work of the Lord. It is also important to remember that when Jesus talks about giving, he never talks about the need of the church to receive. Instead, Jesus always talks about the need of the giver to give as an expression of their faith. Indeed, we do have an obligation to use what we have to help others who are in need.

Think about what God has entrusted to all of us. Think about your need to give as a part of your faith. Ask yourself: **"How generously does God call on me to respond?"** Consider increasing your weekly giving by 10% for 2023. The pledge card is on the following page.

*Your Church Council*



### A PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

I/We pledge our support for the ministry of the Gospel at Bethany Lutheran for the 2023  
in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ (Monthly/Weekly) (circle one).

NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Please either mail to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

Thank you.

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## BETHANY WOMEN

Bethany Women will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at River's Edge on County A at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be at 9:00 am, followed by bible study. The Bible Study can be found in the November issue of *Gather* magazine. Come even if you can't stay for the entire meeting or you do not have a copy of the magazine. Copies of the study will be available at the meeting.

#### **Gifted to Lutheran World Relief:**

- 38 Quilts
- 37 Personal Care Kits

#### **Gifted to Community Action:**

- 20 Child Quilts
- 75 Adult Quilts



## CONTACTING PASTOR

### **Do you have special prayer requests?**

Pastor Craig is available by phone and by email: [revcw2016@gmail.com](mailto:revcw2016@gmail.com)

Pastor Craig may be reached on his cell phone, 608-432-1835 or at the Church, 254-4501



- WRPQ RADIO BROADCAST • 740 AM / 99.7 FM
  - Join us at 11:00 am
- (also streamed on their web site – [www.wrpq.com](http://www.wrpq.com) at 11:00 am)



In Memory  
and  
Celebration

### **FLOWERS & BULLETINS**

**November 7** – The flowers are given to the glory of God.

**November 13** – The flowers are given in memory of John by Pat Morse.

**November 22** - The flowers are given in celebration of Christine's birthday by Dennis and Jan Dorow. The Bulletin is given in celebration of Tory's birthday by Dennis and Jan Dorow.

**November 29** - The flowers are given in memory of Chuck by Dianne Thompson.

**The new flower, bulletin, and Sanctuary candle charts are up in the Narthex.**

Cost is the same as in the past:

Flowers \$8.50    Bulletins \$8.50    Candles \$4.00

# All Saints

We pause to remember that we are part of the Communion of Saints.

In the gift of the Kingdom of God we are united with those who have gone before us and those who follow after us. People of every time and place are brought together in the one body of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*We lift in prayer all those who have entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints Sunday.*

**MARION HENDRICKSON**

**NANCY MEYERS**

**HAROLD CHRISTENSEN**

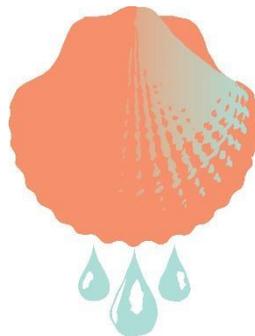
**JOHN SKILLE**

**JOHN MORSE**

**BOB LUECK**



*We lift in prayer those who by the water, the Word of God, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit have begun their journey of faith.*



**DEKLYN MARIE ROYSTON**