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*Embraced by God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we share this gospel of hope and healing within and throughout our community within and throughout our community*



## God Chose You... What Will You Choose?

*Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.<sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,<sup>12</sup> saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'<sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.<sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last." (Matt. 20:10-16 ESV)*

My fellow Children of God, you've been chosen to be his child. God has elected to send his Son to suffer, die, and rise again so that you may have hope for the future and live in His love forever. These are not empty words or a campaign slogan, this is the promise of the gospel, that by grace through Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ we are saved.<sup>38</sup> *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:37-39 ESV)*

You may have noticed that we are in the heart of election season. If that makes you cringe a little, I'm not surprised. Maybe, you aren't happy with the candidates. Perhaps you are afraid of the results. You might even be afraid that life as we know it will cease to exist if a particular candidate is elected. Yet even if that were to happen, isn't it amazing that by the grace of God we can live every moment of our present life and circumstances with hearts of joy and thankfulness.

What's that you say? What if some known or hidden threat to democracy takes it all down? What if my freedom of speech is taken away? My prayer is that whether things continue as they have, get better, worse, we are all thrown into prison or yes even die for our faith, our last words and actions, and those leading up to them, will be to the glory of God, share the gospel, and hold fast to the hope of Romans 8.

Don't get me wrong. I do believe that it is our duty as Christians to be on guard, to seek to be good citizens, and to encourage whatever government leaders we live under to seek God's will and follow it. I also believe that our most important role as Christian citizens is to recognize that the most important changes in society come through the change of hearts. Only God can change hearts. However, he can work powerfully through our words and actions to point others toward God and model for others what it means to have faith, hope, love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, self-control, and so many other Christian attitudes and behaviors that I so often see lacking in our conversations and actions today. I wonder what do our attitudes sometimes look like toward those believers and servants of God who are new to the party or with whom we still have disagreements as times? How can we better handle our different approaches, preferred ways of doing things, and yes even times when correction is needed based on the word of God? During this "election season" as God calls out to his chosen children, seeking to gather together those he has elected to serve in his kingdom, what would it look like for us to be more thankful and Christlike? Could it be something like this?

*These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (Jn. 15:11-17 ESV)*



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Hassel	November 3
Sam Grossnickle	November 3
Thomas Price	November 5
Becky Graef	November 6
Dave Brandt	November 7
Aaron Greenfield	November 8
Bruce Berner	November 13
Dave Pilz	November 13
Haley Fryman	November 14

Please call the office at (219) 462-7684 to add a birthday to our list.

## A BIG THANK YOU...

**To all who have helped deep clean the sanctuary and other areas of the church. This is still a continuous work in progress. We hope to finish shampooing the pew upholstery within a couple of weeks.**

## ADVENT EVENTS

We will hold our Advent Suppers as always, at 6:15pm prior to Advent Evening Prayer on the Wednesdays in Advent which are: **December 4, 11 and 18**. If you would like to bring a main dish please speak with Paul Grossnickle. Our Children's Christmas Program and the Greening of the Church will both be on Sunday, **December 8**. The program will be during church service with the greening to follow.

## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY AND SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH



Our annual Voters' Meeting will be held after church and Bible Study on November 10. New Board members will be presented and the 2025 budget will be voted on. Since this is the second Sunday of the month we will also enjoy lunch before the meeting.



*Disciples of Light* is a small group for busy adults and busy families who want to make time for bible study. We will meet next on Friday, November 8 to watch and discuss the Chosen Season 2 series. This series is geared towards adults and children. Our meeting is in the church basement and we will be having pulled pork sandwiches. Please bring a side dish, chips or dessert to share. We will start dinner at 5:00pm, with the movie beginning at 6:00pm. Come join in the fun!

## BREW CREW/MICRO BREW SCHEDULE

All are welcome to join our group! Below are our meeting dates for November: All meetings are held at church.

- Brew Crew: Nov. 5, 6:00
- Brew Crew: Nov. 19, 6:00
- Micro Brew: Nov. 11, 5:00
- Micro Brew: Nov. 25, 5:00

For more information on the Brew Crew and Micro Brew group please speak with Paul Nord or Diane Driver.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, the church office will be open (our church is a polling place). However the VCA will be closed that day.

Both offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving.



### SEWNG SEEDS OF LOVE

Pictured is Cole Hoover who learned how to make a quilt from Grandma Gail Hoover. We love when sewing can be learned and passed on to the next generation! **Be sure to check out our Holiday sale items which will be out October 27- Dec 15 in the narthex.** Also if you know someone who needs a shawl or quilt because of illness or a death in the family let Dorothy, Gail or Linda know and we will get one for you . We care because God cares.



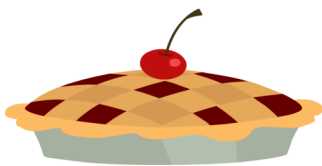
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### A Note of Thanks From Pastor Schoech:

I continue to be grateful for the generosity, kindness, thanks, and encouragement of this congregation and family of Faith. Your heart-warming efforts on special occasions, your patience with illnesses and other challenges that arise for me and others, the way you love one another, step up, and support each other and those around you, including our partner in mission the VCA and all these wonderful children/children of God that He has blessed us to have in our midst though the church and school... for all this and more I give thanks unto the Lord whose mercies never cease. (I am also thankful I no longer get graded on run-on sentences.)

### VCA PIE SALE

Valparaiso Christian Academy is once again selling pies from Marilyn's Bakery for their fundraiser. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Orders and money are due on November 3rd and pie pickup will be on November 15 between 3 and 6pm. What a great hostess gift for the holidays! (or make things easier on yourself — these pies are so good!)



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This cake was presented to Pastor Schoech on Sunday, October 20 and enjoyed by all!

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***FAITH WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

All Saints' Day, November 3, 9:00am Holy Communion (*with Remembrance of the Faithful Departed*)

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 10, 9:00am Word and Prayer

The 26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 17, 9:00am Holy Communion

Christ the King, November 24, 9:00am Holy Communion

First Sunday in Advent, December 1, 9:00am Holy Communion

First Wednesday in Advent, December 4, 7:00pm Evening Prayer

Second Sunday in Advent, December 8, 9:00am Children's Program

Second Wednesday in Advent, December 11, 7:00pm Evening Prayer

Third Sunday in Advent, December 15, 9:00am Holy Communion

Third Wednesday in Advent, December 18, 7:00pm Evening Prayer

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 22, 9:00am Word and Prayer

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord, December 24, 7:00pm Service of Lessons and Carols

The Nativity of Our Lord, December 25, 9:00am Holy Communion

First Sunday after Christmas, December 29, 9:00am Holy Communion

