

## **The Communion of Saints and Grandma's Breakfast Club**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to share a story about a grandma, a group of high school students, and one possible image for what it means to be the communion of saints.

In October of 2021, freshman Sam Crowe and his friends from Bishop DuBourg High School in St Louis were hanging out at a local diner for breakfast during a late start Wednesday. "This place has nothing on my Grandma Peggy's", Sam bragged.

He floated the idea with his friends and checked with his grandma. "Would you be willing to host us for breakfast next Wednesday?" That started a tradition where up to thirty of Sam's friends started showing up at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast before school.

The kids started calling it "Grandma's Breakfast Club". Grandma Peggy Winckowski says, "Wednesday is my favorite day of the week. I will feed them as long as they come."

Eggs, pancakes or French toast, bacon, cut up fruit, chocolate milk, Sunny Delight are on the menu. Sometimes donuts or homemade cinnamon rolls too. For the first year, Grandma Peggy paid for this out her own pocket. Others in the community have heard about the Breakfast Club and donate to the cause.

These gatherings took on a much bigger and sadder meaning when her grandson Sam, 15 at the time, was killed in an auto accident in July of 2022.

On the day of his death, many of Sam's friends gathered at Winckowski's home to console grandma and each other. "We were grieving with grandma," one of Sam's friends said.

## *Daily Bible Readings*



### **November 1**

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### **November 2**

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;  
Joshua 1:1-11;  
Romans 2:17-29

### **November 3**

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;  
Joshua 2:1-14;  
2 Peter 2:1-3

### **November 4**

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;  
Joshua 2:15-24;  
Matthew 23:13-28

### **November 5**

Micah 3:5-12  
Psalm 43  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

### **November 6**

Psalm 128; Joshua 4:1-24;  
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

### **November 7**

Psalm 128;  
Joshua 6:1-16, 20;  
Acts 13:1-12

### **November 8**

Psalm 128;  
Joshua 10:12-14;  
Matthew 15:1-9

### **November 9**

Psalm 78:1-7;  
Joshua 5:10-12;  
Revelation 8:6-9:12

"They came here every day for the whole week," said Winckowski. "They just wanted to make sure I was okay."

As summer came to an end and school was ready to start up for the fall, Grandma Peggy told the teens that they were still welcome for breakfast. More students than ever showed up. Even some friends from another nearby High School.

"He would have wanted this to continue, so we're going to continue it," said Sam's friend Jeremy. "We're all there for each other."

Before or after breakfast, this little community often gathers in Grandma Peggy's garden where she has built a little memorial for Sam. They pray for one another.

Aside from Wednesdays, students stop by from time to time to visit. Grandma Peggy always keeps her refrigerator stocked with snacks and sodas.

"Being around her makes me cheerful," said Harrison Newcombe, 16, a close friend of Sam's, who visited on a recent Saturday with several friends.

"It melts my heart every time they show up," Winckowski said. "I've lost my 15-year-old grandson, but in his place, Sam gave me 30 extra grandbabies," she continued. "I think Sam is directing this from above."

I think God created human beings to be in community with one another. As Saint Paul says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15). Grandma's Breakfast Club sounds a lot like this kind of community.

On most All Saints Sundays, I describe the purpose of the day as follows. "To remember those who have died for the faith, those who have died in the faith, and for all the baptized."

What better tribute to Sam is there than to know that those whom he loved (his grandma and his friends) now love one another in a way that heartens everyone who hears his story. They share a meal, stories about Sam, and pray for one another. The community grows and his story inspires.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Craig

### **November 10**

Psalm 78:1-7;  
Joshua 8:30-35;  
Revelation 9:13-21

### **November 11**

Psalm 78:1-7;  
Joshua 20:1-9;  
Matthew 24:1-14

### **November 12**

Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 13**

Psalm 78;  
Joshua 24:25-33;  
1 Corinthians 14:20-25

### **November 14**

Psalm 78;  
Nehemiah 8:1-12;  
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

### **November 15**

Psalm 78;  
Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
Matthew 24:29-35

### **November 16**

Psalm 123; Judges 2:6-15;  
Revelation 16:1-7

### **November 17**

Psalm 123; Judges 2:16-23; Revelation 16:8-21

### **November 18**

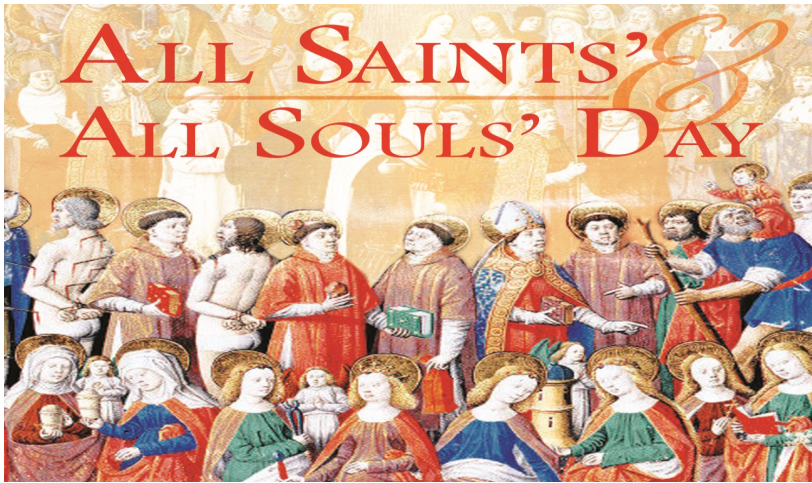
Psalm 123; Judges 5:1-12;  
Matthew 12:43-45

### **November 19**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### **November 20**

Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18;  
Judges 4:8-24;  
Romans 2:1-11



## All Saints' Day

To the saints who are in Aurora (and Canby, Donald and Woodburn)! Grace to you in peace.

By God's grace, and through the waters of baptism, we are made saints and a part of the whole company of heaven: past, present, and future.

On All Saints' Sunday we especially honor those who have died for the faith, those who have died in the faith, and all who through baptism have died to sin and death.

We lovingly remember those sisters and brothers of Christ Lutheran Church who have passed since the last All Saints Day:

- Randall Wolvert
- Dexter Walter
- Faye Petit
- Deborah Jensen
- Julia Bayless Coffey

### November 21

Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18;  
Exodus 2:1-10; 1  
Thessalonians 5:12-18

### November 22

Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18;  
Esther 7:1-10;  
Matthew 24:45-51

### November 23

Thanksgiving Day  
Psalm 100;  
Genesis 48:15-22;  
Revelation 14:1-11

### November 24

Psalm 100;  
Isaiah 40:1-11;  
Revelation 22:1-9

### November 25

Psalm 100;  
Ezekiel 34:25-31;  
Matthew 12:46-50

### November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

### November 27

Psalm 28;  
Numbers 27:15-23;  
2 Timothy 2:8-13

### November 28

Psalm 28;  
Zechariah 11:4-17;  
Revelation 19:1-9

### November 29

Psalm 28;  
Jeremiah 31:10-14;  
John 5:19-40

### November 30

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Zechariah 13:1-9;  
Revelation 14:6-13

## In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Amy	Barb B.
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Barb Bannister	PC
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary
Brooke	Heather W
Carol Smith	Helen D
Pastor Christine Core	PC
Colin Brown	Heather W
Dave Stegmeier	Dan and Lonnie
Dexter Walter Family	Kay
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Frank Cutsforth	PC
Gene Free Family	Ilene Marnella
Heidi Daniel and family	PC
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.
Jan G	PC
Jenno	Heather W
Jill & Ray Goodness	Mary W.
Jill Weygandt	Dan H
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C

Prayers for	Requested by
Joanna Painter	Dixie
Joyce Colvin	Susan W
Julie (Bayless) Coffey	PC
Kate	PC
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Kyla	Jordain
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Larry Townsend, family	PC
Laurie Boyce	PC
Lawson Roberts	PC
Linda Bradley	Susan W
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan Harms
Margaret Schultz	Marie Gunther
Marie G	Barb B.
Matt H	PC
Mike Harms	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Neal McLain	PC
Nicole Callahan	Sharon G.
Norman Colvin	Nancy
Piper	Heather W
Robert	Jordain
Roy Steven	Joyce
Sandra Villegas	Barb
Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Summer Railey, Family	PC
Sylvia Peter	PC
Teresa Condon	Michelle R
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi

- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces, especially those serving overseas.
- All who are undergoing treatment for serious illness.



# Giving Tree

## GIVING TREE IS COMING AGAIN!

### JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Every year we help needy families in the North Marion area at Christmas time. We will set up in the basement as we did last year since it was much more organized than it was previously. Below is a brief explanation and a calendar of times when we can use help.

### WHAT IS THE GIVING TREE ALL ABOUT?

#### WHO DO WE HELP?

**Congregation Members** contact Pastor Craig with names of families with children who need help at Christmas with their permission and gift information

**Transitional Shelter Family** if we have a family at the time  
**Families from North Marion School District** through the counselors

#### HOW DO WE DO IT?

We get gift suggestions from the families and try to fulfill their wishes. We give two clothing items and two toys, jewelry, etc. to children and two household items and perhaps one clothing item to parents. We provide Christmas dinner and staples for a month or more.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Check sign up to help with preparation of the Giving Tree and/or to sort and make shopping lists, shop, wrap gifts, prepare for delivery, deliver to families.

Donate money, separate from normal giving, designated "Giving Tree" to buy whatever is needed to complete the gifts and food donations. Place cash in a pew envelope and mark it Giving Tree or write Giving Tree on memo line of check and place in offering.



Zach Eggert	18
John Ries	18
Dillon Lockett	26
Karen Johnson	27



Larry & Ilene Marnella	17
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### Council Thanks!

Council thank you goes to North Marion Fellowship "Faith in Action" team for their help with the water storage.

### Joyful Servant Grant

If you received a Joyful Servant Grant in 2023, could you let us know how it went? Were funds spent or received? A sentence or two is fine.

Please email Marie Gunther at [blkbry@msn.com](mailto:blkbry@msn.com) or put a note in my box at church.

Thanks for your help.

**CALENDAR FOR 2023  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER GIVING TREE**

**11/12**

Early names from transitional and shelter Contact Lonnie Harms.

**11/13**

Get names from North Marion County School From Kiley Mehlbrech Bower.

**11/13-11/15**

Check to make sure lists are complete for each family.  
Have tags printed by Nancy Beyer, if agreeable.

**10/29/23-1/07/2024**

Money donations accepted. Designated donations to Giving Tree can collected in offering plate or on website.

**11/18**

Put tags together, do posters for food, how-to directions, and set up all Giving Tree area. (about 4 hours) TBA

**11/19- 12/3**

Giving Tree tags are available to be taken Sunday before Thanksgiving.  
Take tags, leave tracking portion, return wrapped gifts WITH ORIGINAL TAG taped to package.

**12/3**

Last day to take a tag.

**DEADLINE**

**12/10 Last day to return wrapped gifts and nonperishable food.**

**12/11**

Shop for unclaimed gift tags and nonperishable food.

**12/12 11:00-1:00 pm**

Wrap gift purchases, check to be sure we have all gifts;  
arrange for purchasing any missed gifts: organize nonperishable food on each family's table.

**12/22 3:00 to 6:00 pm**

Deliver perishable food to basement in a.m., sort onto family tables,  
and deliver 'Christmas' to families

**12/22 10:30 to 12:00 pm**

Deliver perishable food to church.

**12:00-3:00 pm**

Sort perishable food to each family table

**3:00-6:00 pm**

Deliver CHRISTMAS

To avoid confusion, only one family will be packed for delivery at a time.

*\* This all depends on getting complete lists as scheduled from North Marion.*





## How can I help? Current volunteer opportunities @ CLC

Name, Brief description	Primary time commitment (plus prep time or some meetings)	Primarily teamwork or solo?	Total People needed	Key Facts
<b>Altar Care,</b> Care for altar cloths, prepare & dispose of communion elements	<b>Sundays</b> , before & after worship; 1-month rotations	Solo	4-5	Important, behind-the-scenes way to contribute to worship.
<b>Backpack Buddies,</b> Sort and package food, possible delivery to school	<b>Midweek / days;</b> CLC has primary sorting every few weeks	Team	6	Food is distributed through North Marion Schools.
<b>Banner Care,</b> Hang banners to match liturgical emphases, place in storage	<b>Sundays</b> (or by agreement) every couple months	Small team	2-3	It helps to be good on a ladder!
<b>Building care,</b> Handle small maintenance or repair projects in the church or parsonage, OR manage professionals hired for larger tasks	<b>Weekdays</b>	Solo	5+	Hate the spotlight, but want to make sure our space functions as it should? This is your chance to help!
<b>Council,</b> Guide overall direction of the congregation, make financial decisions	<b>Monthly</b> , currently weekday evenings, plus involvement in congregation life	Team	6-8	The "business" side of church. Different backgrounds and interests are more than welcome, they're necessary!
<b>Emergency preparedness team,</b> Coordinate with synod and local planners	<b>Weekdays</b>	Team	4-5	Planning & stocking up help us help our neighbors when they need it most.
<b>Endowment team,</b> Manage endowed funds, including grant decisions	<b>Quarterly</b>	Team	5	Finding ways to match funding to needs: Money sense is good, but so is a heart for ministry
<b>Food bank team,</b> Coordinate with local mobile food bank	<b>Weekdays</b>	Solo or small team	1-2	Optimize food collections for distribution in Aurora, Hubbard, and North Marion Co.
<b>Garden,</b> Prep & harvest to share our bounty	<b>Seasonal, mostly weekdays</b>	Mostly solo	5+	Good for introverts & practical types.

<b>Giving Tree team,</b> Plan for and participate in annual food & gift distribution	<b>Planning: Fall &amp; Winter; Shopping, Sorting, etc: December weekdays</b>	Planning: Team; Other: Solo	Planning: 4-5; Other: Everyone!	We have ongoing relationships with N Marion schools & certain neighbors in need.
<b>Greeter,</b> Welcome people before service	<b>Sundays</b> , once a month or two, before worship	Solo or pairs	8+	A good match if you're friendly (or want to be) and like helping people.
<b>Hospitality host,</b> Set out goodies for after service	<b>Sundays</b>	Solo or in pairs	8 +	Other volunteers make the coffee. Once monthly, donuts are provided. 5-Sunday months: Final Sunday is a potluck.
<b>Music, including choir,</b> Sing, play an instrument	<b>Sundays</b>	Team	10+	Rusty skills get better through practice. Seasonal musicians also needed
<b>Mutual Ministry,</b> Listen to congregants, work with pastor	<b>Sundays,</b> Monthly meetings	Team	5+	In contrast to Council, this team primarily checks in with the overall sense of "how we're doing."
<b>Reader,</b> First scripture reading, occasional lessons-based services	<b>Sundays</b> , once a month or every two months during worship	Solo	8+	Hearing scripture in different voices can bring fresh insights.
<b>Usher,</b> Set up for worship, including access, candles, bulletins, in-worship duties	<b>Sundays</b> , once a month or two, before, during & after worship	Pairs	8+ pairs	A good match if you're friendly (or want to be) and like practical tasks.
<b>Volunteer Manager,</b> Match people's availability to needs	<b>Weekdays</b> , plus <b>Sunday</b> check-ins	Solo	2	Are you good with list management AND talking to people?

Don't see a ministry? Ask Pastor, a council or mutual ministry member!

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*November 2023*

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AURORA



**FALL BACK**

REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day	2	3	4
5 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings 10 am Worship 11:15 am 125th Anniversary Planning Team Meeting 7 pm AA	6 Pastor Craig at Bishop's Convocation in Newport	7 6 pm AA	8	9 9 am Backpack Buddies	10 6-8 pm "Welbriety" Recovery Support Group Begins	11
12 Pastor John Reutter-Harrah Pulpit Supply 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	13 Pastor Craig and Karen on Vacation	14 6 pm AA	15 3 pm Food Share	16 6:30 pm Council Meeting	17 10 am - 12 pm Creative Gathering 6-8 pm "Welbriety" Recovery Support Group	18
19 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	20	21 6 pm AA	22	23 Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed 6-8 pm "Welbriety" Recovery Support Group	25
26 10 am Worship 11:30 am Endowment Team 7 pm AA	27	28 3-5:00 pm North Marion Services Team Meeting, 6 pm AA	29	30		

## November Worship Helpers

### November 5

Greeter: Dick Kaegi  
 Reader: Dale Williamson  
 Ushers: Dale and Susan Williamson  
 Donuts: Carolyn Popma

### November 12

Reader: Mike Boonstra  
 Ushers: John and Lynn Ries  
 Coffee Host: Mary Wolfe

### November 19

Reader: Burt Aus  
 Ushers: Burt and Judi Aus  
 Coffee Hosts: Lynn Bloomfield and Lonnie Harms

### November 26

Reader: Lance Lyon  
 Usher: Lance Lyon  
 Coffee Host: Marie Gunther