November

2026 Newsletter

Sundays

Worship Service 9:30 am

Sunday School/ Bible study 10:30 am

Tuesdays

Celebrate Recovery meetings 5-8pm

Wednesdays

Confirmation class &

Woman's Bible study 5pm

2nd Monday

Bible study at Hickory Creek 10:30 am

Meetings

11/2/26	Elders	6pm
11/9/26	Education	6pm
	Finance	6:30pm
	Tech & Comm	7pm
11/16/26	Voters/ Election	7pm



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN

Daylight Savings time ends
November 1st
Remember to
change your clocks.

11/ Congregation Holiday dinner

11/15/26 Prayer Walk/Vigil
After Bible classes

11/26/26 Thanksgiving eve
service 7pm

Birthdays

Justice Kieninger 11/1

Joshua Price 11/8

Lois White 11/8

Gail Karas 11/21/

Juston Kieninger 11/27

Tammy Murray-Looker 11/27

Anniversaries

Ray & Marilyn Bagley 11/2

Robert & Sandra Sutton 11/14

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Why we practice closed communion.

What God says about Communion/Lord's Supper

John 6:52–56 ESV

*[52] The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" [53] So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. [54] Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. [55] **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. [56] Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.** [57] As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. [58] This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."*

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 ESV

*[23] For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This **is** my body which **is** for you. Do this **in remembrance of me**." [25] In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup **is** the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of me**." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

[27] Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. [28] Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [29] For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. *[30] That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. [31] But **if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.** [32] But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.*

Matthew 26:28 ESV

*[28] for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many **for the forgiveness of sins.***

Most people think that the Lords Supper is sharing a meal with our Lord Jesus. After you have read "What God says about communion," I hope you now believe you are having a meal of our Lord Jesus who gave His Body and Blood to be food of forgiveness and remembrance of how and why Jesus Christ gave up His Body and Blood for us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not die on the cross to just give us food and drink. Christ gave Himself up to suffering and dying on the cross to forgive all of our sins. And this, Christ did out of the love of our God who brings salvation to all whom He calls. Though God calls all to be His adopted children, only those who listen to the Holy Spirit and believe will inherit eternal life. One also has to realize that eternal life is also eternal relationship with our benevolent and loving God.

The question that most people have is, "Why cannot everybody take communion?" First realize that one does not need communion to be saved and have eternal life and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. There are serious qualifications in God's word before one can take the Lord's Supper. Again Read "What God says about communion."

These qualifications are why we (LCMS) have Catechism for our youth, new members who do not know Christ, and new members who come from different denominations. Not all denominations teach correctly the seriousness of taking the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior.

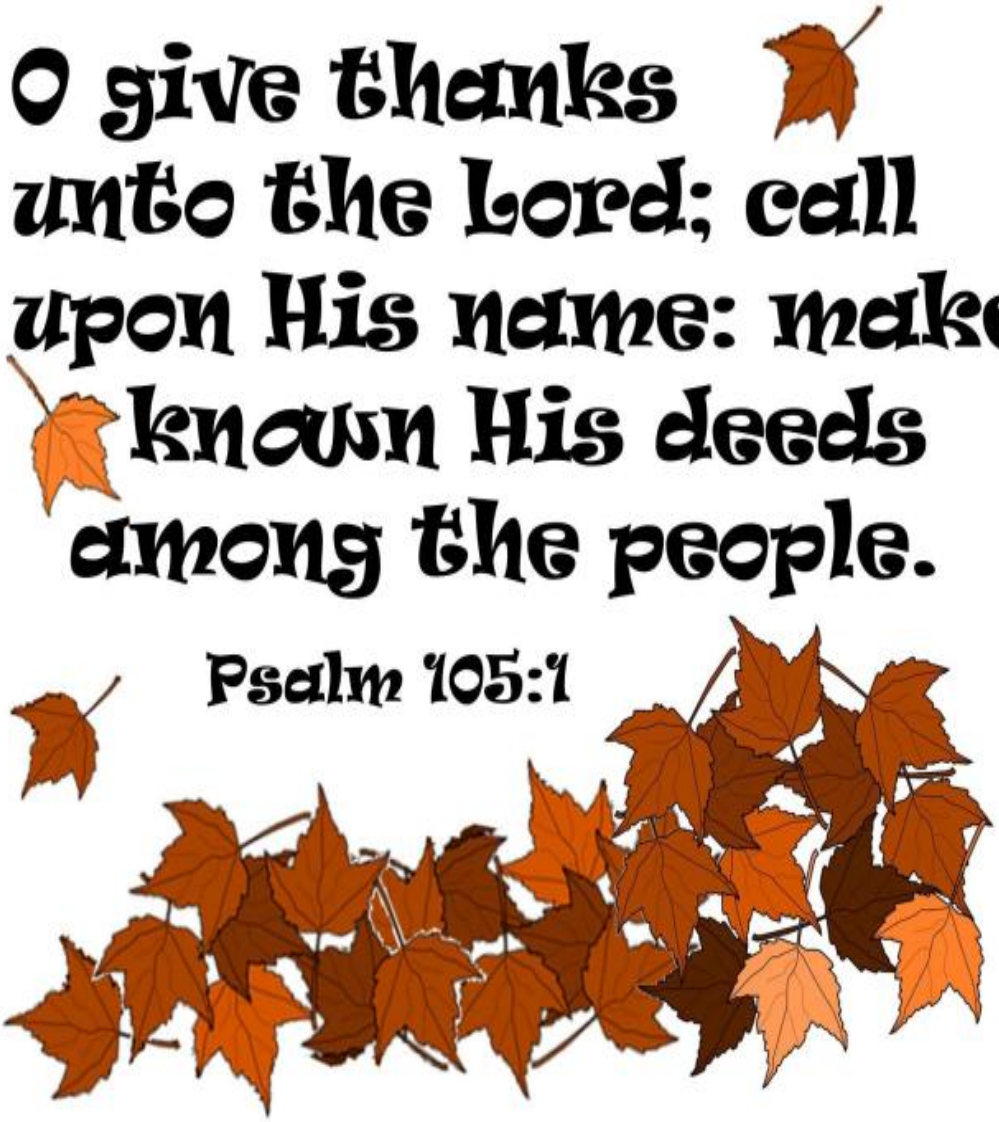
Without the proper knowledge and teaching of the Lord's Supper we would be allowing people to take it to their judgement. This is not in our hearts to see one be judged. This also brings judgement upon the pastor serving the Lord's Supper.

James 3:1 ESV *Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that **we who teach will be judged with greater strictness**.*

This is not about us or you, but rather about what our God wants for all believers.

John 3:17 ESV [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

There are many people in need this year, and our food pantry is very empty looking right now. Please consider donating non-perishable items to help out.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Spanish 8am C-Worship 9:30 Sun school 10:30	2 **Elders 6pm**	3 **CR 5-8pm**	4 **Conf class 5p** **Woman's bible 5pm**	5	6	7
8 Spanish 8am Worship 9:30 Sun school 10:30	9 **Hickorycreek bible 10:30am** Education 6pm Finance 6:30pm Tech 7pm	10 **CR 5-8pm**	11 **Conf class 5pm** **Woman's bible 5pm**	12	13	14
15 Spanish 8am C-Worship 9:30 Sun school 10:30 **Prayer Walk/vigil**	16 **Election 7pm**	17 **CR 5-8pm**	18 **Conf class 5pm** **Woman's bible 5pm**	19	20	21
22 Spanish 8am Worship 9:30 Sun school 10:30	23	24 **CR 5-8pm**	25 **Thanksgiving service 7pm**	26 Thanksgiving day Office Closed	27	28
29 Spanish 8am Worship 9:30 Sun school 10:30 **1st Sun in Advent**	30		No women's Bible study 11/25 to 12/31			*C-Communion* ***+Sacrificial Sun-*** *Extra giving opportunity*