



The Beacon

November 2025

The Chasm Widens

This past week, the dependable news outlets reported two stories happening simultaneously: The board of Tesla would comply with its founder Elon Musk's demand to be paid in shares of the company worth about \$1 trillion. Meanwhile, the Agriculture Department would not extend SNAP benefits (aka food stamps) to America's poorest families, even though there's enough money in emergency reserves, should the government shutdown extend into November.

\$1,000,000,000,000 for the world's richest man. \$0 for the 42 million Americans who depend on food stamps to buy groceries.

We have the money, we just won't share it, seems to be the mantra of the age. Jesus had a lot to say about serving the poor and sharing wealth, especially in stories recalled by Luke. Even before his birth, Mary's "Magnificat" extols God's plan: "he has fed the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:46-55). Jesus begins his ministry (Luke 4) by preaching on Isaiah 61, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."

Several of the parables we read over the summer and fall, such as The Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21) who tears down his barns to keep his bumper crop, or the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) separated in both life and death by a great chasm, aim to get us thinking about "kingdom values." He preached words like "You cannot serve God and Mammon (wealth)."

I can't see Elon Musk writing checks to the nation's poor; nor any of the other "tech billionaires." No Gospel message has informed their actions in the past. It's up to us, the people who listen to Jesus and are moved to respond. How do we make the kingdom of heaven more visible to those in our community who are going hungry?

Our Outreach Committee is gearing up for holiday extras like Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. You'll hear more about those. But families will need more than one good meal a month. So if you see opportunities to serve the hungry and to share from your abundance, let St Jude's know and we'll spread the word. When you shop, grab a couple of extra canned goods, boxes of cereal or jars of

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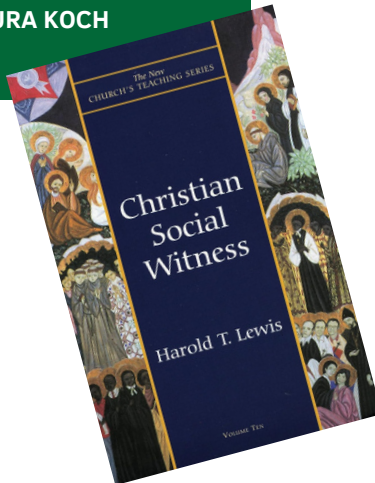
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peanut butter, and take it over to First Presbyterian across the street for their emergency cupboard, or First Methodist on Leroy St. for their major food pantry. Or drop them off outside our Basic Neds pantry on the lower level, and they will be taken by the elves to the right place.

In times like these, it's dangerous to our souls to do nothing. So let's do something, together.

Faithfully,

Susan

Imperfect Club on Nov. 13

We're reading "Christian Social Witness" by Dr Harold Lewis, an African American Episcopal priest and seminary professor. On Nov. 13 at 7 pm, our next gathering, we'll discuss chapters 2-4. What lies behind our church's Baptismal Covenant promises to strive for justice and peace, seek and serve Christ in all persons, and love our neighbors as ourselves? We didn't invent these in 1976 for our "new" BCP. Learn about our Anglican heritage as we make our way through this short book. Get the book and join us!

November Birthdays

- 1st Eleanor Sailus
- 5th Audrey Norred
Doug Hill
- 6th Dustin Rayner
- 10th Katherine Knott
- 11th Greg Forsyth
Raquel Gazzi
Arthur Pennington
- 12th Harry Chciuk
- 18th Ann Minock
- 19th Mary Ellen Hazell
Rita Repko
- 20th Barb Goss
- 21st Jon Burroughs
- 22nd Ellen Tripp
- 23rd Sarah Dolza
- 27th Annette Boyd

Advent Tea

Mark your calendar, our annual Advent by Candlelight Tea will be on **Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m.** Please sign up on the bulletin board as soon as possible, so that we know how many guests we can accommodate. Sign-up for potluck dish to pass will be displayed soon. **A planning meeting for hostesses will be on Sunday, November 16th after the 10:30 service.**



November Anniversaries

- 9th Clay & Diane
Putnam (46th)
- 14th Jerry & Joan
Graham (72nd)
Chet & Mary Louise
Susalla (44th)

Thanksgiving Service Project on Nov. 23

Mark your calendar for November 23 at 4 pm, for the annual Thanksgiving service event, held this year at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14176 Fenton Road, 2.2 miles to our north. The clergy are planning a larger “worship” component, to emphasize our gratitude to God while we sort and pack up donations of children’s pajamas (sizes from toddlers to teens) headed to Crossover Outreach Ministries in Flint. We will put a PJ collection box in Vandenberg Hall!



JOIN US FOR OUR

5th Annual

CRAFT SHOW & Holiday Bazaar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 4-9 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 9 AM - 3 PM

\$3 Admission

50/50 Raffles & Door Prizes

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Sign up to help with the craft show on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall, spread the word and come to shop! Proceeds this year go toward the building and grounds fund.

Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", October 13th edition

Gratitude to God

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34



Canada and the island of Saint Lucia celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday in October. Liberia sets aside a day for giving thanks at the beginning of November, while the United States and Australia mark the annual holiday at the end of the month. Other countries, including the United Kingdom, Brazil, Rwanda, and the Philippines, have unofficial days to foster gratitude.

There's something powerful about a nation collectively expressing gratitude. It's a picture we see when King David assembled the nation of Israel to give thanks to God for His presence, protection, and promises. The celebration marked the return of the "ark of God" (1 Chronicles 16:1). The people rejoiced that the ark, a

symbol of God's presence with them, was in Jerusalem. As David led Israel in praise, he reminded them of God's protection as the nation conquered the land of Canaan (vv. 18-22) and celebrated His faithfulness to fulfill His promises (v. 15).

If you celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family, consider making it a gratitude gathering and reflecting together on the ways you've experienced God's presence, protection, and promises over the past year. Whether or not you live in a country that officially celebrates Thanksgiving, each of us can take time to "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (v. 34).

By Lisa M. Samra

Reflect & Pray

How have you experienced God's presence, protection, or promises? How can you express gratitude?

Dear God, please cultivate within me a spirit of gratitude as I remember all You've done.

Upcoming Events to Note in November

Tues. 11/4

1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thurs. 11/6

2 pm: Organ Tuning

Friday, 11/7

4-9 pm: 5th Annual Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, 11/8

9 am - 3 pm: 5th Annual Crafts Show & Holiday Bazaar

Wed. 11/12

1 pm: Outreach
4:30 pm: Worship Committee
7 pm: Finance Committee

Thurs. 11/13

7 pm: Imperfect Club

Sat. 11/15

9:30 am: Building & Grounds Committee

Tues. 11/18

1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wed. 11/19

7 pm: Vestry

Sun. 11/23

Community Thanksgiving Service Project

Thurs. 11/27

Thanksgiving - Church office closed



Christmas Families

Giving Opportunities for You in December 2025

Dear St. Jude's caring and sharing family,

It's doesn't seem possible, but it's that time of the year to think about Christmas. The Outreach Ministry hopes to provide gifts for families in our community, in Family Promise and FARR, and in the pantry, to help them celebrate their Christmas. With your help and support, we can reach out to those in need.

We are again asking for gift cards allowing each family the opportunity to purchase and wrap gifts for their own family. This year we are asking for donations of gift cards from Walmart, Meijer's and Target. We are hoping to give each person \$100 dollars to spend.

Something new this year! We will have a giving "tree" on a bulletin board with cards noting different dollar amounts. Just pick a card off the "tree" and purchase gift cards in that amount.

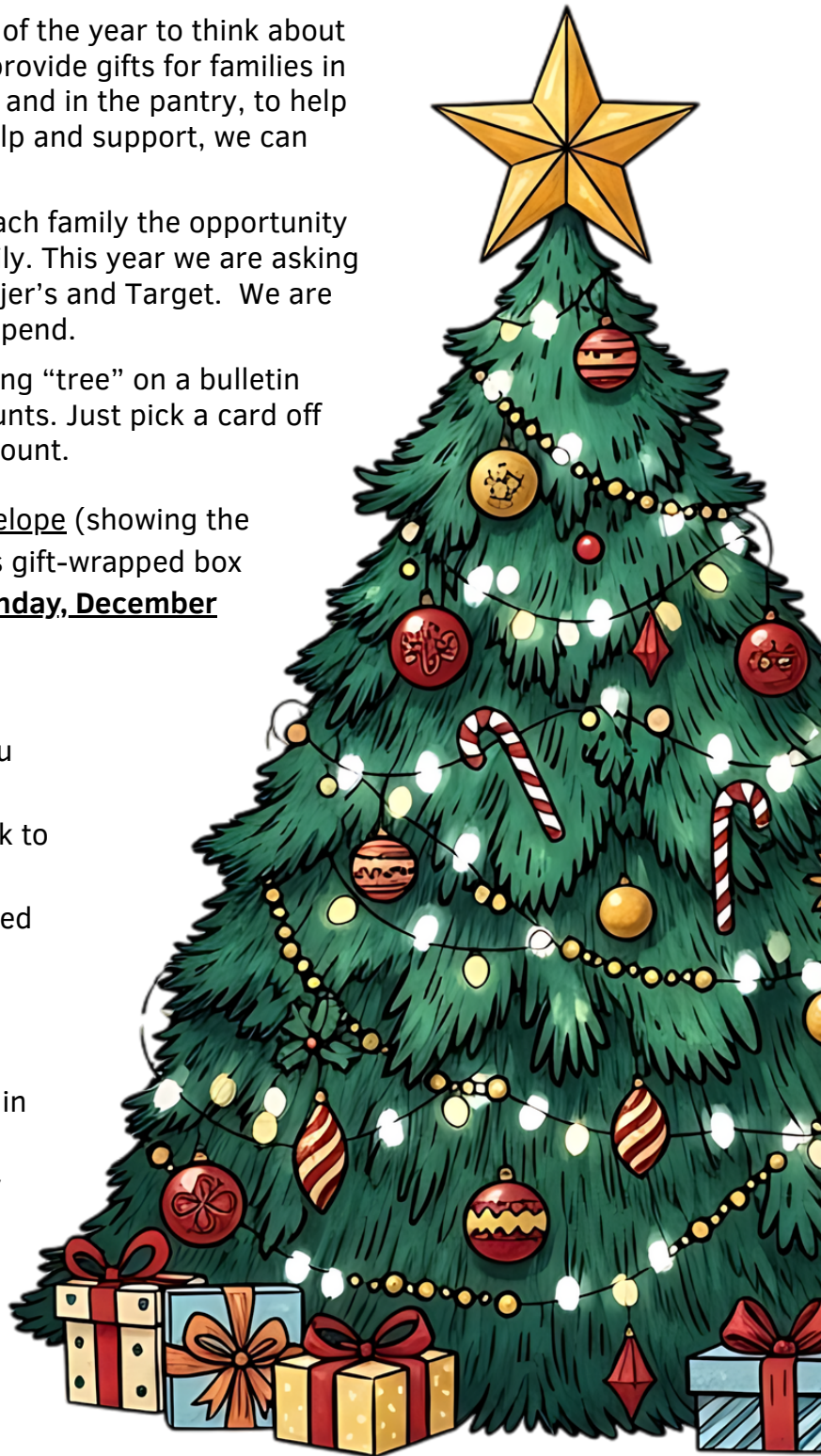
Please submit your gift cards in a sealed envelope (showing the **cash value**, and **your name**) in the Christmas gift-wrapped box on the coffee hour table. The **deadline is Sunday, December 7th.**

As an alternative to purchasing gift cards, you may prefer to **donate money** to help our Christmas Families. If so, please write a check to St. Jude's, and note on the check memo line: "Christmas Families." Your check can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Donations could also be made on-line under Christmas Families.

Thank you for your generosity to help others in our community! Please call Mike and Judy Marinco and Clay and Diane Putnam with any questions.

Christmas Family Committee Members:

Sharon Aldrich
Mike and Judy Marinco
Clay and Diane Putnam
Dave and Denise Rayner



WORSHIP LEADERS for November 2025

Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	2 nd Chalice	Reader	Intercessor	Ushers	Altar Guild	Vestry Person of the Day	Live - Streamer	Coffee Hour Host(s)
<u>November 2</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Amy Freeman	Dee Grossmann	Mary Louise Susalla	Dave & Denise Rayner	Mary Louise S, Diane H.	Heather Ludwig	Paul Dolza	Mehgan & Dustin Rayner
<u>November 9</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Mary Louise Susalla	Paul Dolza	Nancy Day	Dolores Ruby	Charlie J. Jeff Wood	Dee G. Lisa Cronk	Dave Rayner	Dave Rayner	The Andersons
<u>November 16</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Mary Jo Schultz								
Dee Grossmann	Clay Putnam	Pedro Melchor	Dave Rayner	Lisa and Kelly Cronk	Terri H., Francine J.	Paul Dolza	Dave James	Heather Ludwig
<u>November 23</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Clay Putnam	Mary Louise Susalla	Ellen Tripp	Dolores Ruby	Nancy Day, Lynne R.	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk	Dave James	Lynn Hopper	Ellen Tripp
<u>November 30</u>								
Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Dee Grossmann	Debbie James	Denise Rayner	Dave & Deb James	Dee G. Lisa Cronk	Sue Premo	Paul Dolza	??

Monday Office Volunteer(s):

3rd - Heather Ludwig
 10th - Francine Johnston
 17th - Judy Marincio
 24th - Heather Ludwig

Thurs. Office Volunteer(s):

6th - Ellen Tripp
 13th - Nancy Day
 20th - Lynne Ronthi
 27th - Thanksgiving



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VESTRY

2026

Bill Anderson

Paul Dolza

Heather Ludwig

Dave Rayner

2027

Doug Hill

Dave James

2028

Charles Johnston

Sue Premo

Megan Rosa-Norred

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Dave & Debbie James

Alternates: Paul & Sarah Dolza