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NOVEMBER 2025 - MESSENGER

Thankful Perspective

Erma Bombeck once wrote about an eight-year-old named Christina. She had cancer of the nervous system. When someone asked the child what she wanted for her birthday, she gave it some thought and said, "I don't know. I have two sticker books and a Cabbage Patch doll. I have everything!" Christina wasn't focused on what didn't have, but on what she did have.

We can always think of things that we would like to be different or about what we wish was ours. The challenge is to be thankful for what is already ours. And what is that?

Martin Luther, in his explanation to the first article of the Apostles Creed writes, "I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil."

The Lord is our great provider. And this is not just in reference to our physical needs, but every spiritual need as well. With the Lord, we lack nothing!

This is not to say that there aren't things that we'd like to be different. We, like Christina, have problems that ail us, whether it be something that has to do with our health or any number of other issues. Chief among these is the disease of sin. We are corrupted and infected with it. No treatment of man is able to rid it from our lives.

But we do know someone who can. Jesus Christ is the Great Physician of soul and body. By His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, we are restored and made well. And because of this we are thankful.

May we, in this season of Thanksgiving and throughout the year, look not so much at what seems to be missing, but on what is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord. Because of Him, we like Christina, can truly say, "I have everything!"

Knowing Christ and making Him known,

Pastor Chris

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Church Office Deadlines:

For the weekly Sunday bulletin Wednesdays @ Noon. (Mondays @ Noon if it is a holiday week) For the Monthly Messenger the deadline is the 15th of every month.

For Church Council meetings: the Wednesday before the Sunday meeting date. Email: stjohnhamlin@outlook.com

Check out our website for Daily Inspiration, Sunday Messages, Worship Bulletins & Monthly Newsletter: stjohnhamlin.org

Due to Pastor's busy schedule, if you make an appointment with him in passing, please confirm the appointment with MaryAnn in the Office. Thank you!

Worship News for November

All Saints will be celebrated on November 2nd. The last Sundays after Pentecost are November 9th and 16th. Also, on November 9th at 7 PM will be our Military service to honor our service people and veterans. November 23rd is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. We will have a Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 27th at 9:30 AM. Come and thank our God for all His many blessings. November has a fifth Sunday with one service at 9:30 AM. It is the First Sunday in Advent.

Mission Outreach Information

It may seem early, but the Altar Guild will be orders for cyclamens and poinsettias until Monday, November, 10th. On Sunday, November 30 after church, the Mission Team will host a soup and salad bar luncheon. There is only one service that day. Sign-up sheets will be going up soon. More details coming.

The mission team will also start taking orders for Christmas decorations on Sunday, November 9th.

A big shout out thank you to ALL who donated and picked fresh produce and made the beautiful handmade items for the Quilter's booth, and then readied and worked at our very successful Fall Festival! Thank you so much to the many bakers who offered up yummy goodies for the Bakery booth! We want to especially thank all who donated items for the rummage sale. The variety, quality, and quantity was outstanding!

Additional thanks go to all who sorted and priced hundreds of items, helped bring up items from the basement, arranged and worked at the sale and then packed up leftovers! Countless hours were spent by these faithful helpers to ready and work the days of this festival! THANKS to all of you!

2025 Fall Festival Committee

Thrivent members: The Mission Committee would appreciate your help. If you'd like to write a grant to fund shopping for an upcoming outreach in Rochester, please see Marilyn Rowell (585-278-4993) or any committee member. You have two opportunities per year to write grants and they're easy to do online or by phone! Thanks.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - If you have a friend or relative who is going through a "tough time" and would appreciate a prayer shawl, please call the church office or Cherie Rockow at 964-3179 or Cindy Smith 964-3772. If you would like to join us in this ministry, patterns and yarn are available. Call Cherie or Cindy for information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

United States Air Force Contact Person:

Andy Smith - 964-3772 / asmith240@rochester.rr.com

Seth Bolon	Thomas Harley	Joel Hebert	Jacob Knapp
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Michael Lintz	Brett Schickler	Andrew Trely	Lydia Clark
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Reserves: Kevin Smith

United States Army

Lee Bellows	William Bernreuther	Dan Cappuzzo
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Michael Cappuzzo	Kyle Ketcham	Raymond Nichols
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United States Army National Guard

Jeremiah Graupman	Wanda Graupman	Nick Hamilton
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Olin Miller	Moiria Rath
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Jim Raymond - 410-3714/ raymondJim65@yahoo.com

Nate Bill	Malcolm Elder	Jonathon Fico
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Clayton Leverenz	Reserves: Luke Rath
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Derek D. Wilson

2025 CHRISTMAS PLANTS ORDER FORM

ALL 6" POTS / PRICE \$10.00 EACH

Deadline Sunday, November 9, 2025

Please choose & indicate how many:

POINSETTIAS

Red _____

White _____

Pink _____

CYCLAMEN

Red _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of person ordering: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Please make checks payable to:

"St. John - Altar Guild"

Questions? Contact Linda Marshall, 585-287-1172

ST JOHN ANNUAL MILITARY SERVICE HONORING OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OUR COUNTRY



We invite you to join us as we salute and pay tribute to our Men and Women currently serving, our Veterans, and to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sunday November 09th at 7:00 pm.

St John Lutheran Church, 1107 Lake Road West fork. Hamlin,NY

Pastor Christian Bode will lead us in a service of prayer and praise

Patriotic music theme presented by:

The St John Celebration Ringers

The Adult Choir

The Praise Team

Pastor Bode is playing Taps

refreshments to follow in the gym

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BIRTHDAYS

November 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 RANDY BAASE DIANE STAAB
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends HANNAH LENZ GAVIN LEVERENZ	3 KIRSTIN PENDERS	4 Election Day MITCHELL NEWMAN	5	6 CHRIS MARSHALL	7	8
9 PAUL RATH BILL ROCKOW	10 LAURIE BAASE CHARLOTTE WILER	11 Veterans Day BONNIE WRIGHT	12 YVONNE MACMASTER	13 ANTHONY BEGEMANN VERNA KEYES	14 MICHAEL DAVIS	15 THOMAS ELPHICK KAREN LIDDIARD
16 MARTY GRAHAM	17 DAN FOOS	18	19 ABBY BARRETT CORKY BEADLE	20 MARK BODE SUSAN JOHNSON	21 MARK WOLCK	22 JAMI ROSE
23	24	25 AMELIA VANDUZEE	26 MILES BLISS DOUG LEIDIG RACHEL LEVERENZ LYNNE MAIER KIM PUTNAM	27 Thanksgiving Day MARY GRACE GRAHAM	28	29
30 GREG OPHARDT CARL RATH						

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FACILITY SCHEDULE

November 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30 / 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & SS NOON CHURCH COUNCIL MTG.	3 9:00 AM FINANCE 7:00 PM WORSHIP MTG.	4 Election Day 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	5 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	6 10:00 AM HAMLIN REC. / BOWLING	7 3:30 PM WEDDING REHEARSAL	8 2:00 PM WEDDING GRUTTADAURO / MCCANDLESS
9 8:30 / 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM VOTERS MTG. DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS PLANT ORDERS 7:00 PM MILITARY SERVICE	10 6:30 PM DORCAS MTG.	11 Veterans Day 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 6:45 PM HAND BELLS 7:00 PM ELDERS	12 8:30 AM FINANCE 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM QUILTERS 6:30 PM GYM RESERVED 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	13 10:00 AM HAMLIN REC. / BOWLING 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB	14	15
16 8:30 / 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & SS 151 ST ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S	17 9:00 AM FINANCE	18 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	19 8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST @ FARMER'S TABLE 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	20 10:00 AM HAMLIN REC. / BOWLING 6:30 PM MISSION MTG.	21	22 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM GYM, MEETING RM, & BOWLING ALLEY RESEVERED 1:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH IN ROCHESTER
23 8:30 / 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES 9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & SS	24	25 8:30 AM PRAYER GROUP 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY 6:45 PM HAND BELLS	26 8:30 AM FINANCE 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	27 Thanksgiving Day 9:30 AM THANKSGIVING SERVICE	28	29 KITCHEN & GYM RESERVED FOR MISSION COMMITTEE
30 9:30 AM SERVICE BRUNCH AFTER SERVICE SPONSORED BY MISSION COMMITTEE						

