***CHURCH* CHAT**

(Any or all information is subject to change without notification)



 **ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

* Nov 24 Sunday Stewardship Sunday
* Nov 24 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – Christian Nationalism
* Nov 24 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service - Noisy Offering
* Nov 25 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
* Nov 25 Monday 25th Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th volunteer in the office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. (Diane is on vacation)
* Nov 28 Thursday Office Closed Thanksgiving Day
* Nov 29 Friday Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday Pastor Off
* Nov 30 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* Dec 01 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – “Do Not Fear”
* Dec 01 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-Communion Sunday-1st Sunday of Advent
* Dec 01 Sunday after Worship-Hanging of the Greens
* Dec 02 Monday **PASTOR OFF and OFFICE CLOSED**
* Dec 03 Tuesday Office open regular hours
* Dec 03 Tuesday 2 p.m. Personnel meeting in the library
* Dec 03 Tuesday 6-7 p.m. PFLAG
* Dec 04 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds meeting
* Dec 04 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Nov & Dec Session meeting
* Dec 05 Thursday 4:30 p.m. Mission meeting in the library
* Dec 05 Thursday 5:30-7 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
* Dec 06 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
* Dec 06 Friday 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Dunebrook
* Dec 07 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* Dec 08 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – “Do Not Fear”
* Dec 08 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service 2nd Sunday of Advent
* Dec 08 Sunday Teens and Tweens meet after worship
* Dec 09 Monday **PASTOR OFF**

**TODAY IS THE DAY!**

We will all make our commitment to God’s mission by putting Grace into Action! Please place your pledge for 2025 in the wooden church at the end of service. If you prefer, you can scan the QR code to pledge on-line.

Thank you,

Finance Committee

**CHURCH MICE**

Franklin Pest control was in on Tuesday for our monthly service. He told me that all the live bait containers on the main floor where totally empty. As you know this is the time of the year they will be coming inside to get out of the cold and to find food. With this said, PLEASE PLEASE clean up after yourself, meaning do not leave food out on any counters, tables etc. Also please take trash containing food outside to the trash bins. The live bait traps are working because we have found a dead mouse. Thank you for your cooperation. Building & Grounds.

**CHURCH CLEANING SERVICE**

The cleaning service will be on vacation beginning December 3rd through December 14th. During this time it is extremely important that you pick up after yourself and please take all trash to the outside bins. Thank you.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Diane, Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation November 25th, 26th and 27th. There will be a volunteer in the office on those days answering phones and helping walk-ins from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The office will be closed on November 28th, 29th and December 2nd for Thanksgiving holiday.

Normal hours will begin again on December 3rd.

Thank you and have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

arbara Vinson

Our friend Barb Vinson has had health issues for quite some time and is

recuperating at Regency Hospital in Portage. She is ready for visitors, two at

a time, and we hope some of you will be able to make the trip to Portage to

spend some time with her. The address is Northwest Health,

3630 Willowcreek Road, Portage, 46368. Regency, where she is staying, is

on the third floor and she is in room 3308. Also, if any of you would be

available to sit with Barb from 5 PM-8 PM on any given day so that Brock

can run errands and possibly go home for a bit he would be greatly

appreciative. See Peggy McAnally if you have questions or want directio

**ELEVATOR BRICK FUNDRAISER**

For over fifty years, our heritage garden has been a resurrection symbol of new life and of welcome, as each spring its buds peek up from the ground, even after the harshest of winters. In all seasons, it is the place where our visitors enter our building for the first time.
The garden's brick path will soon represent the confident hope that, with a refurbished elevator, we will continue to tell the resurrection story to ALL. Each contribution to the brick fundraiser will be directed to our elevator fund. The cost is $100.00 per brick. With this link, you are invited to enter the words you would like to be written on your brick. You may choose to make your payment online, or you can bring or send your check to 121 W 9th Street Michigan City, IN 46360 .

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**ELEVATE OUR WELCOME**

**CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN**

**TARGET**: $150,000.00 (100%)

**CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED** $59,777.00 (39.7%)

**GRANT**$50,000.00 (33.3%)

 **ACHIEVED WITH GRANT** $109,777.00 (73%)

**The elevator work is coming to an end and payments will need to be made.**

 **Remember, this project will come in around $150,000. So if you haven’t fulfilled**

 **your pledge, or would like to give to this project, please turn in your gifts to the office soon and note that they are for the elevator project. Thank you so much**!

**MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH**

A Season of PEACE is an Advent daily devotional targeting seniors. The large print readings each day by various authors help seniors reflect on the spiritual experiences of Advent, both past and present. The Outreach Committee has a few extra copies and encourages anyone who is interested to purchase a copy for $2.00. See, Marilyn or Judy with money in hand. They are available until gone.

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This year’s Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on **Sunday, November 24** during worship. For members and friends who primarily give through personalized envelopes, the envelope will say “Thanksgiving Offering” on it. All of the proceeds from this collection fund the vast majority of our Thanksgiving Baskets program.

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” —2 Corinthians 9:7*

**ART DISPLAY**

Please stop into the Edith Boyd Lounge to see the paper sculptures hanging on the walls. These are the work of our very own, Patty Mershon Schaefer. Thank you Patty for sharing your talent with us!



**FOOD SUPPLY ITEM OF THE MONTH**

+++ Plastic Spoons +++

Plastic spoon donations are collected on the small table near the choir robe and coat racks in the Narthex area. Monetary donations are always welcome to the Soup Kitchen Fund. *Thank you for your generous support and prayers.*

**MESSIAH CONCERT**

This year all activities will be at St. Mary, Immaculate Conception located at 10th & Buffalo Streets, Michigan City, Indiana on December 14th and December 15th. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with more information. You can also visit their website at MCMessiah.org

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Currently we have the following dates open:

, December 1 and December 8.

If you are interested, please contact the office. The cost is $35.00 per date

**2024 Per Capita**

As we all know time is flying by and 2024 is nearing the end. If you have not paid your 2024 Per Capita, there is still time. The amount is $43.62 per person. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF 2025 PER CAPITA**

2025 Per Capita $44.66

The breakdown is as follows:

Synod of Lincoln Trails: $3.81

General Assembly: $10.84

Wabash Valley: $30.01

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