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All Saints Day



All Saints Day will be commemorated on Sunday, November 5th. We will be remembering those who have passed away since last All Saints Day. Those being remembered will be Corinne Robinson, Mary Ottiwell and Norm Schiesser.

Thanksgiving Dinner

In the spirit of fellowship, we would like to invite you all to join together to praise God and thank Him for all of our blessings at our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner after service on Sunday, November 19th.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall so that we don't end up with 10 green bean casseroles. We will need 2 turkeys, if anyone would like to provide that. There is also a ham still in the freezer at the church that we earmarked for this dinner if anyone would like to take it home and glaze it. If you are unable to make anything, please join us for the meal.



Peace in Christ,

Linda and Sharon, Fellowship



Don't forget our Rummage Sale November 1st through the 4th. Scheduled times are 8:00-6:00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 8:00-3:00 on Saturday. Hundreds of items including kitchen ware, books, jewelry, holiday décor and other treasures. See you there!

Election of Officers



Election of officers will be on Sunday, November 19th, immediately following worship. The nominating committee will present the following nominees for the class of 2026: Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer and Charles Franks. Plan to attend as a part of conducting the business of the church.

Ham and Bean Dinner



Thank you to everyone who helped make our ham and bean feed a success! The work was worth it, the cashiers, the servers, the people who donated desserts or money, the people who cooked, and people who cleaned up. I think we make a good team

Linda and Sharon, Fellowship



Communion will be celebrated on November 5th



November 7th is election day. Voting is a privilege so exercise your right to vote. St. Andrews is a voting facility. The Fellowship Hall will be occupied from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please be aware of this if you plan on being in the building that day.



Contributed by Susan K. William

SAUSAGE, POTATO, AND CARROT BAKE

6 to 8 ounces of Kielbasa, cut into large bite-size pieces

2 to 4 red potatoes, cut into large bite-size pieces

2 or 3 whole carrots, peeled and cut into large bite-size pieces

1/2 cup chopped onion, or to taste.

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, or to taste

1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste

2 Tablespoons olive or canola oil

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In large bowl, whisk seasonings into olive oil. Add Kielbasa, potatoes, carrots, and onion; toss to coat. Transfer to large covered baking dish.

Bake, covered, 35 to 45 minutes until potatoes and carrots are completely cooked and tender.

I like Ekrich® skinless Kielbasa. It comes in a 14-ounce package containing two logs, so I use one and freeze the other for later use.

Doorstep Mission Needs



What seems to be the big story this year has been the sharp increased need for food assistance in our community and here at Doorstep. Our original budget for food purchases in 2023 was \$8,000 because that had been the average for the past several years when paired with donations of food. Our actual food purchases by year-end will likely be \$50,000 or more. The need is up, prices are up, and donations of food items have been down creating our current situation. When you go to the store, or order food to pick up, if you are able to help please remember Doorstep and get a few extra items for us to give to your neighbors in need as well.

We have reached that time of year again when Doorstep turns much of our focus towards our Christmas Adoption Project. Again, this year we will adopt 260 households from the Christmas Bureau applications. This amounts to over 800 individuals that we will provide Christmas gifts, food, blankets, hygiene items and gift cards. But we cannot do that without the help of our member congregations, individuals, and community groups.

Items we currently need donated for Christmas are: (NEW)

Queen and King Size Blankets (New): Please NO THROWS.
We need a total of 260 to provide at least one to each household!

Full-Size Hygiene Items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razors, Brushes and Combs

Household Items: Griddles, Silverware Sets, Dish Sets, Cookware – Sauce Pans, Sheet Sets (Queen & King), Small Laundry Baskets with cleaning supplies (All-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner) (new)

Gifts: Tool Sets, Cologne & Perfume Sets, Body Care Sets (men/women)

Toys & Games: Nerf Guns, Lego Sets, Action Figures, Dinosaur toys, Family Board Games, Puzzles, 'Barbie the movie' toys

Hoodies: Men/Women/Teens – Varying sizes (Medium – 4X), colors, designs, sports teams, or plain

Monetary Donations: to purchase food, gift cards and items we're lacking

November 2023 LECTIONARY READINGS

All Saints' Day—November 1 Revelation 7:9–17 Psalm 34:1–10,
22 1 John 3:1–3 Matthew 5:1–12

Sunday, November 5 Joshua 3:7–17 Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37
Thessalonians 2:9–13 Matthew 23:1–12

Sunday, November 12 Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 Psalm 78:1–7
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Matthew 25:1–13

Sunday, November 19 Judges 4:1–7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew
25:14–30

Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 26 Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 Psalm
100 or Psalm 95:1–7a Ephesians 1:15–23 Matthew 25:31–46



November Birthdays



Kaylin McDaniels, November 3rd
Emily DeShazer, November 9th
Helen Jackson, November 9th
Dolores Wilmers, November 12th
Cora Carr, November 12th
Larry William, November 13th
Myron Wilson, November 18th
Tom Luedke, November 22nd

None shown for November.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 5th. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.



Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11th. Remember those men and women who have served this country with their military service.



Caring for our Members and Friends



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jan Rice, Jo Ann Miller, Kaylin McDaniels, Karen Beckley, Don and Suzie Marker, Judy Morton, Russ Beall.

Keeping in our prayers: Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly

Remember all who serve-our service men and women, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel. Prayers for the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers for the victims of the Israel-Palestinian War, families of those killed and hostages. Pray for peace.

Victims of the killings throughout the country, especially in Lewiston, Maine this past week.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-October 15, 2023

[P] '25 Dean Robinson [P] '24 Sharon McDaniels [P] '23 Betty DeShazer
[P] '25 Larry William [P] '24 Linda Ozaki [P] '23 Bill DeShazer
[P] '25 Jan Rice [A] '24 Stephanie Reynolds [P] '23 Charles Frank

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
[A] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Income and expenses normal for month of September.

Approximately \$1,000 received in on-line or marketplace sales during September for rummage sale.

Linda has completed a prayer shawl; working on another one.

Poinsettias will be \$9.00 this year.

Repair work done on AC unit servicing the Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving potluck dinner following worship on November 19th.

Election of officers will be November 19th.

Next session meeting is November 12th following worship.

Next communion will be November 5th.

A Few Notes on Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2023 occurs on Thursday, November 23. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the Native American Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme “Mary Had a Little Lamb”—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians, earning her the nickname the “Mother of Thanksgiving.”

Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to “commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” and to “heal the wounds of the nation.”

He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939 when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt’s plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving

November 2023						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Rummage Sale	2 Rummage Sale	3 Kaylin McDaniels B'day Rummage Sale	4 Presbytery at Ellsworth Rummage Sale
5 Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 Election Day	8	9 Helen Jackson B'day Emily DeShazer B'day	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Session Dolores Wilmers B'day Cora Carr B'day	13 Larry William B'day	14	15	16	17	18 Myron Wilson B'day
19 Election of Officers Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner	20	21	22 Tom Luedke B'day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	December 3 rd . is the first Sunday in Advent	

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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Bible Study Sunday, 10:15 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

