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"Give Thanks!"



Kent Crockett in THE 911 HANDBOOK tells about a woman named Carol who decided she wanted to do something nice for her neighbor, Mrs. Smith, so she baked a pie and carried it next door. When Mrs. Smith opened up her door, she was surprised to see Carol holding the pie. She replied, "For me? Oh, thank you so much! You just don't know how much I appreciate it! You are so thoughtful for doing this! Thank you!"

Because Mrs. Smith liked the pie so much, Carol decided the next week to bake her another one. When she took it over, Mrs. Smith opened the door and said, "Thank you so much. You are so k i n d !"

When she took another pie over the following week, Mrs. Smith simply replied, "Thanks."

Carol took another pie over the next week and Mrs. Smith responded, "You are a day late with t h a t p i e ."

The following week she baked her another pie. This time her neighbor said, "Try using a little more sugar and don't bake it quite as long. The crust has been a little bit hard lately. And I'd like cherry instead of apple filling next time."

The next week Carol was so busy, she was unable to cook for

her neighbor. When Carol passed by her house on the way to the



store, Mrs. Smith looked through the window and noticed she wasn't carrying a pie. She then stuck her head out the window and yelled, "Where's my pie?!"

"It's so easy to get used to our blessings," says Crockett. "After enjoying them for a while, we begin to think we deserve them. Then instead of being thankful, we start complaining. It's a process that occurs so slowly, we don't even realize it's happening. Our attitude has changed from being grateful to ungrateful."

And so it is so often with us. How often have we failed to have an attitude of gratitude when it comes to all the many blessing our

Lord bestows upon us each day. And yet even with that said God in His grace calls out to us and He encourages us to repent of our thankless living. Through the power of His Spirit and His life-changing gift of forgiveness He enables and encourages us to give Him thanks daily with grateful hearts.

Giving thanks to God for you and with you,

Pastor Bertell



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship
9:00 AM

Fellowship
10:00 AM

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Missionary to Speak

We will be blessed to have our adopted Missionary, Shara Osiro, share how God is using her as LCMS regional manager for Eastern and Southern Africa on **Nov. 3rd at 10:30am**. After her talk she will answer our questions. It will be exciting to have Shara and Michael with us.



October LWML Information

The LWML will meet on Thursday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m. The topic will be given by Pastor Birtell and will be taken from the fall *Quarterly*. For roll call members will be asked to tell of things for which they are thankful, The hostess will be Karen Riedel. All ladies are welcome to attend.



Meals On Wheels

Mt. Olive's next Meals on Wheels week is Nov. 18-22. Consider volunteering. Contact Candy Koepke at (605-881-0714), kanescandy917@gmail.com or after church service, with any questions or to say "I will deliver meals."



Sunday School Christmas Program.

Mark your calendars, the Sunday School Christmas program is scheduled for **December 15th** starting at **5 pm** with a supper following served by the Teens.

MT. OLIVE BIRTHDAYS

Special birthdays are remembered each month at Mt. Olive. Those being recognized are those with birthdays on the 5's and those 90 years and older. As we look at the calendar for members of our church to be recognized this month, we find only one name and that is

Carolyn Anderson who will be celebrating on November 29.

Please remember her with a card or letter, phone call and prayers.

<u>Station</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Day</u>
KMSD	Milbank	1510 AM	Sunday 7:00 AM

November 3 **"Working the System"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's Law--a "system" that keeps the world from flying apart while it also shows us we need the Savior Who came to live, suffer, and rise for us.
(Genesis 33:8)

November 10 **"My Name Is Now Yours"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God comes to renew us with His forgiving love, rename us in Baptism, and remain with us through His Word.
(Genesis 35:10-11)

November 17 **"Album-Worthy"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy."
(Genesis 35:3)

November 24 **"Jesus Sees What's in the Heart"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

Jesus sees what's in our hearts. What's in His heart? God saw that we needed a Savior.
(Mark 12:41-44)



November Birthdays

11/07 Dick Rasmussen	11/22 Todd Rose
11/2 Kim Gilbertson	Landon Lucas
Dave Hulscher	11/23 Danielle Sauer
Lawson Jondahl	11/24 Alex Jordan
11/3 Megan Johnson	Arlene Jordan
11/4 Todd Spies	11/26 Karen Albright
11/5 Jeff Johnson	11/26 James Bas-singthwaite
11/8 Vicky Lauseng	Lexton Jondahl
11/11 Brent O'Bryan	11/28 Paisley Mernaugh
11/12 Emery Schamber	11/29 Carolyn Anderson
Lileigh Ochsendorf	11/30 Robert Ehlers
Kathy Frysle	Evan Schoenefel
11/13 Autumn Kunkel	Steve Frysle
11/14 Tyler Waxdahl	
Christie Birtell	
11/15 Ashley McElhany	
11/16 Jamie Jordan	
Jean Ragels	
11/19 Erika Waxdahl	
11/20 Allison Konrad	
11/21 Isaac Lunzman	



SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP



We will continue to use the general sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the service and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up to help in some way. We are blessed to have so many members willing to add to our worship and fellowship in this way. Thank you for being such a blessing.



*Thanksgiving Worship
with communion*

**Wednesday
November 3
6:30 Pm**



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!

Veterans Day salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.



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ELDERS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER

Chris Pownell
&
Dennis Anderson



Acolyte Calendar



November

11/3 Alyana Arthur
11/10 Ella Harting
11/17 Levi Jondahl
11/24 Mackenzie Konrad

December

12/1 Lydia Stemwedel
12/8 Leland Harding IV
12/15 Nora Pownell
12/22 Trevan Schoenefeld
12/22 Elijah Wold

