### St John Church of Christ

# Bulletin

November 24, 2024

### For The Church



This week in the United States of America we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. The very first Thanksgiving was a celebration of a successful harvest and the friendship between the Wampanoag people and the Pilgrims. Holidays can invoke many different emotions in us. Time with family can be filled with joy and celebration, but it can also be filled with sadness, regret, and pain.

1 Timothy 4:4-5 says, "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer." We should pause during this week as we celebrate Thanksgiving to remember all the good things that God has blessed us with. We can certainly be thankful for the harvest, as the original Thanksgiving goers were. We can be thankful for the food that we will consume. We can be thankful for the family that we have (and remember fondly the family that we do not have anymore). We can be thankful for the rich blessings that God bestows on us each and every day.

The most important thing for us to be thankful for, though, is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus humbled himself and took the form of a servant. Jesus came to this earth in order to serve others not to be served by others. Jesus became humbled, even to death, even death on a cross (the most humiliating and dehumanizing way to die that the evil of this world has ever devised).

So, be thankful during this holiday season. Take time to stop and remember what God has done. As the Psalmist says in Psalm 100, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Happy Thanksgiving!

### In Our Prayers

Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Madison Cole
Susan Mayer (Chet's sister)
Shari Soukup
Zeb Carter
Juanita (Abby's Mother)

Rick Toland
Tim Taylor
Girard and Marilyn Holinde
Courtney Emery
Brenda Staub
Dwight Huston
Becky Carter

Joel Miller
Mary Minchew-Conley
Linda Fry
Rob Murrow
Vernon Bartlett
Family of Sandy Brock
Hadley Bright

# **Upcoming Events**

#### **Youth Group [Tonight]**

There will be youth group tonight at 7 PM at Carl & Janet's house at 7 PM.

### Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Worship [Tonight]

The St. John-Hudson Ministerial Alliance is hosting a community wide worship service tonight @ 7 PM here at the church. All are welcome to attend.

#### **December Potluck [December 8]**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday (travel and lots of cooking) our December potluck will be on December 8 following services and not next Sunday.

#### **Ladies Christmas Party [December 13]**

You are invited to the home of Nancy Rice on Friday, December 13th, at 6:30 pm, for a Christmas Party. (279 NE 50th Ave, Stafford, KS 67578) Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange (white elephant or \$15 purchase limit). Finger foods and drinks will be provided. No RSVP necessary.

#### Save the Date:

December 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
December 13 - Ladies Christmas Party
January 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
April 11-12 - Women Walking With God Conference

#### **Birthdays**

None

# Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Richard & Shelly

Brensing

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #718 - We Shall Assemble

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Landon Marks (Romans 12:12)

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #574 - Oh, How I Love Jesus

Song: #376 - He Paid a Debt

Communion: Jerry Kinnamon

Song: #167 - Hosanna

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: 622 - Ring Out the Message (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Zach Marks

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am

Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am

Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee,

Carl Feril

Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril,

Zachary Marks

Minister: Zeboriah Carter