

# The Faithful Reporter

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*Embraced by God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we share this gospel of hope and healing within and throughout our community*

**Philippians 1:3-6** <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**A Special Thank You this Thanksgiving season to all of you who are the hands and feet of Christ here in this place...**

**Church Maintenance Staff**

**Guest Worship Leaders**

**Family Ministry Team**

**VCA Support Team**

**Evangelism Team**

**Thrivent Teams**

**Mark Makers**

**Altar Guild**

**Greeters**

**Ushers**

**Choir**

**Cantors**

**Child Care**

**Prayer Team**

**Clean-Up Days**

**Instrumentalists**

**NCD Health Team**

**Sewing Seeds of Love**

**Communications Team**

**Women Wanting Wisdom**

**Valparaiso Christian Academy**

**Adult Bible Study Teachers**

**Funeral Luncheon Team**

**Small Group Members**

**Board of Directors**

**Technology Team**

**Media Assistants**

**Finance Team**

**Intercessors**

**Deaconess**

**Lectors**

**Pastor**

**Acolytes**

**Care Team**

**Grape Cluster**

**Property Team**

**Church Secretary**

**Social Media Team**

**Small Group Leaders**

**Communion Assistants**

**Growth/Fellowship Team**

**Sunday School Teachers/Helpers**



**and so many more individual and team efforts here and in the community...**

Gratefully yours In Christ,

Pastor Eric Schoech

The Church Staff

The Board of Directors



## Coming Soon: Spotlight on Ministry

In the coming months we will be adding a new section to our newsletter called *Spotlight on Ministry*. This article will allow leaders and members within our church to share their heart and passion for a particular ministry. From time to time, these articles may also feature information about ministries that many of us may have heard of but that we know little about. Our hope is that such articles will give many of us a new glimpse into the work God has been doing in His kingdom and the hearts of our members. We also hope that they will help fuel or renew passion, participation, and joy in some of these areas of ministry.

## CHOIR SCHEDULE— NOVEMBER

November 11: rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

November 18: rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

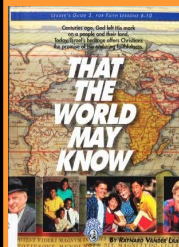
November 25: rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

**December 2: Sing,  
First Sunday in Advent  
9:00am**



## Sunday Morning Bible Study...

Continues in November with Volume 9 of ***That the World May Know***. Fire on the Mountain continues the Exodus. When the Israelites left Egypt, they were finally free. Free from persecution, free from oppression, and free to worship their own God. Discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves Him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today.



## Service Project Opportunity—500 Turkeys

500 Turkeys is a multi-church, multi-part effort to help needy families.

Saturday, November 3 between 9:45am and 2:30pm, sign up to help organize clothing at the Nazarene Church (2702 E. Glendale Blvd., Valpo.) for this project.

Faith's Sunday School teens and pre-teens will be paired with adults from our congregation. Jackie Allwardt is our contact person, so please let her know when you would be available to assist. (531-4929 or jallwardt@valpo.k12.in.us)

If you can't give your time for 500 Turkeys but still want to help feed Valparaiso families, look for a Sunday School child and donate money to "stuff the turkey".

Throughout the month of November, students will be collecting money to feed a family. Their goal is to collect \$50, which will provide a full Thanksgiving meal for a family.



Porter County Lutherans for Life is holding its annual sale of citrus fruit from October 14 through November 4. A wide selection of products is available, all of them ideal either for personal use or as healthy holiday gifts for family and friends. Delivery is scheduled for December 3-15. Your support enables Lutherans for Life to continue to share the message that ALL human life is precious to God from conception until natural death. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Michelle Grossnickle at (219) 242-3579.



## ADVENT EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- **Advent Evening Prayer—Wednesdays at 7:00pm Dec. 7, 14, 21**  
(with Advent Supper preceding at 6:00pm)
- **Childrens' Service and greening of the church—Sunday, December 9**
- **Sunday School "Happy Birthday Jesus!", Sun. Dec. 16 (family/friends invited)**
- **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols, Monday, Dec. 24, 7:00pm**
- **The Nativity of Our Lord Holy Communion Service, Dec. 25, 9:00am.**



## THOUGHTS FROM THE DEACONESS

*"Will we join in the Pentecost dance?"*

"If I had only known." Have you ever said that or thought it? If I had only known the test was that important, I would have studied more. If I had only known there was a speed trap, I wouldn't have driven so fast. If I had only known my dad was going to get cancer, I wouldn't have moved so far away. If I had only known the future, I could have made better decisions.

While traveling to Damascus, Saul has his encounter with Jesus. Because he is now blind, he is led to the city and to the house where he will be staying. God comes to the disciple Ananias in a vision and tells him to go to Saul and heal the blindness. Ananias is hesitant because he has heard of Saul's anger toward followers of Christ. God responds, "Saul is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name to the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ***For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.***"

St. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 – "Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lash-less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for the churches."

Did God reveal all of this suffering to Paul in that visit to Damascus? Paul never shares in his writings how much God did show him, but Paul was a man who knew what some of his future would be. And in spite of that knowledge, he did all he could for the spread of the Gospel.

The future has not been revealed to us. We don't know what joys and sorrows will come in our lives. And we certainly don't know how God will use us for the spread of the Gospel. But the call we have received from the Holy Spirit through our baptism invites us to join in the Pentecost dance. The spread of the Gospel is our most important task. And no matter what life brings, the Spirit will be with us and enable us to share God's love with all around us.



### Birthdays

<b>Sam Grossnickle</b>	<b>November 3</b>
<b>Bob Hassel</b>	<b>November 3</b>
<b>Kirk Martinsen</b>	<b>November 3</b>
<b>Thomas Price</b>	<b>November 5</b>
<b>Becky Graef</b>	<b>November 6</b>
<b>Rebecca Peterson</b>	<b>November 6</b>
<b>Dave Brandt</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Sandy Hernandez</b>	<b>November 12</b>
<b>Bruce Berner</b>	<b>November 13</b>
<b>Dave Pilz</b>	<b>November 13</b>
<b>Haley Fryman</b>	<b>November 14</b>
<b>Charlene Leffert</b>	<b>November 28</b>

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY** —Our annual Voters Assembly will be held Sunday, November 18 at 11:30 (after Sunday School/Education Hour).

The 2018 budget will be presented and voted upon as well as election of new board members.



Dealing with the death of a family member, friend, co-worker is very difficult and the holidays can make the grief even more pronounced. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1700 N. Monticello, Valparaiso will be hosting two "Surviving the Holidays" events, November 15 and 29, 6:00pm. Each event includes a video, discussion, and a book to keep. The events are identical, so someone who is grieving can choose either date. The material comes from the same company that publishes the Grief-Share material we use here at Faith. If you are not in need of one of these sessions, please, please spread the word to someone you know who is grieving.

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**FAITH'S PRAYER  
CHAIN**

**Jan Dixon is now the contact person for our prayer chain. For prayer requests, please contact her at (219) 785-1969 or**

**jdixon7572@  
gmail.com**

**(no texting please).**

**A BIG thank you to  
Linda Berner for her  
faithfulness in this  
ministry.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Due to very limited attendance in past years we are discontinuing our Thanksgiving Eve service. For questions please see Pastor Schoech.**

**FAITH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Prayer and Praise, Thursday, November 1, 6:15pm Contemporary Worship

All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 4, 9:00am Holy Communion

Prayer and Praise, Thursday, November 8, 6:15pm Contemporary Worship

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 11, 9:00am Morning Prayer

Prayer and Praise, Thursday, November 15, 6:15pm Contemporary Worship

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, November 18, 9:00am Holy Communion

**NO THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE THIS YEAR**

Christ the King, Sunday, November 25, 9:00am Holy Communion

The First Sunday in Advent, December 2, 9:00am Holy Communion

The First Wednesday in Advent, December 5, 7:00pm Evening Prayer

The Second Sunday in Advent, December 9, 9:00am Morning Prayer

The Second Wednesday in Advent, December 12, 7:00pm Evening Prayer

