

Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church
Come, Journey in faith to Proclaim the Love of Christ
November 19, 2017

Welcome! We hope that you will find meditation and meaning in our worship. To prevent disruptions during the service, **please turn off your cell phone** unless you are “on call” and turn off the flash on your camera. We celebrate open Communion. **Please return the Service Order portion** to the back of the church to be reused next week, but you may take the bulletins home for the weeks’ schedule. The Red Binders in back contain a large copy of the service order. Please ask the ushers if you need help. We have a “**LOOP**” hearing system and extra headphones. They are located on the table in back.

We welcome back Pastor Larry Froemming.

*****THIS MORNING’S LESSONS***** 1st Reading: Psalm 90:1-5 (Page 536)
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Page 1077) Gospel: Luke 6:27-31,35-37 (Page 939)

****Opening Hymn – 752B Hymn of the Day - 838 Closing Hymn – 537****

WE thank the Altar Guild for the beautiful, bountiful decorations.

Thank you to the choirs for their gifts of song. Youth choir is singing “Our God is so Great” and “Do Lord”. Senior choirs 2nd service anthem is “Jesus Name Above All”.

WELCA Thank offering is today. During the offering, you may bring up your Thankoffering envelope that is in the pews and place in the plate in front.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Glorian Johnson. The funeral will be held Monday, November 20 at 11AM here at JPLC.

Our “DOOR TO THE FUTURE” stewardship campaign kicks off today. Please see the inserts to learn how to make your pledge and also complete the time and talent survey. The surveys may be placed in the box on the table by the office. Thank you.

Upcoming events of interest:

Nov 23 – 5th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner, 11:30am to 2pm
Dec 1 – 3pm-7pm Clinton Community Historical Society is having their Silent Auction and Raffle downtown, next to Studio 215, during Clinton Christmas Parade

Our offering on November 12 was \$2,731. We need at least \$3500/week to meet our budget commitments.

DATE CHANGE: Jefferson Prairie will be ringing bells for the Belvidere Salvation Army on **Saturday, November 25**, from 9AM-11AM at the Poplar Grove Pacemaker. The two hour time period has been divided into four 30 minute shifts. The person ringing bells at 9:00, will need to go to the Belvidere Salvation Army, 422 South Main Street, to pick up the bells and bucket at 8:30 AM. Any members living in or close to Belvidere who could sign up for the first shift in order to pick up the bells and bucket, it would be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet is in the Connecting Room.

Needed: Skaalen gifts for Christmas. See the lists on the table in the hallway of the connecting room. Please have gifts here by December 3, unwrapped. Thank you for all your help.

Can you help us? The next rotational Sunday School series will be starting in January. Would you be willing to lead our students through their lesson and activities? It is only a 3-4 week commitment and everything is prepared for you. Please let Carrie Morelock or Julia Pearson know if you can help.

Jefferson Prairie will be holding its 5th Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23rd from 11:30am to 2pm. All are welcome! Volunteers are needed to make this a success. Sign-up is in the connecting room. If you are planning on coming to the dinner, please put your name and number attending on the sheet in the connecting room. For questions, contact Steve MacLeod.

Jefferson Prairie will be participating in the Clinton Christmas Food Basket collection with area churches. We have been asked to contribute 85 jars of applesauce (24 oz. or larger) and 85 cans of pears or peaches (15 oz. or larger). Boxes have been placed in the Connecting Room and by the back door for your donations. Please bring your donation to church **by December 3.**

Volunteers are needed to deliver our food to St. Stephens Church in Clinton on December 7 at 6pm. If you are able to do this, please let Kris Sanderson know. Help is also needed to pack the baskets on December 8 at 6pm at St. Stephens Church. No sign-up, just show up!

“The Women of Christmas” at Immanuel Luthern Church of Belvidere on December 4 at 6:30pm. Contact Judy Kemp at 815-765-3266 for ticket information. Liz Curtis Higgs is the featured guest.

December 5th – 9AM-2pm is COOKIE BAKING day for Skaalen and to share. Sandbakkle tins are needed. BBQ will be donated for lunch, if you can bring a dish to share and containers for your cookies to take home.

THIS WEEKS EVENT CALENDAR	
Sunday, Nov 19	8:30AM & 10:30AM Worship, Youth Choir Sings, WELCA Thankoffering 9:25AM Sunday School, Fellowship, Choir Practice, Blood Pressure Checks
Tuesday, Nov 21	9AM-2PM Quilting
Wednesday, Nov 22	7PM Thanksgiving Eve Service, no confirmation
Thursday, Nov 23	11:30AM-2PM 5th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner at JPLC
NEXT WEEKS EVENT CALENDAR	
Sunday, Nov 26	8:30AM & 10:30Am Worship 9:25AM Sunday School Program practice, Fellowship, Choir practice
Monday, Nov 27	Prairie Light Articles Due in office
Tuesday, Nov 28	9AM-2PM Quilting
Wednesday, Nov 29	6:45pm Confirmation

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30AM-10:30AM Phone: 815-292-3226

Church Website: jplchurch.org **Synod Website:** SCSW-ELCA.org **Church wide Website:** ELCA.org

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Pulpit Supply: Pastor Larry Froemming

Organist: Ron Torkilson

Reader 1st Jennie Damman

Reader 2nd Meredith Williams

Ushers 1st Marty Damman, Gerald Swartz

Ushers 2nd Jim & Sonjia Olstad

Acolytes 1st Delaney Hahn, Emma Boggess

Acolytes 2nd Rebecca Wells, Samuel Martin