

Give Thanks

by Shon Smith Naperville church of Christ Naperville, IL

This coming Thursday, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, and pie. At the table we will tell stories, share laughter, and enjoy being with those who enrich our lives. Once the dishes have been cleared, there will be football to watch, naps to take, and Black Friday shopping strategy to review. It will be a great day for many reasons, but let's be sure it is a great day of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

Giving thanks to God is so important because He deserves it. There is no other like our God, both in terms of His character and actions.

We are reminded of this by the psalmist in Psalm 107:1, 8-9

1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
9 for he satisfied the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things ."

In preparation for Thursday, take a moment to jot down a few of the good deeds God has done in your life this year for which you are most thankful.

While God deserves our appreciation, He doesn't need it. He is perfectly secure in His being with or without our praise. However, He commands us to give thanks because He knows it is good for us. Recent research links gratitude to better health, stronger relationships, career advancement, improved sleep, increased energy, even longer life. It pays to be grateful.

May Thanksgiving be more than a holiday we celebrate once a year; may it be our way of life.

Let's be thankful everyday, not just at "Thanksgiving".

via bulletinGOLD

Another Thanksgiving Poem

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!



NEWSLETTER

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We seek to be a place of healing and worship.

Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10 to 10:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

La Salle
church of Christ

We Meet At
1121 N. Military Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Phone (716) 283-1214

Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

Please check the website for bulletins,
House to House Heart to Heart magazine,
and other things.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Condolences to family friends and loved ones of Pat Johnson. He is the brother of Denise Garlitz' mother in law. He passed away in California.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Let's keep the following in our prayers as they deal with medical issues:
Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Jean Cameron.

Butts Sumner is recovering from recent back surgery and has been in a lot of pain.

Jessica Alcorn Let's pray for her as she continues with chemo treatments, and for her husband **David** as he recovers from Covid.

Ron Cameron is scheduled for shoulder surgery tomorrow. Let's pray that things go well.

Diane Mellott recently received good news from her biopsy. Test results show no cancer cells.

Darlene Reed is recovering from a recent fall.

Jeff Elder is recuperating at home from a sprained and fractured ankle.

Michael & Hope Rice Let's pray for them for strength, peace, and stability.

Holly, Carol Jones' sister, was released from the hospital this past Monday.. Prayers are requested for her healing and for strength and wisdom for her husband, daughters, and siblings.

Lisa Wheeler, Richard Wheeler's sister, is home recovering.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues. Ray is asking for prayers for his mother and also for the family to deal with situations involving her.

Dan Callari (from Amherst congregation). Let's pray for him as he deals with the effects of chemo.

Glen Mueller He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Isabella Rich (9 years old, Louella Hopkin's great niece) She is home and there will be nurses coming to the house and she will be going back to the hospital in Rochester twice a week. Praise God she is doing better.

Jane Grenke, a friend of Denise Garlitz, and in her 80s, was recently involved in an auto accident and is in the trauma unit at ECMC.

Kassem, a friend of Carlos Martinez, is requesting prayers for his family in Palestine.

Thanksgiving Baskets

The baskets will be delivered **today**, Nov. 19th.
Thanks to the Bennett family for heading up this ministry.

Please Update Your "Directory"

The most recent changes involve
Frank Marsden and Jim Mellott.
Please see entire list posted in the back.

Order of Worship

Songleader: David Schnell

Song

Call to Worship

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Sermon

Song of Invitation

Song for Communion

Communion

Announcements

Song

Closing Prayer

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Nov. 19 Today. Thanksgiving baskets to be delivered.

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 26 Next Sunday. Men's Business Meeting

Dec. 17 Men's Business Meeting

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Dec. 31 Short sermon to give time for more singing and scripture reading.

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,503.00

Attendance Last Sunday 55

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Please see the "Missions" board in the back of the auditorium.



Let's flood the Callari family in the Philippines with a bit of holiday joy and encouragement. There are Christmas cards on the back table for you to share your holiday greetings. Sign the card, seal the envelope (no enclosures), put them in the basket and we'll mail them off for you. International postage rates to the Philippines are \$1.50 if you wish to mail the card yourself. All cards must be back by November 19 to assure arrival by Christmas. See Audrey if you have questions.



Brother Glen Mueller from the Sardinia congregation will be celebrating his birthday on November 29th. There is a card on the back table to sign and offer birthday greetings.