



# “THE STARTER”

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## THANKSGIVING

*Here is a holiday that commemorates no hero, celebrates no battlefield. No lobby behind it; no group or sect or party. It doesn't even fall on the same date twice. Yet Christmas cannot dim it nor July 4<sup>th</sup> still its glory. And all America loves it with a quiet and intense affection that is reserved for no other day of the year.*

*What makes Thanksgiving different? What makes it beloved? What makes it real?*

*Perhaps the answer is simple; Thanksgiving is an affirmation. It is our heart's testimony to a deeply held conviction – the conviction that these things we call free and decent and American did not just happen to us. We did not get them because we were wiser or more clever or even luckier.*

*This conviction is the sum of many beliefs and experiences. The belief in the dignity of every human being; the belief in a real right and wrong. The belief in responsibility, under God, to our fellowman, wherever he may be.*

*For these beliefs and the American way of life, Thanksgiving Day is our joyous affirmation to a kind Providence for His blessing and guidance.*



### Calling All Men

*What a better way is there to start the day than men enjoying breakfast and a time of devotion. Sign up for the Men's Breakfast on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.*



*Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, the day when a peace agreement was signed with Germany ending World War I. Armistice Day was established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson which reads in part: "Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory , both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. Veterans. On Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women who gave of themselves and let us continue to pray for our men and women currently service in the military.*



### Veterans Day Concert

*Our Peru Community Band will be holding their wonderful Veteran's Day concert here at 2:00 p.m. on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Invite your friends and neighbors to this wonderful event honoring the brave men and women who have served this country.*





Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Community Thanksgiving  
Dinner is November 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Anyone in the community who is  
unable to be with loved ones is  
cordially invited to spend the day  
with us.

A short worship service will be held at 11:30 a.m.  
Dinner will be served from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to prepare desserts, to help  
prepare food, to serve, to clean up. Sign up on the  
Welcome Table for any and all of these needs.  
What better way to say Thank You to our Savior  
than to show love and fellowship to those in our  
community with a free Thanksgiving dinner and  
someone to share it with?



Please join us Wednesday evening, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m. as we thank our loving and gracious  
Lord for the bounty He continuously bestows on  
us. We will be welcoming Oglesby Union Church  
and Grace Bible Fellowship to worship with us.

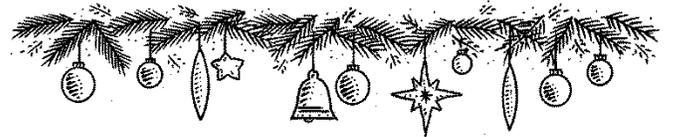


**Harvest Home Dinner**

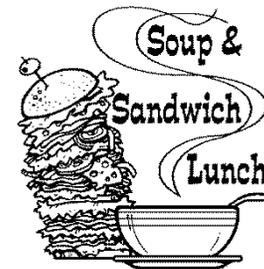
Our church family will be celebrating God's  
blessings on us with a congregational dinner on  
November 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship  
service. Turkey will be provided. You are asked to  
bring a vegetable, salad or dessert plus your own  
table service. Sign up on the Welcome Table.

Thanksgiving fun fact..... it takes about seven  
hours on average to cook a Thanksgiving dinner  
and people spend about 16 minutes eating it.

Don't forget to turn  
your clock back  
Saturday night,  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We  
wouldn't want you to  
miss Sunday School.



The Hanging of the Greens will be held on  
Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Come and  
enjoy the fun and fellowship of preparing our  
church for Advent.



Our next Soup and  
Sandwich Supper is  
Wednesday, November  
20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30.  
Please sign up on the  
Welcome Table if you  
can make soups,  
sandwich fixins, cookies and help serve. So many  
are blessed by this simple act of sharing supper  
and fellowship.

Painting Party



Express yourself and create  
a beautiful picture for your  
fall and winter decorating!  
We're hosting 3 painting  
parties with a different  
picture being featured each  
day.

November 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 in Morgan Hall  
All supplies furnished for \$25 per session  
Please see picture sample on Welcome  
Table and sign up!

Harvest Fest

Thank you to all who helped make our Harvest Fest and success. It was a beautiful day and we had great turnout. The profit of around \$1000 will go toward painting the sanctuary. Below are Mario Berg and Tricia Glasper having a good time selling popcorn.



How can I serve?

There are many ways you can serve to contribute to our worship services next year. Are you willing to greet? Be a liturgist? Be an usher? Give a children's message? Care for the little ones in Children's Church?

Prayerfully consider what God would have you do on Sunday mornings. Sign up on the Welcome table.



Children's Christmas Program

**Our Children's Christmas Pageant** will be presented during the worship service on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Rehearsals will be in the sanctuary every Saturday in November.



God's most common way of answering prayers is through people. But for that to work, we must pay attention and listen, we must put ourselves in a position to see others' needs, and we must respond when God calls.

Mission Board Report

We had a wonderful visit from Pastor Roy. The congregation gave a very generous offering. We have given support the past month to:

- Supply & Multiply – an additional \$250
- Peace Mission – an additional \$250
- PADS - \$500

We have \$1072 remaining to share with those we support. We plan to use some at Christmas to buy gifts for the nursing home.

PADS is open, but the new building addition isn't quite ready. PADS will soon need volunteers to help move furniture and bedding to get it ready to use. See Marilyn Dunker if you can help.



Prayer List

\*\*Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Sonny & Ryan Whittington, Roger Gabrielse, Beth Flaherty, Bernene Dahl, Sandy Starr, Marilyn Cobb, Matt

\*\*Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:

- Myrle Sapienza      Beth Flaherty
- Carol Edgcomb

\*\* Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows

\*\* Pray for Ed & Jane Skowron

\*\* Pray for Jews for Jesus

\*\* Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply

\*\* Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic

\*\* Pray for Berean Prison Ministry

\*\* Pray for Transport for Christ

\*\* Pray for PADS bringing shelter to the Homeless

Praying for Your Church

Missions – Lord, I lift up our outreach programs. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers of Your Son. Enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel so that the ones we reach might become an acceptable offering to You.

# The BEST WAY to *appreciate* PASTOR is by praying FOR HIM.

## **P**- Personal

Pray for his personal life and relationship with God  
(Matt. 6:33; Ps. 119:133)

## **A**- Administration

Pray for him to have wisdom and good time management  
(Col. 1:9-12; Ps. 90:12)

## **S**- Study

Pray for his sermon preparation (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17)

## **T**- Trials

Pray for his protection and endurance of trials  
(John 17:13-21; James 1:2-4)

## **O**- Oversight

Pray for him as he shepherds the church flock (1 Peter 5:1-4)

## **R**- Relationships

Pray for his marriage and family (1 Timothy 3:2-4)