

I can't believe that November is already over. It seems like only a week ago that we were sweating in eighty-degree weather. Now the leaves have become orange and every morning there is frost on the car. Fall is well established and almost over all too soon. Already many of us are eagerly awaiting the beginning of Advent and the countdown to Christmas. Before we get there we still have plenty of football games to watch, parades to gawk at, and turkeys to eat.

Thanksgiving is one of those holidays that have lost meaning over time. Today for many people it is a day where we eat way too much food and spend time with family, whether they like it or not. It even now serves as the beginning of the holiday shopping season. The Friday after it is the biggest sale day of the year and now some stores are opening on Thanksgiving to increase their sales volume.

Yet the meaning of Thanksgiving isn't some hidden thing. There's no mystery to it. The name says it all. It's a day for us to give thanks. Thanks for all that we have. Give thanks for our loved ones. For us people of faith it is also a time to give thanks to our Lord for all that God has done for us. The forgiveness and grace that have been given us. We give God thanks for the love that has been shown us.

This Thanksgiving before we go into a food coma and before we burst the doors down to get the biggest television, let's take a moment and reflect. Why are we thankful? What in our lives has made us so glad and joyous that we have to share with the world? It's not the things in our lives that make us feel that way. No, it is the love in our lives, the love between us, our families and friends. Most importantly, it is the love that God has given us. The love that gives us the strength to face each day. The love that redeems our faults.

That love is worth being thankful for. It will last long after the leftovers are gone and the deals have ended. It will be with us always.

### **Advent Series: "A Grace Filled Christmas."**

It will be discussing the three types of grace as we prepare for Christmas.

November 30th - Topic: Prevenient Grace, John 1:1-9 **9:30 AM**

We will have a discussion led Sunday School after worship.

December 2nd - Topic: Justifying Grace, Isaiah 9:2-7

December 14th: Little Ones' Sunday BRUNCH

December 21st: Topic Sanctifying Grace, John 15:1-11

God Bless, Pastor Ed

## ***Disciples and Dragons Youth Group Is meeting every other Sunday at 6 PM***

Online giving is available for your convenience  
Scan the QR code for the direct link. Also, at lakevilleumc.org



**TOPS Club** meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

### **Looking Ahead**

**Fifth Sunday – Sunday, Nov. 30      Advent Study at 9:30 AM**

**Worship at 10:30 AM**

**Followed by a Carry In Lunch, Sloppy Joes will be provided**

**Disciples & Dragons Youth Group -Sunday, Nov. 30, 6 PM**

**Post Turkey Supper Meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7 PM**

**Finance Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 3. 10 AM**

**Evangelism/Missions Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30 PM**

**Food Pantry – Tuesday, Dec. 9, 3-6 PM**

**Little Ones' Sunday Brunch – Sunday, Dec. 14 Brunch and visit with Santa**

**Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, Dec. 14, 6 PM**

**Mary Magdalane Mission Circle - Tuesday, Dec. 9, Eat Out**

**Food Pantry – Tuesday, Dec. 23, 3-6 PM**

**Family Christmas Eve Worship – Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5 PM**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve – Wednesday, Dec. 24, 11 PM**

**NO Euchre/Game Night in December**

**Disciples & Dragons Youth Group -Sunday, Dec. 28, 6-8 PM**

**The Ad Council Committee met on November 11, 2025,  
minutes from the meeting are available in the church office.**

**Food Pantry Needs:** pancake mix, ketchup, saltine crackers, cereal – all kinds, jelly or jam, peanut butter, flour, dishwashing soap, soup with meat, mashed potatoes, ranch dressing, diced tomatoes **The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM**

### **Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule**

**Nov. 30 Sloppy Joes Carry In Lunch    Dec 7 Dixie      Dec 14 Judy M**

**Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.**

### **Sunday Kids Church Schedule**

**Nov 30 Hope    Dec 7 \_\_\_\_\_      Dec 14 \_\_\_\_\_**

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