

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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November 2022



Halloween has passed, but Theo's bounty remains.

Kit Kats, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Almond Joys (did every house get the same candy variety bag this year?) and more call to me from the kitchen. I hope I remain strong enough to keep telling them, "Sorry, guys, but we can't do what we did last year. Theo's a year older and smarter and he's gonna know if we hang out together." I guess this year I have to fill up on my own Meijer "bounty": wheat pasta, eggs, tomatoes, black olives. My tastebuds already lament my choices, but at least the rest of my body is saying, "attaboy Mike."

And now that the ghosts and goblins and black cats have receded into the background once more, that annual moment during which we turn our attention to our own bounty – those blessings that God has bestowed upon us – has arrived once again. Congregations that approach stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view this bounty, as it were, as the stereotypical lump of cash that Christians should give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people – ourselves and others – grow spiritually in relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Kirk of Our Savior does ministry and mission for 3 reasons: God has blessed us thoroughly; we have selflessly, generously and joyfully given back to God through responsible use of our time, talents and resources; and, finally, this is how Jesus instructed us to worship.

We remain guided by the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program*, which teaches biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in an emphasis of stewardship education. *New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who *want* to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on November 13, 2022 (Consecration Sunday), we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's benevolent and missional ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. All are strongly urged to attend - even if they are opposed to completing a card - as the procedure is done in such a way that no one is singled out if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader, the Rev. Beau Brown, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, culminating in members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. Immediately afterward, all are invited to celebrate God's blessings in Fellowship Hall for lunch! J

Thanks for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday 2022!

Pastor Mike

2022 PER CAPITA

The 2022 Per Capita charge per Kirk member is \$34. The increase is in accordance with the amount that the Presbytery passed on to the church. Payment can be made using the Per Capita envelope in the giving box or any method you choose to designate the funds. Thank you.



**Consecration Sunday
is November 13.**



- 4 Cathy Troutman
- 13 John Rose
- 19 Leslie Holland
- 21 Eric Lewandowski
- 24 Rob Otte
- 25 Tom Forgacs



Financial Report as of 9/30/2022

	September	Year to Date	Budget
Income	940	54,539	71,747
Expenses	9,436	89,752	88,709
Net Income or Loss	-8,496	-35,213	-16,962
Liquid Assets*	93,056	93,056	

* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.
Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

September Income numbers are reduced by the non-cash impact of losses in the mutual funds for the month which was nearly \$5000 and 5.5% of the portfolio. Nevertheless offerings were also off \$2,000. Expenses were down somewhat basically due to recently initiated costs cut measures.

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	5
6 10:30am-Worship	7 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	8	9	10	11 6pm Family Fun Night 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	12
13 10:30am-Worship	14 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	15	16	17	18 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	19
20 10:30am-Worship	21 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	22	23	24	25 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	26
27 10:30am-Worship	28 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	29	30			

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	3
4 10:30am-Worship	5 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	6	7	8	9 6pm Family Fun Night 7:30-9pm Alanon-Lounge	10

LEARN THROUGH PLAY PRESCHOOL

"October was full of fun! We had our annual Trunk or Treat, a trip to Three Cedars Farm and our GSRP classroom got a makeover! —Ms. Tara



November 2022 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13,
19–21
Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27 (22:1–5)
or Heb. 11:32–12:2
Matt. 5:1–12

Wednesday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Zeph. 2:1–15
Rev. 16:1–11
Luke 13:10–17

Thursday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Zeph. 3:1–7
Rev. 16:12–21
Luke 13:18–30

Friday, November 4

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Zeph. 3:8–13
Rev. 17:1–18
Luke 13:31–35

Saturday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Zeph. 3:14–20
Rev. 18:1–14
Luke 14:1–11

Sunday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Joel 1:1–13
1 Cor. 14:1–12
Matt. 20:1–16

Monday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Joel 1:15–2:2
Rev. 18:15–24
Luke 14:12–24

Tuesday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Joel 2:3–11
Rev. 19:1–10
Luke 14:25–35

Wednesday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Joel 2:12–19
Rev. 19:11–21
Luke 15:1–10

Thursday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Joel 2:21–27
Jas. 1:1–15
Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

Friday, November 11

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Joel 2:28–3:8
Jas. 1:16–27
Luke 16:1–9

Saturday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Joel 3:9–17
Jas. 2:1–13
Luke 16:10–17 (18)

Sunday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Hab. 1:1–4 (5–11) 12–2:1
Phil. 3:13–4:1
Matt. 23:13–24

Monday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Hab. 2:1–4, 9–20
Jas. 2:14–26
Luke 16:19–31

Tuesday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18
Jas. 3:1–12
Luke 17:1–10

Wednesday, November 16

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Mal. 1:1, 6–14
 Jas. 3:13–4:12
 Luke 17:11–19

Thursday, November 17

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Mal. 2:1–16
 Jas. 4:13–5:6
 Luke 17:20–37

Friday, November 18

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Mal. 3:1–12
 Jas. 5:7–12
 Luke 18:1–8

Saturday, November 19

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Mal. 3:13–4:6
 Jas. 5:13–20
 Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, November 20
Christ the King/Reign of
Christ Sunday

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Zech. 9:9–16
 1 Pet. 3:13–22
 Matt. 21:1–13

Monday, November 21

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 Zech. 10:1–12
 Gal. 6:1–10
 Luke 18:15–30

Tuesday, November 22

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 Zech. 11:4–17
 1 Cor. 3:10–23
 Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday, November 23

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134
 Zech. 12:1–10
 Eph. 1:3–14
 Luke 19:1–10

Thursday, November 24

Morning: Pss. 116;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130
 Zech. 13:1–9
 Eph. 1:15–23
 Luke 19:11–27

Friday, November 25

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
 Evening: Pss. 25; 40
 Zech. 14:1–11
 Rom. 15:7–13
 Luke 19:28–40

Saturday, November 26

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
 Evening: Pss. 125; 90
 Zech. 14:12–21
 Phil. 2:1–11
 Luke 19:41–48

BEGIN YEAR 1
Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
 Evening: Pss. 25; 110
 Isa. 1:1–9
 2 Pet. 3:1–10
 Matt. 25:1–13

Monday, November 28

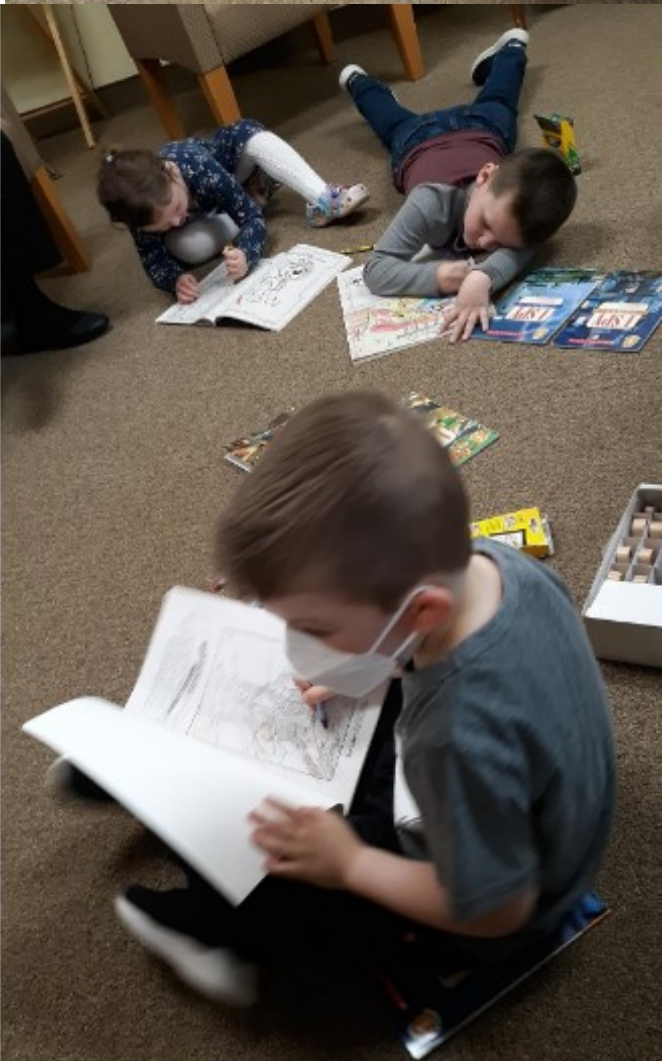
Morning: Pss. 122; 145
 Evening: Pss. 40; 67
 Isa. 1:10–20
 1 Thess. 1:1–10
 Luke 20:1–8

Tuesday, November 29

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
 Evening: Pss. 85; 94
 Isa. 1:21–31
 1 Thess. 2:1–12
 Luke 20:9–18

Wednesday, November 30

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 53; 17
 Isa. 2:1–4
 1 Thess. 2:13–20
 Luke 20:19–26



Theo Beckman, Quinn Otto and Lukas Otto relaxing in the lounge.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Nancy Lee Pride (2024)

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

CHILDREN & YOUTH

MISSION/OUTREACH

Mieke Beckman (2023) Chairman and Elder

June Jennings (2023) Elder

FOUNDATION

Rob Otte (2024) Chairman and Elder

Patrick Frobe (2023) Elder

TREASURER: Fred Kirk

CLERK: June Jennings

The membership of Kirk of Our Savior approved changes to the by-laws which eliminated the Board of Deacons. The number of Elders serving was also decreased from six to five. The Elders will now serve a 2-year term rather than the 3 years they had served previously.

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