



e-News

November 26th, 2025

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A letter from Lead Pastor, Bo Mircea

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and may the time you spend with your dear ones be a blessed time, a true time of thankfulness and maybe a little glimpse of heaven on earth.

I will keep things brief today:

Advent starts this week. And as you know Harvest Arts will be with us on Saturday at 7 pm. I am aware of the incoming snow, and want to encourage you to be safe but also consider being here. Your presence is a ministry in itself for those present.

Advent decorating is happening Saturday morning at 9 am. Most of the heavy work has been already done, so join us for the fun decorating part.

Sunday, we are starting the Advent Season by looking at Hope, with meditating on the words **"For unto us ..."**

Stay safe, eat a lot of turkey, enjoy every moment, and see you around this weekend.

Blessings,
Bo Mircea

Church Family

Prayers of health and healing for:

Mary Jane Johnson, Mark Fumagalli, Joyce Bossen, Sherry Jones, Nicole Celios (Scherrie Sanchez's daughter), Xian Qi (Hasen Qi's brother), Mary Lynn Keir, and Dee Mullen.

Sympathies to Bob Smietanski and family on the passing of Jean on November 14.

Sympathies to Jim and Michele Purcell and Brandi Cavitt and families on the passing of Jim's mom/Brandi's grandmother, Evelyn Purcell on November 9.

Prayers for Judy Bartel's sister Sharon with her upcoming surgery.

Please remember in your prayers, the people who are going to experience this holiday season in a place of loneliness, worry, anxiety, or grief. May they feel God's presence in a special way.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Grief and Care Packages for Bereaved Parents

Our November Mission of the Month is a heartfelt initiative dedicated to supporting parents who have recently experienced the profound loss of a child in the hospital. Our goal is to assemble and deliver grief and care packages that offer comfort, hope, and practical support during their time of unimaginable sorrow. You may drop off these items at church.

This mission involves preparing thoughtful packages for mothers and fathers grieving the loss of their child. Each package will contain items designed to provide gentle care and solace, such as handwritten notes, devotional booklets, comfort items (like blankets and candles), and resources for emotional and spiritual healing. We will work in partnership with Saint Joe's Hospital to ensure these packages reach families most in need, letting them know they are seen, loved, and not alone.

Items can be donated in the marked box in Hoffman Hall.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia orders are now open! Donate a pot of Poinsettias for \$15. Orders are due by December 14th. Forms are available on our website and as an insert in your Sunday bulletin. Flowers will be beautifying our church for the Advent season, but will be available for pick-up afterwards.

FPJ DIRECTORY PHOTOS

If you could not be here to have your photo taken you may submit one for the directory for a \$15 fee. Photo must be digital or original print. Photos should be close up - from waist or chest up, no full body. **A required form is on our website and in the church office.** Deadline for submission is January 20th.

CONCERTS AND COOKIES: HARVEST ARTS

November 29th at 7pm

This month we will be hosting Harvest Arts once again for a celebration of Christmas music performed by the Harvest Arts Chamber Ensemble. What a great way to start the excitement and celebration of the Advent season. Cookie reception to follow.

Nursery care will be available during the performance.

If you can't make it Saturday, you don't have to miss out! Harvest Arts will be graciously joining us in worship this Sunday morning as well.

SOAR HIGH PROGRAM

Wednesdays through April 29th

3yr olds-8th grade

MUSIC DINNER BIBLE

5:30-6:10pm 6:15-6:45pm 6:50-7:25pm

Students are grouped by age, ability, and skill level. Music includes singing and playing instruments. Bible lessons are age-appropriate with lesson based games and crafts.

Nursery care is available during Music and Bible times.

Contact the church office if you have a child interested in joining.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need greeters and extra helpers—contact Sarah

Children's Church Corner

Faith Focus: ROAD MAP: God shows us the way.

Lesson for Sun. 11/30: God Speaks Through Isaiah
—Isiah 11:1–9

Bible Verse: “The Lord is my strength and my power;
he has become my salvation” —Exodus 15:2

November 26th, 2025 Stewardship Report

2025-2026 Budget	\$707,600
Year to Date Income	\$355,346
Year to Date Expenses	\$363,305
Per Capita	\$44.00

You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the “Give” tab, and through electronic giving. You may also text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044.

Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE – COMING UP

11/29—Christmas Decorating at 9am

11/29—Harvest Arts concert at 7pm

12/14—Poinsettia order due date

12/21—Christmas Breakfast

12/24—Candlelit worship services at 4pm and 11pm

12/24—Christmas Musicales at 10:20pm

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

December 21st

Save the date

French toast, scrambled eggs, and Fellowship!

NOTE: The church building and office will be closed 11/27 and 11/28 for Thanksgiving.

NOTE: Soar High and Midweek will take a break 11/26 for Thanksgiving, no classes or dinner.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Make sure to check your mailbox for your Advent devotionals! Adults should have received one in their monthly mailing, and kids should receive theirs separately in the mail. If you or your child do not receive yours let the church office know.

ADVENT ACTIVITY

Make sure your kids make it to church Sunday to receive their special Advent activity craft to accompany the story of Advent.

SUNDAY SERVANTS 11/30/25

USHERS: Mark Dykema, Ed Schultz, Dale Mullen, Sue Fordyce

COFFEE: Jasmine Keir

LITURGIST: Emma Sticklen and grandkids

ACOLYTE: Abel DeNieuwe

SOUND: Keith LeVasseur

VIDEO: Todd Hayden