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Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.
(LSB 895:1)

With the harvest underway and Thanksgiving upon us, what a fitting time to think about and ponder the words of this beloved hymn. A reminder of all that God provides and blesses us with. A wonderful message and a joyous tune as we remember to give thanks to our loving and gracious Lord. Now Thank we all our God, indeed!

As we think about all the things we have to be thankful for, I thought it would be enlightening to know a little about the author of this hymn and the circumstances under which he wrote it. Pastor Martin Rinckart was born in Eilenberg, Germany in 1586, on the heels of the Reformation. The son of a poor coppersmith, Martin was called into the pastoral ministry and went to serve his hometown church in 1617, during the devastating Thirty-Year's War. Although his home – a town of 1 to 2 thousand people under normal circumstances – was spared physical destruction during the war, it became a safe haven for refugees and swelled to many thousands of people during the 1630's. The effects of the Thirty-Year's War came full circle in 1637, when the plague hit Eilenberg, and more than 8,000 dear people died, including Pastor Rinckart's wife, Christine. That year Pastor Rinckart officiated at over 4,000 funerals. Can you imagine?

Yet amid the horrors of the Thirty-Year's War, Pastor Rinckart wrote one of the most loved Christian hymns of all time. While seeing untold atrocities and unimaginable circumstances he penned these joyous and hopeful words:

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
(LSB 895:2)

Despite everything, Pastor Rinckart knew that as Christians we are blessed beyond measure and have so much to be thankful for. Throughout his life he wore a ring inscribed "MVSICA", which many musicians would interpret as MUSICA. That certainly has merit and a ring of truth. Pastor Rinckart was a musician, indeed a Cantor. But this word had another, far more important, meaning for him. The acronym actually stood for "Mein Vertrauen Steht In Christo Allein" or "My Trust Is In Christ Alone."

Americans have so much to be thankful for. We live in the greatest country in the history of the world. Despite what our politicians say, we are wealthy beyond measure by historical standards. We have freedom to live and worship as we choose. For all these things we should be thankful. Yet as Pastor Rinckart reminds us in this beautiful hymn, as Christians, we have something to be eternally thankful for. Yes, we give our Lord thanks for the blessings of life here in the United States. We also give Him thanks for sustaining us through difficult and trying seasons of life. Most of all, however, we give thanks for our Savior, Jesus Christ in Whom we truly do have all things. Or as Pastor Rinckart reminds us:

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.
(LSB 895:3)

Have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving everybody!
In Christ, Pastor Davis

Dear Members of Emanuel,
Thank you very much for the many gifts and cards for Pastor Appreciation. Karrie and I appreciate your continued support and prayers. It is a true joy to be serving among you, and we pray God's continued blessing on you all.
In Christian love and fellowship,
Pastor and Karrie



November Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall – November 21st @ 7pm

The Great Turkey Town Miracle – 2023 PG – Runtime 90 minutes

Ladies of Emanuel (LWML) Meeting Highlights

The Ladies of Emanuel met on October 13, 2026, at the church. Bible Study was led by Linnea Schwandt if the absence of Pastor Davis. (Humble Service was the study). We had great discussion. We had two visitors from our congregation which everyone enjoyed. Cards of appreciation were given to Pastor and Brandy. Our next meeting will be November 10th at 1pm in the fellowship hall. Diann Dauwen and Sharon Wieber are hosts. Topic will be led by Pastor (When service isn't Sparkly) Page 18 in our Fall Quarterly. The November focus will be a Mission; we will determine the mission at the meeting. Coffee will be served by LOE on Sunday morning November 1st.

We Need Your Help!
Church Brass Cleaning (Tuesday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m.): Mark your calendars to help polish and preserve our church brass fixtures. This event is open to the entire congregation; both men and women are welcome to help. All cleaning supplies will be provided.

Sunday School Information – Sunday Morning 10:30-11:30

Greetings! We are in our second month of Sunday School and are grateful for the wonderful start we've had this year. It has been a blessing to see the enthusiasm and participation of our students as they learn, grow, and fellowship together.

To add even more fun to our program, we hold a special craft activity on the **fourth Sunday of each month** following our lesson. In September, the children enjoyed painting rocks and expressing their creativity. This month, Brenda has planned a festive pumpkin-themed craft that is sure to be a favorite!

Upcoming Lessons

- October 25 – John 8:31-36
- November 1 – Matthew 5:1-12
- November 8 – Matthew 25:1-13
- November 15 – Matthew 25:14-30
- November 22 – Matthew 25: 31-46

November Mission Project Our mission emphasis for November is supporting our local food pantry. We encourage families to bring a **non-perishable food item** each week in place of their regular offering. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those within our community who are in need.

The Board of Ed will collect and deliver all donations to the food pantry during the first part of December. Thank you for helping us share God's love through service and generosity.

Christmas Program We are excited to announce that our Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on **December 13**.

This year's presentation will be **"A Charlie Brown Christmas"** by **Charles M. Schulz**. The children are looking forward to sharing this special program with our church family as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas together.

Additional details and rehearsal information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday School ministry. We look forward to a wonderful month of learning, serving, and growing in faith together. Please reach out to one of the Board of Education members if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,
Wanda Bohn, Misty Weyh, Tina Whitlow

(Our Sunday School kids enjoyed learning about God's light shining in us)





November Mission of the Month

GRANT COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

The Grant County Food Pantry provides food and personal care items to Grant County residents. They are located within the Grant County Courthouse here in Milbank.

Please use the "Special Mission Offering" envelope or make mention on your form of payment that you wish to contribute to this mission.

Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS

FOOD DRIVE



••• NOVEMBER OFFERING •••

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS IN A SPECIAL WAY! INSTEAD OF BRINGING A MONETARY OFFERING EACH WEEK, WE ARE ASKING EACH STUDENT TO BRING ONE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM EACH SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. THESE ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED AND DONATED TO HELP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAY BE IN NEED.

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE - ACTS 20:35

Gentle Steps

FOOT CARE

RN FOOT CARE SERVICES



Join Jessica Wellnitz, RN for a presentation on foot care and how caring for the feet that carry you through life is important.



November 16th at 4pm



Voters' Meeting

November 15th 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for a light lunch and meeting to follow.

- Wayne Dragt, Pres.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Many thanks to all who attended our annual fundraiser. Special thanks to our volunteers who made this event run smoothly and successfully. Between the meal and silent auction $4,700 was raised. We will be sending this off to a specific need. Will keep you updated. Here's a quick snapshot of this week in our building. --Large donations were given from 3 "stores"--7 ladies from the Mansfield area brought 34 quilts and stayed the morning helping--and the ever busy Margaret Skoog drove from Montana with a trailer full of all kinds of things. The Orphan Grain Train semi plans to come next week and our volunteers will fill it to the brim.

1 Chronicles 29:13 " Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

To God be the glory for the generous hearts He has touched, the needs that will be met, and the many lives that will be blessed. Linnea

Warehouse Location:

101 @ 12th Ave Milbank, SD 57252

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays 3-5pm

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10-Noon

Mercy Meals:

Packing first Wednesday of month 9am

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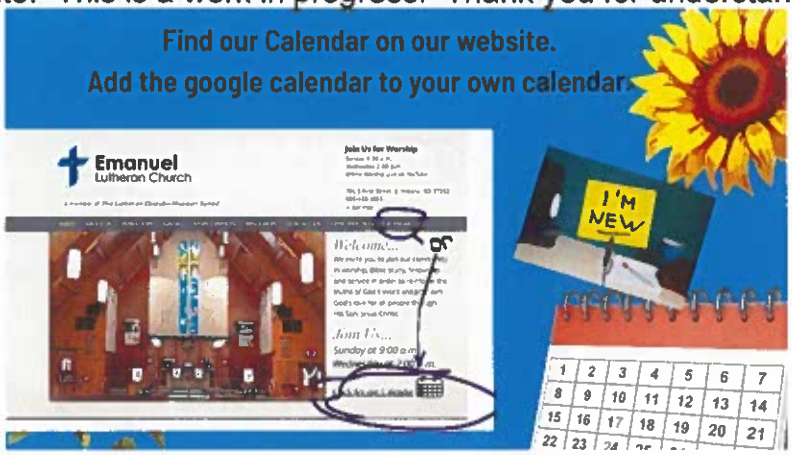
Happy Birthday Wishes in November

Bordt, Christine	1-Nov
Holtquist, Ella M.	1-Nov
Schamber, Ginger	3-Nov
Spanton, Jessica M.	3-Nov
Leddy, Korbin R.	3-Nov
Pinkert, Kimberly	4-Nov
Bloom, Nikolas	4-Nov
Linngren, Austin W.	4-Nov
Dietmeier, Martin C.	5-Nov
Myers, Tom	5-Nov
Schell, Jennifer K.	6-Nov
Schell, Parker B.	6-Nov
Hofhenke, Joyce	7-Nov
Ehlebracht, Alyssa C.	7-Nov
Hunt, Hudson L.	7-Nov
Bolin, Ricky	8-Nov
Bohn, Wanda	10-Nov
Haliburton, Timothy J.	10-Nov
Street, Kris	11-Nov
Gabriel, Rachelle L.	13-Nov
Koch, Dalton L.	13-Nov
Garcia, Noah E.	13-Nov
Pinkert, Sharon	14-Nov
Henderson, Tyler C.	14-Nov
Zubke, Eleanor G.	14-Nov
DiNatale, Eliza J.	15-Nov
Graf, Margaret L.	15-Nov
Haigh, Luke H.	16-Nov
Angerhofer, Edna	18-Nov
Loeschke, Tracy L.	18-Nov
Mueller, Jacob	18-Nov
Priebe, Alivia A.	19-Nov
Barse, Corbin M.	20-Nov
Schumacher, William A.	22-Nov
Bauer, Braydon A.	22-Nov
Giossi, Raelynn E.	22-Nov
Rethke, Regina A.	23-Nov
Nies, Krista M.	23-Nov
Davis, Barb	24-Nov
Hunt, Karen F.	24-Nov
Reil, Trey A.	24-Nov
Mielitz, Tammy	25-Nov
Hanson, Laci	25-Nov
Gabriel Sr., Ray	26-Nov
Frickson, Mark	26-Nov
Tietjen, Larry L.	27-Nov
Zemlicka, Dillon	27-Nov
Sackreiter, Judy	28-Nov
Pinkert, Paul D.	28-Nov
Bloom, Lincoln J.	28-Nov
Weyh, Whitney	29-Nov
Johnson, Joyce	30-Nov
Keller, Rhonda L.	30-Nov
Leddy, Krecia L.	30-Nov
Schweer, Michelle	30-Nov

Happy Anniversary in November

Dragt, Kenneth D. and Kathryn A.	4-Nov
Mielitz, Craig A. and Brooke Johnson	7-Nov
Morton, Gary and Sheila A.	7-Nov
Davis, Christopher and Karrie	8-Nov
Schwandt, Richard R. (Dick) and Julie	8-Nov
Behrens, James and Karen J.	10-Nov
Meister, Ronald J. (Ron) and Phyllis J.	12-Nov
Wollschlager, Derek and Dakota	18-Nov
Bogenreif, Daniel L. and Sharon J.	20-Nov
Schweer, Richard A. and Michelle	20-Nov
Greiner, Brian A. and Peggy	23-Nov

Update: The Calendar program that we have used for 20+ years is no longer supported and therefore we cannot use it. The calendar for November is printed from our online calendar found on our website. This is a work in progress. Thank you for understanding. Brandy



November

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Nov 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 10:30am - Fellowship & Bible 10:30am - Sunday School 5pm - Bible Study - Couples	2 6pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Elders' Meeting	3	4 9am - Mercy Meal Packing at 2pm - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 3:30pm - Confirmation 5th-8th 5:30pm - Handbell Practice 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 8pm - AA Meeting	5 9am - Mission Sewing Group 11am - Worship St. Williams Care 1pm - Bible Study	6	7 5pm - Worship Our Savior's Wilmot
8 9am - Worship Service of the Word 10:30am - Fellowship & Bible 10:30am - Sunday School 2:30pm - Vespers at St. Williams 3:15pm - Vespers at Park Place 4pm - Vespers at Avantara	9	10 1pm - LOE (LWML) Meeting 5:15pm - Youth Meeting and Zoom 6pm - Board of Education Meeting 6pm - Evangelism Board Meeting 6pm - Stewardship Board Meeting	11 2pm - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 3:30pm - Confirmation 5th-8th 5:30pm - Handbell Practice 6pm - Bible Study - Pew Sisters 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 8pm - AA Meeting	12 9am - Church Brass Cleaning 11am - Worship at Park Place @ 12pm - Vespers at Peaceful Pines 1pm - Bible Study	13	14 9am - Bible Study - Men's Group 2pm - Cub Scouts 5pm - Worship Our Savior's Wilmot
15 9am - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 10:30am - Annual Voters Meeting 10:30am - Sunday School	16 4pm - Foot Care Presentation by 6pm - Cub Scouts	17	18 2pm - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 3:30pm - Confirmation 5th-8th 5:30pm - Handbell Practice 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 8pm - AA Meeting	19 1pm - Bible Study 2:30pm - Worship Service at 4pm - Christian Service Council	20	21 5pm - Worship Our Savior's Wilmot 7pm - Movie Night in the
22 9am - Worship Service of the Word 10:30am - Fellowship & Bible 10:30am - Sunday School	23	24	25 2pm - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 6pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7pm - Pie Social 8pm - AA Meeting	26 11am - Thanksgiving Meal Served 3:30pm - "Voice" Article Due to the	27 4pm - Newsletter Articles Due	28 5pm - Worship Our Savior's Wilmot
29 9am - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 10:30am - Fellowship & Bible	30 6pm - Cub Scouts	1	2 9am - Mercy Meal Packing at OGT 2pm - Worship w/ Holy Comm. 5pm - Supper Served by Confir 5:30pm - Handbell Practice 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Advent Worship Service 8pm - AA Meeting	3 9am - Mission Sewing Group 11am - Worship St. Williams Care 1pm - Bible Study	4	5 8am - Pancake Feed at Elementary 11:30am - Worship at Trinity