

# RIVER OF LIFE *STREAMS*

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## *Why I like Thanksgiving*

The season of Thanksgiving is a time to remember and not forget our abundance. The spirit of Thanksgiving creates in us an abundance mindset. When we focus on what we have and the positives in life, we feel thankful. The more thankful we feel, the more joyful we feel. It overflows. And joy is contagious.



No other country celebrates Thanksgiving the way we do in the U.S. For one, our Thanksgiving holiday lasts longer. Turkey, football and getting a head start on Christmas shopping are a big part of the extended holiday in our country. All the TV ads and sales flyers that will be stuffed into our papers and mail try to convince us that our holiday won't be complete unless we buy their product. It's amazing that we should be giving thanks for the many blessings we have and then we hear that we need more.

Still, there is something I especially like about this holiday. **Thanksgiving is a constantly renewable resource.** What the Bible teaches, and experience shows it to be true, is that gratitude and generosity feed on each other. Find a person who is truly grateful, and you will find a person who is generous. Find a person who is generous, and you will find a person who is grateful. Thanksgiving produces generosity. Generosity brings a sense of abundance into our lives which gives more reason for gratitude.

Who knows what the effect of our thankfulness and subsequent generosity will have on the lives of others? God set up a remarkable system of joy and blessing, gratitude and generosity, giving and receiving and then God backs it up with a lifetime guarantee. Gratitude and generosity feed on one another. Give out of gratitude and your gratitude will continue to grow. It's an important time-tested principle of Christian living.

At River of Life we are blessed by God. Spiritually we have the greatest gift – God's grace. There may be other things that we want. That's part of our humanity. It would be better if we would have the attitude not that we want more but we want to do more for the Lord and others.

Why do I like Thanksgiving? If we look at it from God's viewpoint, it's a constantly renewable resource.

I wish you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!  
*Pastor Mitschke*



**Sundays 11:45am**

**Nov. 7 - COMMUNION All Saints Observed**  
*"Garments of Righteousness"*  
Revelation 7:9-17

**Nov. 14- COMMUNION Pentecost 25**  
*"When You Know How It Ends"*  
Mark 13:1-13

**Nov. 21 – COMMUNION Thanksgiving Service**  
*"A Demonstration of Grace"*  
Luke 17:11-19

**ADVENT BEGINS**

**Nov. 28 – COMMUNION 1st Sunday in Advent**  
*"Our Redemption Is Drawing Near"*  
Luke 21:25-36



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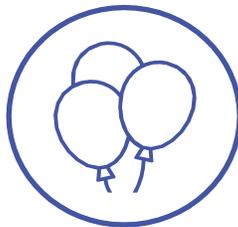
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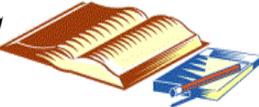
**Please pray for Pastor Mitschke's quick recovery from having a procedure done on his spine this Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. We pray the procedure eases his pain.**



**Sunday School...**

**Sunday school is in the Upstairs Classrooms.  
Sunday school will be every Sunday at 10:45am before church service.**

# *Confirmation Class*



**Thursdays 5:45pm**

The Class began with a study of The Sacraments and is continuing with Holy Baptism.  
Contact Pastor Mitschke if you have any questions.

The members of the class are:  
Zack Graves, Lily Keller,  
Landon and Logan Sopkin,  
and Sage Williams



**Youth Group**

**Pancake Breakfast**

Time and information to be announced later

**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Church Fellowship Hall

Plan on attending for some fellowship and to help our youth group!



## **Adult Bible Study**

**The Dynamic Duo of Dave and Erich will alternate and enlighten us each week when we don't have a pastor.  
Come join us for Faith, Fellowship, and Fun!**

**Join us at 10:45am every Sunday before church service in the Fellowship Hall.**

## **Swaddling Clothes**

*Our outreach ministry for families!*

**Open** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**November 13th**  
8:30 am – 12 pm

**November 23th**  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

We are looking for **volunteers most Thursdays 5:45pm-6:45pm**. If you're interested in helping, please contact Amanda Graves. Contact Pam Sterle if you want to help some mornings.

**The more, the merrier!**

Please consider donating your time to this worthwhile ministry.  
Help is always needed and appreciated.



# Congregational Meeting

November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM

In the Sanctuary

**Nominations** are being taken for positions that are up for election this year. If interested in any position, let Bob Grimm know to put you on the ballot, or ask any Council member for further information. **Here are the positions up for election:**

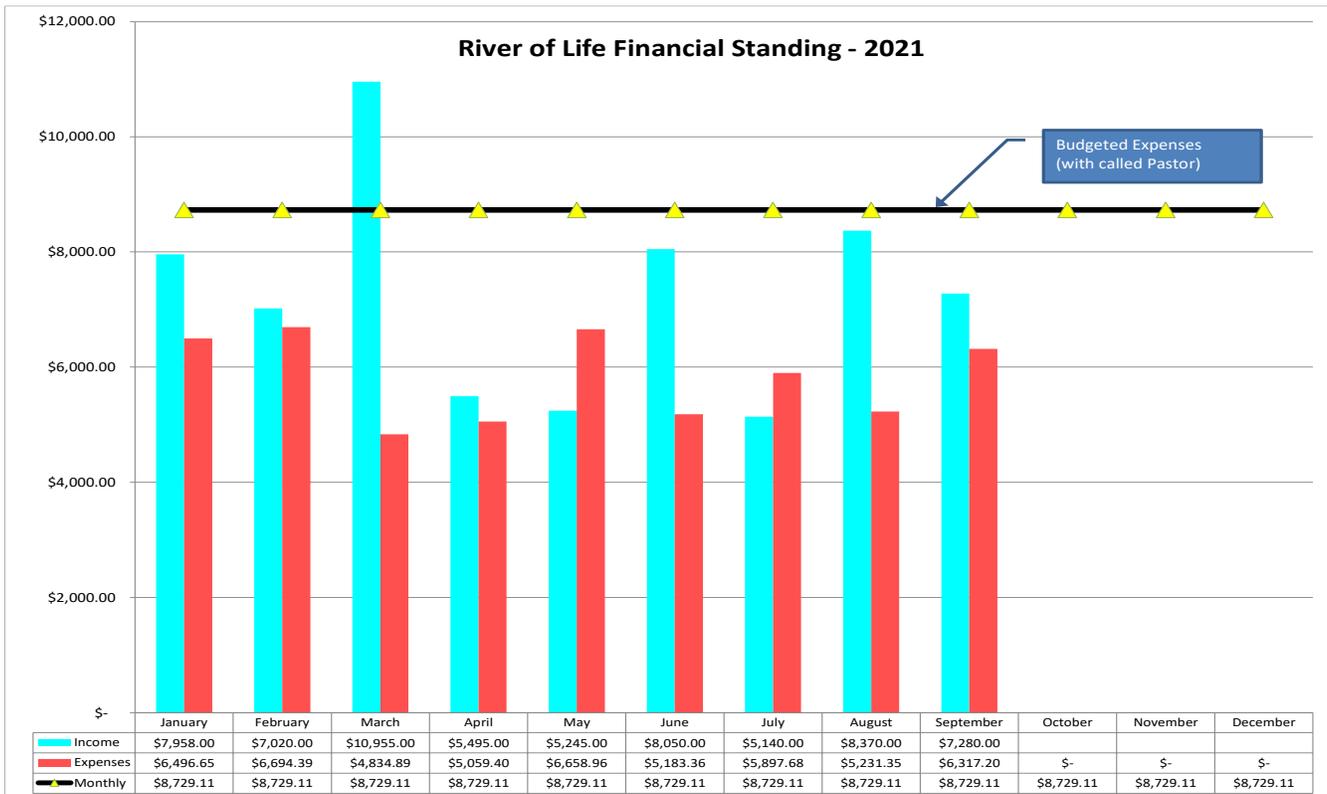
1 Evangelism, 1 Education, 1 Secretary, 3 Elders, 1 Vice Chairman, 1 Treasurer.

**Church entrance will now be through the side door!**

It will be easier to take the fewer steps up to the Sanctuary,  
or down to the Fellowship Hall.

Plus the Lift is there for your use if needed!

**If you need to use the LIFT, let an Elder or Usher know to assist you!**



Giving	\$ 65,513.00
Expenses	\$ 52,373.88
	<b>\$ 13,139.12</b>

The Call committee **is** continuing to search for a Pastor!  
When we have further info, it will be passed along.



## **Holy *COMMUNION***

The Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood is received reverently among us. With COVID-19, our reception of the Sacrament is still affected.

Social distancing is practiced coming forward. Communicants come to receive the Sacrament as singles or a family. As the first family/single leaves the Communion Table, the next single or family comes forward.

In our distribution of the wine and the bread in the Sacrament, there is now no contact between the pastor/elder and the people.

The bread and wine are in individual cups touched only by the communicant(s). As the pastor says, "*Take eat*" . . ., each communicant takes his own cup with bread, "*Take drink*" ., each communicant then takes his own cup with wine. The pastor then speaks the dismissal.

We followed suggestions and introduced these new precautions long ago. If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to share them with an elder or pastor.

We appreciate the service of our Altar Guild for their beautiful service and add an extra thank you for their special work currently.

Dave Hall, Head Elder