



# Weekly Booster

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Celebrating the Reign of Christ Sunday marks the end of Ordinary Time and serves as a prologue to the festivities of Advent. We celebrate Christ's role as Lord of all—the world, the church, and our lives. Thinking about the ways we know and experience Christ for ourselves, I was struck earlier this year when my Anglican friends observed the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Interestingly, these two titans of the early church would share a feast day because of the radically different way they each experienced and understood Christ. It is these differences that illustrate for us the inherent complexity of Reign of Christ Sunday, when we remind ourselves, once again, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Peter knew the human Jesus first; and through his experiences walking with, learning from, and participating in Jesus' ministry, he came to know him as the Christ. In the Synoptic Gospels, we are told that Peter was out fishing one day with his brother, Andrew, and Jesus called out to them, prompting the brothers to drop their nets and begin following Jesus (Matthew 4:18-20). John's Gospel suggests that since Andrew was a follower of John the Baptist, Peter knew at least a little bit about Jesus before dropping everything to follow him (John 1:41). But it was Peter's experiences of watching Jesus preach, teach, and heal that led him to proclaim, "you are the Christ, the anointed one of God" (Matthew 16:16 NIV).

Peter observed Jesus as a human being. He saw Jesus yawn when he got tired. He saw Jesus flinch when he hit his foot on a stone. Peter even saw the vein on Jesus' forehead swell up in anger just before he lashed out at the money changers in the temple courtyard. So even after the Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, even after Peter began to understand the cosmic significance of what God had done through this man, at the end of the day, Peter's loyalty to Christ was rooted in his best friend, Jesus, a man with whom he'd laughed, cried, walked miles, and eaten hundreds of meals.

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*You've got to have a test  
to have a testimony.*

*Jesus has better directions  
than your GPS*

*+Men's Bible study  
Saturday mornings at 8:00  
a.m.*

*+Women's Bible Study,  
Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.*

### Reminders

November 21<sup>st</sup>

Methodist Men's Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall  
All Men Welcome!

November 24<sup>th</sup>

Women's Bible Study  
11:30 a.m.

Praise Team  
5:00 p.m.

Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

November 25<sup>th</sup>

T.O.P.S.  
4:30 p.m.

November 27<sup>th</sup>

Men's Bible Study  
8:00 a.m.

December 5<sup>th</sup>

All Church Harvest Meal  
After Sunday School – please  
bring salad or dessert

\*\*Worship Assistants needed  
for November 28<sup>th</sup> and  
December sign up on the  
counter in the Welcome Center

\*\* Fellowship Volunteers

### *Reign of Christ Sunday – Continued*

Paul, however, never knew the human Jesus. He heard all the stories about all that Jesus did and said from guys like Peter, but only after he was a committed Christian. Paul started as Saul of Tarsus, a bright and zealous Pharisee who was determined to see this heretical movement called “The Way” wiped out. But God had other plans for him. On the way to Damascus to continue his grand inquisition, Paul was struck blind by Jesus and told to go wait for further instructions (Acts 9). He was baptized, took the name Paul, and spent the rest of his life traveling the Roman Empire, spreading the gospel—to Jews and Gentiles alike. Oh, and he wrote a big chunk of the New Testament in his free time.

Paul knew the cosmic Christ: the risen Jesus to whom all authority on heaven and earth had been given. While Peter went around telling stories about the time Jesus performed this miracle or told that parable, Paul went around speaking in high-minded philosophical rhetoric. He mined the Old Testament for metaphors to describe how God's wondrous purposes were being fulfilled and the salvation of the whole world was affected through this one of whom God had raised to life in anticipation of the future resurrection of all people. Paul's image was Jesus was that of the divine, cosmic redeemer who was drawing the whole of creation to himself.

In other words, you could say that although both Peter and Paul saw Jesus Christ as “fully human, fully God” (a statement issued by the Council of Nicea three centuries later but consistent with the beliefs of the early church), Peter leaned toward the “fully human” part, while Paul leaned toward the “fully God part.”

There's no question this creates tension. We can't even begin to wrap our minds around the idea that someone could be both fully God and fully human. We can only stand in wonder and awe at how amazing Jesus is to be able to fully embody both of these seemingly contradictory things. And that's the entire point of celebrating Reign of Christ Sunday. We are entering into the expectation of Advent and anticipating the in-breaking of heaven to earth. We recall how time and again we fail to live up to the ways God calls us to be, and yet God never withdraws his grace.

On Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate that God's reign in the entire universe has already been accomplished. At the same time, we anticipate the day when that reign will be accomplished in every human heart. Just as Peter and Paul illustrate the divine/human tension of Jesus' person, on Reign of Christ Sunday, we remind ourselves of the already/not-yet tension of God's reign over all creation. We pray as Jesus taught us, “thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

*Adapted from article by Matthew L. Kelley, Ministry Matters, November 9, 2011.*

## Church Office Hours

** Children & Jr.-Sr. High	<b>Monday</b>	9:00-11:00
Sunday School 10:15		12:00-3:00
Questers (Adults) 10:30	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00-11:00
		12:00-3:00
** <b>Bell Choir</b> – Volunteer needed	<b>Wednesday</b>	CLOSED
** <b>Chancel Choir</b> –	<b>Thursday</b>	9:00-11:00
Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.		12:00-3:00
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	<b>Friday</b>	9:00-11:00
		12:00-3:00

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



What physical ailment did Paul have temporarily after his conversion experience?

- a) leprosy
- b) lameness
- c) deafness
- d) blindness

Complete Jesus' statement about human souls: "The harvest is plentiful...?"

- a) and the time is short
- b) but the workers are few
- c) for the Lord has blessed
- d) with the choicest of fruit

Who was the husband of the prophetess Deborah?

- a) Uzziah
- b) Nebuchadnezzar
- c) Belshazzar
- d) Darius

**Check page 4 for a hint, answers in next week's booster**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



22<sup>nd</sup> – Sharon Fox  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Marilyn Hoskins  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Carl & Ann Priebe  
 26<sup>th</sup> – Cheri Christiansen  
 27<sup>th</sup> – Bradford (Buck) Mueller

\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto:office@shen.church)



If you would have an interest in joining the Congregational Care Ministry, please contact Fred Bryson or Janet Jones.

Book Your Appointment Online



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



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**2 Corinthians 9:7** – *Each of you  
should give what you have decided  
in your heart to give, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: **Terry Stafford**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Leader:** *Holiness is the beauty of God's temple while time shall last.*

**People:** *We worship God in the sanctity and freedom from our sins, which  
Christ gives us through his life's blood*

**All:** *Amen!*

# "Not of This World"

Old Testament Scripture: **2 Samuel 23:1-7**

New Testament Scripture: **Revelations 1:4-8**

Gospel Reading: **John 18:33-37**

**Songs**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns #327 (Hymnal)  
We Will Glorify The King of Kings #2087 (Black Book)  
We've A Story to Tell the Nations #569  
King of Kings #2075 (Black Book)*

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 74**

**Online Worship – 17**

**Our Mission:**

***"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."***

**Our Vision:**

***"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a  
difference in our world."***

*Look in the book - 1) Acts 2) Matthew 3) Judges*



Grace and peace to you, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanksgiving – What do you know about Thanksgiving? Pilgrims? Native Americans? Plymouth Rock? Maybe you didn't know that Thanksgiving pre-dates that traditionally thought of celebration in 1619. Perhaps you didn't know that Thanksgiving is celebrated in the USA, Canada, some Caribbean islands and in Liberia, if on different dates. Did you know Thanksgiving holiday has roots as far back as the English Reformation under Henry the VIII?

Yet, today, we live in a nation which has taken prayer out of schools, where people are taken to court over business practices related to their Christian beliefs, and there are petitions to remove the ten commandments from public display. It is somewhat a miracle that we still celebrate Thanksgiving as a national holiday. After all, it is God to whom we are giving thanks! The nation we live in is a far cry from what it was Oct 11, 1782.

In the early days of our nation Congress and President Washington, at different times, made proclamations which included phrases like "IT being the indispensable duty of all Nations, not only to offer up their supplications to ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good, for his gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give him praise for his goodness in general..." and "And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions"

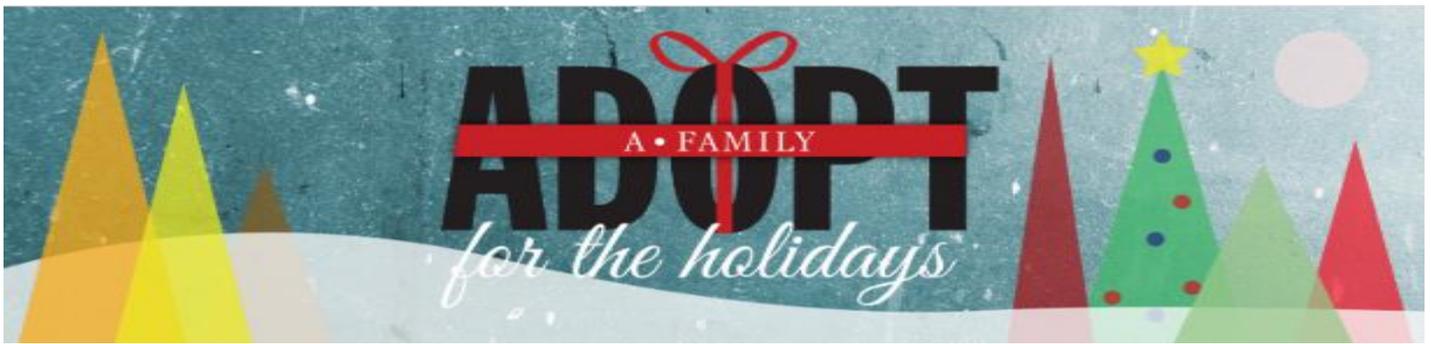
We are a long way from that, today, but we should do what Paul tells us in the 2nd Chapter of I Timothy: pray for those who are in high positions. When Paul wrote this Nero was king, and Nero's rule is usually associated with tyranny and extravagance, so pray even those in high positions are not in your favored party.

Even in the midst of struggle and trials we have as families, as a nation, even as a world afflicted by poverty, violence, and illness, we have so much to be thankful for in this Thanksgiving season. While we have breath, we have an opportunity to reach out to others to show them God's love. Whether it's by an encouraging word, perhaps given on an index card, or a meal, or a hug – even just a smile at a passerby. It doesn't have to be something big, as long as the heart is right.

Consider all that you are thankful for this week and how you will show your gratitude to God and others in your life who do so much for you. Let this holiday be full of an attitude of gratitude.

Blessings,

Pastor Kelly



We have received information about the family assigned to the First United Methodist Church for 2021. We will be buying gifts for a family of three children; a girl age 14 and two boys ages 13 and 12.

**The Mission Cans** have been placed on/or near the boxes, where pledges are placed on Sundays, for your donation of money to the Adopt-A-Family project. If you prefer, you can send a check to the church office marked for the AAF project and it will be added to the other donations and used in the purchase of gifts. **The last day for the collection of money will be December 5.**

If you would like to help shop, wrap gifts, or purchase a gift please call **Edi Norris 246-3594.**

It is that time of year again! We are ready to take your orders for poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you are interested in purchasing one "in Honor" or "in Memory of" please [click this link](#), find the Poinsettia form in our app or at <https://shenchurch.onechurchsoftware.com/forms/8>, or fill out a paper **POINSETTIA ORDER FORM** that is located in the Welcome Center on the information desk. Each poinsettia will be \$13.50 EA. Please put your pre-paid check and order form in the envelope provided with the form and place it in the wooden pledge box. We encourage you to order early and appreciate your kindness in helping make our sanctuary colorful for the Christmas season.



The Hispanic Center is now collecting items for their Christmas Shoe Boxes. There are 19 children, ages 3-14, on the list this year. Donations are also be accepted for \$15 grocery gift cards to go to 15 families. The due date is December 12<sup>th</sup>. Children's lists of ages are on a sheet on the Welcome Center table. You may also contact Sue Jones with questions.



United Methodist Men's breakfast will be held this coming Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All men welcome! Great food and great fellowship!

Women's Group, Sisters in Faith, please bring your Health and Beauty aids for the "local school mission" to the church by Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be a Christmas cookie exchange on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for the Sisters in Faith group.



With the beginning of Advent starting on November 28<sup>th</sup> there are lots of great ideas for how to prepare for this season of expectancy. As a child, you may have counted down the days by using an Advent calendar. The idea with the Reverse Advent calendar is opposite of what we would normally do. Instead of taking something out, the idea is to put something aside for Advent to give to someone else. This calendar allows the giver to fill a basket to be given to the Local Food Pantry after it is filled.

This Advent calendar is part of this week's Booster and there are copies on our Welcome Center table.

**NO BOOSTER NEXT WEEK**