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From The Pastor’s Desk

*“Playing It Safe?”*

Jesus calls us to make leaps of faith. The Bible is filled with stories of people stepping out in faith. David standing up to Goliath or Esther risking her life stand out in our minds. It is easy to dismiss these examples because we think, “I am not a David or an Esther. Maybe some folks are more naturally inclined to risk-taking, but certainly not ordinary folks like me.” However, the Bible is full all kinds of lesser-known characters also taking risky leaps of faith. It becomes uncomfortably clear that playing it is safe is really what is not normal. In November we look at just a few of those lesser-known characters who teach us about faith-filled leaps.

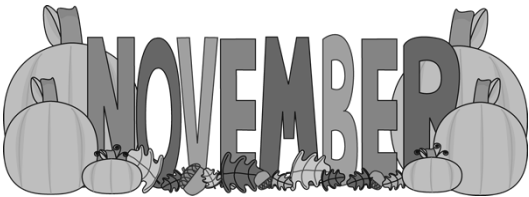
As we embark on this hazard-strewn journey keep in mind that the willingness to take risks is directly related to our view of God. C.S. Lewis in The Chronicles of Narnia The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe brought this out as he describes Aslan. Aslan is lion who Lewis used to describe the LORD. Lucy and Susan, are talking with Mr. Beaver about meeting with Aslan. They are understandably nervous. Mrs. Beaver says,

“If there’s anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they’re either braver than most or else just silly.” “Then he isn’t safe?” said Lucy. “Safe?” said Mr. Beaver. “Don’t you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.”

At the heart of the matter of risk is our view of God. How big is your God?

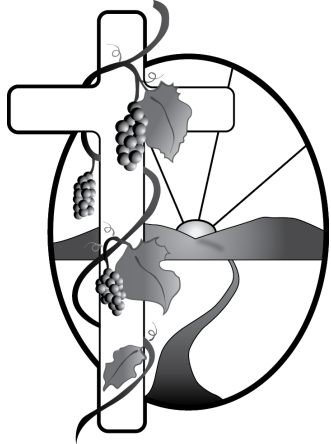
Blessings,

Pastor Paul



Thank you for serving coffee hour this month!  
November 5: OPEN  
November 12: Bettie Ottman  
November 19: OPEN  
November 26: OPEN

# Covenant Presbyterian Church



November 5  
Pastor Paul Fredericks

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## Home-bound Communion

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord's Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren't going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.



## Giving options:

- bring to worship on Sunday's
- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- drop your check off at the office
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website and look for the giving tab



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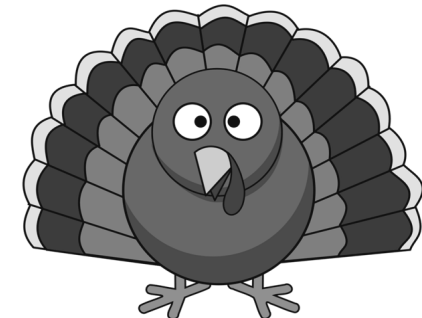


## Thanksgiving Word Search

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F	A	M	I	L	Y	P	B	P	Z

Word list:

FALL  
FAMILY  
FEAST  
GRAVY  
HARVEST  
NOVEMBER  
PIE  
PUMPKIN  
SHARE  
SQUASH  
THANKS  
TURKEY



# RENOVATE



January -October 2023

Actual Income: \$253,948.01\*

Actual Expenses: -\$254,886.02

Shortfall \$ -938.01

\*denotes that 5 pledges are paid in full for 2023

RENOVATE 3 YEAR GIVING TOTAL (2018-2020):  
\$432,041.40 (96% of pledges were fulfilled)

RENOVATE EXTENSION (1/2021-6/2023):  
Total Received: \$139,872.00

TOTAL RECEIVED SINCE 7/1/23: \$31,500

LOAN BALANCE 11/01/23: \$56,404

## RENOVATE

We are excited to share that our renovate loan balance is **\$56,404!** Thank you for your generosity and continued giving to get to this point. A few months ago we sent out a letter that we would like to make it our goal to get this paid off by next June. Several ways to make our goal: 1) for those who give towards the campaign, keep on keeping on 2) for those who may not have been able to give but your situation has changed; write renovate in the memo line of your check 3) for those of you who are new to our church family and are not sure what the renovate campaign is please reach out to the office 4) for those who have funds invested in MDCP you could consider pulling out your investment and give that directly to pay down the loan 5) the church has funds invested in MDCP and recently we pulled out \$18,000 to put towards the balance of the loan (reflected above) leaving enough funds to keep our low interest rate. If you have any questions please call the office and again THANK YOU!

## Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards



We are collecting monetary donations to help 13 Whitstran Elementary families with groceries for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Each family will receive a \$150 Walmart gift card to purchase groceries that fit the needs of their family.

How can you help?

\*pray for these families \*consider making a monetary donation. Please write "food gift cards" in the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

## Christmas Food Gift Cards & Giving Tree



...and moving right into Christmas! We will have the giving tree up Sunday, November 12 that way if you like to shop the big holiday shopping weekend you will have your tags. This also gives plenty of time to shop before they are due back to the church.

What is the giving tree? For each family member of the thirteen families we will have a gift tag hanging on the tree that will have their specific needs listed. We may also have tags that have household needs such as blankets, pillows, cookware, etc. We ask that you "sign" out your tags and return them to the church wrapped and with the tag on top by Sunday, December 10.

We will also be accepting monetary donations to help purchase grocery gifts cards for the Christmas holiday. Each family will receive a \$150 Walmart gift card to purchase groceries that fit the needs of their family

If you would like to take a gift tag but are not able to shop we can help with the shopping! Reach out to Bonnie at 786-1594. Thank You!



## PROMISELAND

for children 4 years old -5<sup>th</sup> grade

Please join the PL Team as we begin a journey through the Book of Judges.

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**MARKET STREET KIDS**

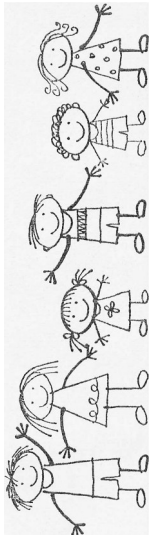
Kids to Jesus Kids to Kids Kids to Adults

Market Street Kids, our mid-week ministry for kids  
Kinder-5<sup>th</sup> grade will begin a new season on:

**Wednesday's \* 4:30-6:30pm**

Come join us for Large Group Bible Time, Small Group  
Teaching, and family style dinner!

Oct. 18-March 20 ~ \$75 per child, Scholarships available  
Jacki McNair at 786-1594, jackim@prosserpres.org



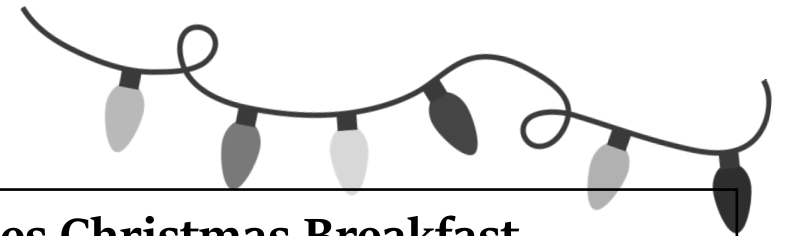
# No MSK or Youth Group November 22

## YOUTH GROUP

Middle School & High School

Wednesday's 5:30-7:30p

Dinner, Bible Study, Fellowship & Friends



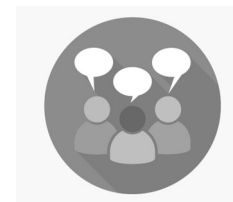
## Ladies Christmas Breakfast

Saturday, December 2 @ 9am

Church Fellowship Hall

Women and girls welcome! Join us for breakfast and enjoy a time of fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

*We also need a few men that are willing to greet, take coats, and serve the group of ladies. Please sign up in the narthex if you can help.*



Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](#)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](#)

Church website: [www.prosserpres.org](http://www.prosserpres.org)

Find us on Facebook too!

**509-786-1594**

**WWW.PROSSERPRES.ORG**

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Our trunk or treat event was so much fun! We had many kids and their families come through. Thank you to those who decorated their trunks and thank you to those who purchased candy! This is a wonderful outreach event-many parents commented that they were grateful that we offer this to our community. **THANK YOU!**



Thank you to all of our apple pie volunteers! It was a great day to be together. We made a total of 202 apple pies which is a profit of around \$1,400 and it has been tradition to give the first \$500 to our local food bank, Jubilee. We are also grateful to Hogue Ranches for donating the apples. ENJOY!



**Winter is here! We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats, socks, and coats for Whitstran students (K-5th grade). Please drop off in the marked container in the narthex.**

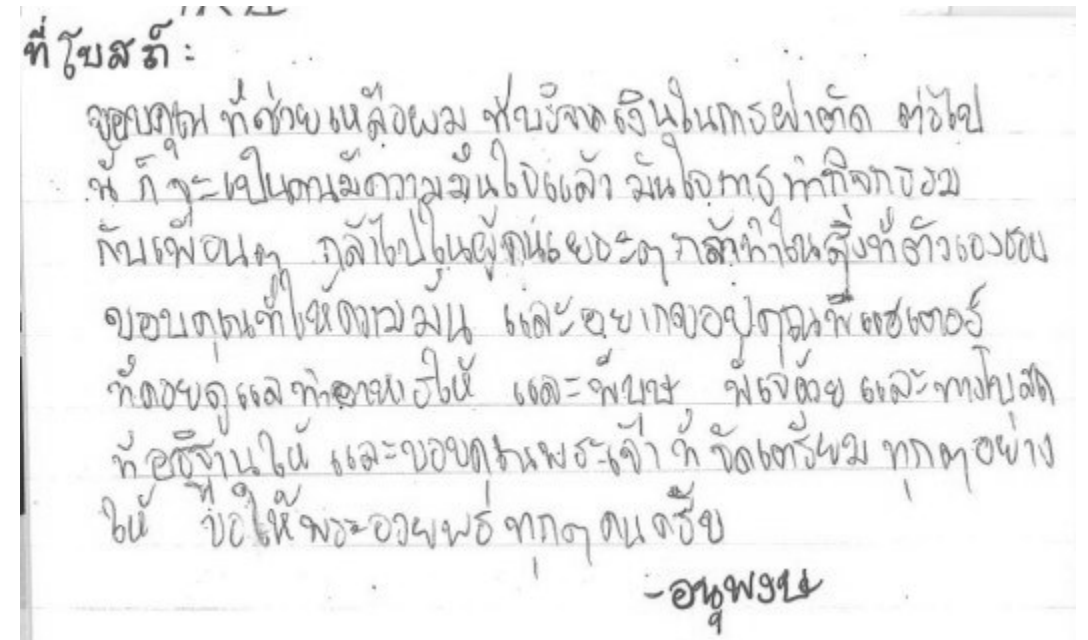


Cheri Eisen, is a licensed physical therapist that offers Wellness classes here at the church. She focuses on Geriatric wellness, fitness, strength, and general well-being. Classes are Monday & Thursday at 11am; \$5 each class. You may attend twice at no charge to see if this is something you would benefit from. Please call Cheri if you are interested. You can text at 816-510-5025 or call 509-497-1154.



**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed**  
Coffee hour is simply providing the treats. Treats can be store bought or homemade. We provide the paper goods and will make the coffee.  
Please sign up at the coffee bar-thank you!

# Handwritten letter from Isaac



Translation (sorry we wrote upside down!)  
To the church: Thank You so much for providing the finances for my surgery. After this, I feel much more self- confident. I can join my friends in more activities. I feel more brave to speak to other people and be in larger groups and more confident to do things I enjoy. I'm thankful for more confidence and for P'Heather, who took care of me after surgery for a month. I'm thankful to the Jojo's team and the church for praying for me and I thank God who prepared everything.. May God bless everyone in your church.. -Isaac

November Birthdays:

- 11/03 Chad Don
- 11/03 Lillian Phelps
- 11/04 Dick Poteet
- 11/06 Alan Steen
- 11/06 Jake Jensen
- 11/08 Gerry Don
- 11/09 Kathy Laws
- 11/12 Cora Bailey
- 11/14 Larry Wolters
- 11/17 Alison Bestebreuer
- 11/19 Paul Christopher
- 11/19 Emily Schmick
- 11/19 Denny Fullerton
- 11/23 Heidi Bader
- 11/24 Luke Wolters
- 11/25 Glenda Schmidt
- 11/27 Grace Bestebreuer
- 11/27 Isaac Bestebreuer
- 11/27 Rebekah Bestebreuer



December Birthdays:

- 12/01 Wyatt York
- 12/01 Alisa Groenen
- 12/02 Jacki McNair
- 12/04 Chris Friberg
- 12/05 Jeremy Poteet
- 12/05 Casey Jensen
- 12/05 Sadie Andrews



November Anniversaries:

- 11/17 Paul & Susie Christopher
- 11/29 John & MaryEllen Carman

# NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 430-630p MSK 530-730p Youth Group	2 11a Wellness Class	3	4
5 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	6 11a Wellness Class	7 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	8 430-630p MSK 530-730p Youth Group	9 11a Wellness Class	10	11
12 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	13 11a Wellness Class 530p Team Mtg 6p Session Mtg	14 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	15 430-630p MSK 530-730p Youth Group	16 11a Wellness Class	17	18
19 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	20 11a Wellness Class	21 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	22	23 GIVE thanks	24	25
26 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	27 11a Wellness Class	28 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study	29 430-630p MSK 530-730p Youth Group	30 11a Wellness Class		