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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever - Psalm 118:1

FALL. I love this time of year. I love everything about it: the cool enough weather for sweaters and jeans, seeing a vibrant red tree out the window, a Starbucks pumpkin latte with a warm pumpkin scone, going to numerous fall festivals with friends, watching my son play in a huge pile of freshly raked leaves, family togetherness for Thanksgiving dinner, but most importantly the emotions of being thankful for all of the wonderful things God has given to us.

I try to be thankful everyday, but I'll be real and say that sometimes more of my thoughts throughout the day are hurried, skeptical, ungrateful, or critical. When I sit down to read the Word, I find so much to be thankful for and I wonder why I don't have a more grateful attitude towards life. I think that is why my husband and I complement each other so well- he is a "glass is half full" kind of guy and I'm of the "glass is half empty" mindset. Psalm 118 is about being thankful. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." When I really think about that Psalm it says to me: Praise the Lord, he is a good and gracious God and his love will surround us always. It is actually very simple and I often find myself making it more complicated than it needs to be. Being thankful is not hard to do and that is the lesson I want to teach my children. I want to teach them to praise God each and every day and to be thankful for everything He gives to us.

During this time of year, being thankful is on our minds and it should also be on our lips. Think about what you are thankful for and encourage your children to do the same. Talk about it with them. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 tells us that the commandments given to us should be put upon our hearts, impressed on our children and talked about often. Be diligent in making your thoughts and actions thankful for the goodness that God has bestowed upon us. So, have an *Attitude with Gratitude* and be thankful for what you have and for who God is. Remind yourself, and teach your children, to offer thanksgiving to God in advance for what He is going to do and for the prayers He has yet to answer.—by Megan Lloyd

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Monthly Mentions

The St. Matthew's Endowment Fund granted Children's Christian Education and the St. Matthew's Preschool \$2200 towards creating a toddler playground. If you are interested in lending a hand to make things happen, please give Jill at call at 288-1911.

Keep an eye out for more information in the Week Link regarding the Family Advent Wreath making day. Contact Lissa Powers-deFur if you would like to help out—288-8010.

Christmas Pageant rehearsals are right around the corner. Many hands are needed to make this a success. Please call Virginia Witmer to volunteer—282-1250.

Nursery, Toddler, Preschool Rooms Update

	Date	Nursery	Toddler	Preschool
Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.	November 1	Lynda Jenkins	Natalie Axtell	Megan Lloyd
		Betty Helms	Cliff Axtell	Chris Lloyd
	8	Lyric Hassler	Susan Harrison	Wynn Burr
		Jeff Hassler	Laura Allin	Blake Burr
If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.	15	Jean Ray	Gretchen	Kate Garitz
		Carol Grainger	Todd DeFrancesca	Shawn Garitz
	22	Lee West	Stacy Relyea	Adrian Hudgins
		Nancy Knight	Bob Relyea	Shannon Norris
29	Katie Musick	Danny Cox	Marilyn Rooney	
	Bert Musick	Kaki Vint	Jacob Rich	