

Wed. - Nov. 22, 2023

# TLC

# CONNECT



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

When is it easiest to be thankful? When things are going good, right? While it might be easier to praise God when you are most happy and comfortable, it is just as important, if not more important, to thank Him in the midst of trials.

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul tells the church at Thessalonica to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This can be hard to do, especially when things aren’t going well. So why do we have to give thanks? Why can’t we give in to cynicism and thanklessness? Because God calls us to a life of continual thankfulness. It is God’s will that we give thanks.

This is not to say we need to be always smiling. Sometimes things in life are bad and we should mourn or be upset, but it is in these moments that God asks us to thank Him anyway.

The trials in our lives are not pointless. God has a purpose for everything, even the bad. We might not be able to see the good, but God can see the whole picture and we can gain hope in knowing that our suffering is not in vain, but rather, part of God’s greater purpose.

Furthermore, in Colossians 3:17 it says, “And whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

No matter how we feel at any given moment, we are still in control of what we say and do, and we should use this opportunity to point our lives back to God. A defining characteristic of a Christian is how he or she responds to trials. By finding the good in the bad and giving thanks despite the negative circumstances, Christians set themselves apart from the rest of the world while simultaneously lifting their own spirits by fixing their eyes on

God instead of on the world.

So this Thanksgiving, whether you see the blessing abounding in your life or you are struggling to find anything to be thankful for, turn to God, the one who blesses you with grace and salvation daily and who longs for you to praise Him in the midst of your suffering, trusting in Him and His perfect purpose for your life now and forever more.

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL  
OF BOTH  
**Thanks  
&  
Giving**

## ***Christmas Eve Worship Services***

**Sunday, December 24th 9:00 & 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM Candlelight Service**

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# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE Nov. 29th Agenda

- 5:30-6:30 pm Evening Meal**  
Fellowship Hall **SERVING: Burgers, Chips/Veggies & Berries**
- 6:30-7:45 pm Kids Club (Ages 4-10)**  
Treehouse - Mezzanine
- 6:30-7:45 pm Lumberjacks (Gr. 5 & 6)**  
Daniel Rm - Lower Level
- 6:00-8:00 pm Anchor Youth (Gr. 7-12)**  
Youth Rm - Lower Level
- 6:30-7:45 pm Men's Bible Study**  
Jerusalem Room - Upper Level
- 6:30-8:00 pm Women's Bible Study**  
Jordan Room

## THIS COMING WEEK AT THE LOG CHURCH

### SUNDAY - NOV. 26TH

- 9:00 AM Pre-service Prayer  
9:30 AM Worship Service

### MONDAY - NOV. 27TH

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study  
9:00 AM ZOOM Bible Study  
6:00 PM Mon. Night Encounter

### TUESDAY - NOV. 28TH

- 6:30 AM Men's Bkfst & Study  
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
10:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
3:30 PM Bone Builders  
6:00 PM Men & Women BSF  
7:00 PM AA Group

### WEDNESDAY - NOV. 29TH

- 5:30 PM WNL Meal  
6:00 PM Youth Group  
6:30 PM Re-Engage  
6:30 PM KIDS Club  
6:30 PM Lumberjacks  
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### THURSDAY - NOV. 30TH

- 3:30 PM Bone Builders  
7:30 PM Heartland Symphony

### FRIDAY - DEC. 1ST

- 9:00 AM Mom & Child Connect  
6:30 PM Men's Simulcast

# HEARTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

## The Log Church - Sanctuary Thursday, Nov. 30th • 7:30 PM

Conducted by  
Ryan Webber

FREE FOR ALL AGES

Good will Donations  
are Encouraged

The TLC association with the orchestra continues to be a success. Some have asked, "How can I help the Heartland Symphony Orchestra bring outstanding music to our region of MN?" This all volunteer orchestra is always seeking players, board members & volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or offer your gift of time and talent, please call or write.

1-800-826-1997 [HeartlandSymphony@gmail.com](mailto:HeartlandSymphony@gmail.com)

The Log Church Youth Group will be hosting an **Espresso Coffee Bar** from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Gathering Place. All monies go to support youth opportunities. The Youth Ministry is led by Pastor Mike Neumann.



**DF DARING FAITH**  
An evening with Promise Keepers

JOIN US FOR THE  
**LIVE SIMULCAST**  
AN EVENT & CHALLENGE FOR MEN OF INTEGRITY.

**Friday, Dec. 1st**  
**6:30 - 9:30 PM**  
**The Log Church - Sanctuary**  
(GOOD WILL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME)

DARING FAITH is an event for men, hosted by Promise Keepers, that will include panel topics:

- Pain & Loss • Christianity & Faith in Sports
- Walking with Christ in Today's Culture
- How to Have Daring Faith

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

There is a Christmas Choir being formed. Practice is after Sunday worship service on Nov. 26 • Dec. 3 • Dec.10



**Choir Performance**  
**Sunday, Dec.17th**

## YOUTH GROUP WED., NOV. 29TH Fruit of the Spirit



### SELF CONTROL:

This one can be a tough one. This is especially true in a fast paced, instant gratification world. How do we develop this? What does this do practically and spiritually?

Experienced  
People in  
Christ

# EPIC

- **Thurs., Nov. 30th 5:30-7:15 PM**  
Serving a Soup Supper to the Heartland Symphony Orchestra
- **Thurs., Dec. 7th 6-8:00 PM**  
Fellowship Dinner  
Christmas favorites

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS ONLINE & INDICATE WHAT YOU WILL BRING

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