From the pastor...
November moves us into a moving and meaningful part of the church calendar. There are two festival days in November, All Saints Sunday and Christ the King Sunday. Plus, the last Sunday of November launches us into the season of Advent. Add in the secular holiday of Thanksgiving, and it is truly a great month of worship!

This year on All Saints Sunday, November 1, I will introduce Canaan to a worship service I created years ago for this special day. In the service, we will honor those who have passed away who we are not only grieving but giving thanks for the goodness and the light of Christ they brought to us when they were alive. We will do this by individually coming forward and light a candle for each. Then, sit in silence and some wonderful special music, while we give thanks. It has truly become one of the most meaningful worship services of the year. I am anxious to share this special day with all of you.

Peace, Pastor Karl

First Communion
This month we are working with parents and their children, 8-11, to prepare them to receive their first Holy Communion. Pastor Karl will spend Saturday morning, 9:30AM - 12:30 PM, November 7, 2026, instructing the five excited youth we have for this wonderful milestone of faith. On Sunday, November 29, 2026 we will have a great celebration that will give honor to this faithful step the children are making and our parents are encouraging. Canaan is keeping our baptismal promises to these families.

Help Needed
We would like to change our sign out front regularly to let our neighbors know what is going on here at Canaan. Pastor Karl needs a volunteer to change the sign one to three times a month on a Sunday after church, Monday or Tuesday. Changing the sign involves lifting up the plexiglass cover and being outside for about twenty minutes...even in the winter. Email Pastor Karl at canaanlutheranpastor@gmail.com or call the church office if you want to hear more about his opportunity.

Sunday Adult Education - *Everything Happens for a Reason*

At 11:45 AM on Sunday, November 22 we will begin three weeks looking at why bad things happen to good people. Is God punishing us? Is there a plan that we are not aware of? Is it random bad luck? Is it evil greater than God? The lessons will spring from the wonderful book that Duke Professor and author Kate Bowler wrote in 2018, *Everything Happens for a Reason: and Other Lies I Have Told Myself.* You are encouraged to read this short book. It is about her cancer journey and how it led her on a separate journey of faith. It is very good and easy to read. You won't need to have read the book to take part fully in the class.

Crucifer, Lector and Acolyte Training

Gracie Garrett and Pastor Karl will be gathering, training and scheduling crucifers, lectors and acolytes in the month of November. A crucifer is someone who carries the cross in and out of worship. Something we will want to do on big festival days of worship. Look for announcements in the bulletin for dates and times to meet up for a brief training.