

## Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

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# LEAVES OF LIFE November 2018



## The genius of generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.



## Holy Trinity site

825 Forest Ave  
Jamestown NY 14701  
(716) 488-4235  
Office: 9:30-1:30 TUES



## Immanuel site

556 East Second St  
Jamestown NY 14701  
(716) 664-7104  
Office: 8-12 M-F

***Tree of Life Church: united in worship, sharing Jesus  
and serving all people.***

**Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**

# Tree of Life Worship Schedule

PASTOR TARA LAMONT EASTMAN

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

are at our HOLY TRINITY SITE ..

*Regular Schedule Sunday School 9am & Worship at 10:15*



**Holy Trinity**



**Immanuel**

**Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**HT office 716 488-4235; ILC office 716 664-7104**

**Contact info:** Pastor Tara Lamont Eastman

Email: [pastor@toljamestown.com](mailto:pastor@toljamestown.com) 716 969-3950 (call or text)

Pr at ILC office M & W (9:30am) & HT office T & TH (9:30am)

### **Note TREE OF LIFE has new emails:**

[admin@toljamestown.com](mailto:admin@toljamestown.com) – Rosemary DiDomenico

[pastor@toljamestown.com](mailto:pastor@toljamestown.com) – Pastor Tara Eastman

[secretary@toljamestown.com](mailto:secretary@toljamestown.com) – (emails forward to Rosemary)

[income@toljamestown.com](mailto:income@toljamestown.com) – Beryl Emley

[expense@toljamestown.com](mailto:expense@toljamestown.com) – Jan Coleson

[music@toljamestown.com](mailto:music@toljamestown.com) – Eric Hester

**TOL Website:**

[www.toljamestown.com](http://www.toljamestown.com)

Tree of Life is on Facebook

# TREE OF LIFE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



If you would like to order a poinsettia for the Chancel for the Christmas season, please complete this form. Payment (\$7.50 per plant) should accompany your order. Plants will be displayed **Dec 16th thru Dec 30 this year**. Your plant(s) will be delivered to a homebound member unless indicated below. *These forms will be in the Narthex & they may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate, using one of the general purpose envelopes found in the pew racks. **Deadline for placing orders is Wednesday, Nov 28th at 9am.***

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Information for acknowledgement in bulletin:**

In memory of:

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In honor of:

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I wish to take my plant following the worship service on the Sunday after Christmas

# SERVING TREE OF LIFE

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

Please familiarize yourself with the lectern in both churches so if and when you should be the lector so you are comfortable reading at both sites.

## Note:

SCHEDULES were mailed out to each person. They are also posted each week in the bulletin and they are posted on the bulletin board at the lower entrance at ILC & for HT in their Narthex.

REMINDER: **NOV** is at  
**HOLY TRINITY SS 9 & W 10:15**

## ASSISTING MINISTER

Nov 4: Lisa Gustafson  
Nov 11: Dorie Deyo  
Nov 18: Wolf-Dieter Krahn  
Nov 25: Susan Bailey

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Nov 4: Darcy W, David E  
Nov 11: Dodie E, Jane E  
Nov 18: Chris R, Mike F  
Nov 25: Cindy S, Carol S

## COUNTERS

Nov 4: Sue P, Dorie D  
Nov 11: David E, Steve S  
Nov 18: Deb M, Carol S  
Nov 25: TBA council

## LECTORS

Nov 4: Jane Engle  
Nov 11: Anne Buffone  
Nov 18: Lisa Gustafson  
Nov 25: Kelly Myers

## ACOLYTE:

Nov 4: Ella Storms  
Nov 11: Sydney Moss  
Nov 18: Allie Moss  
Nov 25: Lilly Moss

## GREETERS

Nov 4: Chris Ahlstrom  
Nancy Johnson  
Nov 11: Joyce Atkinson  
Carole Dean  
Nov 18: Dennis & Jan Bechmann  
Nov 25: Dodie Erickson  
George Hitchcock

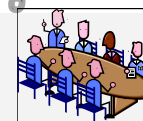
## USHERS

Nov 4: Gary S, Paul H  
Gary C, David M  
Nov 11: Dan G, Mike & Karin F,  
Benda D  
Nov 18: Dennis B, Carrie M  
George H, Deb M  
Nov 25: Mike F, Dennis A  
Roberto C, Brenda D

**HT ( ALTAR CARE TEAM)**  
FOR **November**

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, you are responsible for finding a replacement and calling to let the office know who is serving for you.

# Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

**President:** Carol Sorg  
**Vice-Pres:** Cindy Swan  
**Treasurer:** Deb Morlock  
**Secretary:** Steve Sandberg

## Non-Officers:

- Chris Radack
- Thure Fransen
- Darcy Whitney
- Dorie Deyo
- Sue Priester
- David Eaker



## NOTE:

If local schools are closed, be sure to call office prior to make sure we are open. Also will be on WGRZ & WIVB cancellations & closing & possible local radio stations

Choir rehearsals are on  
Wednesdays at 7:00 at **at**  
**whichever location worship is for the month ..**



To all volunteers who give their time to help out as needed. You are truly appreciated.

# Tree of Life News



**ESTHER CIRCLE meeting** will meet in **Wednesday, Nov 7th** •• Regular meetings are the First Wednesday of each month at **1:30 at the Holy Trinity site (November Gather Magazine this month)** unless change noted.

Any women from Tree of Life and their friends are welcome to attend.

We use the Bible study found in Gather Magazine and have refreshments and good conversations afterwards!

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**WOMEN KNIT TOGETHER** **Monday, November 5th** and will meeting each first Monday of month at 10am in the Hamlin library at ILC site through May (Picnic in June)

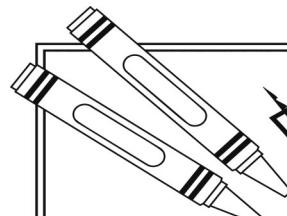
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**LABOR OF LOVE** will meet on **Monday, Nov 5th 9am** in Anderson Hall at the Holy Trinity site. They meet 1st Monday of month thru December, weekly January-May

## Men's Fellowship



**SENIOR MEN'S GROUP** meets every first and third Wednesday @ 9am for projects & fellowship. All men are invited to join them! **November dates are: the 7th & 21st AT Immanuel {group will be notified if needed at HT}**


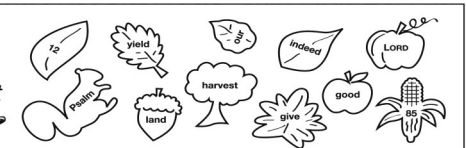





# PUZZLE



## HARVEST OF GOODNESS




God always provides, no matter the season.


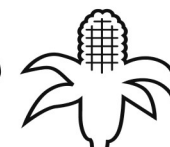

*Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.*

“The  will  

what is , and 

 will  its .”

  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

**“Leaves of Life “ DEADLINE**  
**FOR DECEMBER NEWS Is Sunday NOV 18TH**

Work party to assemble  
will be 9am(at Immanuel)



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH**



**Note: IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
NAME REMOVED FROM OUR  
MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE  
CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.**

ILC: 716 664-7104—Rosemary

[admin@toljamestown.com](mailto:admin@toljamestown.com)

## NOVEMBER ELCA

### LECTIONARY B

24 Pentecost - 4th

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

25 Pentecost - 11th

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

26 Pentecost - 18th

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18]

Mark 13:1-8

CHRIST THE KING - 25th

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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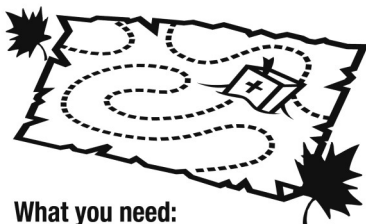
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Nov 19



# FALL SCAVENGER Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal  
aspects of God's creation!



## What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

## What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

# Pastor's message..

## Trees of "Thanksgiving"



During the month of November, I have an annual tradition of taking notice of one person, place, thing or experience that I'm grateful for. Each day I write a post on my Facebook page (and sometimes

in my journal), with the descriptive hashtag

**#gratitudechallenge18**

This practice of noticing what there is to be grateful for isn't something that I originated. There are many people and organizations that take time each day to express gratitude for one person, place, thing or experience. Years ago, a friend sent me a photo of the *"Thankfulness Tree"* that she made from sticks in her yard, construction paper leaves and a glass jug. Each day she would add a "leaf" to her tree and write one person, place, thing or experience she was thankful for.

From the looks of her *"Thankfulness Tree"* you would have never guessed she was living in a very difficult time of change. She and her family had moved a long distance away from home, she cared for two young children, she supported her spouse in new and time intensive work endeavors. At every turn the maker of their *"Thankfulness Tree"* was facing challenge, change and uncharted territory.

But each day, she also faced her *"Thankfulness Tree"* and helped it grow a new leaf of gratitude each day. In the midst of

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conflict and challenge, this creative and hopeful woman kept her eyes open for one person, place, thing, or experience to be thankful for.

*"Give thanks with a grateful heart*

*Give thanks to the Holy One*

*Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son... And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us give thanks..."*

In the midst of our needs and challenges of becoming united as Tree of Life Church; it's important to remember that Jesus Christ is the common denominator we all have to be thankful for.

- Together can we take note and express the people, places, things and experiences we are thankful for?
- If we built our own ***"Thankfulness Tree"*** how big would it grow?
- What might be the fruit that comes from a church that is... ***"rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."*** (Colossians 2:7 (NRSV)

In the midst of change and conflict, the church is carried, nurtured, and empowered by God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We are, Tree of Life Church, who has been called to be united in worship, share Jesus and serve all people. We have been and will be, even when established at one location, called to be – ***"Thankfulness Trees"*** that travel and share the good news of Christ, wherever we go. In gratitude and thanks, God help us people of God that abound in thanksgiving in all times.

*Walking in grace – Pastor Tara Lamont Eastman*

(In this newsletter is a gratitude prompt to assist you in creating your own traditions of November gratitude practices. FYI:

[GRATEFULNESS.ORG](http://GRATEFULNESS.ORG))



# Puzzle!

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

## CODE:

A	E	I	O	U
B	F	L	P	V
C	G	M	R	W
D	H	N	S	X
			T	Y



**Challenge:** What do we commonly call this song?

The

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him  
all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly  
host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.; The  
Doxology



#### TREE OF LIFE

#### NOVEMBER

11/1 Peggy Slattery, Nick Bennett  
11/2 Heather Carlson  
11/3 Judy Johnson  
11/5 Gracia Slagle,  
Harry Bailey, Jr.  
11/6 Gregory Storms,  
Lisa Gustafson  
11/7 Rona Jennings, Karen Frick  
11/8 Jaqueline Wisler  
11/11 Andrew Bennett  
11/12 Gerry Caruso, Amber Bailey  
11/13 Susan Jones  
11/14 Erik Ridgway  
11/15 Michele Gibson  
11/16 Rockland Milne,  
Daniel Whitney  
11/18 Sandy Stewart  
11/20 Nancy Johnson  
11/21 MaryAnn Bollman  
11/22 Eleanor Frick  
11/23 Wally Anderson,  
Charlie Lombardo  
11/28 Carolyn Bennett,  
Janet Carlson  
11/29 Charles Gustafson  
11/30 Richard Thom,  
Woody Danielson

God's Blessings to you!

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE  
KNOW if this needs update

#### Lifelong saints

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November).

Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

Come,  
let us join our friends above  
who have obtained the prize,  
and on the eagle wings of love  
to joys celestial rise.  
Let saints on earth unite to sing  
with those to glory gone,  
for all the servants of our King  
in earth and heaven are one.

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#### Tree of Life Congregational Vote Update

On Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 following Reformation Sunday Worship, Tree of Life Church held a congregational meeting following worship where 133 voting members voted on what single location is to become TOL's meeting, service and worship site for our church.

The results of the vote are as follows: Of 133 ballots, 64 members selected the 556 East Second Street site and 69 members selected the 825 Forest Avenue site.

Following worship on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>, at Dean Dan Rumfelt's request, Pastor Eastman gave the following announcement, for transparency sake, as the Dean and Bishop make sure all is in order with policy and procedure with regard to the congregational vote:

*"This announcement serves to keep all informed that after Tree of Life's vote and Congregational meeting on Sunday Oct 4th, that Dean Rumfelt, the Synod Office, Bishop John Macholz and Pastor Eastman have received correspondence and phone calls asking for clarification on Church Constitutional voting requirements. These constitutional questions are currently being reviewed by the Dean, Bishop and the ELCA Chicago office."*

When available more information will be shared with church council and congregation as to this review process and plans moving forward for Tree of Life Church. Thank you to the Synod for their assistance, the leadership of the Council, the efforts of the vision team and the support of the members in this process.

If church members have any questions concerning the vote and the current review, please contact:

Dean Dan Rumfelt at: [pastor@lutheran-jamestown.org](mailto:pastor@lutheran-jamestown.org)  
Or Bishop John Macholz at:  
[Bishopmacholz@upstatenysynod.org](mailto:Bishopmacholz@upstatenysynod.org) →

## **pastor con't..**

Please keep our church community in prayer in this ongoing time of transition and Reformation.

Sincerely,

**Pastor Tara Lamont Eastman**



Thank you to all the saints who hosted a trunk for TOL's first Trunk or Treat, held on Wednesday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. With your help, we gave candy out to over 50 children in our community.



Starting the week of Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at both site locations, Tree of Life will have two "Angel Trees" with 40 gift tags (Gifts no more than \$25.00 maximum) for G.A. Foster Care Youth and Families Christmas Party. Gifts must be dropped off on or before December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pie Church -Wed., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**825 Forest Ave—6pm** →

### **MEMORIAL RECEIVED:**

*In memory of:*

**Earl Carpenter**

*From:*

**Shirley, Brenda & Tim Carpenter**

**NOTE CHANGE:** When signing up for **ALTAR FLOWERS FOR HOLY TRINITY SITE OR BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP FOR IMMANUEL SITE**, please **contact the church office** 716 664-7104 or email Rosemary at



[admin@toljamestown.com](mailto:admin@toljamestown.com)

with requested date & what you would like printed in the bulletin that week and any specific request on choice of flowers or colors. I will have a chart with both schedules in ILC's office and will contact Jan at Holy Trinity who will in turn make sure flowers are ordered & delivered.





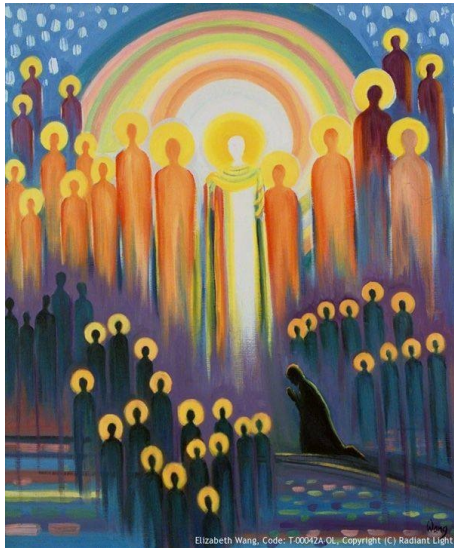
## Sunday Nov 4th

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY..



These are the names of those who have died since last years service & were remembered at this years service:

Marie Nelson  
Hap Hazard  
Bruce Johnson  
Robert Genberg  
Carolyn Edson  
Jean Lyon  
John Duck  
Earl  
Helen Mae Smith  
Bud Secor  
Ann Peterson  
Susan Swanson  
David Bloom  
Priscilla DuBois  
Gertrude Ostrander  
Jane Sellstrom  
Skip Joslyn  
Betty Larson  
Jeffrey Cowles  
Earl Carpenter  
Duane Matthew Dunn  
Jody Lee Crissman I  
Lois Grout  
Linda Post



Join Tree of Life Church for our third annual Pie Church on November 21st at 6 pm.

Pizza Pie dinner, music, prayers, communion around the table, and various pies for dessert. All ages welcome. Free will donations accepted to help with costs towards pizza, but the evening's offering will be given to Lutheran Disaster Response (<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>) to aid the people of Puerto Rico still recovering from Hurricane damages.

Contact: [pastor@toljamestown.com](mailto:pastor@toljamestown.com) for more information.  
(For those in need of a vegan g/f option, a hearty soup will available along with GF Pizza and GF Pie.)

### **King of kings and Lord of lords**

In the Bible, no one is called "Lord of lords" but God and Christ. Although a couple of Old Testament earthly kings (Artaxerxes and Nebuchadnezzar) are referred to as "king of kings," only in reference to Christ is the term capitalized — "King of kings."

Earthly rulers can claim supremacy, but we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as the culmination of the liturgical year to testify that our Lord Jesus is Ruler of *all*. In the words of the famous "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's *Messiah*: "King of kings and Lord of lords; and he shall reign for ever and ever!"



### **TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH---GENERAL FUND**

	SEPTEMBER	Actual Y-T-D	Budget Y-T-D
Income	\$15,014	\$132,580	\$134,362
Expense	20,628	165,707	174,312
Balance	-\$5,614	-\$33,127	-\$39,950

The second Sunday of the month Immanuel will continue to be Food collection and will benefit Holy Trinity's food pantry. Any food will be welcome.



### Worship ATTENDANCE

Sept 23— 89; Sept 30—82;  
Oct 7—78; Oct 14—66;  
Oct 21— 86, Oct 28— 167

### **Special dates**

All Saints' Day, November 1, 2018  
Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 4, 2018  
Veterans Day, November 11, 2018  
Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018  
Christ the King Sunday, November 25, 2018



### **HT and ILC Prayer Chains**

have been consolidated into a **TOL email Prayer Chain**. Prayer requests can be made through the pastor 969-3950; HT church office 488-4235; ILC church office 664-7104; or direct to Dodie 665-5062 her email is [dodie2417@gmail.com](mailto:dodie2417@gmail.com). If you would like to be a part of this important mission please send your email address to Dodie.

### **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

The church office no longer receives calls from the hospital when a member is hospitalized. It would be appreciated if someone from the family would call the church office when a hospitalization occurs. In addition to calls no longer being made to the office by hospital volunteers, the computer used by the clergy at the hospital to locate hospitalized members has been removed. Thank you for your assistance.

**In case of hospital emergency, please contact Pastor Eastman at 716 969-3950.**



Women of the **ELCA**   
Southwestern Conference  
*presents*

# Advent - a season for all generations

## Saturday, December 8, 2018

*at*

### Christ Chapel

Lutheran, Jamestown  
715 Falconer Street  
Jamestown, New York 14701

### No Cost

Registration & Fellowship: 9:15 AM  
Catered Continental Breakfast: 9:30 AM  
*\* Compliments of Lutheran's own Chef Dave \**

RSVP Deadline: November 30, 2018  
Call Lois Rumfelt: 664-4409

*Free-Will Offering to benefit Chaplain's Discretionary Fund at Lutheran*

## **Building Hours for HT site (825 Forest Ave.)**

**are as follows:**

**Mondays – CLOSED**

**Tuesdays: 9:30-1:30**

**Wednesdays: 10-2 for Food Pantry**

**Thursdays: 9-noon TOPS Group.**

**Fridays: 10-2 for food pantry.**

Office phone will be set to call forward to the ILC ([\(716\) 664-7104](tel:7166647104)) site of Tree of Life Church daily. Please contact administrative staff via email at:

[admin@toljamestown.com](mailto:admin@toljamestown.com) or

[secretary@toljamestown.com](mailto:secretary@toljamestown.com)

ILC Site Office Hours at 556 East Second Street are M-F 8-Noon.

HT site number: [\(716\) 488-4235](tel:7164884235)

## **WELCA events:**

**Fri Nov 2-Sat Nov 3:** 1 Circus—3 Rings  
Camp Pinnacle, Voorheesville NY in beautiful Helderberg  
Mts overlooking the Hudson Valley.. For more info:  
[dyermm48@gmail.com](mailto:dyermm48@gmail.com) or [mezrainey55@gmail.com](mailto:mezrainey55@gmail.com)

**Fri Nov 9-Sat Nov 10:** OUR DAILY BREAD—WELCA  
2018 Fall Retreat. Le Tourneau Christian Center, Rushville  
NY .. Contact: [bamtreas@yahoo.com](mailto:bamtreas@yahoo.com)  
or [Judyholmes76@gmail.com](mailto:Judyholmes76@gmail.com)

# Mission Message

## **MISSION SUPPORT 101**

As congregation finance people put together a budget for 2019, it is a good time to talk about Mission Support. What is it? It is the lifeblood of our interdependent denomination: congregations share Mission Support dollars with their synods, and the synods then share it with the churchwide organization. These funds flow back to ELCA members, congregations, institutions and global companions through churchwide and synodical ministries. If you've been reading these mission messages for all or part of the last 6 years, you are aware of the wide variety of ministries that mission dollars support: hunger, disaster relief, advocacy, seminaries, chaplains, missionaries, candidacy, call processes, malaria eradication, campus ministry, immigration services, racial justice, new congregation starts, outdoor ministry, youth ministry. And that is not even an exhaustive list!

So, how does it work? Most congregations have a line in their budget that they intend to send to the synod, while some congregations depend on dedicated donations. The tithe (10%) is the benchmark for faithful giving, of individuals to their congregation, and of congregations to their synod. The synod passes 50% of what it receives from congregation on to the churchwide ELCA. So a portion of your personal offering ends up in Syracuse and Chicago, allowing you to make a difference way beyond just your own congregations.

If you think of Mission Support as a verb, that this is what we do, then you can see it as a continuation of the work we do, sharing our firstfruits to expand beyond our local communities to other places to follow the Gospel.

So, when you are at your congregational meeting and are presented with the 2019 budget to approve, look for a line that says "Mission Support." If you don't see it, ask about it. If it seems miniscule compared to your congregation's income, suggest increasing it, even just by 1%. This is definitely one instance where we are literally church together for the sake of the world!

God's Work. Our Hands.

***Marcia Brown, Mission Interpreter***

## Little word, big difference

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn't mean you need to give thanks *for* everything. You don't need to give thanks *for* that bad day. Or *for* that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is — you are not to give thanks *for* the difficulties but rather *in* the difficulties.

That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks *in* everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that he can use them, if you approach him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and his glory.

—Tony Evans



### TOL Lutheran Church Helps Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive

Once again members of TOL Lutheran Church are

participating in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive as they have so generously done for many years. We will be manning the Red Kettle at Tops Super Market on Washington St. on Monday, Nov.26th, from 10 A.M.-8 P.M. Volunteers may sign up for one hour intervals on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or by contacting Al Johnson. Many volunteers look forward to this each year as a way to help bring the Christmas spirit to those in need and say they receive more than they give.



*Lois Grout*, long-time member of Immanuel passed away at a health care facility in Salamanca NY.

### *Our sympathy to the Joslyn & Crissman families:*

Jody Lee Crissman I, step-son of Cindy Joslyn, passed away on October 14th .. A memorial service was held at our Immanuel site on October 25th.

*Also to Steve Sandberg*—his cousin Linda Post passed away on Oct 21st

## “God is nigh”

The earliest official reference to using “Taps” at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier “was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods.” Because it wasn’t safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of “Taps” would be an appropriate substitute ceremony.

Previously, “Taps” signaled the end of a soldier’s work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim’s lyrics remind us of God’s constant presence:

Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky  
All is well, safely rest  
God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky  
As we go, this we know  
God is nigh.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>November 2018 Gratitude Every Day</b> Take some time for gratitude every day in November! Write what you're thankful for in the space provided or use it as a prompt for a longer reflection. This calendar provided to you as a gift from Traci Smith, author of <i>Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home</i> . <a href="http://www.traci-smith.com">www.traci-smith.com</a> © 2018. All rights reserved.						
4. A taste or food I am thankful for	5. A song I am thankful for	6. A place I'm thankful for	7. A gift I am thankful for	8. A family member I am thankful for	9. A simple pleasure I am thankful for	10. A possession I am thankful for
11. A gift from God I am thankful for	12. A piece of advice I am thankful for	13. A smell I am thankful for	14. A life lesson I am thankful for	15. A mystery I am thankful for	16. Something happening tomorrow I am thankful for	17. A sacred space I am thankful for
18. An act of kindness I am thankful for	19. A book I am thankful for	20. A tradition I am thankful for	21. A treasure I am thankful for	22. THANKSGIVING DAY: A moment from today I am thankful for	23. A teacher I am thankful for	24. A promise I am thankful for
25. A challenge I am thankful for	26. An animal I am thankful for	27. A friend I am thankful for	28. A goal I am thankful for	29. A thing in nature I am thankful for	30. A moment from yesterday I am thankful for.	

## Attention Married Couples:







Last chance to sign up for the final 2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held on November 9-11, 2018, at the lovely Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. Learn new communication skills which will result in more closeness and intimacy in your marriage. Register TODAY by going to:

[www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org), and paying the \$100 registration fee. Toward the end of the Weekend an opportunity will be provided to make a contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses of 2 nights in the hotel and 5 meals for each of you. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.



# NOVEMBER 2018

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<b>Worship for the month of <u>November</u> is at our Holy Trinity site, 825 Forest Ave, Jamestown</b>				<b>1</b> HT: TOPS 9-NOON  ILC: PEER SUPPORT, 7 <i>Tai-chi, 9-11:15am</i>	<b>2</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9  HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	<b>3</b> 																																																	
WELCA—1 Circus, 3 Rings—Camp Pinnacle																																																							
<b>4 Pentecost 24</b> <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> SS 9, W 10:15	<b>5</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Wm Knit, 10 <i>Tai-chi, 11am-12:30</i>  HT: LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM	<b>6 Election Day</b> Ministerium 10-3 ILC: <i>Tai-chi, 9-11:15am</i> <b>HT OFFICE open</b> 9:30-1:30	<b>7</b> ILC: SR MEN, 9 Healthy Bones, 9 <i>Property Team 10:30 ?</i> HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard ESTHER CIRCLE 1:30 <i>Art Journal, 6, Choir, 7</i> Spanglish 7	<b>8</b> HT: TOPS 9-NOON  ILC: <i>Tai-chi, 9-11am</i> <i>Women's Coffee Group, TBA</i>	<b>9</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9  HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	<b>10</b>																																																	
<b>11 Pentecost 25</b> <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b> SS 9, W 10:15 FOOD SUNDAY	<b>12 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  	<b>13</b> ILC: <i>Tai-chi, 9-11:15am</i> <b>HT OFFICE open</b> 9:30-1:30  MHA —Gateway Chapel, 2	<b>14</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 STAFF mtg, 10  HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Prayer Group 6, Choir 7	<b>15</b> HT: TOPS 9-NOON  ILC: <i>Tai-chi, 9-11am</i>	<b>16</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9  HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard <i>"She Says" TBA</i>	<b>17</b> <b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> <b>7PM AT HT</b> "God is Not Dead"  																																																	
<b>18 Pentecost 26</b> SS 9, W 10:15 Service of the Word & Healing DEADLINE FOR Dec.NL	<b>19</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 <i>Tai-chi, 11am-12:30</i>  Council, 6:30 HT	<b>20</b> ILC: <i>Tai-chi, 9-11:15am</i> <b>HT OFFICE open</b> 9:30-1:30  MHA —Gateway Chapel, 2	<b>21</b> ILC: SR Men 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard <b>Pie church, 6</b> Choir, 7	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>																																																	
<b>25 CHRIST THE KING</b> SS 9, W 10:15	<b>26</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 <i>Tai chi 11-1 2:30</i>  RED KETTLE DAY 10-8 at TOPS on Washington St.	<b>27</b> <b>HT OFFICE open</b> 9:30-1:30 ILC: <i>Tai-chi, 9-11:15am</i> MHA —Gateway Chapel, 2	<b>28 Dec NL mlg, 9</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9  HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Prayer Group. 6, Choir 7,	<b>29</b> HT: TOPS 9-NOON  ILC: <i>Tai-chi, 9-11am</i>	<b>30</b> ILC: Healthy Bones, 9  HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	<b>December 2018</b> <table> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr> <td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr> <td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr> <td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
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