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Our Saviour's Good News

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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Happy Thanksgiving



PASTOR'S VOICE

As we turn our attention away from Reformation, All Saints' Day and Halloween, we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. This does not mean we are done with what Martin Luther had accomplished 500 years ago or only remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ only on that one day nor have we eaten all the leftover candy from trick or treat! What this does mean is there is a certain rhythm to the seasons – a certain “this feels right” time.

November has a rhythm as well. Thanksgiving is in a few weeks and as we go about getting our holiday dinner menu planned, the idea of giving thanks is hopefully never too far off. But the busy-ness of this season can obscure what we should be truly thankful for: that God loves us dearly and He gave His only Son up to die for us so we can live!

We go through periods of needs and thanks, of giving and receiving and of sorrow and joy. And this is nothing new as humans have been experiencing this since the beginning. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, the Teacher echoes this sentiment:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
² a time to be born, and a time to die;
 a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
 a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
 a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
 a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
 a time for war, and a time for peace.

It is no wonder that the Byrds' song “Turn, turn, turn” became an anthem for the 60's generation!

Scripture has a subtle way to push us forward when we become disengaged with what is going on around us and to stop us and rest when life seems overwhelming.

I find it interesting that Thanksgiving falls immediately before Advent and I wonder if that was done on purpose or simply a result of this rhythm. While the roots of Thanksgiving in America can be traced back to Colonial times in the 1600's, it wasn't until during the Civil War when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as the official day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens".

Take the time to enjoy the rhythm of the season. Take time to soak in the moments of thanksgiving knowing that we are waiting in anticipation for the return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Grace + Peace!
Pastor Pete



Please see form enclosed in Newsletter

ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS

All Saints Solemnity November 5

“The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee. The white-robed army of martyrs praise Thee. All the saints and elect with one voice do acknowledge Thee, O Blessed Trinity, one God!” -- Feast of All Saints (November 1), Antiphon at Lauds. from the *Te Deum*

Origin of All Saint's Day as a feast of the Church:

What makes this feast so important that the Church celebrates both the night *before* All Saints and the day *after* it?

The Church has always honored those early witnesses to the Christian faith who have died in the Lord. (The Greek word for "witness" is martyr.) During the first three hundred years Christians were severely persecuted, often suffering torture and bloody death -- *because they were faithful*. They refused to deny Christ, even when this denial might have saved their own lives, or the lives of their children and families.

The early history of the Church is filled with stories of the heroic faith of these of witnesses to Christ's truth. The stories of these saints -- these baptized Christians of all ages and all states in life, whose fidelity and courage led to their sanctity or holiness -- have provided models for every other Christian throughout history.

Many of those especially holy people whose names and stories were known, the Church later canonized (that is, the Church formally recognized that the life of that person was without any doubt holy, or sanctified -- a "saint" who is an example for us.) The Church's calendar contains many saint's days, which Catholics observe at Mass -- some with special festivities.

But there were thousands and thousands of early Christian martyrs, the majority of whose names are known only to God -- and throughout the history of the Church there have been countless others who really are saints, who are with God in heaven, even if their names are not on the list of canonized saints.

In order to honor the memory -- and our own debt -- to these unnamed saints, and to recall their example, the Church dedicated a special feast day -- a sort of "memorial day" -- so that all living Christians would celebrate at a special Mass the lives and witness of those "who have died and gone before us into the presence of the Lord".

This feast that we know as All Saint's Day originated as a feast of All Martyrs, sometime in the 4th century. At first it was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It came to be observed on May 13 when Pope St. Boniface IV (608-615) restored and re-built for use as a Christian church an ancient Roman temple which pagan Rome had dedicated to "all gods", the Pantheon. The pope re-buried the bones of many martyrs there, and dedicated this Church to the Mother of God and all the Holy Martyrs on May 13, 610.

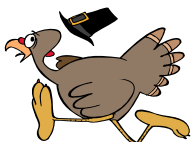
About a hundred years later, Pope Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a new chapel in the basilica of St. Peter to all saints (not just to the martyrs) on November 1, and he fixed the anniversary of this dedication as the date of the feast.

A century after that, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration of All Saints to November 1 for the entire Church. The vigil of this important feast, All Saint's Eve, Halloween, was apparently observed as early as the feast itself.

The festival was retained after the [Reformation](#) in the calendar of the [Church of England](#) and in many [Lutheran](#) churches. In the Lutheran churches, such as the [Church of Sweden](#), it assumes a role of general commemoration of the dead. In the [Swedish calendar](#), the observance takes place on the first Saturday of November. In many Lutheran Churches, it is moved to the first Sunday of November.



We have a new devotional book
“UPPER ROOM”
It will come out every two months.



Happy Thanksgiving



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Bill Trudnak, President Sep. 18, 2017 Council Minutes



Devotions: Alice Vlaservich

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Bud Penley.

Members present: Bud Penley, Robbie Wooten, Melinda White, Teri Trudnak, Shirlee Marazza **Absent:** Becky Messick, Bill Trudnak and Steve Digh.

Minutes for August 21, 2017 were reviewed. Motion made by Teri Trudnak to approve the minutes and a second was given by Shirlee Marazza.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a. There were several petitions and communications from various organizations, all were reviewed by Council and will be posted in bulletin, newsletter and hallway for congregational consideration. We will continue to pray for all requests.
- b. Crop Walk- request for \$100 community church donation. We always support this cause and motion was made by Melinda White to give the requested donation and Robbie Wooten gave a second motion.

Report of the Pastor: No report available at time of Council meeting.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Robbie Wooten to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Alice Vlaservich.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: Light bulbs in sanctuary to be replaced.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report.
- c. Worship & Music: No report.
- d. Youth Team: No report.
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent out.
Christian Education Team: Discussed confirmation classes and schedule.

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. Rachel Circle: Met at home of Betty Clemmer. Had bible study and refreshments.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. A new microphone for the Pastor is being considered for purchase. Need more information and discussion to continue at next month's meeting.

New Business:

- a. Lutheran Support Group of Gaston Meeting (need rep); The Council will need more information and will discuss at next meeting.
- b. A suggestion was made to have a Fall Family Night in October instead of our covered dish that month. Oct. 22nd was selected as the date, 6 p.m. with Poor Man's Supper and Bingo. Signup sheet will be in hallway.

General Information:

- a. Attendance
- b. Kids Alive Report

c. Signed Letter of Agreement

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: October 16, 2017. Devotions: Becky Messick

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SHOE BOX) IS HERE!

What is Operation Christmas Child?

This annual project enables caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and other organizations to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for needy children around the world. Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 47 million boys and girls throughout the world. Last year we sent 1.24 million shoe boxes from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, Internally Displaced Persons camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighborhoods. With your help we want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2017.

Your gift is powerful! Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued, and let them know that you care about them. Choosing gifts and then wrapping and filling a shoe box is a fun and rewarding activity for all the family – especially when you know these gifts are going to be used and treasured.

From you to a child in need. Your shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Operation Christmas Child empowers local overseas partners to ensure that your shoe boxes are delivered with the highest levels of integrity and respect. Where appropriate and in culturally sensitive ways, our local overseas partners will make available a booklet of Bible stories, which gives a message of hope and includes an explanation of the true meaning of Christmas – God's gift of His Son, Jesus.

SHOE BOXES ARE DUE TO BE COLLECTED ON
NOVEMBER 19. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A \$9.00 TO BE
INCLUDED WITH THE BOX TO HELP WITH PROCESSING
COSTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY.

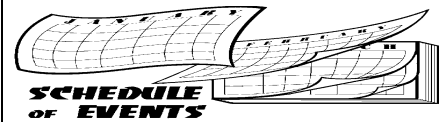


Shoe Boxes due November 17
Thank you for caring!

November 2017



Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 	6 Team Meetings	7 Election Day GO VOTE	8	9	10	11
12 23rd Sun after Pentecost	13 Veterans Day Observed	14 	15	16	17	18
19 24th Sun after Pentecost	20 Board Mtg.	21	22	23 	24	25
26 	27	28	29	30		

NOVEMBER IS

- National Hospice Month**
- Lutheran World Relief** (see p 6)
- November 5**—All Saints Day—Communion—Rite of Remembrance: Jon and Betty DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS—NOV 5 Philadelphia Lutheran Church—250 years “Christmas Open House” (see p 7)
- November 6**—Team Meetings—Youth at 6:30 pm Other Teams at 7:00pm
- November 7**—ELECTION DAY—GO VOTE
- November 14**—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- November 11**—Veterans Day (see p 9)
- November 12**—23rd Sunday after Pentecost
- November 13**—Veterans Day dedication (see p 8)
- November 14**—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- November 19**—24th Sunday after Pentecost
- BIBLE WEEK**—NOV. 19-25 (see p 6)
Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes (see p 3)
Community Thanksgiving Service (see p 8)
- November 20**—Board Meeting 7:00 p
- November 23**—Thanksgiving Day
- November 26**—Christ the King Sunday

FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Blackeye Peas, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce.



CHOIR PRATICE
6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



Birthdays

- 2 Betty Clemmer
- 4 Sarah Wooten
- 8 Anna Lowery
- 17 Becky Messick



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

- Bill Trudnak
- Ben Trudnak
- Ethan Petzold
- Allie Trudnak
- Stephen Lowery
- Jacob White
- Brett Lowery
- Easton Finger
- Joanna Trudnak
- Austin Ford

Holy Communion Schedule:

- Nov. 5: All Saints Day
- Nov. 26: Christ the King

Worship Service Assistance:

Altar Guild: Denise Traveria/
Alice Vlaservich

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Communion

Asst: Nick Vlaservich

Lay Reader: Betty Clemmer/
Alice Vlaservich

Worship Asst: Nick Vlaservich
Greeters: Members of OSLC

Ushers: Members of OSLC

Collection: Steve Digh



Devotions: Bud Penley

Nursery Guardians Schedule

- November 5 Open
- November 12 Julie Digh**
- November 19 Open



FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- November 5 OSLC
- November 12 Nancy Wilson
- November 19 Nick Vlaservich
- November 26 Open

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR is will be post on the first door in the hallway of the Education wing. Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

The Origin of The Salvation Army Red Kettle

The Salvation Army Captain in San Francisco had resolved, in December of 1891, to provide a free Christmas dinner to the area's poor persons. But how would he pay for the food?

As he went about his daily tasks, the question stayed in his mind. Suddenly, his thoughts went back to his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England. On the Stage Landing he saw a large pot, called "Simpson's pot" into which charitable donations were thrown by passers-by.

On the next morning, he secured permission from the authorities to place a similar pot at the Oakland ferry landing, at the foot of Market Street. No time was lost in securing the pot and placing it in a conspicuous position, so that it could be seen by all those going to and from the ferry boats. In addition, a brass urn was placed on a stand in the waiting room for the same purpose.

Thus, Captain Joseph McFee launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but throughout the world.

By Christmas, 1895, the kettle was used in 30 Salvation Army locations in various sections of the West Coast area. The Sacramento Bee of that year carried a description of the Army's Christmas activities and mentioned the contributions to street corner kettles. Shortly afterward, two young Salvation Army officers who had been instrumental in the original use of the kettle, William A. McIntyre and N.J. Lewis, were transferred to the East. They took with them the idea of the Christmas kettle.

In 1897, McIntyre prepared his Christmas plans for Boston around the kettle, but his fellow officers refused to cooperate for fear of "making spectacles of themselves." So McIntyre, his wife and sister set up three kettles at the Washington Street thoroughfare in the heart of the city. That year the kettle effort in Boston and other locations nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy.

In 1898, the New York World hailed The Salvation Army kettles as "the newest and most novel device for collecting money." The newspaper also observed, "There is a man in charge to see that contributions are not stolen."

In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today, donations to Salvation Army kettles at Christmas time support holiday meals for homeless and needy families, but also help The Salvation Army serve 30 million people through a myriad of other services all year long. These include:

- Disaster Response Services, which include assisting survivors of natural and man-made disasters to recover and rebuild their lives;
- Social Service programs providing food, shelter, clothing and financial assistance;
- Casework and Counseling, with programs for health care and residential assistance and abuse counseling;
- Youth Services, with programs for music, athletics, arts and crafts, camping and family counseling;
- Senior Centers, focused on assisting the needs of older adults -- including eight Silvercrest centers where seniors' assistance is partially subsidized by federal government dollars;
- Christmas Programs, in which the famous Red Kettles are a centerpiece, to help families and individuals financially at year-end with toys, meals and other assistance;
- Human and Sexual Trafficking Advocacy, where Army officers and staff are focused on public policy in Washington, D.C., and providing services and advocacy for victims of this international crime.

Kettles now are used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, and Chile, and in many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to the kettles enable The Salvation Army to bring the spirit of Christmas to those who would otherwise be forgotten all year long – to the aged and lonely, the ill, the inmates of jails and other institutions, the poor and unfortunate. In the United States, kettles at Thanksgiving and Christmas, although changed since the first utilitarian cauldron set up in San Francisco, help make it possible for The Salvation Army to do the most good possible for 30 million people each year. **JOIN IN THE "BATTLE OF THE BELLS"** *See insert,*

2017 MISSION EMPHASIS FOR NOVEMBER KIDS ALIVE INTERNATIONAL

Our Vision

Kids Alive International is a Christ-centered organization that believes every child deserves to live free from the bondage of hunger, abuse, and exploitation.

Our commitment to this Biblical truth compels us to deliver life's essentials with the same compassion and excellence that we would want for the children in our lives.

We rescue and provide for orphaned and forgotten children one at a time, but we accomplish so much more.

Together, we empower families and communities by developing partnerships and sharing the faith, knowledge, and infrastructure that creates self-sustaining legacies of transformation.

Our Work

Kids Alive International is a Christ-centered mission dedicated to rescuing orphans and vulnerable children – meeting their spiritual, physical, educational, and emotional needs.

All of the children in our care were orphaned, abandoned, or abused, living on the streets, and victims of poverty, disease, or war. These children are rescued – one at a time – and enrolls them into one of our Children's Homes, a Care Center, or School

Program that is best suited to the care they need. We are currently reaching children in 14 countries with the redeeming love of Christ.

Our Core Values

Kids Alive reflects the love of Christ by rescuing orphans and vulnerable children, nurturing them with quality holistic care, and sharing with them the transforming power of Jesus Christ so they are enabled to give hope to others. With change happening all around us, Kids Alive stands firm on the clear teachings of God's Word. Those solid, biblical values have guided our ministry to help children for almost 100 years and this will never change. Everything we do in meeting the spiritual, physical, educational, and emotional needs of the children God places in our care is based on the solid foundation of God's Word. We will continue to raise up these girls and boys in the nurture and admonition of the Lord by the principles of truth clearly proclaimed in the Bible.

We are:

Faith Based – God alone transforms lives. As we rescue children in crisis, we submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, depend on the power of the Holy Spirit, accept the authority of the scriptures, and make prayer central to our ministry.



November 19-25

begins the Sunday before Thanksgiving A week devoted to encouraging people to read the Bible, in the belief that it will arouse a positive spiritual force in a world plagued with problems. National Bible Week is promoted by the National Bible Association (originally the Laymen's National Committee), a non-denominational group of businessmen founded in 1940 and devoted to the application of the Golden Rule in daily life. A huge audience listened to the NBC radio program that was



2017 NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS

KIDS ALIVE INTERNATIONAL has ministry in Papua New Guinea

Our Saviour Congregation sponsors two students in Hauna Village, PNG, a boy, Bendomas Roy Wangi and a girl, Azimah Thomson. Please pray for these children. Their whole village is very poor, but they are overcoming since the missionaries have been there. Shirley Killosky is still there, but is getting ready to retire. They live in the jungle. If the river water gets low or floods this effects their lives greatly. They fish for meat, use the river for travel, and use its water in many ways. They plant gardens of vegetables that sometimes get washed out or flooded. Sago paste, scraped from the center of a sago log makes staple food. They still live in thatched roof huts, and cook over open fires.

They have built many buildings for the community: a school, church, medical center, sheds for men to work, such as to use machinery to shell rice to sell, or saw logs to sell. Some of the men go up river as trained teachers to help students in others villages to hear God's Word and to teach the children the basics of education.

The village is Christian and has made a huge difference in the lives of the people. The men no longer go to war with their surrounding tribal peoples, but help them and help in their own village. The families co-operate together to get and prepare food, shelter, and have fellowship. The school teachers tell Bible Stories and sing Christian songs as well as teach the basics of education: reading, writing, and math.

What a privilege to be sponsors for this ministry – KIDS ALIVE INTERNATIONAL, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, HAUNA VILLAGE – the two students that we sponsor so they can go to school.

Would you and your family like to sponsor a child so he/she can go to school? Check out their web-site and look at the opportunities: www.kidsalive.org. Please remember to pray for the children and the adults.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

God is calling all of its members of OSLC to assist Him in our worship service. Sign-up sheets for worship assistants for the calendar year of 2018 are posted in the hall way in the Education section of the church. So be a **doer** and **participant** of your service and sign-up. **THANK YOU!**

Christmas Open House

Gaston Floral Garden
invites you to their
Christmas Open House

on
November 5, 2017
2:00 pm—6:00 pm



The Dallas/High Shoals Christian Ministry is in desperate need for the following thru Thanksgiving;

- canned corn
- canned green beans
- canned mixed vegetables
- canned meat

SO PLEASE HELP! THANK YOU!



Honoring Veterans
on
November 13
"Honoring All Who Served"

*Join the Town of Dallas for the
4th Annual Veterans Day*

*10 am on Friday-November 13, 2017
At the Historic Dallas Courthouse*

*Memorials for World I and II will be dedicated
Sponsored by the Town of Dallas*

Refreshment provided by the Town of Dallas after dedication

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



NOVEMBER 19
AT RESTORING HOPE FOUR SQUARE CHURCH,
1036 DALLAS-STANLEY RD.
AT 7:00 PM

"OLD PEOPLE PRIDE"

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps, cover their hearts, stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler... They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam .

If you bump into an Old Person on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women and treat them with great respect.

Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children, grandchildren or their animals..

It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country, and decent values. We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old People.

What Is Happying

at

The Gaston County Museum

1. November 18-19, from 10:00 am—3:00 pm

American Revolution Symposium

(Free admission)

2. EXHIBITS:

November 1—January 6: *Artistry in Wood*

November 4—February 10: *Ink & Flow*

A Stewardship Minute

In 586 B.C., the army of Babylon destroyed the wall around Jerusalem and their house of worship, the great Temple. Sadly, many of the Jews in Jerusalem were marched back to Babylonia and made slaves. Some seventy years later, the Persian army defeated the Babylonians and the Jews in Babylonia were set free. Most returned to Jerusalem and soon afterwards they began to rebuild the house of God.

For some reason they did not immediately rebuild the wall around the city. It remained in ruins. That bothered a man named Nehemiah. He

passionately began to encourage the people to restore the wall around the city. After all, God's house, the Temple, needed protection as well as the inhabitants. Before long, various families took the responsibility to rebuild a particular section. There were many obstacles, but they got the job done. Here is what Nehemiah later wrote: "So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together ...for the people had a mind to work." (Neh.4:6)

This was stewardship! Anytime we use our minds and bodies and time and talent to create or serve or share, we are exercising good stewardship. How do we know the joy of stewardship? We know it when we do our part

to do God's work. When the wall around Jerusalem was finished, Jeremiah gathered the people together and said: "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh. 8:10) Then they had a feast for everyone. They had a true thanksgiving. And so may we, when we have a mind to work for God and those in need. Read more in this month's Stewardship/

Prayer: Creator and merciful Lord, you shower us with continuous blessings day-by-day, hour-by-hour. Please stir up our gratitude that we may always remember that your love is available forever. In Jesus our Savior's name, we pray. **Amen.**



HONORING VETERANS



Coming home from war can be a difficult experience for veterans. Soldiers who experience combat are often changed in ways that most civilians cannot comprehend. In a recent study conducted by the University of California, San Francisco and the San Francisco VA Medical Center, it was found that 31 percent of soldiers returning from Iraq between 2001 and 2005 were diagnosed with mental health and/or psychosocial challenges. The most common diagnoses include post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder, adjustment disorder, depression and substance abuse disorder.

Many soldiers who return with war injuries - from lost limbs to blindness to brain damage and countless other disabilities that can make even simple, everyday tasks incredibly difficult. Often such injuries make finding and maintaining employment nearly impossible.

Even soldiers who return without health issues frequently find it difficult to return to their "normal" pre-war life. They may meet with incomprehension and even fear and anger from their friends, families or other civilians. And yet, these are the men and women who have willingly put their lives on the line for their country. While civilians may not be able to fully understand what veterans have endured and sacrificed for their country, you can show them the respect they deserve and accept them with the loving, open arms of Christ.

On November 11, millions of people across the U.S. will celebrate Veteran's Day. There are many ways you can take part in honoring our veterans, this day and any other:

- Write a veteran a thank you note, or send a letter to an entire Veteran's of Foreign War or American Legion post.
- Write a letter to a soldier currently in the Middle East
- Talk to your children about who veterans are, what they do and what their service means to our country.

If you would like more information on how you can support veterans visit www.vfwfoundation.org.



CHRISTIANITY

The following was written by Steven Levy and recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary.

My confession: I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat...

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking. In light of recent events...terrorists attack, school shootings, etc.. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found a few years ago) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school... The Bible says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Steven Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about.... And we said okay.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with 'WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.'

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace. Are you laughing yet?

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

If you can pass this on, do so..... don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

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Philadelphia Lutheran Church

*Invites you to join them for a concert featuring the
Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus
to celebrate 250 years sharing God's Grace*

Sunday, November 5 2017

4:00 pm

Reception to follow.

Abraham Lincoln Thanksgiving Proclamation

At this time of year 150 years ago, in the middle of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued his second presidential proclamation setting apart the last Thursday of November as a day of national holiday.

George Washington was the first president to proclaim a day of thanksgiving, issuing his request on October 3, 1789, exactly 74 years before Lincoln's.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

Church News



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 GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION  
 November 7  
 8:30 to 10:00 am  
 Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital  
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OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home* and visit them.

Marilyn Finger*

1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

Ralph Summey*

1612 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas

Jerri Presley*

2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)

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EVENTS for:

Agrape/Kure Beach

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Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:

Telephone 910-458-0783

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Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line

Events for:

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CLWRACHEL GROUP

WILL NOT MEET IN NOVEMBER
 BUT WILL MEET IN DECEMBER



PRAYER GROUP

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA
 ON NOVEMBER 14 AT 1:00 PM

LET US PRAY... *"Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up."* (James 5:13-15)

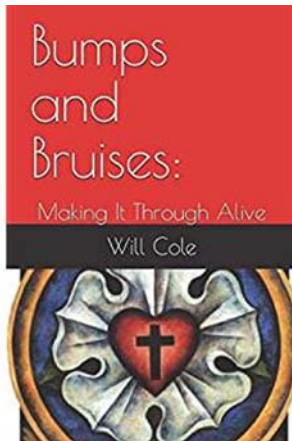


PRAYER CONCERNS: MARGARET Addington (friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Braddy, ANN Digh (Steve Digh's mother-colon cancer) HUNTER Digh (Steve and Julie Digh's nephew -cancer), MARILYN Finger, LEVI Friday (Joan Scarborough's nephew) CHARLIE Fox (friend of the Ratchford's), ROBERT Gentile (friend of Shirlee Marazza-heart attack), ANNA Harbour (CDIFF-Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter), DOUG Hoffman (friend of Bill Trudnak-unknown mass in his side), JEAN Huffstetler, LESLIE Hunsucker, JEFF Lineberger, JOHNNY Lineberger (friend of the community), MARY Johnson (Pastor Feige's mother-in-law), ELAINE Kanupp (friend of the Digh's—colon cancer), BOB Lewis (friend of Shana Dease), HALEY Mauney (brain blockage- daughter of Julie Digh;s co-worker), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), NANCY Parker (friend of Marie Lingle-ALS), EDITH Paysour, LAWRANCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson— leukemia), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White) JERRIE Presley, BERNICE—Leon Rawlinson's mother, LEIGH Sellers (college friend's daughter of Libby Bickley), RALPH Summey, KIM Tucker (friend of Joann Scarborough-heart surgery) GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), SHERREE B Turner (mother of Jason Turner), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray) ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), LORI Wood (Steve Digh's cousin-colon cancer).

BUMPS AND BRUISES: MAKING IT THROUGH ALIVE

by
Will Cole

Everyone goes through problems. Tragedies seem to happen everyday. Sometimes it seems to be more tht we can bare. At the end of the day, we are not I this lone. We have a God who lives us more than anything and He is always with us even when we don't deserve it. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to save us for our sins. He will absolutely get us through anything that happens to us in life. If you re going through problems, then this book is for you! If everything is going right, the this book is still for you!



***This book is now on sale at Amazon.
It is \$10.00 for the paperback version
and \$3.99 for the kindle version.***

***You cn link to this at Pastor Will Cole's website:
<https://willcole012183.wixsite.com/website>
(just copy and paste the above in a search engine)***



Singing
Christmas Tree

Fund risers for the Singing Christmas Tree

(Stanley Community Choirs)

1. Saturday, Nov 4: Mystery Dinner @ Community Pentecostal
2. Tuesday, Nov 21: Sing for Thanksgiving Service @ Hickory Grove Baptist
3. Sat.-Sun, Dec 2-3: Christms Concerts @ First Baptist.

(all the churches are in Stanley)

If you are interested contact Gabe Price at gabeprieesu@gmail.com



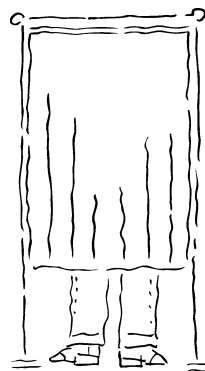


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November 2017



one hour on
November 4



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YOUR
VOTE!

ON

NOVEMBER 7

Local Election