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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

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THANKSGIVING DAY

It is time to thank God for a bountiful harvest and for the many other blessing of life, as the Pilgrims did in New England territory in 1621, along with the Wampanoag Indians.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

A POEM

Thanksgiving blessing! Oh, that we would praise our Lord eternal!

For all the blessing He imparts with thankful, joyful, giving hearts.

May fruits of thankfulness and praise be verdant, Lord, in all our days,

That we may show the love you give in every way we love and live.

To you, from whom all blessings flow, our gratitude and we owe,

For health and faith and mercy dear poured out upon us, year to year.

A LITANY

You open your hand, O Lord, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

For the fruitfulness of the earth, we give you thanks.

You gather us into families and help us grow. For the fruitfulness of families, we give you thanks.

You bring us together as friends and allow our relationships to develop.

For the fruitfulness of friendship, we give you thanks.

In all we say and do, O Lord. make us fruitful unto you.

A PRAYER

O Bountiful Lord, you have enriched us with more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Let this Thanksgiving feast spread before us be a testament to what you have done and are doing in our loves. Grace us with a new appreciation for your many gifts to us. Fill all around this table with a sense of your lavish love and care for us. shower your power and presence among us. Open your floodgates of goodness to us and let your salvation be made known, through the name of Jesus, who gave us His life that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Amen.

Hope Your Are Drinking from your saucer too....

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now. But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow. And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot or riches, and sometime the going's tough. But I've got loving ones all around me, and that make me rich enough. I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.



I remember times when thing went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin. But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help not to gripe, about the tough rows I hoed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has over-flowed.

If God gives my strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough. I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

When I think of how many people in this world have it worse than I do, I realize just how blessed I really am!



All Saints Solemnity November 1

"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 rebuilt 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 <u>Reformation</u> in the calendar of the <u>Church of England</u> and in many <u>Lutheran</u> churches. In the Lutheran churches, such as the <u>Church of Sweden</u>, it assumes a role of general commemoration of the dead. In the <u>Swedish calendar</u>, the observance takes place on the first Saturday of November. In many Lutheran Churches, it is moved to the first Sunday of November.





Happy Thank/giving



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Bill Trudnak, President Sep. 19, 2019 Council Minutes



Devotions: Melinda White

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White, Joe Finger, Robbie Wooten, Steve Digh, Teri Trudnak, Jeff White, Denise Traveria and Alice Vlaservich.

Members Absent: Betty Ratchford

Minutes: August 19, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Alice Vlaservich made the motion to approve the minutes and Robbie Wooten seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

a. "Fill a Trailer Day"- DHSCSM October 12, 2019 1-3 pm. OSLC will announce and participate in this fund raiser in support of the Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry. Please see bulletin for details.

Report of the Pastor: The Pastor's report was reviewed and Melinda White made a motion we accept the report with a second from Teri Trudnak.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Steve Digh to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Teri Trudnak.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: No report this month
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report this month
- c. Worship & Music: No report this month
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. <u>Witness:</u> Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins
- f. Christian Education Team: No report this month

Report of Auxiliaries: Rachel Circle met at the home of Betty Clemmer for study and fellowship. The group will be attending the Concordia LCW conference meeting in September.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

a. None to report

New Business:

- a. Request to purchase a new printer. Robbie Wooten made a motion to purchase a new printer using memorial funds, and Alice Vlaservich seconded that motion.
- b. Letter to be sent to the City/County requesting road repair at the entrance to the Church.

General Information:

- a. Attendance
- b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer Next Meeting: October 21, 2019 Devotions: Jeff White



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 2019.

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 24. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A \$10.00 TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE BOX TO HELP WITH PROCESSING COSTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

Thank you for caring!



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November 2019



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food Collection					1 All Saints Day	2 Set Vour Clocks Back
3 All Saints Day	4 Team Meetings	5 Election Day GO VOTE	6	7	8	9
10 22th Sun after Pentecost	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 23th Sun after Pentecost	18 Board Mtg.	19 Frayer Group	20	21	22	23
24 Grise the King Sunday	25 CLW Rachel Group	26	27	Thanksjiving	29	30



Birthdays

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



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

Holy Communion Schedule:



ALL SUNDAYS

Worship Service Assistance:

Acolyte: OSLC Member

Communion

Asst: Nick Vlaservich

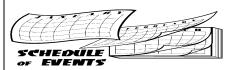
Lay Reader:

Worship Asst:

Greeters: Members of OSL Ushers: Members of OSLC

<u>Collection:</u> Steve Digh <u>Devotions:</u> Robbie Wooten





NOVEMBER IS

National Hospice Month Lutheran World Relief (see p 6)

- November 2— DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS-NOV 3
- November 3—All Saints Day-Communion— Rite of Remembrance
- November 4—

Team Meetings— Youth at 6:30 pm Other Teams at 7:00pm

- November 5—ELECTION DAY-GO VOTE
- November 10— 22th Sunday aft Pentecost CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE (see p 5)
- November 11—Veterans Day (see p 7)
- November 12—Veterans Day Event Veterans Day dedication (see p 6)
- November 17— 23th Sunday after Pentecost

BIBLE WEEK—NOV. 17-24 (see p 6)

- November 18—Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- **November 19**—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- November 24—Christ the King Sunday
 Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes (see p 3)
 Community Thanksgiving Service (see p 6)
- November 25— CLW/Rachael Group Will meet at home of TBA 11:00 am
- November 28—Thanksgiving Day

FOOD FOR THE MONTH: <u>Canned Pinto</u> <u>Beans, Blackeye Peas Canned Meat.</u>



CHOIR PRATICE 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

PLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

November 3 Brady Ratchford November 10 Keenan Gordy November 17 Marilyn Finger November 24 Nick Vlaservich

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR

will be posted on the first door in the hallway of the Education wing. So watch for it and please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God

and

in honor or memory of your loved ones.

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2019 NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS LASZLO MISSION LEAGUE (Kids Alive) 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 – LASZLO MISSION LEAGUE, 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? Go to on and look at the opportunities: www.laszlomissionleague.com. Please remember to pray for the children and the adults.





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

Christmas Open House

Gaston Floral Garden invites you to their Christmas Open House on November 10, 2019 2:00 pm—5:00 pm





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

canned pinto beans
blackeye beans
canned meats
SO PLEASE HELP! THANK YOU!

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Honoring Veterans on

November 12

"Honoring All Who Served"

Join the Town of Dallas for the 6th Annual Veterans Day

10 am on Monday-November 12, 2019 At the Historic Dallas Courthouse

Refreshment provided by the Town of Dallas after dedication at 10:30 am



NOVEMBER 24
AT RESTORING HOPE FOURSQUARE CHURCH,
1026 Dallas Stanley Highway
AT 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark Hovis, Pastor
Plainview Baptist Church, Dallas

AINT IT SO

- ..Remember ... once you get over the hill, you'll begin to pick up speed.
- ..Everyone has a photographic memory. Some, like me, just don't have any film.
- ..I always know ... God won't give me more than I can handle. There are times I just wish He didn't trust me quite so much.
- ..Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake who you make it again.
- ..By the time you can make ends meet, they more the ends.
- .. Never be too open-minded, your brains may fall out.
- .. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
- ..Middle age is when the broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
- ..Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian. Not any more than standing in a garage make you a car.
- ..I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put some in the food.
- "Learn from the mistakes of others. Trust me., you can't live long enough to make them all yourself. I've tried.!



November 17-24



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 broadcast to kick off the first National Bible Week scheduled for December 8-14, 1941; PEARL HARBOR had been bombed just hours before.



A Stewardship Minute

"The only ultimate value in our lives is the love God for us." This sentence is packed with a salient truth! Notice the words: "Ultimate" means last or final or utmost. "Value" means worth or importance. "The love God has for us" focuses upon the deep personal affection God has for each of us. Think of God's everlasting love surrounding us, supporting us, and blessing us every second of our lives.

Even in difficult times, that truth should make our lives hum with confidence, assurance, faith, hope, and love. Think of it! The love of our Creator for each of us ... and we cannot be separated from it ... ever. What amazing grace!

Yes, we have the freedom to ignore it, shun it and even doubt it. Yet the New Testament tells us God's eternal love for us is an unwavering fact.

The November issue of *Steward-ship* points out that this is the ultimate value in our lives. Surely that reality leaves us with our hearts bursting with gratitude. It makes us want to offer our gratitude to God day in and day out. In fact, every day should be a day of <u>thanksgiving</u>, don't you think?

Furthermore, because God showers us with love, our response should be to love God and others in return. Our sense of thanksgiving should compel us to give, to share, and to be good stewards of time, talent, and substance.

Prayer: Loving Creator, you but open your hands and all of our needs are met. Such love humbles us and stirs us to want to love and serve you all the days of our lives. **Amen.**









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.



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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





GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION November 13 8:30 to 10:00 am

Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital

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

Jerri Presley

2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)

EVENTS for:

Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:

Telephone: 919-552-9421 e-mail: agape@agapekurebeach.org

Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:

Telephone 910-458-0783 e-mail: kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org

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:

Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring- Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com



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CLW/RACHEL GROUP

Will meet at the home (TBA) on November 25 at 11:00 pm

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PRAYER GROUP

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA ON NOVEMBER 19 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: SUSAN Aderholt, SETH AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), DAVID Byrd (severe

broken leg – friend of the community), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), EASTON Finger (Aboard Abraham Lincoln Aircraft Carrier in Persian Gulf) DON Greene (cancerfriend of Teri & Melinda), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), JASON Hames (friend of the White's) DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), CHRIS Messick (intestinal blockage), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (coworker of Melinda White's), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter - Janice has strokes), SONDRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, BETTY Ratchford, RONNIE Shiles (shingles w/complications), TONY Trudnak (cancer), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchfordbreast cancer), MARY Wooten (Sara's great-grandmother and Rosalee's great-great grandmother

FIRST THANKSGIVING In 1621, the Plymouth



colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast which is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. This harvest meal has become a symbol of cooperation and interaction between English colonists and Native Americans. Although this feast is considered by many to the very first

Thanksgiving celebration, it was actually in keeping with a long tradition of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a successful bounty of crops. Native American groups throughout the Americas, including the Pueblo, Cherokee, Creek and many others organized harvest festivals, ceremonial dances, and other celebrations of thanks for centuries before the arrival of Europeans in North America.

Historians have also recorded other ceremonies of thanks among European settlers in North America, including British colonists in Berkeley Plantation, Virginia. At this site near the Charles River in December of 1619, a group of British settlers led by Captain John Woodlief knelt in prayer and pledged "Thanksgiving" to God for their healthy arrival after a long voyage across the Atlantic. This event has been acknowledged by some scholars and writers as the official first Thanksgiving among European settlers on record. Whether at Plymouth, Berkeley Plantation, or throughout the Americas, celebrations of thanks have held great meaning and importance over time. The legacy of thanks, and particularly of the feast, have survived the centuries as people throughout the United States gather family, friends, and enormous amounts of food for their yearly Thanksgiving meal.

What Was Actually on the Menu?

What foods topped the table at the first harvest feast? Historians aren't completely certain about the full bounty, but it's safe to say the pilgrims weren't gobbling up pumpkin pie or playing with their mashed potatoes. Following is a list of the foods that were available to the colonists at the time of the 1621 feast. However, the only two items that historians know for sure were on the menu are venison and wild fowl, which are mentioned in primary sources. The most detailed description of the "First Thanksgiving" comes from Edward Winslow from A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, in 1621:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, among other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed upon our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

The Singing Christmas Tree (Stanley Community Choirs)



Singing Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 pm. Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm. @ First Baptist Church, Stanley

Free Admission
Refreshments after performance

If you are interested in singing: contact Gabe Price at gabepricesu@gmail.com





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Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

Reading the Word of God, a daily Bible reading guide, has been prepared for Lutherans to use over the next three years.

The North American Lutheran Church has joined with the Lutheran Church-Canada and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther's approach to the Scriptures.

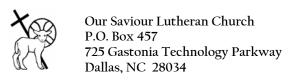
Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for **2019** and **2020**. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament are assigned for each day. Certain church festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth - have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saints Rev 7:9-17 Ps. 149 1 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12	2 1 Chron 12:1-18 Ps. 115 Mark 12:28-44
3 1 Chron 12:19-40 Ps. 116 Mark 13:1-23	4 1 Chron 13:1-14 Ps. 117 Mark 13:24-14:2	5 1 Chron 14:1-17 Ps. 118 Mark 14:3-21	6 1 Chron 15:1-15 Ps. 119:1-8 Mark 14:22-42	7 1 Chron 15:16-29 Ps. 119:9-16 Mark 14:43-72	8 1 Chron 16:1-36 Ps. 119:17-24 Mark 15:1-20	9 1 Chron 16:37-43 Ps. 119:25-32 Mark 15:21-47
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24 1 Chron 26:1-32 Ps. 119:145-152 1 Cor :15-27	25 1 Chron 27:1-34 Ps. 119:153-160 1 Cor 10:1-13	26 1 Chron 28:1-21 Ps. 119:161-168 1 Cor 10:14-22	27 1 Chron 28:1-30 Ps. 120 1 Cor 10:23-11:16	28 Is. 1:1-17 Ps. 121 1 Cor 11:17-34	29 Is. 1:18-31 Ps. 122 1 Cor 12:1-11	30 Is. 2:1-5 Ps. 123 1 Cor 12:12-31





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