

PRELUDE

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The Long Island Council of Churches unites diverse Christians to work together to improve living conditions on Long Island and to promote inter-faith understanding and cooperation.

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Thanksgiving – A Focus on Relationships “. . . In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Today, many people think of Thanksgiving as a wonderful time to celebrate getting out of school for a long weekend, and eating a great dinner. Or, maybe they think it is the start of the Christmas holiday season.

What comes to mind when you think of Thanksgiving? Do you picture a time of thankfulness toward God or is it merely one of eating, partying or watching football?

Sadly, the latter is what Thanksgiving has become to most. They have forgotten “why the day was established.” The meaning has slowly deteriorated, and is now becoming lost under a cloud of constant media hype, sales pitches, marketing tactics and blitz commercialism.

While many are familiar with the traditional representation of the original Thanksgiving in America, it is helpful to examine the purpose for which it was first celebrated. By doing this, the day’s meaning will be firmly established.

Expressions of Gratitude

The meaning of Thanksgiving has undergone numerous transitions, from an expression of gratitude for

Survival, or an early government council’s recognition of its flourishing community, submission of the local natives, the defeat over the British rulers in the Revolutionary War, and more. The meaning over time became a collection of our nation’s traditions and values. And over the centuries, families added their own customs and traditions to the Thanksgiving celebration, preserving that which they held most precious.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for reflection.

To gather in unity – It is refreshing and invigorating when people come together, in celebration of a common purpose. It is a reconciliation of differences as well as a time of healing. In sharing our victories as well as our struggles, we find strength and hope.

To teach the young – In stories told and retold, each generation brings purpose and significance to the richness of their heritage. Faded pictures, sentimental knick-knacks, even the prayer of Thanksgiving before the meal all form a Thanksgiving family legacy.

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To prepare the heart – In gratitude, we humbly reflect upon all the gifts (family, friends, health) that saturate our lives. By giving-thanks we extend ourselves and give to others less fortunate. Out of the abundance of our hearts, we are able to offer our resources to help others.

Praise to God

In the Bible, the meaning of thanksgiving reflected adoration, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving was a grateful language to God as an act of worship. Rarely, if ever, was thanksgiving extended to any person or thing, except God. "These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng" (Psalm 42:4).

Long before the colonists celebrated their success in America, Nehemiah assembled two great choirs to give thanks for God's faithfulness in rebuilding the wall. ". . . The Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully and dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres" (Nehemiah 12:27).

The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings. ". . . In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6). Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart that reinforces an intimate relationship with God.

Also, during this season of Thanksgiving the Long Island Council of Churches wishes all of our members, friends, and Neighbors a Happy and Healthy Day of Thanks and a re-dedication to maintaining and fostering new relationships.

If you know a Neighbor that needs a Thanksgiving meal, please see the flyers in the back. Thank you!

Thoughts & Prayers

Thoughts and prayers for all affected in the First Baptist Church shooting

The Long Island Council of Churches offers its prayers for the victims and their families of the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas that left 26 dead, ages range from just 18 months old to 77 years old, and more that 20 injured and we offer our prayers for our nation. Unending thanks must be given to first responders and to all those who offered their own lives to save others.

The individual acts of bravery and selflessness by the victims as they tried to help each other must stand as a tribute to the power of good over any evil that comes our way.

Welcome to the LICC

The Good News to Share LICC Continues to grow

The LICC welcomes the following as Members to the LICC, Brookville Reformed Church; Chamsaray Korean Methodist Church; Christ Church; Hamptons United Methodist Church; Jewish Center of the Hamptons; Our Lady of Lourdes Church; RCCCG Chapel of Greatness; Riverhead United Methodist Church; Saint Pauls Episcopal Church;

If you are interested in becoming a member please email LICC@optonline and reference Membership in the subject line. Thank you.

SHARE THE HARVEST 2017



L to R: Tom Wallace and Stanford J. Perry,
Executive Director- AHRC Nassau



L to R: Thomas Wallace and Mike
Cave, Pink tie 1000 Foundation



Pink Tie 1000 Foundation and Trinity Solar presenting a check to
Tom Wallace, Helping our Neighbors in Need



L to R: Justin Dantzer - AHRC, Kirk R. Cronk
and Kim Eliano



L to R: Patrick Ryder - Nassau County Police
Commissioner, Deborah and Tom Wallace



Keynote Speaker Rebecca Sanin
President & CEO
Health and Welfare Council of Long Island

Thank You For Helping LICC Serve Our Neighbors in Need

SHARE THE HARVEST GALA APPRECIATION

We are grateful for all who purchased tickets and attended... Special thank you to our STH Gala Chair, Deb Wallace, who with the help of her Development Team, (Anthony Achong, Kirk R. Cronk, Helene Denecke, and Tom Wallace) produced a successful and unforgettable evening of music, dance, and generous giving, in Honor of Stanfort J. Perry, Executive Director, AHRC Nassau.

Thank you also to our SPONSORS...

Pink Tie 1000 Foundation, Long Island Community Foundation: Mallouk Family Fund, Riverheard Building Supply, New Apostolic Church USA & Helene and Jeffrey Denecke, Marian S. Hubbard, Thomas & Deborah Wallace, Reverend Jack K. King, and Henry Boerner.

And to those who donated to the Feed A Family meals and raffle items, below all of the names.

Anthony Achong; Rev. Moira Ahearne; Bentley & Eileen Bailey; Mother Cecily Broderick; Susan Broderick; Gary Cagnard; Olga Cortes; Candida Cucharo; Justin E. Dantzler; Rev. Lorraine De Armitt; Claire DeRoche; Jeffrey & Helene Denecke; Mary R. Dewar; Paul Giordano; Guo Hong; Rev. James Hulsey; Howard Jurist; Margaret Mainusch; Thomas & Ellen Moore; Michael Moser; James Peters; Rev. Erik Rasmussen; William J. Rothe; Thomas Schmidt; Candida Spano; Judith Silz; Rachel Vione; Thomas Wallace; Uriel B. Welch; Kathryn Wilson

Thank you especially to our auctioneer Rudy Saviano who encouraged our giving.



L to R: Jane Coleman, Reva Marcellin, Gary Cagnard



L to R: Rev. Thomas Schmidt, Jeffrey Denecke, Helene Denecke and Hong Guo - New Apostolic Church



Front Row L to R: LICC Staff - Anthony Achong, Olga Cortes, Yolanda Murray, Uriel Welch, Marianita Reyes, Larry Swensen, Back Row: Kim Eliano



L to R: Bill Russell, Rev. Lorraine De Armitt, Rev. James Hulsey, and Tom Philipp

LICC FOOD & SERVICES BOUTIQUES

The Long Island Council of Churches Food and Services Boutiques are located in Hempstead, Freeport, and Riverhead, each are managed and maintained by two staff members and a few volunteers. Every week the staff and volunteers move thousands of pounds of food through their respective location to serve approximately 2,600 *Neighbors* a month and that number is steadily rising.

As our Thanksgiving holiday approaches they are all working wholeheartedly to help as many as our *Neighbors* as they can. We are trying to provide **THANKSGIVING FOR ALL**. See flyers following this page to share with out *Neighbors*.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the great corps of volunteers, LICC is “more than just food” in helping our *Neighbors* in need.



L to R: Manager Reverend Brenda D. Ford and Pantry Clerk & Receptionist Christine Spenser at our Freeport location at 230 Hanse Avenue.



L to R: Pantry Clerk & Receptionist Odessa Haynes and Regional/Hempstead Manager Yolanda Murray at our Hempstead location at 40 Washington Street.



L to R: Pantry Clerk & Receptionist Marianita Reyes and Manager Olga Cortes at our Riverhead location at 220 Roanoke Avenue, Suite #3.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL

ANNUAL COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 6 PM

Riverhead High School, 600 Harrison Avenue
Riverhead, New York 11901



Sponsored by the Migrant Social Ministry of the
Long Island Council of Churches

220 Roanoke Avenue, Suite 3, Riverhead, New York 11901; Phone: 631-727-2210
A Ministry in Suffolk County for over 60 years

Donations Accepted: Turkeys, cranberry sauce, stuffing, collard greens, gravy, white and sweet potatoes, peas, butter, rolls, milk, coffee, tea, soda, cider, bottled water, salt, pepper, onions, celery, dark brown and white sugar, poultry seasoning. **We also accept financial donations.**

Volunteers needed to cook turkeys, carve turkeys, help in kitchen, serve meals, wash pots and pans. **We particularly need folks who can stay to clean up after the meal is finished!**

Contributing organizations: Church youth, Men's & Women's groups, Department of Labor, Riverhead Brownie & Girl Scouts, Riverhead Kiwanis Club, Riverhead Poultry Club, Riverhead/Mattituck Clergy, Westhampton & Southold Rotary Clubs, Southampton Bath & Tennis Club, United Church of Rockville Centre various synagogues, churches & individuals.

Please contact Olga Cortes at 631-727-2210

Before November 15 about volunteering and donations.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL



WE CARE

Cordially invites you to a complimentary

Thanksgiving Day Luncheon for Seniors

Thursday, November 23, 2017

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

at the Nassau County Bar Association

15th & West Streets, Mineola



There is no charge for the luncheon.

Reservations are required.

RSVP by Tuesday, November 14:

Jody Ratner

(516) 747-4070 x226

jratner@nassaubar.org

WE CARE is part of the Nassau Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL

Circle of Love Ministry Food Pantry Thanksgiving Celebration

At two locations

*Bethesda Seventh Day Adventist Church, Amityville
Church of God by Faith, Wyandanch*

Date: 11/23/2017
Thanksgiving Day

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Locations:

Bethesda Seventh Day
Adventist Church
76 Parkway Ave.
Amityville, NY 11701

Church of God by Faith
114 Long Island Ave.
Wyandanch, NY 11798

Contact:

Pastor Roy Kirton
Phone: 631-379-1327
roykirton@aol.com

*For those who need a helping hand...those who would like to
enjoy a day of Thanksgiving Celebration and Fellowship!
Welcome, You're invited...*

*...for those who are homebound and need a dinner delivered,
we can deliver within the Babylon township*

A delicious menu

- Turkey
- String Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rolls
- Cranberry Sauce
- Dessert



We are in need of donations of Turkeys and canned goods

**For those who would like to make a donation
or for more information call 631-379-1327
or email roykirton@aol.com**

**A limited number of volunteers are needed
for 1 hour shifts, please call to register
631-379-1327**

*Circle of Love Ministry
Food Pantry
is a division of
Christian Life Center
Church
450 Bayview Ave.
Amityville, NY 11701*

Directions to Bethesda Seventh Day Adventist Church:
Southern State Parkway exit 32N (Rte. 110) turn right onto
Great Neck Rd. After slight overpass turn left onto Parkway
Ave. Church is 3 blocks down on the right.
Directions to Church of God by Faith:
Southern State Parkway exit 35N (Wellwood Ave.) in 1.75 miles
turn right onto Long Island Ave. Church is 1.5 miles down on
your right.

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Two months advance
notice for events
requiring registration.

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and thanks to...*

Emergency Food Pantry &
Family Support Programs

**Community Reformed Church at
Manhasset
\$500**

**Beach United Methodist Church
\$100**

Where Most Needed

**Pink Tie 1000 Foundation
\$30,000**

**Long Island Community
Foundation: Mallouk Family
\$5,000**

**Riverhead Building Supply
\$2,000**

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St. Vincent de Paul
\$1,050**

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\$1,000**

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of Manhasset
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\$100**

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our ministry to our
Neighbors in need:*

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**Please visit us at
www.liccdonate.org**

**Food & Services Boutique
Locations and Hours**

Monday - Friday
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Closed between
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

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