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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

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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.

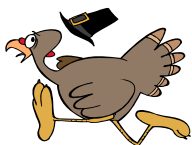
In order to honor the memory -- and our own debt -- to these unnamed saints, and to recall their example, the Church dedicated a special feast day -- a sort of "memorial day" -- so that all living Christians would celebrate at a special Mass the lives and witness of those "who have died and gone before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



Happy Thanksgiving



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Bill Trudnak, President Sep. 23, 2018 Council Minutes



Devotions: Alice Vlaservich

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Bud Penley, Melinda White, Alice Vlaservich, Jeff White, Robbie Wooten, Betty Ratchford, and Teri Trudnak. **Members Absent:** Steve Digh and Denise Traveria

Minutes for August 20, 2018 were reviewed. Alice Vlaservich gave a motion to approve the minutes and Betty Ratchford gave a second motion

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- Kay Withers and Bill Rhinehart representing Withers and Whisenant Funeral Home made a presentation/proposal for the rental of OSLC for funeral services as the need and as the request arise. The proposal was for visitations and the funeral services for families in Dallas who would rather have visitations and services in Dallas than go to the Gastonia facility of W&W Funeral Home. A fee was discussed and accepted and would be considered a donation to the church. The Council approved this proposal/agreement. W&W will work around our church schedule/functions when a funeral service is needed. Council members will be in charge of coordinating the use of the church with W&W when a funeral is scheduled. W&W would not be using the organ, banner or candles. If the organ were requested for use, Nancy Wilson would be contacted and paid by W&W. OSLC Council all agreed this would be considered a ministry for the community. Betty Ratchford made a motion we accept this proposal and Robbie Wooten seconded that motion.
- CROP WALK- Council voted to give \$100 to the annual North Gaston Area Crop Walk to be held on 10/21/18.
- Battle of the Bells- Salvation Army, please support with prayers and donations

Report of the Pastor: No report available this month

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Melinda White to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Bud Penley

Report of the Ministries:

- Property: Getting an estimate on the water leak in the Morgan classroom. The commode in the ladies room repaired.
- Stewardship and Finance: No report this month
- Worship & Music: No report this month
- Youth Team: No report this month
- Witness: Cards and prayers continue
- Christian Education Team: No report this month

Report of Auxiliaries: Rachel Circle: Met at the home of Betty Clemmer for bible study and refreshments. Eight in attendance

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- Marie Robinson and Betty Ratchford will attend the NALC Annual Convocation and represent OSLC

General Information:

- Kids Alive Report
- Attendance
- JAARS
- Lutheran Support Group of Gaston

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: October 15, 2018

Devotions for October: Teri Trudnak

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 2018.

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 18. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A \$9.00 TO BE
INCLUDED WITH THE BOX TO HELP WITH PROCESSING
COSTS.

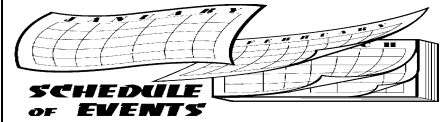
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY.

Thank you for caring!

November 2018



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



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

NOVEMBER IS

- National Hospice Month**
- Lutheran World Relief** (see p 6)
- November 4**—All Saints Day-Communion-Rite of Remembrance
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS-NOV 4
"Christmas Open House" (see p 7)
- November 5**—
Team Meetings—
Youth at 6:30 pm
Other Teams at 7:00pm
- November 6**—ELECTION DAY-GO VOTE
- November 11**— 25th Sunday aft Pentecost
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE (see p 7)
Veterans Day (see p 9)
- November 12**—Veterans Day dedication (see p 8)

Veterans Day Event
- November 13**—Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- November 18**—Christ the King Sunday
BIBLE WEEK—NOV. 18-24 (see p 6)
Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes (p 3)
Community Thanksgiving Service (see p 8)
- November 19**—Board Meeting 7:00 p
- November 22**—Thanksgiving Day
- November 25**—25th Sunday after Pentecost
- November 26**— CLW/Rachael Group

FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Canned Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Canned Meat.**



CHOIR PRATICE
5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



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
- Austin Ford

Holy Communion Schedule:


- Nov. 4: All Saints Day
- Nov. 18: Christ the King

Worship Service Assistance:

- Acolyte: Nick Vlaservich
- Communion
- Asst: Nick Vlaservich
- Lay Reader: Yvonne Finger
- Worship Asst: Yvonne Finger
- Greeters: Members of OSL
- Ushers: Members of OSLC

Collection: Steve Digh

Devotions: Bill Trudnak



See form inside
Deadline: Nov 25

**ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS**

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- November 4 Ryan Gordy
Keenan Pfeiffer
- November 11 Wayne Ann Penley
- November 18 Denise Traveria
- November 25 Alice 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

2018 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.

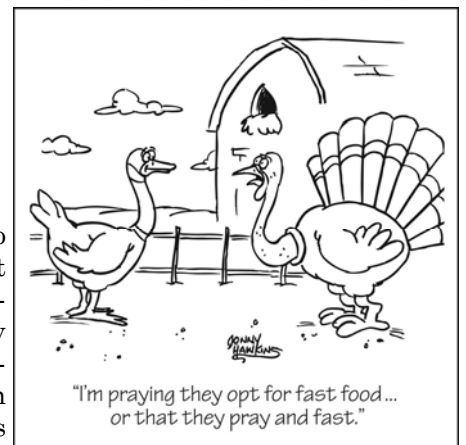
We are:

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 18-24

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



2018 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.



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 11, 2018
2:00 pm—5:00 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 12

"Honoring All Who Served"

*Join the Town of Dallas for the
5th Annual Veterans Day*

*10 am on Monday-November 12, 2018
At the Historic Dallas Courthouse*

Refreshment provided by the Town of Dallas after dedication

Community Thanksgiving Worship



NOVEMBER 18
AT DALLAS BAPTIST CHURCH,
Corner of West Trade and North Maple Streets
AT 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Rev. Billy Ervin, Pastor
First United Methodist, Dallas

“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 3, from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

The Joy of Painting with Bob Ross

(Reservation required: members \$25-Non-members \$40)
Contact Alexander.Brooks@gastongov.com

2. EXHIBITS:

A Stewardship Minute

This month's issue of *Stewardship* tells of St. Paul writing to the Christians at Corinth, requesting them to share some of their resources with the church in Jerusalem. The church in Jerusalem was made up of mostly poor people and Paul thought it would be wonderful if the Christians in Corinth helped their poorer brothers and sisters.

It is indeed a meaningful message of love when one group of Christians helps other Christians in their time of need. Many Christians in the New Orleans area have been helped by

Christians from other states who have given money, time, and talent to help them recover from their losses. What a moving indication of love and unity that has been shown by Christians in unaffected areas, as they have given or even gone in person to help those in dire need. Such action is stewardship; using one's own physical, financial, and social resources to serve those needing a boost of love, energy, sympathy, money.

St. Paul, in the 8th chapter of Second Corinthians tells that those blessed with abundance should aid other Christians nagged by poverty; that it would be a sign of genuine love and caring. They responded posi-

tively. Such is true Christian love. The words in the third stanza of the old hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" emphasize the point: We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear. That friends, is loving stewardship. Let us practice it ourselves.

Prayer: Give us tender and caring hearts, O Lord, that we may always be loving servants of Christ. Amen



HOW TO HONOR 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.





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Dear Friends,

My name is Maribeth Pangilinan. I am the Activities Director at Heritage Oaks Assisted Living in Gastonia North Carolina. We currently have 80 residents, many of which do not have family and most which need basic items and are on low incomes.

We provide the needs for the residents as well as ensure their needs on a daily basis while enjoying the quality of life in the assisted living community.

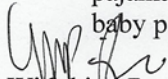
We are humbly asking for donations from groups and businesses to help our residents. These donations go directly for basic living needs for our residents. Our goal is to have each resident receive a package containing some of the items below for Christmas. We currently have 48 men and 32 women in need.

Donations may be dropped off at my office before December 15th. If you have monetary donations may be addressed to Heritage Oaks Assisted Living. If we receive your donation, we will gladly add you to our list of donors. You may make a one-time donation, or not be added to our list please let me know.

Thank You so much for your generous time and donations for our residents. We are helping us reach our goal of having one package for each resident.

“Christmas Wish Items”

- Pillows
- Blankets
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Basic winter clothing such:
- Socks
- Gloves
- Knit caps
- Bedroom slippers
- pajamas
- baby powder
- * Body wash
- * Lotion
- * Wash Cloth
- * Towels
- * Bar Soap
- * Razors
- * Shaving cream
- * Bathrobe
- * Cologne
- * Comb
- * Deodorant
- * Bar Soap


 With kind Regards,
 Maribeth Pangilinan

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.

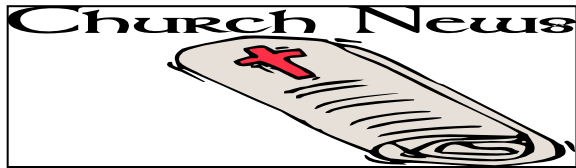
Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV



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

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(If others, please let the church office know)

EVENTS for:

Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:

Telephone: 919-552-9421

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Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:

Telephone 910-458-0783

e-mail: kurebeach@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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CLWRACHEL GROUP

Will meet at the home (TBA) on
November 26 at 1:00 pm



PRAYER GROUP

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA
ON NOVEMBER 13 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 (Brady Ratchford's sister and friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain, JOE Glenn (Melinda White's father), JASON Hames (friend of the White's) DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's). EDITH Paysour, LAWRENCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford's), RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson- leukemia), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter - Janice has strokes), KEENAN Pfeifer (hip replacement), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), LISA Walters (Brie and Emma Murray's aunt -cancer), MELINDA White, ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), NANCY Wilson (neck and foot).

MY LORD

"Lord, may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience. And finally, help me to rest in the truth of Psalm 86:13, 'Great is your love toward me.' You already see the ways I will fall short and mess up. But right now, I consciously tuck Your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart. I recognize Your love for me is not based on my performance. You love me warts and all. That's amazing. But what's most amazing is that the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to sit with You like this. Amen."

- Lysa Terkeurst

The Singing Christmas Tree (Stanley Community Choirs)



Singing Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 1 at 3:00 pm.

Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 pm.

@ First Baptist Church, Stanley

Free Admission

Refreshments after performance

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



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 **2018**, **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.

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1 All Saints</i> <i>Rev 7:9-17</i> <i>Ps. 49</i> <i>1 John 3:1-3</i> <i>Matt 5:1-12</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Job 34</i> <i>Ps. 115</i> <i>Luke 19:1-10</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Job 35</i> <i>Ps. 116</i> <i>Luke 19:11-27</i>
<i>4</i> <i>Job 36:1-26</i> <i>Ps. 117</i> <i>Luke 19:28-44</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Job 36:27-37:24</i> <i>Ps. 118</i> <i>Luke 19:45-20:8</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Job 38:1-30</i> <i>Ps. 119:1-8</i> <i>Luke 20:8-26</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Job 38:31-39:18</i> <i>Ps. 119:9-16</i> <i>Luke 20:27-40</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Job 39:19-40:24</i> <i>Ps. 119:17-24</i> <i>Luke 20:41-21:9</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Job 41</i> <i>Ps. 119:25-32</i> <i>Luke 21:10-24</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Job 42</i> <i>Ps. 119:33-40</i> <i>Luke 21:25-38</i>
<i>11</i> <i>Joshua 1</i> <i>Ps. 119:41-48</i> <i>Luke 22:1-13</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Joshua 2</i> <i>Ps. 119:49-56</i> <i>Luke 22:14-30</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Joshua 3</i> <i>Ps. 11:57-64</i> <i>Luke 22:31-38</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Joshua 4</i> <i>Ps. 119:65-72</i> <i>Luke 22:39-53</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Joshua 5</i> <i>Ps. 119:73-80</i> <i>Luke 22:54-65</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Joshua 6</i> <i>Ps. 119:81-88</i> <i>Luke 22:66-23:16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Joshua 7</i> <i>Ps. 119:89-96</i> <i>Luke 23:18-31</i>
<i>18</i> <i>Joshua 8:1-29</i> <i>Ps. 119:97-104</i> <i>Luke 23:32-43</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Joshua 8:30-9:15</i> <i>Ps. 119:105-112</i> <i>Luke 23:44-56</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Joshua 9:16-27</i> <i>Ps. 119:113-120</i> <i>Luke 24:1-12</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Joshua 10:1-15</i> <i>Ps. 119:121-128</i> <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Joshua 10:16-43</i> <i>Ps. 119:129-136</i> <i>Luke 24:36-53</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Joshua 11:1-14</i> <i>Ps. 119:137-144</i> <i>Acts 1:1-11</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Joshua 11:15-23</i> <i>Ps. 119:145-152</i> <i>Acts 1:12-22</i>
<i>25</i> <i>Joshua 12</i> <i>Ps. 119:153-160</i> <i>Acts 1:23-26</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Joshua 13:1-14</i> <i>Ps. 119:161-168</i> <i>Acts 2:1-13</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Joshua 13:15-33</i> <i>Ps. 120</i> <i>Acts 2:14-41</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Joshua 14</i> <i>Ps. 121</i> <i>Acts 2:42-3:10</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Joshua 15:1-19</i> <i>Ps. 122</i> <i>Acts 3:11-26</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Joshua 15:20-63</i> <i>Ps. 123</i> <i>Acts 4:1-22</i>	



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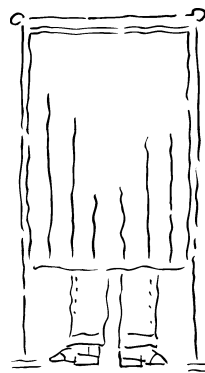


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