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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



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 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 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.

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 overflowed.**

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!



Happy Thanksgiving



THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

The Christian Church Year is living history. It is ancient events to life each year. It is history that is as alive as the Church itself.

The Church Year is a cycle of festivals and seasons. Christians around the World and throughout history have shaped their faith and marked their lives by these events.

The first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost Day) recalls event in the life of our Lord, making them real for us in the present.

The rest of the Church Year (Pentecost Season) focuses on discipleship — the new life in Christ in which we are living and growing. The community of believers, the Church, keeps observing the Church Year because it celebrates God's redemption.

When Christians observe the Church Year's festivals and seasons, we

- learn the words and acts of God that have changed history;
- remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord for us;
- participate in these saving events through which our Lord creates his Church and transforms our lives.

The Church Year revolves around three great festival days — Christmas, Easter and Pentecost — and the seasons that connect them — **Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Pentecost or Ordinary Time.**

Advent Season

4 weeks of preparation for Christ's coming.

Epiphany Season

4 to 9 weeks of thanks for Christ's revelation to the world, including the Baptism of Our Lord.

Holy Week

Palm or Passion Sunday follow by The Easter Triduum (the three days beginning with the Lord's supper on Maundy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday)

Pentecost Season or Ordinary Time

2 dozen weeks from Holy Trinity Sunday to Christ the King Sunday. The festival of All Saints is celebrated late in this season.

Christmas Season

12 days of celebration of Christ's birth, leading to Epiphany, the "*Christmas of the Gentiles*"

Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday followed by 40 days of preparation, concluding during Holy Week

Easter Season

Easter Day followed by 50 days of rejoicing, including Ascension Day leading to the season's climax Pentecost Day.

Now we have done a complete cycle of the year and start the Advent Season again



Remembering the 'Christ' in 'Christmas'

It's funny how time flies as you get older. I remember a time in life when the term "slow as Christmas" meant something. Now, Christmas comes at the speed of light. And here it comes again with the throttle cracked wide open!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the first Sunday in the four-week countdown to Christmas. Advent is the time set aside during the Christian liturgical year to prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ while commemorating His first coming on that very first Christmas.

I first learned about Advent in my first year at Sacred Heart Grade School in Belmont. I was in the fourth grade, and on the Monday morning after the first Sunday in Advent, we all gathered in the hall at the school and had a ceremony around an Advent wreath made up of four candles — three purple and one rose colored. Being a little Protestant, Methodist boy, I'd never heard of or seen such a thing. But when I learned that they'd light a candle every Monday until they got to the last one, and when they lit it, it'd be next door to Christmas, brother, I couldn't wait to get out in that hall.

But it sure seemed like years passed between those weekly candle lightings.

Perhaps the lesson here for us is two-fold. The first being when we're kids, Christmas is all about us. For us, it was about presents and all the trimmings.

My brothers and I would begin working on what we wanted for Christmas in early July. And when the Sears Wishbook arrived in the mail just before fall, we wore that thing out figuring and refiguring what we wanted Santa Claus, and everybody else who knew us, to get us for Christmas.

Christ was in the equation, of course. It was his birthday we were celebrating, after all. But that was just the means to get to our end — the presents. And we wanted those presents.

And with no real responsibilities other than schoolwork and playing and the like, all we had was time on our hands to painstakingly wait and want for something for ourselves.

Then, time passed and, with it, our youth. Responsibilities came upon us gradually. A job, marriage, children, bills, commitments and all those other joys that come with adulthood — that time when every waking moment is used to calculate and care for someone else. Then comes Christmas. Rapidly and often. Quadrupling all those cares and worries we already had.

These days, all the thoughts and efforts for presents focus on how they will be bought and paid for and wrapped before Christmas hits us square in the mouth. Trees must be trimmed, cookies and candies must be made, Santa must be seen and the misery of shopping amongst great hordes of our bargain hunting compadres who are all in the same boat as we are must be endured.

Christ is in the equation, too, of course. It's his birthday that caused all this commotion after all, and it will be here way before we're ready. We have a lot to do to get ready for Christmas, so who has time for church and family prayer and inward reflection on how we are living our life in Christ during this busy time of year?

Some are just plain too busy to consider Christ at all. And therein lies the second lesson. Life comes at us fast. And then, it's gone. No matter what our perception is of time.

And when our life on earth is over, and it will be in time, we'll be called upon to face the master and give him an accounting of our lives. The reality is that for some of us, that day will be today. We can't stop time. And death is always knocking at our door. St. Benedict in his rule reminds us to consider our death daily so that when it comes, we're ready.

The devil's greatest tool is convincing us we have all the time in the world. That there's always a tomorrow. Which simply isn't true, as a quick look at today's obituary page will reflect.

But the church gives us the season of Advent as a tool to help us prepare our souls for Christ. We should use this time wisely for prayer, reflection and church activities to find, build or renew our faith, depending on where we are in our journey with Christ. All the presents we buy and tinsel and lights we hang will wind up in the landfill at some point. It is on the preparation of our souls for eternity that we should spend the most time.

Remember that the only real joy in this world is explained in John 3:16, and that joy, obtained in this life, will last us an eternity in the next — "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ever lasting life." Jesus is the reason for this season. Take the time to enjoy him this Advent season.

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church Anna Lowery, President Sep. 21, 2020 Council Minutes



Devotions: Joe Finger

Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Members present: Joe Finger, Anna Lowery, Becky Mes-sick, Denise Traveria, Alice Vlaservich, Anna Lowery, and Robbie Wooten. **Members Absent:** Teri Trudnak, Melinda White, and Jeff White..

Minutes: August 17, 2020 minutes were reviewed.; Joe Fin-ger made the motion to approve the minutes and Anna Low-ery seconded the motion and carried.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- A. The Council discussed the Lutheran Support Group and Foster Care Children's needs. No action taken.
- B. The Council will pray for their future ministry of Sola Publishing

Report of the Pastor: Alice Vlaservich made motion to ap-prove the Pastor's Report. Seconded by Robbie Wotten and carried.

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a mo-tion was made by Robbie Wooten to accept the Treasurer Re-port and seconded by Anna Lowery and carried,

Report of the Ministries:

- A. Property: Activity Building was cleaned.
- B. Stewardship and Finance: No report
- C. Worship & Music: No report
- D. Youth Team: No report this month
- E. Witness: Cards were send out.
- F. Christian Education Team: No report

Report of Auxiliaries: Met at the home of Betty Clemmer on September 24. The Prayer Group will continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1 pm.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

Contact was made with Park Gillespie regarding the Church's roof. Meeting setup to meet with him.

New Business:

- A. The Council discussed LCMC changing insurance to Brotherhood Mutual Insurance. No action taken
- B. The Council discussed the upcoming Church election. Since the church's enrollment is smaller the council suggested the Council could be reduced to 5 members, not replace the one's going off (four), continue to talk about the number on the council.

General Information:

Attendance

Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report

Council discussed Concordia Publish billing problem. The Church paid the bill sent by Concordia and to their pay-ment address but somehow it did not go to their lockbox. The office discussed this issue with Concordia several times but was not successful in getting the matter cleared up. The Church contacted our bank and filed a

fraud report to retrieve its money from Citi Bank (\$131.00). Since Concordia has received their money we will wait to see if they will send the next quarter of bulletin covers. If not, the Church will make our own.

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is October 19th , 2020 at 7pm

Devotion for October: 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 2020.

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 del-ivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nation-ality, political background or religious beliefs. Operation Christ-mas 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 explana-tion of the true meaning of Christmas – God's gift of His Son, Jesus.

SHOE BOXES ARE DUE TO BE COLLECTED ON NOVEMBER 22. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A \$9.00 TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE BOX TO HELP WITH PROCESSING COSTS.

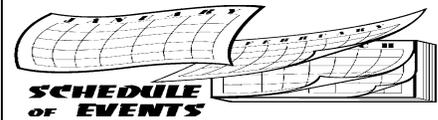
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY.

Thank you for caring!

November 2020



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day	2 Team Meetings	3 Election Day GO VOTE	4	5	6	7 Set Your Clocks Back
8 23rd Sun after Pentecost	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 24th Sun after Pentecost	16 Board Mtg.	17 Prayer Group	18	19	20	21
22 Christ the King Sunday	23 CLW Rachel Group	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 1st Sunday Of Advent	30					

NOVEMBER IS

- National Hospice Month**
- Lutheran World Relief** (see p 6)
- November 1—** DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
- November 1—**All Saints Day-Communion-Rite of Remembrance
- November 2—** Team Meetings— 7:00pm
- November 3—**ELECTION DAY-GO VOTE
- November 8—** 23rd Sunday aft Pentecost CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE (see p 5)
- November 11—**Veterans Day (see p 7)
- November 15—** 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Bible Sunday—Nov. 15
BIBLE WEEK—NOV. 15-22 (see p 6)
- November 16—**Board Meeting **7:00 pm**
- November 17—**Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- November 22—**Christ the King Sunday
Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes (see p 3)
- November 23—** CLW/Rachael Group
Will meet at home of TBA
- November 26—**Thanksgiving Day
- November 29—**1st Sunday of Advent
HANGING OF THE GREENS

FOOD FOR THE MONTH: **Canned Pinto Beans, Blackeye Peas 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

Holy Communion Schedule:



ALL SUNDAYS

Worship Service Assistance:

- Acolyte: OSLC Member
- Communion
- Asst: OSLC MEMBER
- Lay Reader: None
- Worship Asst: None
- Greeters: Members of OSL
- Ushers: Members of OSLC

- Collection: Steve Digh
- Devotions: Melinda White



See form inside
Deadline: Nov 29

ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- November 1 Open
- November 8 Open
- November 15 Nancy Wilson
- November 22 Open
- November 29 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

2020 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
hopes to invites you to their
Christmas Open House
but at this time they
have not determined to have
it due to the virus.
Decision will be made soon!



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!



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*

Community Thanksgiving Worship



NOVEMBER 25
WILL BE ON LINE BECAUSE OF VIRUS
INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING.

AIN'T 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 15-22



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

There is an old legend about how the great beasts first learned to live as they were set upon the world by God. Each of them had been quite self-centered, but realized that being what God intended them to be and do led to them great freedom and joy.

The legend went on, sadly, to point out that when humankind learned to live in God's world, mankind had not made the same realizations; had not learned that the greatest joy comes in doing the will of God. When our main focus is on ourselves, the legend says, we have wandered from freedom into a sort of bondage. We are locked into

the misery we have brought upon ourselves by not choosing to love, obey, and serve our Creator. The Good News Christ came to say to mankind is this: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness..." Matthew 6:33

This month's issue of *Stewardship* brings to light that the secret of living an abundant, joyous life comes as we live one will and that "one will" is the will of God. Living any other way is to struggle in a lost and confused state, and with the nagging feeling that life should be better than it is. That includes being whom God wants us to be, doing what God wants us to do, having what God wants us to have, and giving what God wants us

to give. The legend says that the animals ultimately do what God intends for them, but that humankind does not. Who knows about the animals, but we all know about ourselves!

Prayer: Lord of all, grant us the courage and the will to be what you want us to be and to do all you want us to do. **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.



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



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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

New address will be coming. Check your bulletin

Jerri Presley

2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)

If you need a Pastor,
 please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805
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CLWRACHEL GROUP

Will meet at the home (TBA) on
 November 26 at 11:00 pm



PRAYER GROUP

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA
 ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 1:00 PM

EVENTS for:

Agape/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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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 Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, SYLVIA Cloninger (friend of Nick Vlaservich), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), RENEE Falkenberg (broken ribs), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JAMES Goudelock (fireind of Julie Digh-Cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), ELLEN & ED Pfeiffer (Keenan Gordy's Parents - Heart issues), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, TERI Trudnak, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson.



NEED LAY READERS AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS.

SIGN-UP IN BLUE BOOK ON TABLE IN HALL WAY.



See form inside

Deadline: Nov 29

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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 be 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."

WHERE IS JESUS?

Have you ever been in a situation, where you wondered Lord, where are You?

It occurred to me, the Lord appeared with the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, to Daniel in the lion's den. Joseph was falsely accused and in prison, and the Lord gave him favor there. Jesus walked on and calmed the stormy sea, and even raised Lazarus from the dead.

So if you are in the midst of the fiery furnace; surrounded by your enemies and feel like you are about to be devoured; If you are wrongly accused and in prison, if your life has become turmoil, like a stormy sea, if you feel everything that mattered in your life is dead, then look up Jesus is right there.

See if you really want to know where Jesus is, you have to be willing to go where He goes, and to suffer what He suffered. He is everywhere there is trouble, pain and injustice. He fulfills the needs of the helpless, and instills faith into the hopeless.

Our trouble is we don't want to go to the places Jesus goes. We want to be safe and cozy and warm all the time, sheltered and taken care of by our Heavenly Father but the truth is Jesus is always in the worst of the worst places. It is in reaching up to Him from the deepest pit of our life that we are assured that His grace and mercy are real, and we can rest in His everlasting, ever loving arms.

We may have to experience some discomfort, and work through some pain and suffering, but all pain has purpose, and if we relinquish our body, soul and spirit to Him, we will come through victorious. We will win the battle not for our own glory, but for His.

Just as God inhabits the praises of His people, Jesus inhabits the hard places in our lives. He looks for those with the greatest need; and He waits for us to call out to Him in the back of our sinking ship. Lord, HELP!

2 Corinthians 4:17 "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

By Florence Grantland



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.

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>All Saints</i> Rev 7:9-17 Ps. 149 1 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12	2 Ezra 8:24-36 Ps. 115 1 Peter 1:13-25	3 Ezra 9:1-15 Ps. 116 1 Peter 2:1-12	4 Ezra 10:1-17 Ps. 117 1 Peter 2:13-25	5 Ezra 10:18-44 Ps. 118 1 Peter 3:1-7	6 Dan 11:2:16 Ps. 119:1-8 1 Peter 3:8-22	7 Dan 2:17-24 Ps. 119:9-16 1 Peter 4:1-19
8 Dan 2:46-3:30 Ps. 119:17-24 1 Peter 5:1-14	9 Dan 4:1-18 Ps. 119:25-32 2 Peter 1:1-15	10 Dan 4:19-37 Ps. 119:33-40 2 Peter 1:16-21	11 Dan 5:1-31 Ps. 119:41-48 2 Peter 2:1-10	12 Dan 6:1-7:8 Ps. 119:49-56 2 Peter 2:10-22	13 Dan 7:9-28 Ps. 119:57-64 2 Peter 3:1-13	14 Dan 4 Ps. 119:65-72 2 Peter 3:14-18
15 Dan 9:1-27 Ps. 119:73-80 1 John 1:1-10	16 Dan 10:1-21 Ps. 119:81-88 1 John 2:1-14	17 Dan 11:1-19 Ps. 119:89-96 1 John 2:15-24	18 Dan 11:20-45 Ps. 119:97-104 1 John 2:28-3:10	19 Dan 12:1-13 Ps. 119:105-112 1 John 3:11-24	20 Neb 1 Ps. 119:113-120 1 John 4:1-21	21 Neb 2 Ps. 119:121-128 1 John 5:1-12
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29 <i>Advent Begins</i> Is. 64:1-9 Ps. 80 1 Cor 1:3-9 1 Peter 13:24-37	30 Neb 7:5-65 Ps. 121 1 Rev. 2:8-11					



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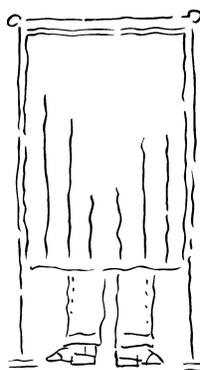


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