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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



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.**

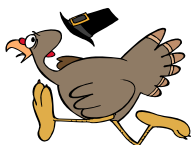
I remember times when thing went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin. But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

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



ADVENT

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

CHRIST



The Advent wreath began as a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer. The configuration of candles, whether in a line or a circle, did not matter. Neither did the color of the candles (all colors are used in homes in Europe). What mattered was the marking of time and the increase of light each week in the face of increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached.

As Advent wreaths began to be used by congregations on Sundays in some places in Europe and America beginning in the late 19th century, several adaptations were made to make them work better in public worship spaces. Candles needed to be larger and more uniform than the "daily candles" handmade or purchased for home use. They also needed to be more uniform in color to fit with other décor in the sanctuary. That is why candles used in the Advent wreath are usually purple or blue, to coordinate with color of the paraments used during this season.

This shift in context from home to public use also made it important in the eyes of some for the candles to be given a meaning more than simply marking time and increasing light. This led to special ceremonies being developed for lighting these special candles each week.

As this practice began to catch on by the mid-twentieth century, several church supply houses who sold Advent wreaths and candles for public worship also developed resources, banners, and bulletin covers assigning a theme to each week, and thus each candle, based on scriptures from the one-year lectionaries used at that time. Those themes were Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace, in that order.

Today, almost no one uses those one-year lectionaries, so those themes may not always fit the scriptures we hear in worship. The one exception is the Third Sunday of Advent, where the current lectionaries have continued to support the centuries old observance of "Gaudete" or "Joy Sunday." That is why church supply houses often offer rose or pink colored candles for the wreath for use on this day.

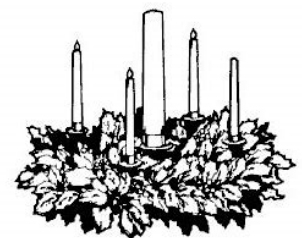
So how may we talk about the meaning of the Advent wreath today?

We can reclaim the original home use of marking time with the hope of increasing light as we await the return of Christ, that day when "The city no longer has need of the sun or the moon to shine upon it, because the glory of God illumines it, and its lamp is the lamb."

And we can develop meanings or themes for each week based on the focus of the scriptures themselves. After all, the candles and the wreath are an accessory, not an end in themselves. Their meaningfulness comes from how we use them to point toward Christ, the world's true light, who was, and is, and is to come.



***First Sunday of Advent,
November 28***



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 on November 28.



GOD BLESS ALL WHO FOUGHT IN AFGHANISTAN

by
Robert B. Charles,
The Amac Magazine

God bless all who fought in Afghanistan and on every front where evil lurk, where the power of courage is at work. As America struggles to make sense of this withdrawal and the senseless scenes of a withered, war-weary, tortured land, some wonder if it was all for naught. It was not for naught. The noble fight is always noble – odds and outcome matter to the mortal, nor the immortal. In times like this, we must remember – and remind every veteran – that their commitment transcends the field of battle.

A man or woman goes to war not to die but to live with inner peace and keep the outer peace. He goes true to the nobility with which, at birth, he knows he is imbued. He goes knowing he is mortal, which makes the commitment, real, his back against eternity. He goes not to fight for fighting's sake but to save for saving's sake – his country, town, family, friends beside him, liberties within him.

He goes to mete justice and to meet whatever that meting takes, to hold evil accountable – the cruel, heartless, terrorizing unjust – or to perish in that pursuit. He goes not to be a hero not a line engraved in granite, but to prove himself to what lies within his heart more than most will ever say, mustering courage required to master fears, mitigated by belief in things greater.

He places himself at God's mercy, risks losing everything – whether medic, chaplain, rifleman, sailor, airman, marine, or a hundred designators in between. Each goes knowingly, with no false hope, aware of the vulnerability that saving lives may cost his own. That is courage, a debt we owe those who go.

He goes so others need not, and even more so they may live in relative peace, confident in his commitment to them. In service of battle, living without what others have, he learns how deep to commitment goes – deprived of ease, peace, and sleep, far from liv, rest, and life's joys, he abjures what hurts, hounds, and annoy; he gains strength and uses it to complete each mission – the only reward knowing that he did.

He is often alone with his thoughts, which prod and haunt, challenge and persist, and leave him slaying dragons unseen by others, so he can slay the ones who carry guns at dawn or in the dead of night. More times than not, somewhere within him lives the spirit of St Paul, a faith in the Lord's promise of "good cheer" for honest courage, or St. Peter, who heard the same with drowning, or the Archangel Michael, present beside every selfless warrior, sword fixed against evil and firm in healing.

And that is why we who are left behind mourn the loss of those who fight and die, grieve for those who come home wounded, and for those who return with unseen scars – the result of mobile commitments made by which we live – half a world away – in peace.

And one thing more, Everything we know about the just and loving God, every word that speaks to us from pages of the Bible, Old testament and New, every promise that rings in our ears from history, life experience, mercy, grace, and that place beyond where we are now, tells us this: God does not count battles but souls by name and face, every noble warrior who lived by that inner clock, every higher grace who rose to turn back evil and end despair, who loved and lived life's commitment and, in that act, showed they truly care.

To those souls, no matter the nation's name, battle's close day's length, or cause of repose, they live with Him, because nobility, love enough to fight, commitment to defend the right is eternal. It is not about the land, shape of wraith, or modernity, but about man, faith, and eternity. God bless all who fought in Afghanistan, and on every front where evil lurks, and here the power of courage is, even now, at work.

Honor is not for warriors alone but those who lead, who commit the young to fight wars, who ask them to risk their all, knowing, by that grave decision, some will fall. As honor attaches to those who lead well, dishonor stains forever those who put a willing warrior in harm's way, on any given day. The noble warrior is betrayed by the ignoble leader, ignorant and unthinking, who fails to understand the heart of the noble man.



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Anna Lowery, President Sep. 20, 2021 Council Minutes



Devotions: Melinda White

Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Members present: Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Anna Lowery, Denise Traveria, Teri Trudnak, Joe Finger

Members Absent: Becky Messick, Robbie Wooten, Jeff White

Minutes: August 2021 minutes were reviewed.; Melinda White made the motion to approve the minutes and Teri Trudnak seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications: None available.

Report of the Pastor: None

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Anna Lowery.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: Replaced passage handle on men's bathroom door
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report
- c. Worship & Music: No report
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins. Alice is also sending bulletins to those unable to attend worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: No report this month

Report of Auxiliaries: No meeting this month. Conference Meeting postponed due to Covid

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Luther Rose decals have been ordered to cover the ELCA seal on the marquee. Suggest that a Luther Rose Seal be placed on the sign in front of the church also. Thank you, Nick and Alice!

New Business:

- a. Council discussed decreasing the number of council members required from 9 to 7 and discussed meeting every other month instead of monthly and to be available as needed. Robbie Wooten, Anna Lowery, Alice Vlaservich and Becky Messick will remain on Council for year 2022 and additional members will be added as some of the current members will be going off rotation. The Council all agreed with this consideration and will further discuss at next meeting.

General Information:

- a. Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!
- b. Laszlo Mission Report
- c. JAARs Report

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is October 18, 2021 at 7pm;
Alice Vlaservich will have devotions for October.



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY.

Thank you for caring!

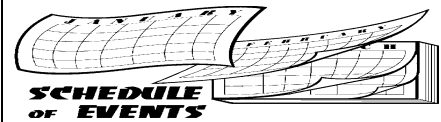


November 21-28

November 2021



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



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

NOVEMBER IS

- National Hospice Month**
- Lutheran World Relief** (see p 6)
- November 1—**
Team Meetings— 7:00pm
- November 2—ELECTION DAY-GO VOTE**
- November 7—**
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
- November 7—All Saints Day-**
Rite of Remembrance
- November 11—Veterans Day** celebration at Court Square (see p 7)
- November 13—** Lutherans for Life (see p13)
- November 14—** 25th Sunday aft Pentecost
- November 15—Board Meeting 7:00 pm**
- November 16—**Prayer Group will meet at Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- November 21—Christ the King Sunday**
Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes (see p 3)
Bible Sunday—Nov. 21
BIBLE WEEK—NOV. 21-28 (see p 6)
- November 25—**Thanksgiving Day
- November 28—**1st Sunday of Advent
HANGING OF THE GREENS

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

CHOIR PRATICE
4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



Birthdays

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



- 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: Becky Messick



See form inside

Deadline: Nov 28
Cost: \$10

ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- November 7 Open
- November 14 Penny Wilson
- November 21 Open
- November 28 Nick Vlaservich

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR will be posted on the first door in the hallway of the Education wing. So watch for it and please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your loved ones.

2021 NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS LASZLO MISSION LEAGUE 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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

With love and affection we remember our dear brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone to be with the Lord; this candle will be lit in their memory on November 7.

Larry Brewer, Nancy (Jerrie) Presley
and
Billy Ray Rhyne



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!



A Stewardship Minute

Frank Jones was a widower in his nineties. He tried to make ends meet on a small pension he received. Frank lived all alone, yet his pastor was surprised that Frank never felt lonely. Indeed, the pastor learned that every day Frank had visitors. The mailman would go into his home where he was greeted warmly and given a cup of tea or coffee. During the day, lonely widows and widowers came to visit. They always left renewed and spiritually uplifted. In the afternoon children would visit, be greeted warmly and leave smiling. Even one college student found that he was blessed after visiting with Frank.

The old saint was like a loving friend or grandfather to them all. When people left his presence, most were grinning with joy.

The pastor himself found that somehow old Frank seemed to draw him to visit often. "How are you, Frank?", the pastor would always ask as he entered the door. The answer was always the same, "I'm still the cheerful old Frank Jones." And the minister knew it was so. Invariably, when the chatting, laughing and praying were about to end, Frank would take an envelope and ask the pastor to take his offering to the church for him. Knowing that Frank was financially strapped, the minister

would say, "Frank, it is wonderful of you to want to give to your church, but the church is doing well financially right now and it would be all right if you met some of your own needs."

Frank's answer was always the same. "You don't understand. I'm glad the church is doing well, but I *need* to give God my offering." He knew that loving and giving cheerfully were necessary for a healthy spiritual life!

Prayer: We are indeed glad, dear Lord, that you shower us regularly with abundant blessings. Give us generous and loving hearts that we may make evident our willingness to be your servants and spread joy through your Kingdom. **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 158 years ago, in the middle of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued his second presidential proclamation setting apart the last Thursday of November as a day of national holiday.

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

A Proclamation.

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

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

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

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State



*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

Church News



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OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

Marilyn Finger

2701 Jackson Square, Andersin, SC 29625

Jill Petzold

Brookside Senior Living, Rm 44,
 1680 S. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054

(If others, please let the church office know)

EVENTS for:

Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:

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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:

Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring- Lutheranch

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If you need a Pastor,
 please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805
 or our office at 704-922-4648.



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Will not meet in November



PRAYER GROUP

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA
 ON NOVEMBER 16 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, 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, JACKIE Carpenter (friend of Alice Vlaservich-liver cancer), SYLVIA Cloninger (friend of Nick Vlaservich), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer), BEVERLY Copeland (friend of Robbie's-cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, BECKY Goodwin (friend of Brady's - cancer), JAMES Goude-lock (cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), GRACE Harbin (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JEFF Lineberger (stroke), JOYCE in Morganton (Nick & Alice Vlaservich's acquaintance-cancer), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Covid19), SAM Marr (Heart), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, ALLISON & LEX Murray, ELLEN & ED Pfeiffer (Keenan Gordy's Parents - Heart issues), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), SONDR A Phillips (friend of Melinda White), GWEN Ratchford (Brady Ratchford's sister-in-law-cancer), MARTHA Surret (friend of Alice Vlaservich-Cancer), TERI Trudnak, TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), HAL White, JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson, REESE Wilson (blood cancer)



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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."



Honoring Veterans
on
November 11
"Honoring All Who Served"

Join the Town of Dallas for the
7th Annual Veterans Day

10 am on Thursday-November 11, 2021
At the Historic Dallas Courthouse

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

November 21-28



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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE



2021 LFL Regional Conference

God Chose You

John 15:16

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit."

Saturday, November 13, 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church

2126 Saint Johns Church Rd NE
Conover, North Carolina



8:30 a.m. Registration | 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Conference
Adults \$50 | Students \$25 | Children 12 & Under FREE
Lunch is included

Register today at lutheransforlife.org/conference

Lutherans For Life is coming to you with a regional conference. Don't miss it! The time spent together will be informative and encouraging for you, your community, and the life-affirming work you do. Hear from featured speakers, student national essay winners, LFL staff, life-affirming exhibitors, and much more. Register today!

Conference Speakers



Dr. Kim Marxhausen is a Lutheran educator with a doctorate in Educational Psychology. She has authored three books, and she writes the Parent Pages newsletter for LCMS School Ministry as well as a parenting and devotional blog. She will present "**God Chose You: The Caregiver's Journey**" based on her personal experience as a caregiver for two loved ones with dementia that provided the inspiration for her book, *Weary Joy*.



Rev. Michael Salemink serves as Executive Director of Mission and Ministry for Lutherans For Life. He will present "**God Chose You.**" We'll explore how God chooses every one of us into existence, chooses each human life into forgiveness, and chooses all members of our race into making a difference. And we'll witness how nobody's an accident or an afterthought!



Dr. Donna Harrison is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist currently serving as Executive Director of the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG). She will speak on "**Over the Counter Abortion.**" The end game for the abortion industry is to make every woman her own abortionist. This is close to happening. What does OTC abortion mean for us?

Laszlo Mission League Announces the Final Chapter of Marilyn Laszlo

July 20, 1933 – September 9, 2021

Marilyn J. Laszlo, the missionary legend, whose story has inspired so many to become missionaries and caused millions of dollars to be donated towards mission work, has passed from this life to the next. She is rejoicing in Heaven with all those souls that preceded her, including her parents, sister, niece, and many from Hauna Village, which she loved and served for twenty-four years.

A Celebration of Life service will be held **on October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** at Liberty Bible Church, 824 North Calumet, Chesterton, Indiana, 46304. Topher Philgreen will officiate. The service will also be livestreamed.

Visit www.laszlomissionleague.com for information on the livestream and other updates.

Marilyn was passionate about her work in Hauna, the importance of missionary work around the world, helping young people discover their career path, inspiring others through thousands of speaking engagements, videos, and books. Today, there are thousands of missionaries on the mission field worldwide because of the impact of Marilyn Laszlo. Marilyn's work is continuing in the Sepik River region through Laszlo Mission League and Hauna Village. This includes schooling of young children, training and sending teachers to other villages, a medical clinic, and a Bible School.

Donations in memory of Marilyn can be made to Laszlo Mission League for the Marilyn Laszlo Legacy Fund. This fund will endow a perpetual scholarship for women pursuing mission work or Bible translation. You can donate at www.laszlomissionleague.com.

My Christmas List

*I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."
I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left you best friend out."
And so I scanned my list again,
And said, "Oh, tht's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there.
That Friend who died for you."
And then I clearly understood,
"Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all.
I hadn't planned a cent!
I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Savior out!
But, oh, it didn't take me long
To change the list above.
And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most—because
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!*

~ Author unknown.





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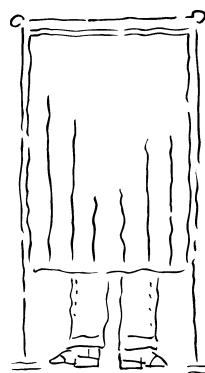


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