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# 2017

## November Worship Schedule



**REMINDER:** Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov 5th!  
Set your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday night.

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Nov 5</b>  | <b>All Saints Day Observed w/HC</b>   | <i>Rev. 7:2-17</i>             | <i>Psalm 149</i>     | <b>"Living in a World of Death"</b>                   | <i>1 John 3:1-3</i>            | <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>                        |
| <b>Nov 12</b> | <b>Pentecost 23</b>                   | <i>Amos 5:18-24</i>            | <i>Psalm 70</i>      | <b>"Worth Waiting For"</b>                            | <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i> | <i>Amos 5:18-24</i><br><i>Matthew 5:1-12</i> |
| <b>Nov 19</b> | <b>Pentecost 24 w/HC</b>              | <i>Zephaniah 1:7-16</i>        | <i>Psalm 90:1-12</i> | <b>"Good and Faithful Servants Know Their Master"</b> | <i>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</i>  | <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>                      |
| <b>Nov 23</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Day w/HC</b>          | <i>Deuteronomy 8:1-10</i>      | <i>Psalm 67</i>      | <b>"Lord, Help Us Realize This"</b>                   | <i>1 Timothy 2:1-4</i>         | <i>Luke 17:11-19</i>                         |
| <b>Nov 26</b> | <b>Last Sunday of the Church Year</b> | <i>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</i> | <i>Psalm 95:1-7a</i> | <b>"The Judge is My Shepherd,,I shall Not Fear"</b>   | <i>1 Corinthians 15:20-28</i>  | <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>                      |



*All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.*  
*Martin Luther*



*Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

What are you thankful for? As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day we typically give thanks for blessings such as health, God's love, our church, home, and family. What do all these have in common? They are all good things. You see, it's easy to be thankful when we have good things, and the times are good. But, when bad times and bad things in our lives outweigh the good, it's harder to be thankful. Applying this logic, you might think that the words of the familiar Thanksgiving hymn "*Now Thank We All Our God*" were written in good times, by a very happy, well-blessed, satisfied person, a person for whom life was going rather easily at the time:

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms Has blest us on our way.  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

(Lutheran Service Book #895)

The author of this famous hymn was Martin Rinckart, who was born in 1586 and died in 1649. He was a Lutheran pastor in Eilenburg, in the region of Germany called Saxony, where Luther and Bach both lived. But, most of Rinckart's life and ministry came during a very devastating time for the Germans, the Thirty Years War, which started in 1618 and ended in 1648. In fact, the Thirty Years War stands out in the history of the German people as being as devastating, if not more devastating, than World War II. This hymn was written around 1636, at which point in the Thirty Years War the town of Eilenburg had been sacked once by the Austrians and twice by the Swedes. And, as if the war was not bad enough, there was a severe famine, and the plague or "black death" was sweeping through Europe. Because of the plague,

Pastor Rinckart was conducting as many as 50 funerals per day, and during a particularly bad outbreak some 8,000 died. All around him there was nothing but devastation, disaster, and death. Now, our temptation is to look at this hymn written in those circumstances and think, "Was this guy crazy? Giving thanks to God in such horrible circumstances?" But, the story is even more amazing. For, it seems one day in 1636 Pastor Rinckart went home and wrote this marvelous hymn of thanks after conducting the last of many funerals that day—the funeral of his own wife.

Considering those circumstances, we would expect that Pastor Rinckart's outlook on life would not only make it terribly difficult for him to be thankful, but that he would write a depressing, dismal dirge. But, somehow, Pastor Rinckart instead wrote:

**Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us.**

How could Pastor Rinckart write such thankful, joy-filled words in the midst of such devastation, disaster, and death? The Sacrament we Lutherans usually call Holy Communion or Lord's Supper is also known as the "Eucharist." That word "eucharist" is Greek for "give thanks," and this name for the Sacrament is based upon the Words of Institution. That is why Paul calls the Sacrament, "*the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks*" (1 Corinthians 10:16).

So, Holy Communion was really the original "thanksgiving" feast. Yet, when it was given, the One who gave it to us was facing the worst night of His life. Indeed, He was facing the last night of His life on earth. Jesus took that bread and took cup and gave thanks, knowing that one of His own twelve disciples had plotted to betray Him. He took that bread and cup and gave thanks knowing that the other disciples were going to flee when He was arrested. He took that bread and cup and gave thanks even though He knew He must endure an excruciating torture and shameful humiliation, culminating in His execution by being nailed to a cross. He took that bread and cup and gave thanks

knowing that in less than 24 hours He would be crucified, dead, and buried. Hebrews 12:2 tells us how Jesus could *“give thanks”* even in such circumstances: *“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

When traveling west on Interstate 80 through eastern Colorado, at first the Rocky Mountains look just like blips on the horizon. But, when you get up close they are massive and overwhelming. It is a matter of perspective. In the same way, our problems can seem massive and overwhelming until we step back and look at the big picture, of God’s love for us in Christ, His forgiveness for all our sin, His pledge never to leave us or forsake us, His promise to take us to dwell with Him in the house of the Lord forever, and His assurance that He is somehow, in His wisdom, working all things—even difficult and painful things— together for our good.

From that perspective, our problems are only blips on the horizon of eternity. That is how Pastor Rinckart could write **“Now Thank We All Our God”** even when surrounded by devastation, disaster, and death, even after just having conducted the funeral of his own wife. Because, like Christ Himself, Pastor Rinckart put his sufferings in the perspective of eternity as he writes in his famous hymn:

**And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.**

With these words, Pastor Rinckart tells us that his field of vision goes far beyond this life. It goes far beyond the suffering and death of his parishioners, even his own grief over the death of his wife, into the eternity of heaven. Because Pastor Rinckart was blessed with a far-reaching vision of God’s goodness in the midst of the horrors of his day, we are blessed with his lovely, comforting hymn, to remind us of God’s goodness in all the circumstances of life.

This is not wishful thinking, or sugar coating the very real sufferings you may endure in this life. It was also at the Last Supper that Jesus beautifully expressed the paradox of His followers’ joy, even in the midst of suffering: *“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33). With this perspective that Pastor Rinckart, the Apostle Paul, and Christ Himself all had in the midst of their suffering, we too can “give thanks in all circumstances.”

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## **What’s Happening?**

**Messiah Lutheran Church, 2848 County Road H2, Mounds View**

**Crest View Senior Community, 4444 Reservoir Blvd NE, Columbia Heights**  
**Open House and Craft Fair, Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Thanksgiving with a free community meal. All are welcome!  
**6 pm – 8 pm, Wednesday, November 22** (Location: Social Hall)

Join **St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 4101 Washington Street NE, Minneapolis**  
on **Thursday, November 23rd** for a **FREE Thanksgiving Meal**, with all the trimmings!

Meal service from **11:00am – 2:00 pm**. Local delivery is also available.

### **SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF**

Please remember those less fortunate by filling our grocery cart. **Ethnic Foods are in high demand.** Several food shelves allow visitors to choose their food instead of taking what



*Food Panty*  
*Thanks*

they're given. This model eliminates waste and ensures guests receive only the food they truly need and will use.

Things that are needed are canned fruits and vegetables, cooking oil, maseca flour, rice, ramen, spaghetti sauce and noodles, macaroni and cheese, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, etc.

**No Junk Food:** In the Twin Cities, all the food is monitored for its nutrition value. This ensures that the food shelf visitors only receive food that is good for them. They monitor the value based on a nutrition assessment guide provided by United Way.

Also, did you know? The goods you donate and the money you spend in Salvation Army Stores fund programs that heal broken lives. The Salvation Army operates more than 30 stores in Minnesota and North Dakota, where you can shop for new and gently-used merchandise. Stores also serve as drop-off locations for your donations of clothing, housewares, small furniture and even used vehicles.

### ***Calling all 30 and 40 Somethings***

The Lutheran Singles Group out of St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Bloomington would once again like to invite all 30 Something and 40 Something singles to attend our upcoming monthly events.

#### **Lutheran Singles Group (30 Something & 40 Something Singles)**

- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Singles Thanksgiving in Chanhassen
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Minnesota Zoo & Dinner in Apple Valley
- January 6<sup>th</sup> – Dinner & Movie at MOA
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl Sunday in Bloomington
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Dinner In Chanhassen
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Minnesota History Center in St. Paul
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Outdoor Volleyball & Dinner In Bloomington
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Drive In Movie Night in Lake Elmo.

For more information please contact John Strom at [jstrom@olsentool.com](mailto:jstrom@olsentool.com) or H (952) 544-0985.

### **BOOK DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME**

**The At Home Service brings Hennepin County Library to you by mail or volunteer!**

**The At Home Service is free** for any resident of Hennepin County who is unable to visit the library due to illness, disability or visual impairment.

**How At Home Service Works** -- Library materials and services are delivered in person by a volunteer or sent through the U.S. mail, at no charge to you with return postage included. At Home Service provides you with access to a wide range of materials and services from the Hennepin County Library, **including large print and regular print books, audio books, DVDs, Music CDs, magazines and newspaper articles, information from the internet, answers to your informational questions located by librarians.**

**To request materials or ask questions** call 612-543-8850. Staff are available Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



**POINSETTIA'S** -- Help to beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia or two! The poinsettias will be ordered from Bachman's and the cost is \$13.50 for an 8 inch double plant. Colors this year are red, white or pink. If you would like to donate a plant, the order must be placed no later than Sunday, December 3. You will be billed directly from the church. *You may also bring your own poinsettias, but we would still like you to sign up.* A sign-up sheet will be posted on the entryway bulletin board, or call the church office to order a poinsettia.

# THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.

Hosted by Rev. Greg Seltz (unless otherwise noted)

November 2017

November 5 (Matthew 5:8)

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer

This weekend many churches observe All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What that means is this week's Lutheran Hour message.

November 12 (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

"More Than a Wish"

Speaker Emeritus : Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus\

Not so long ago over 370 million tickets were sold for a Powerball drawing. Each person who made a purchase had hope that they might become rich. Most were disappointed. In 1 Thessalonians 4, St. Paul explains how the resurrection hope of Christians is better than the hopelessness of the world and far more solid than groundless wishful thinking.

November 19 (Matthew 25:14-30)

"The Reckoning"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer

You hear little talk about the "Fear of God" anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God.

November 26 (Matthew 25:31-46)

"Show Me"

Speaker Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

In Lerner and Loewe's musical, My Fair Lady, Eliza is being wooed with words by weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above If you're in love, show me Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action.

## WEBSITE REDESIGN

The Board of Evangelism will be working on updating Gloria Dei's current website. It is a vital tool in reaching visitors and possible new members. We are open to ideas, so if you have any, please feel free to share them with us. If you have an interest in helping with this project please contact Verlayne or Diane. Thank you!

## THANK YOU

Over the past few months we have made donations to the following special mission projects:

Orphan Train (May/June Mission)	\$705.00
Hurricane Relief	\$955.00
Gideons	\$285.80
Spain Mission (Kayla Hoem)	\$360.00

Thank you to everyone for your support!

## Time of Grace

Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Pastor Mark Jeske

St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

KMSP Fox 9 Sunday 6:30 am

Channel 23, Cable 8 Sunday 9 am

Direct TV Ch 369 Wednesday 5:00 pm

DishNetwork Ch 263 Wednesday 5:00 pm

[www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org)

## WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service called **Worship for Shut-Ins**. Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

**Weekly programs** are broadcast on Total Christian Television (TCT) network -- DIRECTV channel 377 at 10:30 am on Sundays OR watch online on the homepage and in the "Online Viewing" portion of the website [www.worshipforshutins.org](http://www.worshipforshutins.org).

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE! SEE YOU THEN!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## *Looking for Good Food and Good Conversation?*

### *Look no Further -- Kids Our Age/50+*

**November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon**

*Menu: Salisbury Steak, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli, tossed Salad and Apple Crisp  
Verlayne is cooking and as always, it will be good!*

*Theme: Holiday Plans, we will talk about all we will be doing between Thanksgiving  
and Christmas and the plans and planning that go into it.*

*Sign-up sheet is in the lobby of the Church. Cost of \$7.*

**East Side's Senior Food Shelf** opened its doors in 1984 in response to the community's need for a place where older adults could feel comfortable seeking food assistance and have their unique nutritional needs met. They have a dedicated staff and volunteers to help each visitor "shop" for their choice of fresh produce, meat, bread, and shelf-stable foods. Participants may visit once per month and receive 20 pounds of food each time. Pet food and hygiene items are also sometimes available.

**Eligibility:** Participants in the Senior Food Self must be 55 years or older, live in Hennepin County, and meet income guidelines (200% of federal poverty guidelines; written verification of income not required).

Please bring a photo ID each time you visit. On your first visit, you will need to fill out and sign a form providing your name, address, birthdate, and the names and birthdates of other household members. Your signature provides verification that you meet income guidelines. When it is your turn, staff will guide you through the shopping area to choose the items that you would like to bring home.

**Location:** We are hosted by the Minnesota Public Housing Authority (MPHA) at the Parker Skyview apartment building 1801 Central Ave NE, **Hours:** Monday-Friday 10:00-11:30am and 12:00-2:30pm.

**Volunteers:** We are always looking for volunteers able to take on a regular morning or afternoon shift to assist participants with their shopping.

**For more information about East Side's Senior Food Shelf, call 612-788-9521.**

For information about other food shelves, food resources, and SNAP (food support), contact the [Minnesota Food Helpline](#) at 1-888-711-1151.

## **LEGAL CLINIC FOR SENIORS WITH REAL ESTATE ISSUES**

Any senior (age 60+) with a real estate related issue (deeds, leases, easements, etc.) can attend the legal clinic for real estate related issues. The legal clinic provides short individual appointments for seniors who need assistance. Appointments are required. This is NOT an Estate Planning clinic, it is NOT for wills, trusts, etc.

**Location:** 2560 Kenzie Terrace (Autumn Woods Apartments).. Call 612-781-5096.

**NEED A RIDE to an activity?** NE Senior Services provides rides to all of its activities for seniors living in Northeast Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, New Brighton and St. Anthony Village. When you call 612-781-5096 for an appointment, let us know that you need a ride.

## **THE MASTER GREETER**

### **Actions that Build a Friendlier Church**

Be excited when you meet others. Show genuine interest and love. Show a genuine excitement when you meet a new person. It impresses people when someone is excited to meet them. It demonstrates that you consider them important and that is what you want them to feel.

## CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

As of September 30, 2017		Year To Date	
September Total Income	\$12,020.07	1st Quarter Net Loss	\$5,397.28
September Total Expense	\$12,523.35	2nd Quarter Net Gain	\$60,457.75
September Net Loss	\$503.28	3rd Quarter Net Loss	\$5,872.69
		2017 YTD Net Gain	\$49,187.78

**NOTE:** Without the two special gifts received this year of \$71,054.14, we would have a YTD Net Loss of \$21,866.36. **A detailed report is available if you call the office**

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH** when we make our Donation Commitments for the coming year. During our current economic time, we all have to watch our pennies, including Gloria Dei. For 2017, on average, we have been short approximately \$5,500 quarterly. The only thing that has kept us afloat has been the receipt of some special donations. As you consider your giving pledge for 2018, please keep our running deficit in your thoughts and prayers. If you are able to increase your giving during the course of the year, please do so. If you can't, that is understandable. During this month when we ponder the blessings given us by God, lift this concern to Him in prayer. *Nancy Rixe, Your Financial Secretary*

### **NE Senior Services Continues to offer:**

**OFFICE HOURS at Northeast Senior Services --** The office is open Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Due to our small staff, we recommend that you call before stopping by to ensure we will be able to meet you.

#### **WEEKLY...WEEKLY...WEEKLY WALKING GROUP FOR SENIORS - INDOORS**

**Thursdays - winter hours (September - May) 1:00 - 3:00 p.m**

Come for a walk on the smooth and climate controlled indoor track at Bottineau Park. After your walk, catch up with the news and have a cup of coffee.

**Location: 2000 2nd St NE, Minneapolis**

Off-street parking available in lot next to building at no charge. Cost: donations appreciated.

#### **MONTHLY...MONTHLY...MONTHLY Foot Clinic at NE United Methodist**

**Appointments: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

Nail clipping and other foot care is provided by a nurse from Quality Foot Care. Sponsored by NE Senior Services. **Call 612-781-5096 to sign up.**

**Location: 2510 Cleveland ST NE (NE United Methodist) Cost: \$30.00 paid to nurse**

**2017 UPCOMING DATES:** (3rd Monday of the month): November 20 and December 18

#### **Foot Clinic at The Legacy of Saint Anthony**

**Appointments: 10:00 a.m. - noon.**

Nail clipping and other foot care is provided by a nurse from Quality Foot Care. Sponsored by NE Senior Services. **Call 612-781-5096 to sign up. Location: 2540 Kenzie Terrace (The Legacy–Village Room) Cost: \$30.00 paid to nurse**

**2017 UPCOMING DATES:** (3rd Thursday) November 16 and December 21

## The Reformation Explained in Plain Language

From the Fall 2017 edition of *Interest Time* from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund:

*What is it about an obscure 16th century Augustinian monk in a small German town that deserves international attention, celebration and recognition? After all, the Roman Catholic Church called Dr. Martin Luther a “wild boar in the church’s vineyard.” The town of Wittenberg, on the other hand, looks more favorably upon the monk.*

*Wittenberg is where Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses, setting in motion cataclysmic religious, political, cultural and social changes across Europe. The town is preparing for October 31, 2017, marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Luther is at the center of it all. Walk into any shop and you can buy Luther noodles, Luther beer and a Luther Playmobile. You can even bake a Luther cake.*

*As essential as Luther is, the Reformation actually begins with another man, Albert of Brandenburg. Albert wanted the prestige and power that went along with being a bishop—but he was too young. Being a man of wealth, he met with Pope Leo X, and the two struck a deal. If he paid the pope 10,000 ducats, Albert could have not one, but three bishoprics. Albert had the money, but not in cash. So, he hired John Tetzel, a Roman Catholic friar and preacher, to raise the funds by selling indulgences.*

*An indulgence was a promise that the pope could declare you forgiven of your sins so your time in Purgatory was either cut short or eliminated (if you paid enough). Luther saw grave problems with this practice. The first of the 95 Theses stated, “The life of the Christian is one of repentance.” The key here is that Luther did not base his argument on the Vulgate, which was the Latin version of the Bible the Catholics used. Instead, he worked from a version of the New Testament written in Greek, the original language. This is important.*

*Luther was saying that the Roman Catholic Church had gotten it wrong all those centuries. The Vulgate translated the phrase “do penance,” thus laying upon man the burden of saving his soul from hell. This unnecessarily tormented man. Luther, through the 95 Theses, and then subsequent books, pamphlets and sermons, pointed out that the Bible actually taught that no one could ever earn God’s forgiveness—whether through good works or purchase of an indulgence. Forgiveness was found in Christ’s finished work on the cross alone, a gift we received through faith alone by God’s grace alone as taught in the Scriptures alone.*

*In truth, the real hero of the Reformation was not Luther, but the Word of God. While the matter of our justification was the ultimate question, how one defended their answer was based on who or what they viewed as an authority. Was it the popes of Rome? The early church fathers? Tradition? The Bible? Or a combination of all the above?*

*Luther and the Reformers argued it was the Bible alone—sola scriptura. Why? Because the popes, the early church fathers and tradition were all inconsistent and prone to error. “The church,” Luther said, “does not make the Word, but it is made by the Word.”*

*If it was true that the Bible was the final judge of faith and doctrine, then Luther reasoned that everyone—not just clergy—had the right to read and study it. This meant the Bible, all sermons and all hymns should be clear, straightforward and understandable. Luther went on to translate the Bible into the plain language of his people, which was German.*

*Eventually, the beliefs responsible for the uniquely Lutheran faith, firmly rooted in Scripture, were collected and organized in a series of easy-to-read confessions. The most important confession was The Augsburg Confession (written by Phillip Melancthon). In fact, 1530, the year the Augsburg Confession was presented to the Holy Roman Emperor, should be just as important to Lutherans as Reformation Day. It was the day, in plain language, that Lutherans declared what they believe, teach and confess.*

*And to this day, it is still what we believe, teach and confess*

# Operation Christmas Child



## Shoeboxes for kids

The Board of Social Ministries is sponsoring *Operation Christmas Child* this year. In Christian love and spirit, please consider giving a shoebox to a child overseas who may not otherwise receive a gift this Christmas season. Here is what you do:

- Get a shoebox
- Fill the box with items for children (list is provided below!)
- Bring the filled shoebox back to church together with **\$9 for shipping (checks make payable to: Samaritans Purse /Operation Christmas Child)**.
- Keep these children in your prayers.

Shoe boxes will be collected **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** through **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Below is the list of items which you can purchase to fill the shoeboxes:

**TOYS** – Foam ball, Kickball/Soccer ball (make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated), Finger puppets, Slinky, Etch A Sketch, Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries), Doll, Stuffed animal, Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)

**CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES** - Shirts and pants, Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress), Underwear, Shoes and socks, Flip-flops, Hat/scarf/mittens, Sunglasses, Tote bag/purse, Hair bows, Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread)

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES/CRAFT AND ACTIVITY ITEMS** - Pencils, Small manual pencil sharpener, Colored pencils, Pencil case, Crayons, Markers, Pens, Coloring pads, Coloring books, Picture book, Notebooks, Glue stick (do not include liquid glue.), Small adhesive tape, Watercolor set (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper, Playdough (consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough), Stickers, Skipping rope/Jump rope

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** – Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush, Washcloth, Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), Adhesive bandages (colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage (do not include liquid antibiotic ointment), Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space), Blanket

**A PERSONAL NOTE** - In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

**DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR GIFT WILL BE FOR A “BOY OR GIRL”** and the child’s age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box. These labels will be available on the table at the back of the church.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** - Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



## CHRISTMAS TREE



The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting new gift items for children ages 0-14 years. of age for the Salvation Army again this year. You may purchase anything that is appropriate. There is a greater need for gifts for 0-3 and 12 - 14 year olds. We will be collecting the gifts from November 19<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>. You may bring them to church and place them under the Christmas tree. Thank you!!

# Special Occasions for Special People



## Happy Birthday

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Harris
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tyler Edwards
- 5<sup>th</sup> Diane Gade, Walter Cutter
- 14<sup>th</sup> Betty Hietala
- 17<sup>th</sup> Chris Hadrath
- 21<sup>st</sup> Leah Tousignant
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ada Samson

## November Servants

**ELDERS:** Karmon Christopherson

### **COUNTERS:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jean Brede and Tom Harris
- 12<sup>th</sup> Al, Pm, Aaron Morelli
- 19<sup>th</sup> Derald and Chris Hadrath
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
- 26<sup>th</sup> Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle

### **USHERS:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
- 12<sup>th</sup> Al, Pm, Aaron Morelli
- 19<sup>th</sup> Al, Pm, Aaron Morelli
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
- 26<sup>th</sup> Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle

## Happy Anniversary

- 8<sup>th</sup> Mick & Susan Hansen
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Barney & Muriel Lindstrom

## Flowers

- 5<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 12<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 19<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 26<sup>th</sup> OPEN

## Candles

- 5<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 12<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 19<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 26<sup>th</sup> OPEN

**Fellowship:** November 12, hosted by Lori Sharbono and Verlayne Sather

**Altar Care:** Shirley Holzinger

*If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure and let Patricia know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes*



# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis V - 612-781-1989 Fax - 612-789-9727 <a href="http://www.gloriadeilcms.org">www.gloriadeilcms.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@gloriadeilcms.org">info@gloriadeilcms.org</a>			<b>1</b> 10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/Alnon  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>4</b> 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>5 All Saints Day Observed</b>  8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC  6 pm NA <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends!</b>	<b>6</b>  6:30 pm AlAnon1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	<b>7</b>  	<b>8</b>  10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>9</b> <b>10</b> <b>11</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN</b> </div>		10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>12 Pentecost 23</b> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship <b>ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING</b> <b>11 am Fellowship Hour</b> 6 pm NA	<b>13</b>  6:30 pm AlAnon1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	<b>14</b>  7 pm All Boards Meeting	<b>15</b>  10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>16</b>  <b>12 noon</b> <b>KOA/50+</b>	<b>17</b>  5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/Alnon  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>18</b>  10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>19 Pentecost 24</b> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC <b>CIRCUIT FORUM - Mt. Zion 1 pm</b> 6 pm NA	<b>20</b>  6:30 pm AlAnon1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	<b>21</b>  7 pm Council Meeting	<b>22</b>  10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>23</b>  <b>10 am</b> <b>Thanksgiving Service w/HC</b>	<b>24</b>  5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/Alnon  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>25</b>  10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>26 Last Sunday of Church Year</b> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship  6 pm NA	<b>27</b>  6:30 pm AlAnon1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	<b>28</b>  Circuit Winkel Meeting @ GDLC	<b>29</b>  10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>30</b>  	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous AlAnon1 – Beginners Group AlAnon2 – Families of Alcoholics NA – Narcotics Anonymous TLWCC – Trinity Living Word of Christ	



# Pray For Us Calendar

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at [lcms.org/prayforus](http://lcms.org/prayforus) or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER — NOVEMBER 1–13** This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) gives thanks for God's abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. In all things we give thanks for His love and mercy.

*Give thanks as you pray:*

- 1.** Give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Ask Him to empower Christians to follow their example of faith and good works.
- 2.** Give thanks for the saints on earth. Pray that His Church might continue in the true faith and proclaim the saving Good News of salvation.
- 3.** Thank God that He is our heavenly Father. Rejoice that God invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children.
- 4.** Thank God that His name is holy. Rejoice that all can trust in the Lord, for His Word is truth.
- 5.** Thank God for His Kingdom. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would provide workers for the harvest field.
- 6.** Thank God for His will. Pray that His will is done. Not ours.
- 7.** Thank God that His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Pray that God would keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die.
- 8.** Thank God for daily bread. Pray for all those who are hungry today.
- 9.** Thank God for forgiveness. Repent. Rejoice that your sins are forgiven by Christ.
- 10.** Thank God for forgiveness. Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.
- 11.** Thank God that He leads us out of temptation. Ask God to lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- 12.** Thank God that He delivers us from evil. Rejoice that Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil.
- 13.** Thank God that He hears our prayers for Jesus' sake. Rejoice that God promises to hear our prayers as a loving Father.



*As Margaret Mann loads her laundry into the washing machine, volunteers Joyce Bauer and Elma Richmond (rear) from St. Paul Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, assist during the Laundry Love event at the E-Z Wash laundromat in San Antonio. The monthly ministry event is supported by a grant through the "Stand With Your Community" program, which was made possible by a partnership between the LCMS, Thrivent Financial and Lutheran Church Extension Fund.*



*Moses Lochul Rutale reads his evening devotion in his dormitory bunk bed at the U-Dom ELCK (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya) Project 24 site in Chepareria, Kenya.*

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Visit [eyesoflife.org](http://eyesoflife.org) to watch a music video and read about how others value life as a gift from God.
- Learn more about the work of the LCMS throughout the world: [engage.lcms.org](http://engage.lcms.org).
- Did you know that LCMS Disaster Response offers a variety of free resources in both English and Spanish? Visit [lcms.org/disaster](http://lcms.org/disaster) to download Bible studies, essays and other resources.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER — NOVEMBER 14–30** This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) gives thanks for God's abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. In all things we give thanks for His love and mercy.

*Give thanks as you pray:*

- 14.** Thank God that He is the God who saves. Pray that all might fear, love and trust in Him alone.
- 15.** Thank God that His name is trustworthy. Call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.
- 16.** Thank God for Sabbath rest. Hold His Word sacred. Gladly hear and learn it.
- 17.** Thank God for your parents. Thank Him for all those in authority. Pray for the strength to obey.
- 18.** Thank God for your neighbor, that you might help in any need.
- 19.** Thank God for Christian marriage. May all learn to love as Christ loves His Church.
- 20.** Thank God for what He has provided for you. May all learn the secret of being content.
- 21.** Thank God for the people in your life. May we speak well of them and explain everything in the kindest way.
- 22.** Thank God for your home. Rejoice and be content in what He has provided for you.
- 23.** Thank God for the people God has provided in your life.



*Angie Schlenker (center), her daughter Samantha and other volunteers join the Rev. Cory Aker, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD., as they serve lunch at the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House homeless shelter in Sioux Falls. The meals are provided by a grant through the "Stand With Your Community" program, which was made possible by a partnership between the LCMS, Thrivent Financial and Lutheran Church Extension Fund.*

- 24.** Thank God for the Ten Commandments. Pray for strength to rejoice in His will and to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.
- 25.** Thank God for creation.
- 26.** Thank God for His Son Jesus Christ.
- 27.** Thank God for the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Rejoice that Christ's death has purchased and won you from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil.
- 28.** Thank God for the promise of Christ's return. The Church prays, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- 29.** Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
- 30.** Thank God for St. Andrew, apostle. St. Andrew, Peter's brother, heard John's cry to "Behold the Lamb of God" and followed Jesus.

#### MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from [lcms.org/prayercards](http://lcms.org/prayercards).

- Nov. 1** Rebecca Krey, Latin America and the Caribbean
- Nov. 6** James Neuendorf, Latin America and the Caribbean
- Nov. 11** Jillian Burfeind, Toledo, Ohio
- Nov. 20** Kristin Lange, Germany; Michael Paul, Taiwan
- Nov. 22** Shelee Warner, Spain
- Nov. 23** Charles Cortright, Eurasia; Edward Naumann, South Asia; Stefanie Rabe, Ethiopia
- Nov. 24** Freeman Rohlfing, Czech Republic
- Nov. 26** Daniel Jastram, Japan; Monica Naumann, South Asia
- Nov. 29** Sean Harlow, Asia
- Nov. 30** Jana Inglehart, Latin America and the Caribbean

#### MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

Chaplain Mark Bowditch, Robins AFB, Ga.; Chaplain Mark Sedwick, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Chaplain Christopher Sutton, Kingsville, Texas; Chaplain William Schneider, Lawton, Okla.; Chaplain Robert Kraft, South Korea.