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FROM THE INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR...

Dear People of God in Christ Jesus,

By now you should all have received a mailing with an invitation to join together on **Sunday, November 5th at 10:00 AM** for a special **Service of Worship and Remembrance**. During this service, we will honor the remembrance of those whom the Lord has called home to himself from among us at Lutheran Church of Our Savior since the Pandemic began. The names of those who had direct connections here at LCOS will be listed in order of home-going date. As each name is called, family members will be invited to come forward to place a provided flower in front of the altar in memory of that loved one. Once this list is complete, those who have lost loved ones not directly connected to LCOS may come forward to place a flower in their memory while 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 is read aloud. I pray you will join with us for this meaningful remembrance and celebration.

As you know, our **Day of National Thanksgiving** will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 23**. We will be worshipping that morning at **9:00 AM**. Our focus will be especially on Philippians 4:4-7, 19-20. Deuteronomy 8:1-10 and Luke 17:11-19 will also be read during this service, within which we will sing our thanks and praise to our God for all his blessings.

This church year closes out on Sunday, November 26. While Advent does not begin until Sunday, December 3, I am giving you a “heads up” on what is coming in special Advent and Christmas services of 2023. We will follow a series put together by Dr. Reed Lessing. My messages will incorporate notes, text work, and some stories he has shared around the overarching theme, Arise and Shine. The schedule of services and specific themes are planned as follows:

- Wednesday, December 6 (Supper, 6:00 p.m. / Service, 7:00 p.m.)
 - Rising Light – Isaiah 60:1-6

- Wednesday, December 13 (Supper, 6:00 p.m. / Service, 7:00 p.m.)
 - Reflected Light – Zechariah 9:14-17
- Wednesday, December 20 (Supper, 6:00 p.m. / Service, 7:00 p.m.)
 - Healing Light – Malachi 4:1-6
- Sunday, December 24, Regular Sunday Service (10:00 a.m.)
 - Eternal Light – Daniel 12:1-3
- Sunday, December 24, Sing Carols at 6:30 p.m. / Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.
 - Glorious Light – Isaiah 9:1-7
- Monday, December 25, Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m. with Communion
 - Shining Light – John 1:1-14

Peace to you in Christ Jesus our Lord!

...Pastor Allen Steinbeck



Nov	01	10:00 – 11:30 am	Small-Group Bible Study
Nov	02	6:00 pm	Elders' Mtg.
Nov	05	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Ends (Turn clocks back 1 hour)
Nov	05	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Nov	05	10:00 am	Comm. Svc. of Remembrance
Nov	12	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Nov	12	10:00 am	Praise Svc.
Nov	13	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Men's Group
Nov	15	9:00 am	Dec. Ministry Schedule Due
Nov	19	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Nov	19	10:00 am	Comm. Svc.
Nov	19	2:00 pm	Family Fellowship
Nov	20	9:00 am	Dec. Newsletter Deadline
Nov	21	4:00 pm	P/S Board Mtg.
Nov	23	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Worship
Nov	23	2:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov	26	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Nov	26	10:00 am	Worship Svc.
Nov	26	11:00 am	Council Mtg.

MOWING IN NOVEMBER

Nov 04 – Bill Williamson & Arlin Weiting
Nov 18 – Reese Riddiough & Nathan Schofield



Nov 10 Edda Bevilacqua
Nov 13 Dena Maddison
Nov 14 Xavier Vargas
Nov 16 Kelli Zamudio
Nov 22 Gerry Wagner
Nov 25 Lily Vargas
Nov 29 Rebecca Foley



Nov 22 Noel & Clara Rowe
Nov 26 Randy & Crystal Shaffer
Nov 28 Bruce & Heidi Summers

ALTAR GUILD & FLOWER SCHEDULE



NOVEMBER

Nov 05 – Comm. Svc.

10:00 AM – Set-Up – Lori Williamson
Take-Down – Marianne Heuchert

Flowers: Open

Nov 12 – Praise Svc.

10:00 AM – Stephanie Clavin

Flowers: In memory of Grandma Anna by Maryanna

Nov 19 – Comm. Svc.

10:00 AM – Set-Up – Becky Zielke
Take-Down – Marianne Heuchert

Flowers: Open

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Worship Svc.

10:00 AM – Kelly Olney
Flowers: Cornucopia

Nov 26 – Worship Svc.

10:00 AM – Connie Hathaway
Flowers: In memory of Thomas Shaffer's and
Chris Dykes' birthdays

ELDER'S CORNER

God's Love

I was just thinking about what our world is going through. The weather reports, earthquakes, floods, fires, shootings, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, let alone humanity's problems and how Christians are being persecuted and scorned for our beliefs. The only solution for our challenges to the outside world and their attacks is to stand on the Word of God and then to "stand."

We, as Christians, are commissioned to meet the challenges every day with help from "the One in Whom we trust!" If God is with us, who can be against us? We can't survive on our own in a broken World. Our God takes our hand and guides us, loves us, instructs us, cares for us, provides for us, helps us do what His will is for us with a Love that He showed us on the Cross. In prayer we can dissolve the things that trouble us or cause us to fail in our walk... as God is the deliverer!



I remember a good book I read recently, entitled, Love Does. The book tells us to do everything in love and encourages us all to do things for others because we have love in our hearts. God's love can do all things as He strengthens us! We must act on our part to stay in "His Presence" to enjoy the power and relationship He offers and in which He wants us all to live.

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth—Psalm 145:18. We can't go forward on our own, thinking or believing that our own strength and abilities are sufficient to carry us through the challenges of the world. It is frightening to see the masses of world leaders acting against God's will. We pray that "God's will be done" here on earth and in heaven every Sunday in The Lord's Prayer.

My desire for our country and for the world for that matter is for "daily prayer"—a daily walk with Our Lord and thankful hearts of upright men and women. We are thankful for our Lord and Savior who does battle for us and through us!

May His light shine on us, before us, and through us! The eternal hope is waiting for us.—*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that outweighs them all.—2 Corinthians 4:17*

We pray: Thank you, Lord, for that "Eternal Glory." Amen. ✨

...In His Love,
Tom Heuchert

GIVE THANKS!

If you don't have an invitation to Thanksgiving Dinner, now you do! You are invited to join your church family for Thanksgiving dinner on **Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM in Stahnke Hall**. Turkey and all the fixings will be provided. Please sign up to bring a dessert, cups/napkin s/little plates for dessert, or beverages. Questions: Contact Lisa DiModica at 805-354-4443.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." ❀



FROM THE PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

October 2023 marked the one-year anniversary of the Pastoral Call Committee convening for the first time to start the process of calling a Pastor. Please take time to remember where you were last year at this time and thank our Lord Jesus Christ for bringing us to this day. We are still waiting for a list of potential pastors to interview from the district. The update from President Lange reports that he is working on a list of names for us and will have it to us in the next few months. In the meantime, he encourages our "time of discovery" and reading of the book Canoeing the Mountains to assist this discovery.

The Pastoral Call Committee and elders are reading the book Canoeing the Mountains by Tod Bolsinger. We hope to learn something about leading into uncharted territory since the digital age, individualism, and shift in media have shifted our culture toward paganism (pg 30). It is teaching us to not "try harder, but start a new adventure with adaptive capacity"(pg 33). Pastor Steinbeck reminded us to keep the following perspective: our culture is a "ripe harvest and rich mission field," so let's get to it! He further reminded us that God always goes before us and leads. Our task is to obey the Creator of the Universe because "...when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy

saying." (Titus 3:3-7) And St. Paul tells Titus in verse 8, "And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to do what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone." Because, the Gospel has not changed, we will change how to share the Gospel.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and spirit of adventure during this time of "reframing, recovering, and discovering" (pg 14). ❀

BRING THE FAMILY!

Since Thanksgiving 🦃 is all about family coming together to celebrate and give thanks to our **Great Lord**, Adult Fellowship has decided to open up this next gathering to everyone...entire families! So come one, come all, and bring your children to **Family Fellowship** on **Sunday, November 19, at 2:00 PM**. Our "Minute to Win It" will be perfect for the kids. "Sticky Balls"—Clorox wipes will be provided, if necessary! Our quizzes will be centered on *Disney movies and songs* 🎬 🎵. No doubt, the kids will be way smarter than some of the older folks. Paul and Debra will be providing the treats and, if anything like last time, they will be a hit! Of course, there will be plenty of prizes; when the kids see all the candy treats, they will be begging to come. So let's pack Stahnke Hall with *family, fun, and fellowship!* ❀



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Service of Worship and Remembrance, Sunday, November 5, 10:00 AM— LCOS will be honoring the remembrance of those among us whom the Lord called home since the Pandemic began. Members will be invited to place a flower near the altar in memory of loved ones, as their names are called. Flowers will be provided by the church. Please join us for this special service. ❀



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Trinity LWML (Paso Robles) will be hosting the Fall Rally **November 4**. Registration is at 8:30 AM with the program featuring Lutheran Braille Workers at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome. Carpooling will be available. Contact Anita Lange - 805 937 6459



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 AM. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour the night before. ❁

Bounty of Thanks



We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience. ❁

Robert Louis Stevenson

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2023

To prepare shoeboxes and items to fill them, there will be an opportunity on Wednesday afternoon, **November 1**, beginning at **Noon** in Have Hall. Please feel welcome to assist in sending the shoeboxes to children around the world. The **Packing Party** will be at **2:30 pm, November 11**. Also, there is a poster with times of collection and a sign-up sheet on the display table in Stahnke Hall if you wish to help out during the **National Collection Week, November 13 to November 20**. ❁



THANK YOU

A special thank you to Pastors Steinbeck and Oliver for their visits during my son Steve's illness and after his passing. Also, a big thank you to my church family for the many cards, hugs, love, and kindness given to me and my family during this difficult time.—**With love, Jean Janssen and family**



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2023
9:00 AM**

***Come and give thanks to God
for all your blessings!***



Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank:
"Rejoice always, pray continually, give _____ in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

A. alms
B. praise
C. thanks
D. offerings

Answer: C (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NKV)

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CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

DAY	TIME	ACOLYTE	ELDERS	USHERS	LESSON READERS	SOUND SYSTEM	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
5 Sunday	10:00 am Comm.	Ali Mayes	Mark Hathaway Tom Heuchert	Mike Foley	Marjorie Hord	Diana Brown	Altar: Lori Williamson – Set-Up Marianne Heuchert – Take-Down Flowers: Open
12 Praise Sunday	10:00 am	Riley Olney	Todd Martin	Bill Williamson	Lisa DiModica	Chad Thorstenson	Altar: Stephanie Clavin Flowers: In memory of Grandma Anna's birthday by Maryanna
19 Sunday	10:00 am Comm.	Emma Olney	Art Atrops Rudy Stowell	Jim LaBelle	Lucas Mayes	Ed Buchholz	Altar: Becky Zielke – Set-Up Connie Hathaway– Take-Down Flowers: Open
23 Thursday Thanksgiving Day	10:00 am	Elder	Dennis Payne	Michael Southern	Jill Murdock	Estelle Schofield	Altar: Lori Williamson Flowers: Cornucopia
26 Sunday	10:00 am	Braedon Rappoza	Tom Heuchert	Paul Mattson	Reese Riddiough	Karl DiModica	Altar: Marjorie Hord Flowers: In memory of Thomas Shaffer's and Chris Dykes' birthdays
Please phone person* at right ONLY if you are unable to find a replacement>>>>>		ACOLYTES *Mark Hathaway 937-9675	ELDERS *Todd Martin 801-3873	USHERS *Art Atrops 937-0485	READERS *Todd Martin 801-3873	SOUND *Dennis Payne 934-1101	ALTAR GUILD Connie Hathaway 937-9675 FLOWERS Connie Hathaway 937-9675 FLOWER MINISTRY Debbie Heuchert (805) 264-4599

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ANY CHANGE(s) BY TRADING WITH ANOTHER MINISTER.
2. PLEASE NOTIFY THE PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR ASSIGNMENT OF ANY CHANGE(s).
3. INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGE(s) IS/ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

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			1 10-11:30 AM – Small Group Bible Study Noon – OCC Boxes Sent	2 6:00 PM – Elders' Mtg	3	4 8:30 AM – Fall Rally at Trinity (Paso Robles) 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM – SH in Use (Ganschow)
5 2:00 AM – DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS!! 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Comm. Svc. of Remembrance	6	7 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	8	9	10	11 2:30 PM – OCC Packing Party
12 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Praise Svc.	13 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Men's Group OCC Collection Week	14 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH OCC Collection Week	15 December Ministry Availability Due OCC Collection Week	16 OCC Collection Week	17 OCC Collection Week	18 OCC Collection Week
19 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Comm. Svc. 2:00 PM – Family Fellowship	20 OCC Collection Week	21 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	22	23 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM – Worship Svc. 2:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner	24 December Newsletter Deadline	25
26 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Worship Svc. 11:00 AM – Council Mtg.	27	28 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	29	30		