

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

November, 2018



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I sit to write this letter, my news home page is filled with articles about the upcoming MEGA Millions (\$1.6 Billion) and Power Ball (\$654 Million) drawings. As I was shopping today, friends finding each other in the store began talking about the lotteries and all the possibilities. Wherever you go right now, people are talking about what they would buy if they had big bucks. **IF** they got big bucks they would buy computer systems, entertainment centers, and the necessary house to put it all in. They would buy a better wardrobe or other such things the wealthy need. One friend that I was talking to said "Pastor if I win, I'll give your church and my church each a million dollars." (My mind immediately began to think about **10%** tithing to God's mission in the world but I digress).

These conversations seem to always be followed by a moment or two of silence until someone says, "Do you think we would actually be happier with all that money or fame?" The general consensus is, "Probably not ~ not really."

But we'd try! We **DO** try. We work hard, spend time away from our families, save, grasp, and cling to what we have. We do not like to give or spend our money. Often our giving comes from a place that feels like we are pressured to give. Maybe we really DO think we'd be happier if we had all those things.

Here is the part where we could talk about all the things money can't buy. Take love for instance. Maybe health, a little more time on this earth, stuff like that. We are being told all the time that money CAN buy such things. We are tempted to say that, at least, money could help things along a bit. But we know deep in our hearts that some of the best things are free, they are gifts; family for instance, or a spouse to share it with. And we shouldn't forget eternal life and salvation. This is the biggest gift of all. God loves you enough to send Jesus for you. The cross of Jesus is forgiveness of sin and a new life for you to live, now and forever. All the money in the world can't buy you that! So let me take this moment to tell you how much Jesus loves you. To announce to you, right where you sit reading this, that your sins are forgiven - In Jesus' name, forgiven.

In this month in which we set aside time to give thanks we have an opportunity to say a big, out loud thanks for all those things with which we were blessed. We might even get our family and friends (the ones you can't buy) around us and have a chance to say thanks to them for all they mean to us. We will certainly be thankful to God for them. We could do it over a big meal where we stuff ourselves silly and fall asleep watching the football game on T.V. (sorry – Broncos don't play this year on Thanksgiving). Thank you for meat and vegetables and pie (Pecan is my favorite). Thanks for potatoes and fresh bread and pie. And we can't forget pie (Hint! Hint!). But most of all we can say thanks to God for salvation and new life because of Jesus. It is the greatest gift we will ever have. All the money, fame or power in this world can't give that to you. Only God can – and does. Thanks be to God!

Servants together,

Pr. Paul <><

p.s. Did you know??? On **Sunday, November 4**, we will be remembering the saints in our lives. Those who now sit at the eternal banquet table, and those new saints in our lives that bring us joy and new life. Please join us for this very special and powerful service.

p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said??? "I would not give one moment of heaven for all the joy and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years."

Council Meeting Highlights October 9, 2018

Present: Sharon Johnson, Joel Magnuson, Pastor Paul , Niles Riese, and Don Ranta

Opened with individual and silent prayers.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Worship Committee submitted a written report.

Verbal reports followed:

- Building and Property: Thanks to the nineteen people who came to assist. Many tasks were completed. A few more need to be done.
- Pastor's Report: Regional Planner for Gift Giving, Tina Kvittek might be a good resource for stewardship. The Seasons of Stewardship is a weekend meeting that also may assist our stewardship committee. Pastor will not attend the meeting in Snowmass this year. The Bishop will be here on February 17. Peter Severson will be invited to speak about advocacy in January or March. Pastor's surgery is scheduled for November 8. He will be in Denver for at least a week.
- We will take a Fifth Sunday offering on October 28 for the fifth Sunday in September that was missed. The monies collected will support the All Saints team that prepares breakfast at Abraham Connection.
- A new business item for the next meeting is the Fifth Sunday offering in December.

Next meeting is November 13 at 6 p.m.



To all of the volunteers who helped with the cleanup and maintenance of our church on September 28!

Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in October

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

November 4– All Saints Day

Isaiah 25: 6-9
Psalm 24
Revelations 21: 1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 11 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17: 8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9: 24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Nov 18– 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13: 1-8

Nov 25– Christ the King

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18: 33-37

Miriam Circle Notes



- The Craft Fair/Bake sale will be November 2, 8 until 3, November 3, 9 until 1. Lunch will be served Friday only from 11 until 1 p.m. The cost is \$8
- Miriam Circle will host the ladies of All Saints for Christmas Luncheon on December 15. Mark your calendar today!
- The members voted to donate \$300 to the team from All Saints that prepares breakfast at Abraham Connection. This donation is part of the donations to non-profits usually made in January.
- Next meeting: November 7, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. followed by business meeting. Please join us!

Women's Bible Study

The next Bible study will be January 9, 2019. June Huff will lead us in the Book of Ruth.

2019 Pledges

If you have just made your prayerful decision regarding your pledge for 2019, you can still give those cards to Marj or put it in her mailbox.

Volunteers are needed !!

If you are looking for a way to help your church, volunteer to usher or greet members of the congregation and visitors on Sunday before worship. This important job requires arriving about a half hour before worship begins and closing down the sanctuary at the close of worship. Talk with Niles if you are interested in helping.

You can also help by volunteering to provide refreshments for fellowship following worship. The fellowship host arrives early enough to prep the refreshments and put out the needed utensils, napkins and other items. The coffee, cups, glasses and condiments are ready when you arrive. Sign up on the sheets on the white board by the kitchen window and talk with Janell.

Advent begins December 2. Volunteers are needed to decorate the trees in the Sanctuary and Narthex. The Worship Committee is looking for someone to "take charge" of the decorating. If you would like to serve your church in this way, please tell Claudia, Joel, Olinda, Janell or Marj.



All Saints Annual Craft Fair/Bake Sale November 2 and 3

Preparations are underway for the annual craft fair/bake sale. Plan now to help set up, organize, and assist with lunch prep during the week of October 29. If you have craft items that you would like to donate, please let Janell know. Baked goodies are also needed. **Lunch will be served on Friday only from 11 until 1 p.m. The cost is \$8.**

Many fine handcrafted items will be available for sale on **Friday, from 8 until 3 and Saturday from 9 until 1.** The monies generated from the craft fair are used to support non-profits in Delta County. Last year, donations were made to Abraham Connection, Delta Correctional Christmas Dinner, Hope West, House of Promise, Community Options, Young Life-Delta, Isaiah Fund, and Sharon's Kids. This is an amazing opportunity for our church to assist the community of Delta County.

Thanksgiving Thoughts from Martin Luther

Excerpts from Luther's Large Catechism (1529) The Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles Creed

I hold and believe that I am God's creature, that is, that he has given me and constantly sustains my body, soul, and life, my members great and small, all my senses, my reason and understanding, and the like; my food and drink, clothing, nourishment, spouse and children, servants, house and farm, etc. Besides, he makes all creation help provide the benefits and necessities of life—sun, moon, and stars in the heavens; day and night; air, fire, water, the earth and all that it yields and brings forth; birds, fish, animals, grain, and all sorts of produce. Moreover, he gives all physical and temporal blessings—good government, peace, security. Thus we learn from this article that none of us has life—or anything else that has been mentioned here or can be mentioned—from ourselves, nor can we by ourselves preserve any of them, however small and unimportant. All this is comprehended in the word —Creator.||

Moreover, we also confess that God the Father has given us not only all that we have and what we see before our eyes, but also that he daily guards and defends us against every evil and misfortune, warding off all sorts of danger and disaster. All this he does out of pure love and goodness, without our merit, as a kind father who cares for us so that no evil may befall us. Hence, because everything we possess, and everything in heaven and on earth besides, is daily given, sustained, and protected by God, it inevitably follows that we are in duty bound to love, praise, and thank him without ceasing, and, in short, to devote all these things to his service, as he has required and enjoined in the Ten Commandments.

Here much could be said if we were to describe how few people believe this article. We all pass over it; we hear it and recite it, but we neither see nor think about what the words command us to do. For if we believed it with our whole heart, we would also act accordingly, and not swagger about and boast and brag as if we had life, riches, power, honor, and such things of ourselves, as if we ourselves were to be feared and served. This is the way the wretched, perverse world acts, drowned in its blindness, misusing all the blessings and gifts of God solely for its own pride, greed, pleasure, and enjoyment, and never once turning to God to thank him or acknowledge him as Lord or Creator.

Therefore, if we believe it, this article should humble and terrify all of us. For we sin daily with eyes, ears, hands, body and soul, money and property, and with all that we have, especially those who even fight against the Word of God. Yet Christians have this advantage, that they acknowledge that they owe it to God to serve and obey him for all these things.

For this reason we ought daily to practice this article, impress it upon our minds, and remember it in everything we see and in every blessing that comes our way. Whenever we escape distress or danger, we should recognize how God gives and does all of this so that we may sense and see in them his fatherly heart and his boundless love toward us. Thus our hearts will be warmed and kindled with gratitude to God and a desire to use all these blessings to his glory and praise.

Thanksgiving Day Family Devotion

RESPONSES

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **Group:** His love endures forever.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. **Give thanks to him and praise his name.**

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **He forgives all our sins. He crowns us with love and compassion.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LESSON

One of the appointed Lessons for Thanksgiving (Deuteronomy 8:10-18, Philippians 4:10-20, Luke 17:11-19), or another appropriate Scripture Lesson is read.

The explanation of the First Article of the Apostles Creed from Luther's Small or Large Catechism, or another appropriate devotional selection, may also be read.

LORD'S PRAYER

Additional prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken by the head of the household or others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless and preserve us.

Amen

NOVEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	4	11	18	25
	All Saints Communion		Communion	
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Joel	Pastor Carol	Pastor Paul
Liturgy Assistant	Joel	Don Ranta	Marj	Donelle
Communion Assistant	Ron		Wilma	
Communion Bread	Elinor		Elinor	
Organist	Barb	Barb	Don	Don
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
Altar Guild	Alice		Claudia	
Readers	Wyatt	Carol	Carolyn	Wendy
Ushers	Don Ranta	Niles		Lloyd
Greeters	Linda	Janell		Marilyn
Stewards	Lloyd/Erich	Claudia/ Janell	Don R/Jack	Don M/Rick
Fellowship	Craft Fair	Janell	Nancy	

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835-3928 to say you can help! To usher or greet at worship, sign up on the white board on the cupboard in the back of the sanctuary. Help your congregation by offering your time.

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All Saints Special Occasions for November

Birthdays: 11/4 Janell Riese 11/5 Rosalee Ring 11/12 Marilyn Liebetrau
 11/12 Robert Young 11/27 Ron Nielsen 11/29 Joanne Koehler
 11/30 Don Ranta
Baptismal Birthdays: 11/14 Lee Garman 11/15 Jordyn Huff
 11/16 Wyatt Smith
Anniversaries: 11/27 Lee and Carol Martinson



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**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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