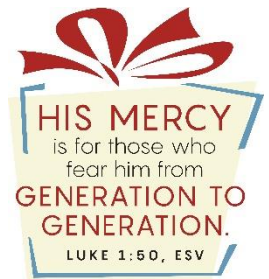


OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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December 2019



Church Council

Church Council will meet on Sunday, December 1st, following service.

Advent Soup Suppers

Advent soup suppers will be on Wednesdays, December 4, December 11, and December 18 at 6:00 PM.

Advent Services

Advent services will be on Wednesdays, December 4, December 11, and December 18 at 7:00 PM.

Lutheran Witness

The Lutheran Witness renewals and new subscriptions are \$11.60 per year. Please give name and address and check payable to "Our Saviour Lutheran" to JoAnn Clark by December 8.

Perfect as is

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.—Corrie ten Boom

Hospice Tree Lighting

Hospice of Lenawee is sponsoring the "Lights of Love" remembrance trees in Hudson. The holiday tree will be lit on Sunday, December 8th, at 6:00 PM at the Hudson Community Center.



Christmas Cantata

The Community Christmas Cantata will be Friday, December 6, at 7:30 PM; Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 PM; and Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Day Service

Christmas Day Service will be Wednesday, December 25, at 10:15 AM.



Julie Rupley—heart problems
Sharon Sutherland—recovering from a stroke and awaiting test results
Scott Jackson—congestive heart failure
Helen Meyer—healing of wound on foot
Dee—going through a divorce and needs a place to rent
George Bridge—continuing recovery of cancer
Dr. Leland Wolf—heart attack
Anthony Turowski—congestive heart failure
Dawn Nichols—flesh eating bacteria on her arm
Ray & Cathy—to have a healthy baby
Gloria Spencer—recovery from stroke

John Boehk—strength
Juanita Kunkle—dementia & physical problems
Donna Klinger—healing from back surgery
Grayson Rupley—sensory disorder
Margaret Runnells—broken leg complications and cancer
Allison Stickel—health & anxiety issues
Jim—dementia
Diane Jackson—blood clots
Pat Waldfogel—broken wrist and knee problems
The safety of the unborn
Our Saviour Lutheran
Missionaries

United Kids of Hudson presents

Miracle on Main St., a Christmas musical drama on Sunday, December 15, at 7:00 PM at the Hudson Wesleyan Church, 229 Hill Street, Hudson. Hudsonwesleyan.org/Christmas.

Thank you

Thank you to all who brought in food, helped to assemble and deliver the Thanksgiving baskets. Your help is very greatly appreciated in blessing these families.

“Be born in us today”

In 1865, Phillips Brooks, an Episcopal preacher from Boston, went on a Holy Land pilgrimage. Riding horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem for Christmas Eve worship at the Church of the Nativity was so moving that he wrote “O Little Town of Bethlehem.” The hymn’s final stanza addresses the town’s most famous newborn:

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!



I like the Fall season and all that it brings.... almost! I enjoy the warm days and cool nights, the changing of trees and wondering what God's colorful painting will look like this year. I love the sight of falling leaves except those that are falling in my yard. I don't mind raking leaves, but it is the frequency that I need to rake that bothers me. I guess I could cut down the trees to eliminate the need for raking but that really isn't an option.

The forecast was for a few days of rain. I was waiting for most of the leaves to fall from the trees so that I could be efficient and save myself from a few aches and pains that come the day after raking and hauling. The thought of raking wet leaves motivated me to get out there and clean up the yard. There is no more rewarding look than to gaze upon a clean lawn that was once covered with a thick blanket of leaves.

I am always on the lookout for things that happen in life that I can use as an illustration for a future Bible class, sermon or even a newsletter article.

I was mindlessly raking the leaves when I looked at each leaf as one of my sins. The number of leaves I was raking was endless, just as my sins. I didn't realize there were so many leaves on my trees. While I might like to deny it, I must say the same thing about my sins. "I didn't realize my life was so filled with sin."

I would rake all the leaves into a pile and onto a tarp that I would drag off and dump in the field behind the house. "The leaves are gone!" "I have nice clean yard!" It made me feel so good until a gust of wind came along and the leaves that remained on the tree began their gentle descent and began covering my nice, clean lawn. It didn't take long to realize this wouldn't be the last time I would need to rake my yard. Frustrating!

Each week, we rake up our sins and haul them with us as we gather with others in worship, who are also hauling their sins. Collectively, we drag and dump them at the foot of the cross through our confession. As we receive the forgiveness that Christ has promised and won for us by His death on the cross, we breathe a sigh of relief they are gone for good, a wonderful feeling. Before we leave and go about our lives, the wind of temptation begins to blow and another blanket of sin begins to cover what was once clean and spotless. Frustrating!!

The unexpected blanket of pure, white snow has covered the remaining leaves that have fallen. While I know that one day they will need to be raked, it was a gentle reminder of the words of Isaiah 1:8, ***"though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."***

Our theme for this Advent and Christmas season is "Behold the Child!" Behold the Child in the manger whose life, suffering, death, and resurrection paid the ultimate price for our sins.

I will still have leaves to deal with for as long as I have trees. Thanks be to God that even though our lives will continue to be covered by sin until the day the Lord calls us home, Christ has dealt with them once and for all that began at the manger.

Pastor Al

LWML Ladies' Meeting
Nov. 7, 2019

Attending; Dody F., Linda R., Gloria S., Janice B., Diane S.

Opening Devotions: Portals of Prayer, Gal. 6:9 read by Diane

Secretary's Report: Motion by Dody, second by Linda to accept report as given, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Dody with a balance of \$1,334.75. LWML dues of \$100 to be sent to the Zone Treasurer. Motion by Diane, and second by Janice to accept report, carried.

Old Business: Thanksgiving Baskets this month

New Business: Linda reported on LWML Zone meeting. Linda volunteered for the Zone Christian Growth committee. Hope will host the Spring board meeting 3/21/20. Next year mid-convention in Gaylord, Mi, July 10-12.

\$60 each for the children's gift this Christmas.

Soup Suppers start 12/4.

Ladies' Christmas gift exchange for the Dec. party is \$10.

Meeting Adjourned

Happy Birthday

2 Grace Noriega
David Padden
6 Crissi Rogers
7 Tom Fowler
10 Emily Aungst
Abigail Klinger
11 Jonathan Fowler
12 Leigha Butts
18 Robert Heistan

19 John Shaffer
20 Ray Rupley
24 Ryan Martinus
26 Bill Rupley
27 Bernie Reuter
29 Mark Butts
Gary Perkins
30 Brent Reuter



18 Dustin & Melissa Westgate
27 Pastor Al & Diann Muck



GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO ALL!

Make your preparations 'Advent'-urous

Advent — the first season of the liturgical year — includes the four Sundays and weeks prior to December 25. Advent dates from the fourth century, when it lasted 40 days and included fasting and solemnity, much like Lent.

Advent is from *Adventus*, Latin for “coming,” referring to Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem and also his second coming. The traditional colors of Advent are purple for penitence or blue for hope.

Observing Advent is a meaningful, adventurous way to prepare for Christmas. Buy or make an Advent wreath and use candles of your choice: four blue, four purple, or three blue or purple and one pink. If you have a fifth spot, add one white Christ candle. During meals or devotions, light only one candle the first week. Add another for each new week (the pink candle traditionally marks the third week), concluding with the white candle (if you have one) on Christmas. The increasing light reminds us we’re getting closer to celebrating Christ’s light coming into the world.



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service Church Council meets	2	3	4 Soup Supper 6:00 PM Midweek Advent Service 7:00 PM	5 Ladies' Guild To be determined	6 Christmas Cantata 7:30 PM	7 Christmas Cantata 7:30 PM
8 Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Christmas Cantata 3:00 PM Hospice Tree Lighting 6:00 PM	9	10	11 Soup Supper 6:00 PM Midweek Advent Service 7:00 PM	12	13	14 MOPS 10:00AM - Noon
15 Third Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service 10:15 Children's Christmas Program Newsletter deadline "Miracle on Main St". Hudson Wesleyan Christmas Program 7:00 PM	16	17	18 Soup Supper 6:00 PM Midweek Advent Service 7:00 PM	19	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Special One Offering	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM	25 Christmas Day Service 10:15 AM	26	27	28
29 1 st Sunday after Christmas 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service	30	31				