

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



"She out of her poverty has put in everything she had."

MARK 12:44

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November 2019

Church Council

Church Council meets Sunday, November 3rd, following service.

Ladies' Guild

Ladies' Guild meets Thursday, November 7th, at 7:00 PM at the church.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:00 PM.

Thank you, veterans!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

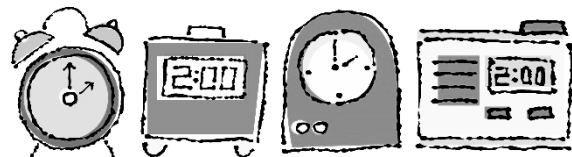
Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

Thanksgiving baskets

We will again this year be putting together Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. There will be a signup sheet for items—stuffing, boxed instant potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, aluminum tins, etc. We will be putting the baskets together after church on Sunday, November 24th, and delivering them. Thank you for your help in this community outreach.

A remarkable day

Thanksgiving Day is one of the most remarkable days of the year. Decreed by a layman, the President of the United States, by authorization of Congress, it is obeyed by Catholic, Jew and Protestant, and by many who have no church affiliation. The response of more than 2,000,000 people to this call is one of the most encouraging events in our national life. Thankfulness blesses and enriches our daily life. Not only is it deserving of a special day; it merits everyday observance. — Clergy Talk



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 3, 2019.



The Family of Karen Commenator
The Family of Hazel Monahan
Dee—going through a divorce and needs a place to rent
George Bridge—continuing recovery of cancer
Dr. Leland Wolf—heart attack
Addie Clock—inflamed appendix
Anthony Turowski—congestive heart failure
Jayme Bujdos —healthy pregnancy
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

Prayer Service for the Schools

A time for prayer of our families, teachers, administrators and law enforcement will be Monday, November 4, 2019 from 5:00-5:30 PM at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 751 N. Maple Grove, Hudson. Families, school staff and administrators, law enforcement officers are invited to attend. Sponsored by Hudson Area Churches.

The generosity cycle

God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ... God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous.—Rick Warren (based on 2 Corinthians 9:11)

Our answer

God is the origin of both need and supply, the father of our necessities, the abundant giver of the good things. Right gloriously he meets the claims of his child! The story of Jesus is the heart of [God's] answer, not primarily to the prayers, but to the divine necessities of the children he has sent out into his universe.—George MacDonald



“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1)

This verse of the Psalms is one of many verses we recognize but may not always know where to find them in Scripture. This verse is often used as an end of meal prayer and has been the theme verse for many Thanksgiving sermons. In keeping with tradition, this verse will be the focus of this article as everyone is making preparations for celebrating Thanksgiving but, hopefully, it will provide a new insight as to how this verse might be viewed and used.

Praying this verse at the end of a meal or celebration is a good practice as it is a reminder that it is God from whom all our blessing come in this life and a helpful reminder that God’s love endures forever as we have experienced through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Praying this verse, in this context, is giving thanks for what has been RECEIVED.

Imagine praying this verse in thanksgiving for what is TO COME! How would your relationship with the Father be impacted: how you view and approach life’s situations change if you prayed this verse not at after having received a blessing from God but as you face one of life’s struggles? As you are waiting to hear the results from a medical test your prayer would be, **“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”** You are overwhelmed with paying bills or other financial problems and your prayer would be , **“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”** You are struggling with the affects and limitations of aging that creates a feeling of frustration and depression and you pray, **“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”**

Praying this prayer at the beginning, or during, any of life uncertainties is a confession of faith in the One whose steadfast love endures forever. How so? Using the example of being overwhelmed with bills and having more bills than money at the end of the month. Our prayers would often be asking God to provide an answer to the need for financial help, “Provide a solution God!” We would then spend our days in worry and uncertainty, wondering about what should be done. Praying Psalm 134:1 at this moment is a prayer of acknowledgment that God is fully aware of our situation and already has the problem worked out and you are just waiting for God’s solution to be revealed. Using this verse, in this way, SHOULD also relieve and reduce stress and anxiety as you have placed everything into His hands, in full anticipation of God’s resolution to your problem. When we gather for thanksgiving service November 27, may this verse not only as a remembrance of the past but in anticipation of what is to come.

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” also serves as my expression of thanks for your outpouring of love and concern on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Your gift, notes of thanks and delicious lunch were greatly appreciated and a reminder of your care and concern for others, and for me, as your pastor. Thank you for being such a blessing!

Pastor Al

School Staff Lunch—the staff at each school will be receiving a boxed lunch as an expression of our appreciation for their time and commitment to the teaching of our children. In each box will be a note of appreciation identifying who is providing the lunch but to also let them know that the area churches are lifting up prayer. They will also be invited to attend a time of prayer and blessing at **Our Saviour on Monday, November 4 from 5-5:30 pm.**, to which you are encouraged to attend. We are using a Thrivent card to cover a portion of the cost. The Hudson Ministerial Association will cover the remaining cost. The Association helps those who are financially struggling by assisting with utility bills, rent and food. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the lunches, drop your offering into the plate on Sunday morning. Be sure to indicate on the check or envelope that it is intended for the box lunches.

Ladies' Guild Minutes
October 3, 2019

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$1,370.21. Motion to accept Janice, second Linda R.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report. Motion Darlene R., second Dody F.

Delivery school bags – Sharon K. and Linda R.

Coffee hour for LWML Sunday everyone bring a dish.

Pastor will bless school bags Sunday.

October 20—Pastor Appreciation Day.

Motion to adjourn, Mary B., second Dody F.

Mary Boehk
Secretary



3 Lisa Close
 Kaitlynn Mattison
 Diane Sholl
 5 Ali Lockhart
 Mary Ann Frees
 10 Janet Frees
 11 Tricia Reuter
 17 Jake Houser
 18 Eleanor Wollett
 Jaykob Robinson

19 Rebecca Willnow
 Lisa Lucas
 20 Jessica Patrick
 22 Madyson Rupley
 23 Tim Frees
 26 Sharon Klinger
 Bill Rupley
 27 Joshua Gutierrez



5 Ryan & Jessica Martinus
 23 John & Tanya Mattison
 30 Roger & Diane Sholl



God's Richest Blessings To All

More than skin deep

Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is “the basic Christian attitude.” Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it’s a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity—and our need for a Savior.

The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as *allogenes*, Greek for “outcast.” (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well,” he uses the Greek that means “Your faith has saved you.” The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing—through faith—that his skin and his soul have been healed.



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 All Saints' Day 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service Church Council meets Daylight Saving Time ends	4 Prayer Service for the Schools 5:00 PM	5	6	7 Ladies' Guild meets at 7:00 PM	8	9 MOPS 10:00AM - Noon
10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Coins for Compassion	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service Newsletter deadline	18	19	20	21	22	23 MOPS 10:00AM - Noon
24 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Special One Offering Assemble and deliver Thanksgiving baskets after church	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30 Hudson Christmas Parade 6:00 PM