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TO BRING GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER
AND TO THE WORLD



Pastor's Notes

November 2021

All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021~ Remembering those who have died

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Indiana Shalifoe Wallace *	11/11/19	11/13/20
David W. Kolb	9/23/66	4/23/21
Lois M. Hildebrandt	4/16/29	7/01/21
Velma J. Roesler	6/14/33	5/26/21
Donald L Erwin	3/16/44	1/02/21
Kathleen Wagner	8.19/30	1/10/21
Jennie Palmer Lance	9/23/45	12/18/20
Michael Miller *	4/14/77	7/ 09/21
Dale Rasmussen *	5/22/30	12/08/20

*** denotes non-members**

Christ The King, November 21, 2021 ~ Celebrating those baptized

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thea Jean Lothschutz	2/11/21	7/3/21
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An outside funeral service will be held for Warren Tibbitts on Saturday, November 6th at 11:00 am. Please dress accordingly. A boxed lunch will be following the service.



SCOUT CAN DRIVE

The final can drive for 2021 will be held on December 11, 2021 from 9am to noon in the Lebanon Lutheran Parking lot (South entrance).

The Scouts will be holding an overnight training at Lebanon on Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th.



Parents Corner

Now is a good time to obtain an Advent calendar and begin to count down the Sundays and special days until Christmas. Advent begins on Sunday, November 28, although many calendars begin December 1st.

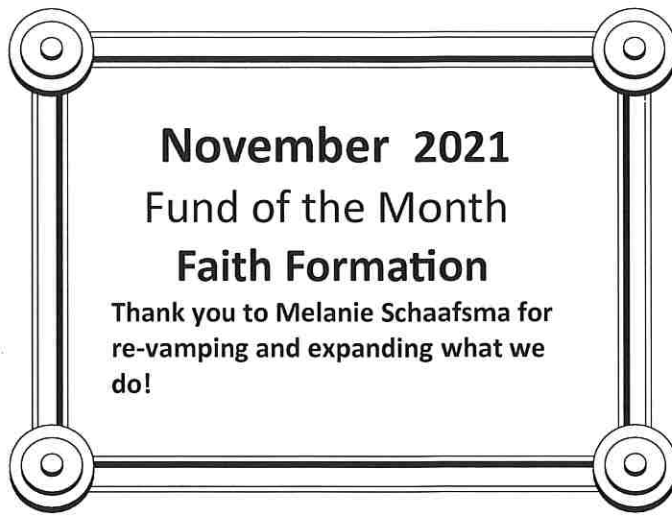
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Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

LivingLutheran.org.

www.samaritas.org

Suicide Hotline 1-800-SUICIDE org
[www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh suicide_prevention](http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh_suicide_prevention)

Every Woman's Place
231-722-3333 or www.everywomansplace.org



November 7, 2021

Prayer Concerns

It is an important part of our ministry to be praying constantly for one another.
We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality. This month in your prayers, please remember:



Helen Bartlett, at home
Mary Bernhardt, at Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell)
Marlene Holmstrom, at home
Elaine Liska, at White Lake Assisted Living - Whitehall
Ruth Nurmi, with health concerns
Nancy Peterson, at Heartland , Room #405 B
Bernie Weidner, at Sanctuary of the Oaks. (Danielle Jacobs)
Marty Windbacher, at home

Special Prayer Concerns:

Steve Albert, with health concerns
Tracey Allen, (Roger Silk's cousin) diagnosed with terminal brain cancer
Jennifer Snowden Bossi, 34, (Ardy Bulthouse's granddaughter) diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
Dan Girvan, with health issues
Cora Hendrick, (Curt Crouch's mother) diagnosed with cancer
Vicki Hinks, hip replacement surgery
Terri Hissong, (Margaret's sister) recuperating after hip surgery
Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering slowly, able to walk and take commands. Remains non-verbal .
Donna Knoth, with heart issues.
Jeff Knoth, recently diagnosed with cancer
Amy Jean Knorr, (Brian Holmblades aunt in Tucson) with pneumonia. 103 years old
Lara MacGregor, Cancer is aggressive, progressing and life threatening.
Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).
Shirley, (friend of Barb Aardema) recently diagnosed with cancer.
Tammy, (daughter of Wietse and Melanie Schaafsma) with brain cancer & diabetic. At home with condition stable at this time.
Jen, (Tammy's sister) suffered aneurysm and hospitalized.
Lora Swenson, with health concerns
Darlene Willbrandt, undergoing chemo and radiation for oral cancer
Our hearts grieve with Monica Ogden and family on the death of her sister **Claudia** in Tennessee
- Pastor Ogden will be gone 11/22-12/2 for Tennessee burial, and with the family and friends of **Warren Tibbitts**, who passed away on 10/14/2021. See arrangements notice on Page 1.



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The Church as Idol

What does Reformation Day mean in a time when many of us simply want things to return to the way they were or to become the way we want them to be?

My dear friend, The Rt. Rev. Matthew Lynn Riegel, S.T.M., Bishop of the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod, who says out loud things I am thinking but dare not speak, recently gave a talk that I would summarize as "the church as idol." Bishop Riegel reminds us that, in the Small Catechism, Luther explains the first commandment by saying, "We should fear, love, and trust God above all things." This does not mean we should not love other things, like family and the church. But our love for other things, including family and the church, derives from and is not above our love of God. The church becomes an idol when we love the church more than we love God. I find this to be a pointed and poignant message to contemplate during this month when we commemorate the Reformation.

When the church becomes an idol, we can forget and deny that all expressions of the church, like all living things, have a lifespan. When the church becomes an idol, we can forget that the building is not more important than what goes on in the building. When the church becomes an idol, we can reduce new people to a commodity to do the work and pay the bills necessary to preserve our congregation. Or, we can discount new people as we strive to get people who have left the congregation back. When the church becomes an idol, we could either seek radical change or resist any change if we think that is what will preserve the congregation. And we cloak all of this in the piety of the Holy Spirit.

As Lutherans, we confess that the church is always reforming, which means the church will inevitably change. Some changes we will embrace. Other changes we will resist. Over time, some changes may even become too much or too little for us to bear. For example, I expect that, if the ELCA does not do a better job responding to persons who live with disabilities, I will, in retirement, find a denomination that does. I embrace this change. On the other hand, I expect that if worship projected on the screen or online becomes normative, I will find worship grounded in the historic liturgy. I resist this change.

I don't see this self-understanding and acknowledgment as a threat or as a barrier. I understand that, as much as I love this expression of Christ's Church, I love Jesus more. So the goal is not to tailor the church to fit me perfectly. Should I find this expression of the church no longer fits, I won't go off stomping my feet, kicking up dust on Facebook, and disparaging Elizabeth Eaton or anyone else to everyone who will listen. I will simply seek an expression of the church that helps me to fear, love, and trust God above all things. And should others need to do the same thing, I will not disparage them or anyone else. Rather, I will honor them for trying to be faithful in their journey with Christ. This too is reformation.

"Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop



Worship Notes

Sunday, November 7, 2021 - All Saints Sunday
Worship - 10:15am

Musician:
Monica Ogden

Readings

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

Color: White

Today we pray for:
Emma & David Greenwood
Addie and Ryan

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sunday, November 14 - Pentecost 25
Worship - 10:15am

Musician:
Monica Ogden

Readings

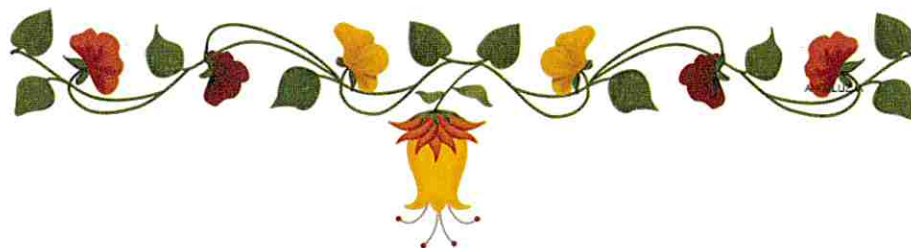
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Color: Green

Today we pray for:
Erma Hinze

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



**Sunday, November 21 - Christ the King
Worship - 10:15am**

Color: Green

Readings

**Musician:
Mike Snell**

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

**Today we pray for:
Jeff Hendrixon**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living god, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sunday, November 28 - Advent 1
Worship - 10:15am**

Color: Blue

Readings

**Musician:
Monica Ogden**

**Jeremiah 3:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36**

**Today we pray for:
Bernie Weidner**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



November



11/1 SuLyn Dean
11/3 Marie Hendrixon
11/3 Sage Lynch
11/4 Mary Gallihugh
11/8 Lisa Holmblade
11/9 Kathy Palmer
11/10 Julie Holmstrom
11/10 Mike Snell
11/10 Katie Stacy Vandebunte
11/10 Becky Stacy Chynowyth
11/10 Charles Peabody
11/11 Brian Hosticka
11/15 Daniel Holmstrom
11/19 KP Pelleran Mahoney
11/21 Jack Parks
11/21 Elara DeMumbrum

11/22 Kara Jaekel
11/22 Richard Carlson
11/22 Lara MacGregor
11/29 Diana Griswold
11/29 Jay Otto, Jr.



11/05/15 Jon and Danielle DeMumbrum

If you are not receiving the weekly Friday e-mails from the church, please check your e-mails junk or spam folder. Call the office if it is still missing.



Baptism Anniversaries



11/1 Brian Jackel
11/1 Sandra Kolb
11/4 Mardi Otto
11/4 Debbie Svensson

11/11 Katie Thompson
11/8 David Roesler
11/9 Jeffrey Hendrixon
11/15 Cindy Albert
11/20 Andy Hildebrandt

11/20 Emily Snell Glass
11/25 Nate Aardema
11/26 Sarah Stacy Schmalz

Celebrate your baptism anniversary with a candle a meal or this prayer:

“Stir up within me the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and joy, on this day when I give thanks for my baptism in to Christ.”



Welcome to the Lebanon Family!

Miss Nora Genevieve Gaiser was born on October 10, 2021 to Anna DeNicolo Gaiser and Michael Gaiser.

Grandparents are Tony and Patty DeNicolo

Nora weighed 5lbs, 12oz and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations on your new blessing!



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NOVEMBER IS LONG-TERM CARE AWARENESS MONTH

Let's take a closer look at *The Four Truths of Long-Term Care*

1. ***You can remain in your own home.*** If the first thing you think about when it comes to long-term care is a nursing home, you're probably not alone. You can probably stay home as you age—if that's your goal. Long-term care isn't a place, it's a response to an event or a condition. And by having a plan, you can get your care where you want.
2. ***You don't have to be a burden.*** Anticipate the future before a health event happens. A first step is to create your own plan. Daring to talk about your plans can give your family the opportunity to discuss care now rather than care for you later.
3. ***Your care can be expensive.*** If your parents or other loved ones have needed care before, you might have firsthand experience with the reality of those costs. In truth, a variety of factors play a role in calculating your costs of long-term care, including where you live, what type of care you receive, and the duration of your care. But while you can't predict when, or even if, you will need care—you're on the road to being prepared.
4. ***The time is right now for a care strategy.*** The fourth truth relies on you—because today's the time to develop a long-term care strategy that works for you. By creating a strategy now, it gives you time to have those hard conversations and share your thoughts with your family.

Contemplating your next steps

When considering these truths, there's a next step that may provide a solution. Long-term care insurance offers benefits when you need care most, whether it's at your home or in a facility. It can help give you the ability to preserve your financial independence and quality of life, while helping protect your retirement income.

Your Thrivent financial advisors, Marci Bentz and Tony De Nicolo can discuss the benefits of long-term care insurance with you to see if it's a good fit for your retirement strategy. Call the Thrivent Whitehall office at 231-894-8886 or email whitehalloffice@thrivent.com.



White Lake Giving Tree

Lebanon will once again be participating in this much needed program.

Gift Tags will be placed on the tree in our East entryway soon. We will update you when that happens. Please if you are able, take a tag or two (or more) and return the un-wrapped gift and tag to the church office or to St. James Catholic Church by the deadline that is displayed on the tag.

The needs of our community are large & your help is much appreciated.



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**The church office will be closed
on 11/25 and 11/26.**