

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

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THE LIGHT



Pastor's Notes

November 2022

**All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022~ 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.

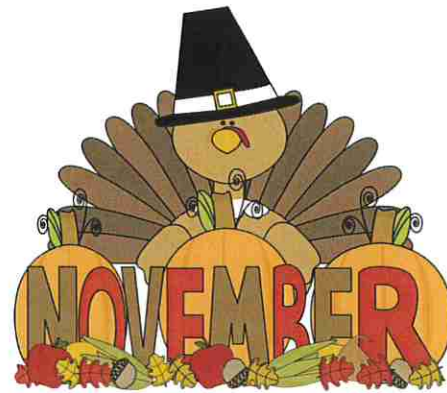
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| H. Warren Tibbitts | 12/27/24 - 10/14/21 |
| Lois Fuller | 04/28/31 - 12/31/21 |
| Lara Plewka MacGregor | 11/22/76 - 01/18/22 |
| William Scarbrough* | 01/02/62 - 01/27/22 |
| Paul Honoré | 09/14/45 - 01/28/22 |
| Hazel Palmer | 08/01/48 - 05/31/22 |
| Peter Damm | 06/14/46 - 09/03/22 |

* denotes non-members

**Christ The King, November 20, 2022 ~ 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.

November 2022
Fund of the Month
Faith Formation



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 1-800-273TALK.org
www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh/suicide_prevention

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

The Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) young people.





THE GIFT OF CAMP

FREELY GIVEN

Lebanon Lutheran Church – Whitehall
1101 S Mears Ave
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October 13, 2022

Dear Lebanon Lutheran Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,807.00 received on September 30, 2022 and placed in the Living Water Ministries' Scholarship Fund through our Gift of Camp initiative. Your financial support makes a significant positive impact on our ability to live out our mission of bringing together all of God's children to experience Christian community, grow in faith, develop leadership skills, and serve others. We are so grateful for your generosity.

As we returned to programs this summer, our focus was on Restoring Community. One of the most powerful ways we went about this work was by making camp the most accessible it's ever been. This was and continues to be exciting work. Your gift is so important to this initiative and provides Living Water Ministries the resources we need to invite all of God's children to be full participants, without financial barriers as we gathered again.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry always, but especially as we work to restore community. We are humbled by your generous support and are so grateful.

Peace,

C.J. Clark
Executive Director
Living Water Ministries

*Thank you for helping
to make camp accessible!
It makes a big difference!*
-gj-



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| | <p>North/West Lower Michigan Synod</p> <p>P.O. Box 517 Dewitt, MI 48820</p> <p>517-321-5066 mittensynod.org</p> | <p>In this Issue:</p> <p>Faithful, Wise, and Active Citizens</p> <p>Cultivating Stewardship</p> <p>Adult Theological Education</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Congregations in Transition</p> |
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Faithful, Wise, and Active Citizens⁽¹⁾

November 6 is Election Day. In grateful response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we exercise our right and responsibility to vote as a way we share the good news of Jesus and serve God, neighbor, and the earth. As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ, we vote in ways that stand in solidarity with and advocate on behalf of those whom Jesus names "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). Solidarity includes faithfully providing food, drink, clothing, housing, healthcare, and visitation. Solidarity also means faithfully protecting rights and safeguarding opportunities. Advocacy involves participating in society as citizens, so systems and institutions more fully reflect and participate in God's coming reign announced and inaugurated by Jesus Christ. To do this, Christians strive to be faithful, wise, and active citizens.

As followers of Jesus, our citizenship is faithful. Faithful citizenship means our faith shapes our politics rather than our politics shaping our faith. The citizenship we seek is political, relating the gospel to government and public affairs, but not partisan. That "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20) does not relieve us of our responsibilities as citizens here on earth. Rather, our citizenship in heaven frees and empowers us to fulfill our earthly responsibilities as followers of Jesus. So, we vote as an expression of our faith.

Because we are followers of Jesus, our citizenship is wise. Wise citizenship is prayerful and discerning rather than predetermined. It is principled and not ideological, civil without being soft, collaborative and not siloed. Wise citizens understand the separation of church and state is a constitutional and not a Christian doctrine. Its purpose is to prevent the state from regulating or interfering with religion, not to remove religion from public discourse and debate. Wise citizens regard their right and responsibility to vote as sacred and godly and prepare themselves to exercise it.

Because we are followers of Jesus, our citizenship is active. Christians connect their faith and their roles as parents and siblings, consumers and investors, workers and employers, and, in this instance, voters. Christians regard casting their ballots as a way to practice charity, solidarity, advocacy, and justice in their own lives and in the lives of others. Christians regard their vote as a proclamation or sharing of the good news of Jesus and the way we serve God, neighbor, and the earth.

Loving God, creator of this world and source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Instill in us gratitude for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith. Grant that Jesus' love, teaching, and example will inform our decisions and actions. Guide us in truth and love. Lead our divided nation, state, and communities through this election, and when the results are determined, bring us together for the common good that we act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. We ask this in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

⁽¹⁾ This article is based on Craig Alan Satterlee, *My Burden is Light: Making Room for Jesus in Preaching* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2023), 177-178.

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:



Prayers for those who are homebound:

Our Minister

Helen Bartlett, at home
Mary Bernhardt, at Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell)
Erma Hinze, with health concerns
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:

Cindy Albert, with health concerns
Jennifer Snowden Bossi, 34, (Ardy Bulthouse's granddaughter) diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
Lucas Carlson, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.
Adrienne Clahassey, surgery on 10/13/22
Diane, (friend of Cheri Crouch) diagnosed with cancer.
Cora Hendrick, (Curt Crouch's mother) diagnosed with cancer
Donna Jacobs, (Don Jacobs mother) with kidney and heart issues
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) turning 106 years old on November 28.
Judy Kurtz, with health concerns
Mary, (Meg Eatons mother) with health concerns.
Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).
Shirley, (friend of Barb Aardema) had stem cell replacement in early May and is working through the healing process
Bob Palmatter (Cindy Albert's brother), with breathing difficulties.
Roger Silk, with health issues.
Jon Stark (Erin Lewallen's brother-in-law), non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Jan Troeger, (Cindy Albert's sister), suffered a stroke.
Our hearts grieve with Wietse and Melanie Schaafsma on the recent death of their daughter, **Tammy** after succumbing to cancer and other health issues, and with **Judy Kurtz**, friends and family of **Jim Kurtz**, who passed away on October 22, 2022.

For our partners in faith, our companion synods in Salud para la Vida in San Pedro Sula, Honduras for their mission and ministry in their place as we fulfill our mission in our place; for all the churches of the Lutheran World Federation, for people of the gospel throughout the world



Worship Notes

Sunday, November 6 - Pentecost 22 - All Saints Sunday

Color: White

Worship - 10:15am

**Musician:
Monica Ogden**

Readings

**Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31**

**Today we pray for:
Gilbert & Carol Norwick**

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, October 13 - Pentecost 23
Worship - 10:15am**

Color: Green

**Musician:
Monica Ogden**

Readings

**Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19**

**Today we pray for:
Mary Lewallen**

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



**Sunday, November 20 - Christ the King
Worship - 10:15am**

Color: White

Readings

**Musician:
Monica Ogden**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43**

**Today we pray for:
Elaine Liska**

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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 27 - Advent 1
Worship - 10:15 am**

Color: Blue

Readings

**Musician:
Monica Ogden**

**Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44**

**Today we pray for:
Eric & Mary Odmark**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



November



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| 11/1 | SuLyn Schmuker | 11/11 | Brian Hosticka |
| 11/3 | Marie Hendrixon | 11/15 | Daniel Holmstrom |
| 11/3 | Sage Lynch | 11/19 | KP Pelleran Mahoney |
| 11/4 | Mary Gallihugh | 11/21 | Jack Parks |
| 11/8 | Lisa Holmblade | 11/21 | Elara DeMumbrum |
| 11/9 | Kathy Palmer | 11/22 | Kara Jaekel |
| 11/10 | Julie Holmstrom | 11/22 | Richard Carlson |
| 11/10 | Mike Snell | 11/29 | Diana Griswold |
| 11/10 | Katie Stacy Vandebunte | 11/29 | Jay Otto, Jr. |
| 11/10 | Becky Stacy Chynowyth | | |
| 11/10 | Charles Peabody | | |



11/05/15

Jon and Danielle DeMumbrum



Baptism Anniversaries



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| 11/1 Brian Jaekel | 11/8 David Roesler | 11/25 Nate Aardema |
| 11/1 Sandra Kolb | 11/9 Jeffrey Hendrixon | 11/26 Sarah Stacy Schmalz |
| 11/4 Mardi Otto | 11/15 Cindy Albert | |
| 11/4 Debbie Svensson | 11/20 Andy Hildebrandt | |
| 11/11 Katie Thompson | 11/20 Emily Snell Glass | |

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.”



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Scout Can Drive

Saturday, December 10, 2022

9:00 am to noon

Lebanon Lutheran Church Parking Lot



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
VETERANS DAY
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



November 11, 2022



ELCA World Hunger

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all”
 (Galatians 6:9-10).

Dear Pastor and Ms. Ogden,

If you visit the Saturday-morning farmers market in Federal Way, Wash., you might see Kay (Kyong Yon) Mattingly smiling and dancing with her friends from Dasom Bi-Cultural Cooperation, a ministry of Light of Grace Lutheran Church. The ministry hosts a booth with a variety of Korean goods for sale, but the members also seek to bring joy to those around them – and create it for themselves.

About midway between Seattle and Tacoma, Federal Way has a large population of Korean immigrants, and services to this community are limited. Given the aging population, demand for housing and rising cost of living, Light of Grace members recognized that members of their fellow immigrant population were struggling with hunger; needed help covering basic expenses and lacked opportunities for being in community.

With a grant from ELCA World Hunger, Light of Grace started a new program through Dasom Bi-Cultural Cooperation to provide space and support for fellow Korean-American immigrants three days a week. Tuesday through Thursday, program participants have an opportunity to cook Korean food, eat a healthy meal, create goods to sell or keep, and take advantage of interpretation services, social engagement and emotional support.



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“I always had heard that the Lutherans excel at helping churches in need, but after having experienced it firsthand, I’m just really so happy and proud to be a member of this church.”

– Kay (Kyong Yon) Mattingly

Happy Thanksgiving !



The Church Office will be closed on
Thursday, November 24 and
Friday, November 25.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!





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