

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

THE LIGHT



Pastor's Notes

November 2024

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Church, forgiven and set free by grace
through faith.

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All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024 ~ Remembering those who have died

*Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one com-
munion 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 pre-
pared 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.*

Nancy Peterson	2/19/39 - 1/28/24
Marlene Windbacher	10/12/32 - 7/10/24
Lawrence Frietsch	4/12/50 - 9/3/24
Donna Will	2/23/30 - 10/6/24

* denotes non-members

Christ The King, November 24, 2024 ~ Celebrating those baptized

*O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of ser-
vice, 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.*

Nora Gaiser baptized on July 7, 2024
Ellis Gaiser baptized on July 7, 2024



November 2024
Fund of the Month

Worship



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.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The church office will be closed on Thursday, 11/28 and Friday, 11/29 for Thanksgiving holiday.





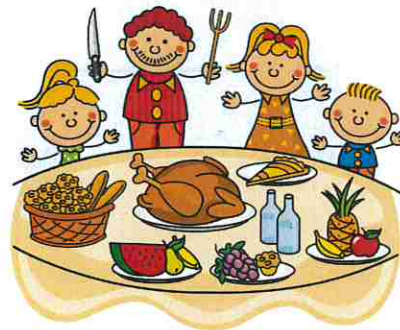
November 3, 2024



White Lake Giving Tree Fundraisers:

Turkey Dinner @ White Lake Eagles
11/10/24 - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
1204 S. Lake Street
Whitehall, MI 49461

Turkey Dinner @ St. Mary's of the Woods
11/20/24 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
150 Church Street
Twin Lake, MI 49457



Remember to vote on
November 5th



Bishop's Newsletter October 2024

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Please Go to Church

I've learned a phrase from Pastor Christopher Laughlin: BLUF – Bottom Line Up Front. So here it is: please go to church every Sunday from the time you read this through November 10 for the well-being of our country. If you have been worshiping online but can meet in person, please go to church. Of course, if you are sick or unable to get to church, please stay home.

Why am I making this request? Many of us are exhausted by the tenor of our public discourse, appalled by the telling of lies, and afraid of political violence, regardless of the outcome of the election. Going to worship can prepare us for the remainder of the campaign, the election, and the aftermath in several important ways.

During the pandemic, Pastor Betsy Kamphuis observed that attending Sunday worship and behaving at our "Sunday Best" reset us for the remainder of the week. Pastor Betsy mused that, denied Sunday worship, people's attitudes, interactions, and behaviors devolved. Going to church helps us be our best selves, we might say our child-of-godliness. Our nation needs its citizens to be at their best. Going to church puts us in a place of being reminded that other people, people with whom we might disagree, are not primarily Republicans or Democrats, Trump or Harris, or even Americans. Other people, people with whom we might disagree, are, like us, children of God, joined to Christ's death and resurrection, sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever, and members with us in the body of Christ. Going to church at least gives us pause to regard one another as siblings in Christ or children of God or as God's beloved creation.

Going to church provides an opportunity to pray for our country together. And I hope our prayers would get specific. We could pray for safe and fair elections, for the safety of our candidates, for poll workers. Perhaps we can sit in silence and listen for what God is saying to us. Yes, we can go into our room, shut the door, and pray to our father who is in secret. But there is something profound about going into our room together.

Going to church, we hear about Jesus together. I keep returning to verses from Ephesians: "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (1: 7-10). God will gather all things up in Christ and no election will stop God. Of course, for us to hear about Jesus, preachers need to preach about Jesus. So let's commit that we will proclaim Christ crucified as the power and wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1: 23-24).

I'll be at Faith in Grand Rapids (October 20), Settlement in Gowan (October 27), and Christ the King in Gladwin for Pastor Sprang's celebration (November 2). If you don't know where to go, please join me. Wherever it is, please go to church. I truly believe in these weeks it will make a real difference, if only to you.

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

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 daughter Carol Roods' home now. 95337 W. McMillan, N. Muskegon 49445
Mary Bernhardt, at Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell) 2650 Ruddiman, N. Muskegon 49445
Jane Blyth, 28801 Jefferson Ave., Apt. 332; Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081
Chris Claus, American House - 17383 174th Avenue, Spring Lake, MI 49456
Karl & Shirley Glass, with health concerns, 3232 Richmond NW, Walker, MI 49534
Marlene Holmstrom, at home. 2643 Benston Road, Whitehall, 49461
Ken & Sandy Kolb, with health issues - 6755 W. Old Channel Trail; Montague 49437
Elaine Liska, Sunrise Senior Living—Sunrise of Troy; 6870 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48098-1704.
Elaine Liska—Room 130.
Phyllis Monte, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall—1302 Warner Street, Whitehall 49461
Ruth Nurmi, with health concerns—308 E. Dayton Street, Fremont, 49412
Barb Smith, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall—1302 Warner Street, Whitehall 49461

Special Prayer Concerns:

Brianne Beekman, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diagnosed with multiple brain tumors.
Lucas Carlson, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.
Sheila Fretty, re-occurring cancer.
Elin Frietsch, diagnosed with Lymphoma
Margaret Fountain, (Mary Koenen's sister) diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Lon Grover, (Lucinda Grover's brother) with health concerns.
Frank Hollister, for continued healing
Karen Jarvis, (family friend of the Beekmans & Parks), diagnosed with colon cancer. (surgery scheduled in October).
Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).
Pastor Sarah Samuelson, at home, diagnosed with colorectal cancer
Paul Vos, (Ken and Sandy Kolb's son-in-law) hearing issues
For families dealing with dementia

For the communities in N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee suffering from hurricane destruction.

Our hearts grieve for the family and friends of Donna Will, a long-time member of Lebanon who passed away on October 6. Funeral services were held on October 26th.



Worship Notes

**Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday
Worship - 10:15am**

Color: White

**Musician:
Monica Ogden**

Readings

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

**Today we pray for:
Helen Allshouse**

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 10 - Pentecost 25
Worship - 10:15am**

Color: Green

**Musician:
Monica Ogden**

Readings

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

**Today we pray for:
Richard Carlson**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday, November 17 - Pentecost 26
Worship - 10:15am

Color: Green

Readings

Musician:
Monica Ogden

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

Today we pray for:
Miranda Clark

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 24 - Christ the King
Worship - 10:15 am

Color: White

Readings

Musician:
Monica Ogden

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

Today we pray for:
Mitch & Hailey Clark

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.**



2024



11/1	SuLyn Schmuker	11/10	Charles Peabody
11/2	Samuel Troy	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	11/29	Macy Hendrixon



11/05/15	Jon and Danielle DeMumbrum
11/22/22	Dakota and Ginny King



Baptism Anniversaries



11/1	Sandra Kolb	11/15	Cindy Albert
11/1	Brian Jaekel	11/20	Andy Hildebrandt
11/4	Mardi Otto	11/20	Emily Snell Glass
11/4	Debbie Svensson	11/25	Nate Aardema
11/8	David Roesler	11/26	Sarah Stacy Schmalz
11/9	Jeffrey Hendrixon	11/27	Hannah Bowen
11/11	Katie Thompson		

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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**Excerpt from the ELCA statement on climate change:*

Our planet has a fever, and this climate crisis is a Kairos moment. Just as Martin Luther's cancer reflected "a dynamic of protest & reform matched to a keen sense of Kairos," all Christians are called to face the climate crisis in a similar way. As members of this society, we would do well to heed the insight of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose words in his time resonate for us as we confront the climate crisis today.

We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life & history, there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time . . . Over the bleached bones and jumbled residue of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words, "Too late."

Our neighbors include "all people and creation throughout the world. Christians have a prophetic obligation to identify the power of sin present in social structures, and to advocate in hope with poor and powerless people." One of the greatest injustices wreaked by climate change is how, across the globe, those living in poverty have contributed least to produce it and yet bear the greatest consequences.

Some of us have benefitted from these structural forces at the expense of others who live with the consequences in degraded landscapes and polluted conditions. In our liturgy, we name this systemic reality in the confession: 'We are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.' Once we understand our own participation in this systemic harm, we can identify it as sin, confess it, and through the grace and strength of God, begin to act differently.

We affirm the overwhelming scientific evidence that the current rise in emissions & related global warming has been caused by human activity;

We promote a just transition from fossil fuels to a clean-energy future through public investments.

We include a US target of 50% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by 2030.

We affirm the Paris Agreement.

This social message is rooted in our duty to be responsible caretakers of God's creation. It is motivated by that responsibility and by hope.

Martin Luther King Jr " A time to break silence"



Calling all crafters: if you are interested in donating made items to charities but don't have the quilting gene (this describes me, too!) we can start a craft for charity group. Knitting, crocheting, embroidery, fleece tying, felt crafts, any others coming to mind? This is a good way to learn new skills as well as brush up on old ones without having to figure out what went wrong on your own. (Not all of us learn by YOUtube.) I would love it if there was enough interest to have evening as well as day times for this. I have enough odds and ends from old projects to get a few of us started. Some of you may as well.

Please give me a yell.

Diane Eastman

893-0121 (landline, leave a message)

cell: 231-923-3086

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Thanksgiving Thoughts from Marci Bentz-Thrivent Whitehall Office

Did you know that gratitude and worry come from the same part of your brain? This is great news for all of us – not just during this month of thanksgiving, but for any time we feel overcome with anxious thoughts. God has wired our brains in such a way that gratitude and worry cannot coexist. It may help to think of these as TV channels. When the gratitude channel is on, the worry channel is off – and vice versa.

The apostle Paul must've known this when he wrote to the Philippians and said (4:6), “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” He isn't just giving us something to try when we're worrying; he's giving us the solution to stop worry in its tracks. And then, he follows it up with an incredible promise, “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (4:7)

November is the perfect month to put this practice into action. If you'd like an easy place to begin, you can find a video and guidebook pages from our friends at Roots & Wings. Just follow this link to jumpstart your gratitude journey today: <https://tinyurl.com/RWgratitude>.

For any financial questions, needs or concerns, please call Marci Bentz, your Financial Advisor, Whitehall Thrivent Office at 231-894-8886, cell 231-760-8246 or email

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