

Crossroads



Pastor's Thoughts—

Greetings to all the Saints at Blue Springs,

We celebrate heroes of faith in this time of the church year. We remember the life and work of Martin Luther on the last Sunday of October. He indeed was person who lived his faith. He endured great struggles and faced what seemed to be overwhelming difficulties. His enduring gift to us is the rediscovery of significance the life –changing power of faith. His legacy today in our lives as the faithful ones who continue in faithfulness to his legacy of faith in the grace of God.

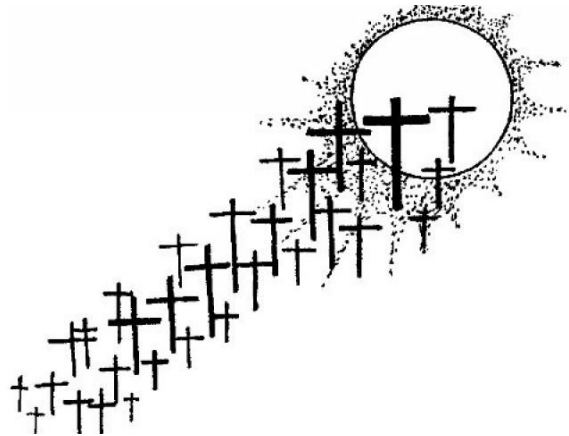
On the first Sunday of November, we celebrate All Saints Day. We remember all those who have gone before us. The blessings of their lives of faith are our legacy. In my family, great-grandfather left his family in Germany to come to America to find a new life. He maintained his life as a member of the church and passed on that faith to his children. These ancestors set the path for us. They endured many setbacks and challenges in their lives. Yet they remained faithful or true to the heritage and gifts that they had received. How much we have to be thankful for the gifts of our inheritance from them.

As we reflect on the gifts of Martin Luther and our inheritance of faith, we realize that we also have a legacy to pass on. Our faith as reflected in our values and practices are the gifts that we pass on to future generations. Our history of struggle and overcoming the obstacles of our lives will provide an inheritance for future generations.

May the Lord of all grace bless us and all those who follow us.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. William O. George, Transition Pastor



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting - November 17, 2019

As we reach the end of our annual Stewardship Drive, we anticipate what we will reap for next year's work. Please join us on Sunday, November 17, 2019, to review and approve the proposed budget that will be presented at that time. We will meet at 10:30am, following worship service.

Your commitment for the coming year will help us determine what type of leadership we can look forward to preparing for as we continue our transitional journey with Pastor George. Your participation is crucial to maintaining our life here at All Saints.

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Our Vision

A Welcoming Place and People Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Our Mission

We seek to fulfill this vision by:

- ◇ **Celebrating God's Love**
- ◇ **Growing in God's Love**
- ◇ **Reaching out with God's Love**
- ◇ **Serving with God's Love**

Time To Measure Up

By Nancy Cramer

As we approach the seasons of Advent and of Christmas, it is an appropriate time for us to “measure up.” What do I mean by that phrase? Of course, it is your ideas that are important to you, but here are some questions to consider:

- 1) How have I done this year in my role as a (parent, mother, father, daughter, sister, brother etc)?
- 2) Have I met my expectations? Or did I even have any expectations of how I want to behave in that role?
- 3) Are my expectations, or goals, or achievements, appropriate for me? Do they match or exceed what I am capable of?
- 4) What are the expectations of me as seen by others? (parent, teacher, friend, spouse, child etc)
- 5) What new goals should I set for myself? Are they too ambitious, or not high enough, or just right?

6) What have I done as a citizen this year- to help others, to obey laws, to improve life for me and others?

7) How have I acted according to my Christian faith? Have I succeeded, excelled, or fallen below?

8) What goals will I set for myself in all the above categories? (NOTE: If you define these now, you will have your New Year’s resolutions done ahead of time!) 😊😊😊

People sometimes get a pat on their back for accomplishments. If you have continued through this list, then you deserve that pat on the back. Give yourself one right now, and enjoy the beauty, mystery, majesty, and glory of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

*Time for reflection
before the new
year...*



STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH
Sunday, November 3

The leadership of All Saints Lutheran Church invite everyone to a Stewardship Brunch on November 3 at 11:15am. This meal is meant as a “thank you” for your participation and support of the annual Stewardship Drive that will provide the basis for our budget for the next year.

There will be 3 types of egg casseroles for you to enjoy, along with a hash brown casserole. A plate of cheese and fruits to choose from along with a plate of pastries to tickle your sweet tooth. Juices and coffee will be available.

If you are planning on attending a signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Let us know the number in your party. We would love to have enough food for all.

Thanksgiving Service
11/27—PieFest Following

Bring your favorite pie for fellowship following our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 6:30pm.

Join the fun, fellowship and taste all the different pies that are brought.

Sharing and Giving—November

Blue Springs Community Services League—

November, a month for thanks for all we have. A time thanksgiving to God. A time when many people are thankful for the gifts you share with them. Many don't know where their next meal is coming from and if weren't for the gifts you share - that can of green beans, box of cereal or pasta many would otherwise not eat. With the Holiday Season coming consider some Holiday meal foods like a box of stuffing, can of cranberries, a can of yam or a box of mashed potatoes with a gravy mix. A can or two of vegetables or canned ham or chicken. Many would love a can of pumpkin for a pie or bars. Possibly some brown sugar or white sugar and flour for baking.

Be that blessing for others. BSCL is thankful for all you do.



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Needed: Clothing and Household Items!

Did you know that the Blue Springs Community Service League has set up a new program with Good Will to help others?

Any clothing or small household items brought in are taken to Goodwill who then weights the items and gives the league gift certificates to give to clients. Clients can then go back to Goodwill to purchase items they need with the certificates they were given.

Bottom line, bring in clothing and small items throughout the year, and we will deliver them to BSCSL. Please mark bags for BSCSL. Any questions, contact Sharon LeVasseur at sharonlvssr2@gmail.com.

Christmas Giving Tree

The MLM Christmas Giving Tree will be up starting with Sunday, November 3rd. Choose from the ornaments on the tree and purchase the gift on the back, return the unwrapped gift, and place under the tree. Gifts will need to be here by the start of the service on Sunday, December 1th, when gifts will be delivered to MLM for The Christmas Store. The Christmas starts the 4th of December. Thank you for sharing a part of yourself by making another's Christmas a little brighter.

Teen Hygiene Kits

Consider a donation of Single pack Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Deodorant, Travel size Hand sanitizer or pocket size Kleenex for BSCSL Teen Hygiene Kits. One of each or as many of any one or combination of will be helpful. Tuesday's Creative Friends Group has been putting the kits together for the Blue Springs League.

Sign Up for Text Messaging!

Get notified via text, when we have sudden church closings due to weather, news events, special announcements, and general reminders.

How to sign up:

On your phone, text the keyword **EZASLCBS** to **484848**. In a few seconds you'll get a confirmation text and when you reply to that, you're in.

News from the Council—

As we begin our busy holiday season, it seems that the work we started at the beginning of this church year (June) has only just begun. We've only been able to start adjusting to our duties when the Stewardship Drive was upon us, leading to the November Congregational meeting, followed by Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and the New Year.

However, most of all, we are thankful.

We are accepting the fact that we have challenges to overcome, or in some cases, embrace. It is subtle, but we, as a congregation, are evolving. Changing as we discover our unknown strengths and talents to move forward. Our kids (and they are all OUR KIDS) are developing a sense of responsibility and understanding of our church—why we do what we do, how we do it, and offering insights about things that we adults have had blinders on. As we worship together, we learn about each other's styles of worship, singing, and even inhibitions. We support each other in our weaknesses.

We are growing.

This month we will offer a Stewardship brunch as a thank you for your support and participation in the past four weeks of understanding our needs, and how our time, talents and monies can take care of them. This meal is not meant to be work for anyone in the congregation, although we will all take part in the responsibility.



Parish Council News

While we do, we should recognize that the Stewardship Drive is actually for each of us. It will provide the means for us to continue our work into the next year. It will provide us with a better picture of the type of leadership we will be able to support into the future of ASLC.

We have a great number of activities over the next few months. Our Pie Fest is always great fun, perhaps this is the time to not only open your home's doors to family and friends for Thanksgiving, but extend the invitation to others to join you on Thanksgiving Eve at All Saints.

Thanksgiving comes late this year, and Advent starts immediately following. We will host our Advent meal on 12/8, another opportunity to share our fellowship with our friends and family. We will have a Youth worship service on 12/15, when we switch up things a bit by including our kids. The Sunday School staff continues to plan trips to other churches for our youth, promoting open dialogue and understanding in their minds, and even in the teachers' thoughts as well.

Council continues to work with Pastor George on the transition plans, and we continue our research into the possibility of creating a community garden. We also continue to work toward developing what ASLC's mission is, and that is not done without your help.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your participation. And thank you—for being you.

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NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 All Saints Sunday 9:15am Worship Service HC 10:30am Sunday School Stewardship Meal 11 am <i>Day Light Savings Time-</i>	4	5 Creative Friends 1pm	6 Confirmation Class 6pm Bell Choir Practice 6pm	7 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	8	9 Men's Breakfast Bob Evans 8am
10 9:15am Worship Service HC 10:30am Sunday School	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12 Creative Friends 1pm Girl Scouts troop #1214 6:30pm	13 Confirmation Class 6pm Bell Choir Practice 6pm	14 Council Meeting 6:30pm <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	15	16
17 9:15am Worship Service HC 10:30am Congregational Meeting	18	19 Creative Friends 1pm	20 Confirmation Class 6pm Bell Choir Practice 6pm <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Deadline</i>	21 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i>	22	23 Project Comfort 9:00am-Noon
24 Christ the King Sunday 9:15am Worship Service HC 10:30am Sunday School <i>Colffee With Council</i>	25	26 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> Girl Scouts troop #1214 6:30pm	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30- 8pm Pies to follow	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Hanging of the Greens 9:00 am

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Sunday Services
 9:15a.m.

Sunday School
 (age 3 and up)
 10:30am

2019-2020 Church Council

President	Pam Meek
Vice President	Jim McDonald
Secretary	Sara Meyers
Treasurer	Doug Neeb
Member	Nancy Cramer
Member	Joyce Cutbirth
Member	Ron Easton
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Program Ministries

Witness/Marketing/Advertising	Ron Easton
Learning/Youth	Jim McDonald
Property	Pam Meek
Service/Stewardship	Nancy Cramer
Community Life	Joyce Cutbirth
Worship/Music	Sara Meyers

Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of each month. Submissions can be emailed to the church office or Pam Meek, at pameek@kc.rr.com.

Worship Assistants—

Please note the Sunday you are expected to serve. If you cannot provide your time, please **find a substitute** and notify the church secretary as soon as possible. Thank you!

Greeter	11/3	Sharon LeVasseur
	11/10	Ron Easton & Katie Dustin
	11/17	Donna Taylor
	11/23	Sharon LeVasseur
Reader	11/3	Sara Meyers
	11/10	Ron Easton
	11/17	Gwen Hake
	11/23	Karen McDonald
Ushers	11/3	Bob LeVasseur
	11/10	Katie Dustin
	11/17	Jerry Green
	11/23	Brian Hoover
Communion	11/3	Sara Meyers
	11/10	Ron Easton
	11/17	Gwen Hake
	11/23	Karen McDonald
Acolyte	11/3	Tyler Melton
	11/10	Sierra Kieffer
	11/17	Addison Antes
	11/23	Noelle Benz

We are looking for a greeter, reader, and usher to assist with our Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27 at 6:30pm. Please contact Sharon LeVasseur if you can help.

Plan Ahead—

We have a brisket donated for All Saints Annual Advent Dinner, 12/8. We need two turkey's and a ham. If you would like to donate, please contact Joyce Cutbirth, Sharon LeVassuer, Sheryl Seevers or Anne Lee.

Let us know how many will be attending by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Bring you favorite side dish and/or dessert to share with the meal.

If you can help in any way for even a few minutes, before, during or after we would appreciate that too. Everything from moving chairs to cleaning tables to vacuuming or setting up is needed.

Most of all we would love your presence as we celebrate this Christmas Season upon us.



Happy Birthday to—

Sheryl Seevers	11/5
Mary Simpson	11/6
Skip Davis	11/7
Don Shutt	11/8
Betsy Reese	11/9
Ron Miller	11/19
Michael Blair	11/24
Howard Watson	11/27
Gary Antes	11/29
Zachary Antes	11/29