

The Guided Light

Memorial Lutheran & First Presbyterian Churches

November 2020

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Happenings...

Every Sunday

Adult Sunday School ZOOM 9:00

In-person Worship 10:15

Facebook Worship 10:15

Every Tuesday

Busy Bunch 9:00

Every Wednesday

Staff Meeting: 10:00 am

November 1

All Saints Day

Care Team Calls to Homebound

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 3

Election Day

November 4, 11, 18

Basic Bible Class, 6:00 pm

November 8

Stewardship Sunday

November 9

Worship Committee (In-person & ZOOM) 6:00

November 11

Veterans Day

November 15

Pastor Chon Installation

November 16

Council Meeting 6:00 pm

November 22

Christ the King Sunday

November 24

Newsletter deadline

November 26

Thanksgiving Day

November 29

1st Sunday of Advent

Deck the Halls

Mission: "Growing the faith, connecting with the lost, and helping those in need as we share God's Word through education, sacraments, worship, praise, and fellowship"





...from the Pugh

Matthew 25: 35 I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

These words from Matthew really resonate with me since arriving in Texas City. Danny and I have been feed by so many of you or given gift certificates for food. I hesitate to mention names for fear of leaving a name out. But to you all, thank-you.

When we were thirsty from moving so many of you offered your backs, your strength, and your physical effort to help us out. To you all, thank-you.

When we were strangers you took us in and welcomed us. To you all we thank-you. We have felt so welcomed and accepted even during this time of Covid.

I want to thank all of you who came to a small group gathering. This was such a gift to me to have this time to get to know you better and find out all the different ways to eat an Oreo! I learned a lot about you, the church, and your dreams for the future from these small groups.

Here are some of the findings from the gatherings:

Attendees: Presbyterians – 7; Other – 3; Lutheran – 25

Three things the church does well: Answers receiving three votes or more

Fellowship – 18

Welcome People – 15

Minister to each other in need – 7

Coordinate fundraisers for community help – 7

Address spiritual needs/worship – 6

Choir/music – 6

Eat/Cook – 4

Sunday School – 3

Lutheran and Presbyterian working together – 3

VBS – 3

Things people were willing to work on to change

Encourage youth – 4

Worship/Advent songs – 3

Reverence in worship – 2

Outreach – 2

Long range planning – 2

Things to be addressed in the future:

Growth – 7

Outreach/new – 3

Youth needs – 2

As I look at these results Mem1. We take really good care of each other. We give food, drink and welcome exceptionally well – when people come to us.

So, what do you say – should we take this show on the road? How about we go out into the community? We make 2021 the year to reach beyond our walls through mission and ministry. Maybe we have a mission of the month. Let us see what a difference we can make in the lives of students at Texas City High School. Let us get out into the cyber world of social media. Let us see what the future holds! Let us share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Texas City border and beyond. Let us go Mem1!



To get added to this pastoral care list, I need the individual requesting pastoral care to notify me or the church office. This insures the person wants pastoral care. So if you are having surgery and would like a pre-surgery prayer, let me know. On the other hand, please don't get upset if you don't receive a pre-surgery prayer if I didn't know you were having surgery. Know my office door is always open if you need to talk. Or you can make an appointment. You are important to me. Blessings, Pastor Chon

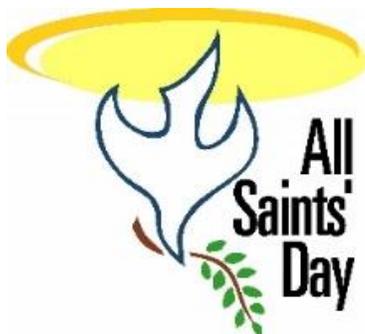
PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



Prayer is one of the basics in a life of faith. From a young age we often are taught to pray before we go to bed and before our meals. When you have a significant event in your life, good or bad, praying about it always helps, and then also having others pray about the event makes it so much better.

Did you know there is a Prayer Chain here at Memorial/First? Well, there is and here is how it operates.

1. You have a prayer request you want others to share.
2. If it concerns another person, you ask that person if it can be shared.
3. If it can be shared, contact the church office either in person or by email with the specific prayer request in writing. It can be a person or a thing. (Please do not call the church office with the information. We would hate to spell a name wrong or get an event wrong because of a communication problem.)
4. Prayer requests can be concerns, deaths or thanksgivings. We want to pray for the birth of your new children, grandchildren or great grandchildren. Weddings are also a celebration to be thankful for.
5. Once a prayer request arrives at the church office, it is shared with the people on the church prayer chain. (More on the prayer chain to follow).
6. The prayer request will be on the prayer chain list for two weeks and prayed for in church for two weeks.
7. After two weeks, the prayer request will be removed and it will need to be resubmitted to the church office if needed.



NOVEMBER 1



Are you a prayer warrior - someone who incorporates prayer into your daily life - and would like to be a part of Memorial First's prayer chain? If so, contact the church office and get on the prayer chain list. What does this entail?

1. A prayer request is received in the church office.
2. The prayer is then sent to the prayer chain.
3. As a member of the prayer chain, you'll receive the prayer request and pray the request during the next week.
4. Each week you will receive a new prayer list on Thursday. As new prayers come in each week, they will be added to the Thursday prayer list and forwarded to you.
5. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31st.



November 8: Jim & Becky Davis
 November 18: Lance & Tabitha Lewton
 November 22: Bill & Carol Wylly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 9: Laura Stephenson
 November 11: Aletha Heckendorn
 November 12: Lee Stephenson
 November 13: John Hander
 November 17: Brenda Bodine
 November 19: Arthur Lowe
 November 20: Frances Fundling
 November 23: Liz DeLaGarza
 November 24: Ronald Bodine
 November 24: Tim Healy
 November 25: Brian Luke
 November 26: James Froebel, Sr.
 November 26: Adam Hansley
 November 26: Elizabeth Hansley
 November 28: Cecelia Kouns
 November 29: Mike Allison
 November 30: John Hackbarth

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

November 24



Stewardship Sunday November 8th

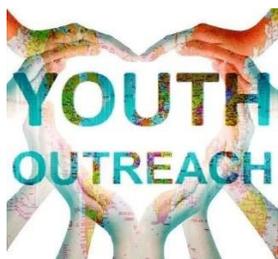
You will receive a letter, a pledge card, and a Time & Talent Survey for 2021 shortly in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to the church for 2021, complete your pledge card and mail to the church office or bring with you on November 8th. If you did not receive a letter, please go by the church office, or contact Arthur Lowe 409-692-3877. Also, pledge cards will be available on Pledge Sunday. Thank you.

ARE YOU HUNGRY? We hope you are! The OKTOBERFEST Kitchen Crew invites you to a pork dinner on Sunday, November 8th. Jamie Froebel is smoking pork loins and pork butts. For a FREE WILL offering, you can get a loin dinner including Violet's baked beans, cole slaw either pulled pork or sliced pork loin. Or you may get a pulled pork sandwich. We will be selling 2# packages of pulled pork or sliced loin for \$10.00 (\$5 PER Lb.) You may eat under the pavilion or take your dinner home. ES IST SEHR GUT!



November 11

Thank you to all our Veterans!



Youth Outreach Opportunity

Wednesday, November 25 at 2 pm we will be packing food boxes at the Chamber of Commerce building. The boxes will be delivered to families who are housing "homeless " high school students. We need volunteers. For more information call Peggy Dietel at 409-392-7087.

From MLC Council Secretary Janine Luke

1. To robe or not to robe:

Pastor Chon is leaving it up to the lay readers if they would like to wear a robe or not (Lutherans). However, there are special occasions that the lay reader will have to robe up. Sue will check over the lay readers schedule and may have to make adjustments.

2. Pastor Chon's room refresh:

The money for this came from: 1. Property's Budget for the paint and 2. Memorial funds for the furniture and 3. laptop from the Busy Bunch.

3. Smile! You may be on camera!

Danny and Karen are working hard to get the Sunday service live stream up and filming. Vineyard Church paid off their loan in a lump sum of \$8708.34. That money has been ear marked for starting up this project. So far, about \$4000 has been spent. If you have the knowledge and know how, they would welcome your assistance!!



UFA Monthly Collection Items: Since food stamps can't be used to buy non-food items, the United Faith Alliance Is asking churches to collect non-food items on a rotating basis. **Toilet paper & personal hygiene wipes has been designated for the November collection.** Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the church narthex.



Offices will be closed Thursday November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving



Deck the Halls, Sunday, November 29, 11:30 pm. On this Sunday, after worship, we will meet to decorate the church for Christmas. All are invited to help decorate. Fellowship Committee



Sunday, Dec. 6th Church Family Christmas Lunch (more info to follow)

