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November Readings

November 1 & 2

All Saints Sunday

First Reading..... Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm.....Psalm 149

Second Reading.....Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel.....Luke 6:20-31

November 8 & 9

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Job 19:23-27a

Psalm.....Psalm 17:1-9

Second Reading ..2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel.....Luke 20:27-38

November 15 & 16

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

First ReadingMalachi 4:1-2a

Psalm.....Psalms 98

Second Reading.....2 Timothy 3:6-13

Gospel.....Luke 21: 5-19

November 22 & 23

24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm.....Psalm 46

Second Reading.....Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel.....Luke 23:33-43

November 29 & 30

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading.....Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm.....Psalm 122

Second ReadingRomans 13:11-14

Gospel.....Matthew 24:36-44



November Birthdays

Sun

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						1 <i>Jo Borges</i>
2 <i>Jean LeBreux</i>	3	4	5 <i>Cindy Leckvarcik Dick Malsack</i>	6	7	8 <i>John Hammond</i>
9	10 <i>Chris Rhind</i>	11 <i>Judy Baassler Bruce Klockars Sharon Moreland</i>	12	13 <i>Gary Deierlein Jon Elletson</i>	14 <i>Larry Camp Lyle Schultz Linda Vance</i>	15 <i>Joyce Reemts Fred Rehorst</i>
16 <i>Pastor Groce Eve Pry</i>	17	18 <i>Hazel Bardash</i>	19 <i>Dennis Haberhern</i>	20 <i>Sue Dugan Karen Sloboda</i>	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Neil Martin</i>	26 <i>Craig Floros</i>	27	28	29
30 <i>Jon Fischer</i>						



November Anniversaries

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9	10 George & Shirley Seibert(53)	11 June & Dave Seaver (58)	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27 Mac & Donna McFadden (59)	28 Greg & Irene Paul	29
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Pastor Lewis Groce

Every year on November 1, the Church marks All Saints Day. We call to mind and give thanks for those from this congregation who have died in the covenant of their baptism and have entered the Church Triumphant - the Church at rest. We, brothers and sisters, comprise the Church Militant, the Church will continues to struggle and engage in the work of ministry. The Church Triumphant resides in the power and presence of God - at peace and at praise! Personally, I think there is much hymn singing, but I cannot prove that!

This year we remember: Jan Martin, Duane Schiller, Betty Anderson, Annette Waters, Jim Radcliffe, Peggy Nicholas, Ruth Lazur, and Jim Mercer. As we remember, we give thanks for the time and ministry we shared. We give thanks for the reward which is now theirs.

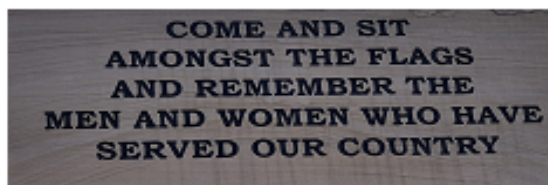
I was struck recently by the secular version of this. Within Robin Hood Park is the Veterans and First Responders Memorial. If you have not taken the opportunity to visit, please do. It is powerful and humbling. I had gotten bricks for my dad Aaron and my uncle Gus. When I went to look for them, I found them together. That is the point where the sacred and secular intersect. Community.

I am attaching some photos, and the very first one is profound:

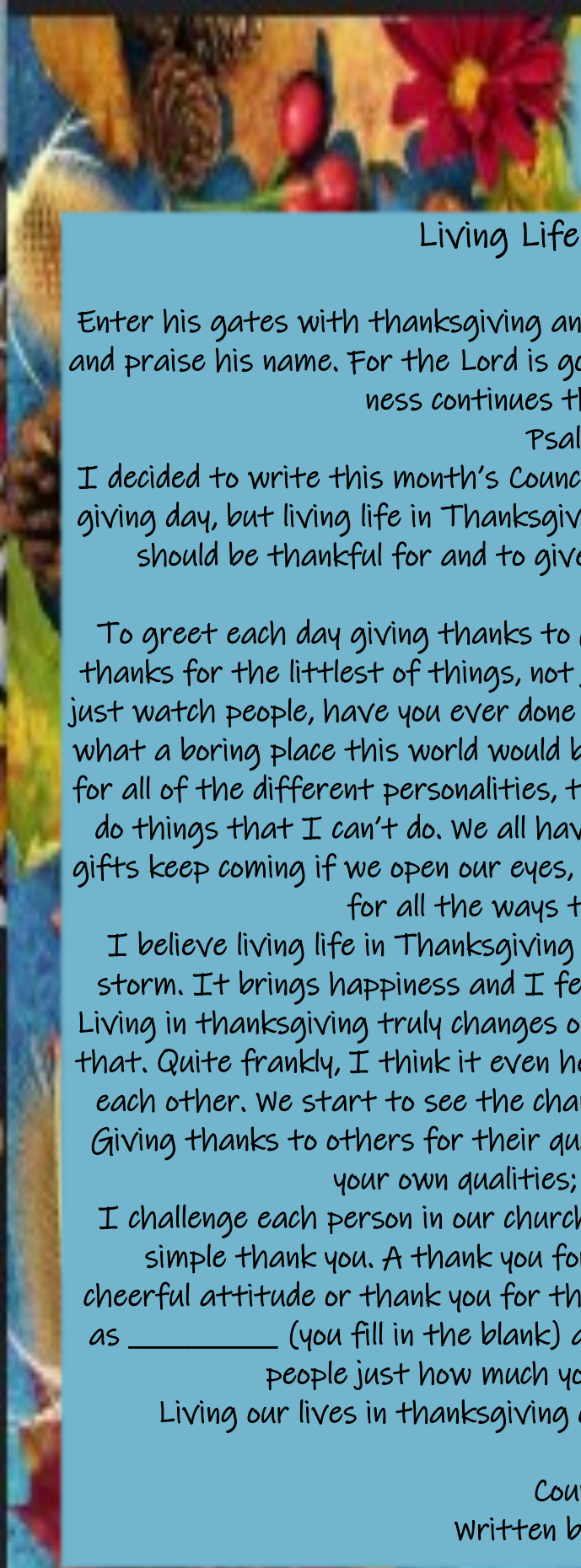
A reminder to honor and remember those we memorialize and an aspirational prayer that their memory would inspire those who follow after them. That's you and me.



All Saints is one of my favorite holy days because we intentionally stop of the noise of our busy world to remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us. To remember and give thanks for the opportunity to be Church in this time and place. To remember and give thanks for the example which they set and the love which they passed down to us.



God's Peace— Pr. Groce



Christ Lutheran's Council Corner

Living Life in Thanksgiving

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

I decided to write this month's Council Corner about "Thanksgiving" Not Thanksgiving day, but living life in Thanksgiving. I try to focus everyday on the things I should be thankful for and to give thanks to God for all he has given me.

To greet each day giving thanks to God for all we have or do not have, to give thanks for the littlest of things, not just big things. I love to go somewhere and just watch people, have you ever done that? I like to see how different we all are, what a boring place this world would be if we were all the same. So, I give thanks for all of the different personalities, talents, and the abilities that people have to do things that I can't do. We all have our special gifts from God. Seriously, the gifts keep coming if we open our eyes, listen, and give a simple thank you every day for all the ways that God has blessed us.

I believe living life in Thanksgiving everyday helps us to be calmer during the storm. It brings happiness and I feel that it shows people how much we care. Living in thanksgiving truly changes our view point on things and people pick up on that. Quite frankly, I think it even helps us to grow deeper in a relationship with each other. We start to see the character of others that we are thankful for. Giving thanks to others for their qualities of life could open the door to noticing your own qualities; it's ok to thank yourself!

I challenge each person in our church to reach out to someone and give them a simple thank you. A thank you for a simple thing like: thank you for your cheerful attitude or thank you for that great smile, thank you for the job you do as _____ (you fill in the blank) and the list goes on. I believe it would show people just how much you notice and care about them.

Living our lives in thanksgiving could be life changing. Yours and theirs

Council Corner
Written by Becky Bigelow

**We Welcome
New Members
To
Christ Lutheran Church**



**Joe & Bonnie Brady
November 2, 2025**



CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

It's time to sign up for the kid you want to go shopping for. The list is on the bulletin board.

REMEMBER

The list of children with names and ages has been posted. Everyone that is able to go shopping can sign up to shop for one or more of the kids on the list.

All money donations will need to be into the church by Thursday, November 6.

The special form from House of Hope with House of Hope's instructions, the child's wish list, and the money available to spend will be distributed at Saturday service, November 8 and Sunday service, November 9.

Please contact Linda LeBreux (508 243-3144) if you need other arrangements.

All gifts must be returned UNWRAPPED in large trash bags tied with the pipe cleaners and the forms. PLEASE DO NOT PUT KNOTS IN THE

Note from Joy

Thank you so much for my wonderful retirement luncheon this past Sunday. Everything was just perfect! The decorations, the food, the tributes, the speakers, the music, the cards, the gifts, etc., etc. I know it took a lot of planning and effort on the part of many people to pull it all together. Serving as your Music Director for the past six years has been a labor of love, and I will miss all of you so much!

Joy Rachor

Joy's Retirement Party



FOOD DRIVE

As SNAP benefits expire and layoffs/closings all impact area families, our food pantries NEED OUR HELP.

Please contribute canned & non-perishables with unexpired "use-by" dates and pull top tabs including boxed milk, cooking oil, complete meal boxes, canned meats, vegetables, fruits and paper products.

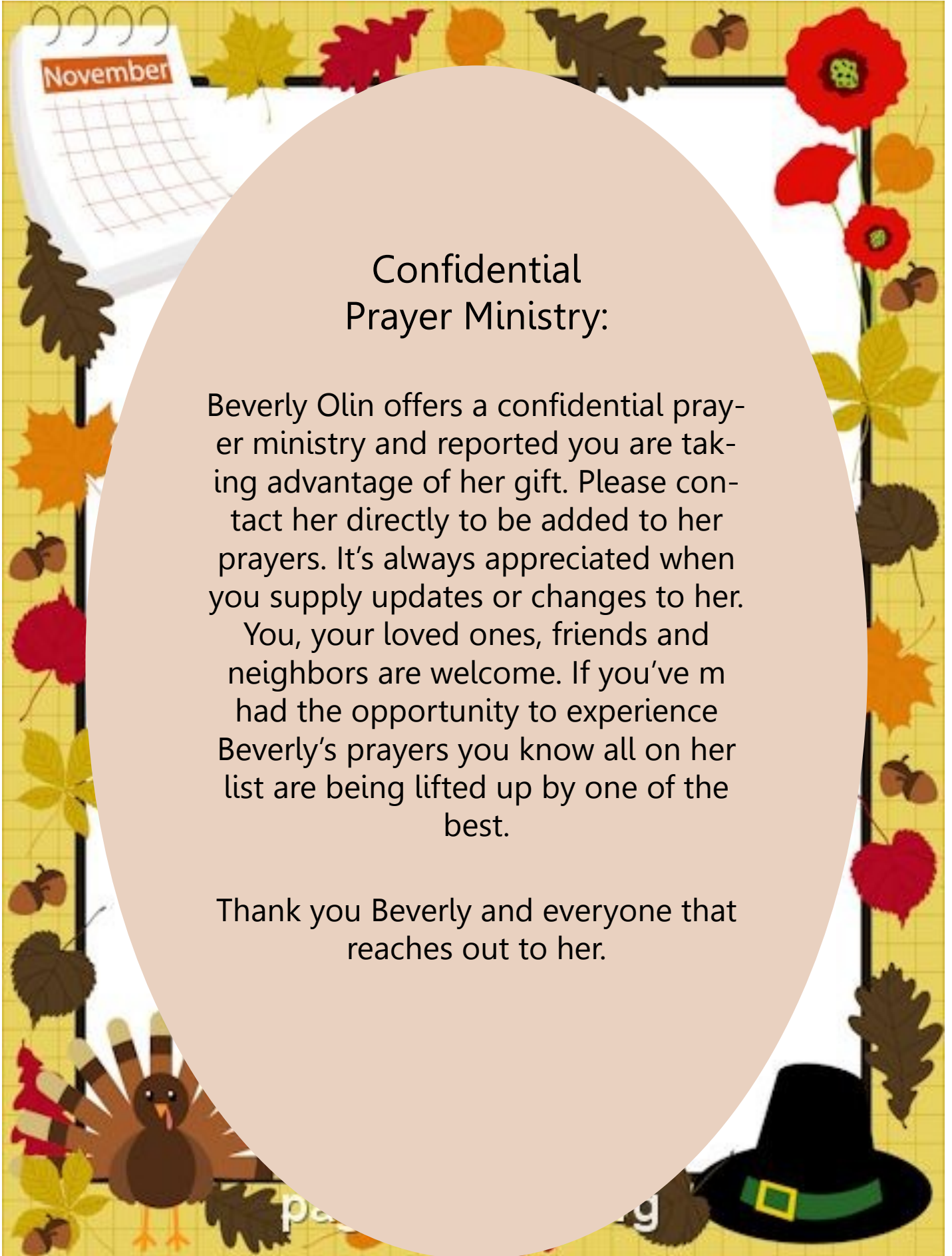
Donations can be placed in the box marked Food Drive in the Narthex.



FOOD DRIVE

CANNED & NON-PERISHABLES ONLY





Confidential Prayer Ministry:

Beverly Olin offers a confidential prayer ministry and reported you are taking advantage of her gift. Please contact her directly to be added to her prayers. It's always appreciated when you supply updates or changes to her.

You, your loved ones, friends and neighbors are welcome. If you've m had the opportunity to experience Beverly's prayers you know all on her list are being lifted up by one of the best.

Thank you Beverly and everyone that reaches out to her.

Amen

Amen means "truly" or "verily". It is an exclamation acknowledging the genuineness or veracity of a statement, petition, benediction, or doxology. Jesus often used the words "Truly, I tell you" to start his teachings. Therefore, When we say, "Amen" we are saying, "Yes before God I agree with that; I believe that to be true; I want that to be so; I am genuine and earnest in my prayer."

The Bible gave us our start with including Amen inside passages and concluding prayers, oaths and affirmations. The Old Testament's use of the word is likened to the phrase, "so be it", and it serves as a confirmation of events and words of the Lord as truth. The practice continued in the New Testament and Jesus' use of Amen (verily or truly), gives us a standard model to follow when we pray or affirm a truth from Scripture.

Historical Christian leaders such as Martin Luther substantiated our prayer conclusions in his book, *A Practical Way to Pray*, "Do not leave your prayer without having said or thought, 'Very well. God has heard my prayer; this I know as a certainty and a truth.' That is what Amen means."

Whether it's used in prayer or as affirmation of a biblical truth spoken or written by someone, Amen is an affirmative response we should never take lightly. If in our prayers we ask for God to exact His justice, we say amen knowing God will enact His perfect will. Whatever He chooses to do, we acquiesce to His perfect character. The Scriptures say, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" Psalm 37:4. Our delight in Him means we live to love and obey Him, and our desires will be according to His Word and will.

Adapted from Biblestudytools.com What does Amen mean, and why do we say it. Lisa Loraine Baker



..... A NOTE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

As we turn the page on the calendar and step into a new year, it offers us a wonderful opportunity to reflect, reset, and recommit ourselves to living as faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Stewardship is about more than finances—it encompasses every aspect of our lives: our time, talents, treasures, and the care we show for God's creation.

Scripture reminds us that everything we have belongs to God.

Genesis 2:15 shows us that even from the beginning, humanity was called to care for creation: *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."* Similarly,

1 Peter 4:10 encourages us to use our gifts to serve others: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." This year, let us take these words to heart and seek to be intentional in how we manage the resources, relationships, and responsibilities entrusted to us.

The start of a new year is a natural time to set goals. Consider these questions as you prayerfully plan your year:

- **Time:** How can you dedicate more time to prayer, worship, and service this year? Can you set aside a regular time for volunteering or participating in church activities?
- **Talents:** What gifts and skills has God given you? Are there ways you can use them to bless your church, your community, or those in need?
- **Treasures:** Reflect on your financial stewardship. Is this the year to begin tithing, increase your giving, or support a specific ministry or mission project?



Advent Bible Study

Come join us to study the lectionary readings and Pastor's sermon for Advent.

Starting: Dec 1—Dec 22

Mondays at 9:30 am

Room A

Facilitator: Cathy Lada

(847) 971-9473

****No sign up needed****

Bible Study of the Book of Acts

Starting: Jan 5—April 27

Mondays at 9:30 am

Room A

Sign up on Bulletin Board

Final date 12/14

**“Saved, Experiencing the Promise
Of the Book of Acts”**

By Nancy Guthrie

Facilitator: Cathy Lada

(847) 971-9473



Annual Chili Dinner



**Fall, Football, Food & Fun Fellowship
What Could be better?**

**Join Us for a Chili Dinner
On
Friday November 7, 2025
At
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**Cost: 1 jar of peanut butter to be do-
nated to the Peavine Care Center,
Or bring a crock pot of your favorite
Chili, a batch of cornbread,
or a dessert.**

**Contact Deb Tenny if you need a
ride to the dinner
(434) 237-2120**



SPAGHETTI SUPPER SUMMARY

A huge thank you to everyone who worked to make the spaghetti supper a success again. We served over 150 people with 30 pounds of spaghetti, 30 pounds of hamburger, a little less than 30 pounds of sausage, 10 gallons of sauce, more than 25 pounds of salad, 9 gallons of ice cream with a gallon of chocolate sauce.

To the many, many who sold tickets, set up the room, took down the room, cooked, served, washed dishes, ran for extras when we ran out, bought tickets and didn't want a refund even when we ran out of food – THANK YOU!!

This event was a belated "God's Work, Our Hands" event which was held nationally on September 7. It is designated as "an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor." Based on the comments I heard, our neighbors felt served and loved and loved the meal.

The profits from the supper will go to feeding more people at the Peavine Care Center and ELCA World Hunger and supporting the work at the Phoenix School in Crossville.

The November 2025 Barrel Ministry
TAD Center
Teens Against Drugs Center

Teens Against Drugs educates children, teenagers and the community on drug awareness and the prevention of drug abuse. The Mission is to reduce substance abuse and support families impacted by addiction. By providing the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving and other destructive decisions.

The staff works with second through twelfth graders after school at their TAD Center on Yvonne Ave. Often, they will have celebrations or dinners at the center. Their needs include: Paper towels and toilet paper.
Thank you for your giving hearts.





\$ 10 Soup Luncheon

**Includes choice of five soups
cornbread or crackers
Cookie / Beverage**

Dine In or Take Out

**Friday, November 14
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Christ Lutheran Church
481 Snead Drive
Fairfield Glade, TN**

New this year! Craft table!

Sponsored by the P.E.O. Sisterhood

**Proceeds benefit
women's educational scholarships**

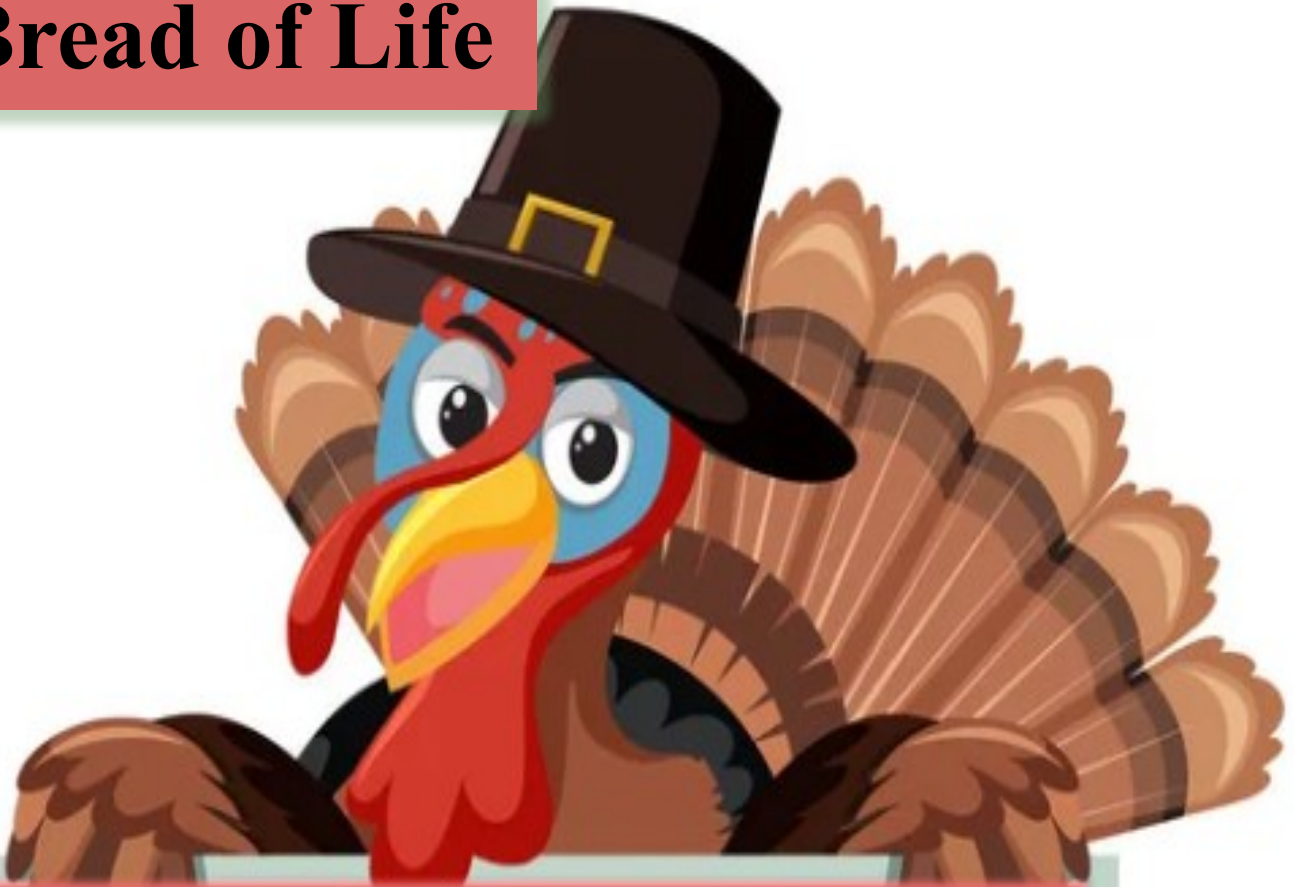
By: Denise Knebel

THANKSGIVING OR FRIENDSGIVING



DON'T EAT ALONE. PLEASE JOIN YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING
DINNER AT NOON ON THANKSGIVING
DAY. MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED THEN
SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD &
BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR
DESSERT.

Bread of Life



Date Line October 12. Loaded the food and completely filled the car. Amazingly what looked like so much food, the need was great and we had only a few servings left when all had been fed. Thanks to everyone who signed up to bring a portion of the meal, it was appreciated by nearly 80 hungry neighbors.

The November sign up sheet is on the bulletin board, please see what you can provide or if you can help deliver, serve and clean up. Sunday the noon meal is served at 1 pm, so there is plenty of time to deliver and serve after worship.

This Thanksgiving, let's remember our food insecure neighbors and help however you're able.

**Peace and thanks.
Donn and Linda Vance**

ADVENT is around the corner.

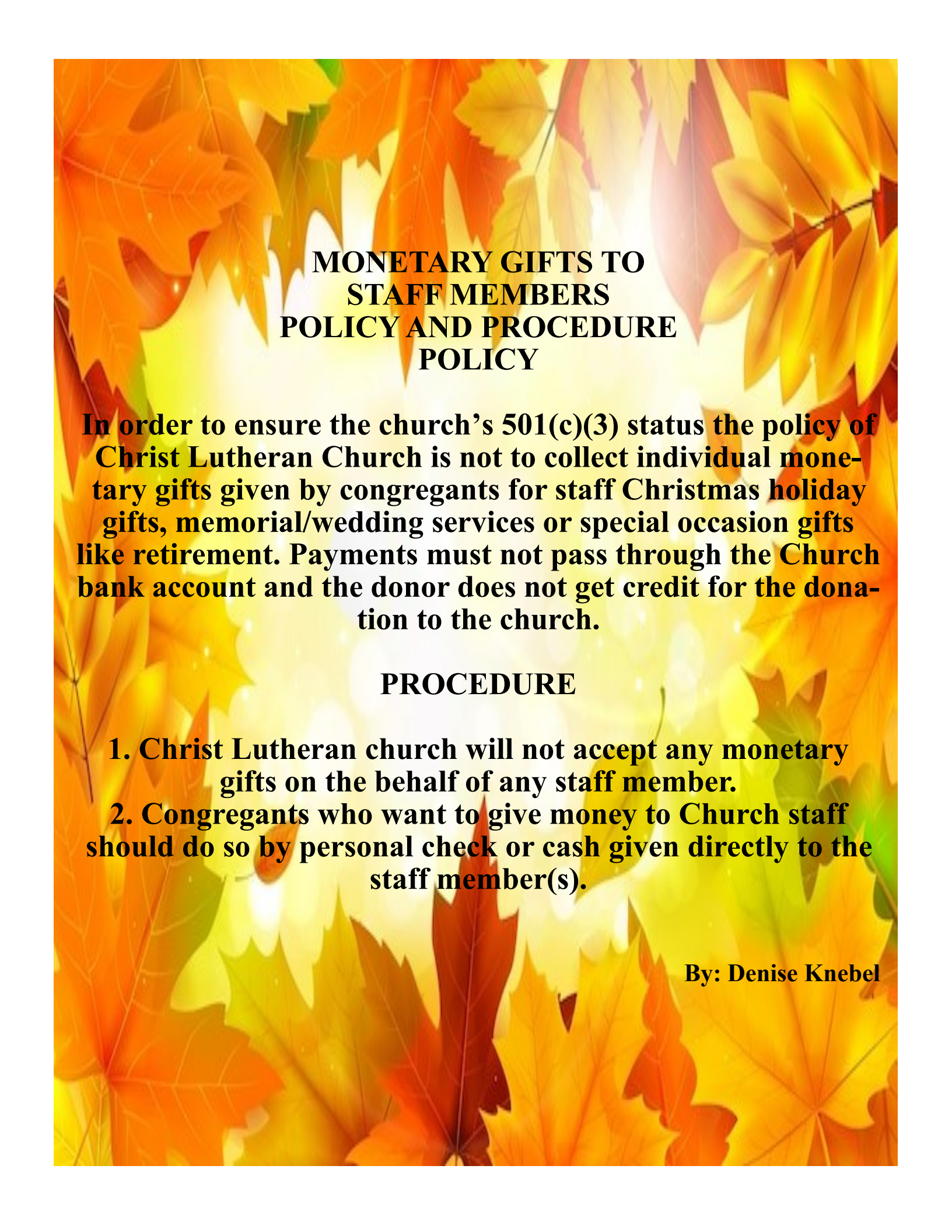
Come and help us decorate for

Advent

Saturday November 29 @ 10:00 am

In the sanctuary





MONETARY GIFTS TO STAFF MEMBERS POLICY AND PROCEDURE POLICY

In order to ensure the church's 501(c)(3) status the policy of Christ Lutheran Church is not to collect individual monetary gifts given by congregants for staff Christmas holiday gifts, memorial/wedding services or special occasion gifts like retirement. Payments must not pass through the Church bank account and the donor does not get credit for the donation to the church.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Christ Lutheran church will not accept any monetary gifts on the behalf of any staff member.**
- 2. Congregants who want to give money to Church staff should do so by personal check or cash given directly to the staff member(s).**

By: Denise Knebel

Stephen Ministry:

CLC has an active Stephen Ministry team available to help you overcome whatever finds you mired in an uncomfortable place. Perhaps you or a loved one received an unplanned diagnosis that felt like a punch in the gut; maybe you lost a loved one and feel the inability to move forward; or have you been confronted with a child or grandchild in a tough place and you need assistance to determine how you can help. Our team has been trained to help -often by using the art of listening and praying.

Contact Pastor Groce if you are interested in having a personal Stephen Minister. This ministry is confidential and offered at no cost to you.

For questions, please contact any of our Stephen Leaders.

At the October meeting we bid farewell to Sue Dugan. Sue came to CLC as a trained Stephen Minister and assisted many of our members during her time here. She will be missed. God Speed and much love as you share your gifts in Michigan.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- **Don Baassler**
- **Barb Boyce**
- **Craig Floros**
- **Glen Goergen**
- **Brabara Grove**
- **Linda LeBreux**
- **Family of Al Moenck**
- **Dave Seaver**
- **ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL**
- **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church,**
Nashville, mission partner
- **ELCA Global Mission**
- Rozella Lipke—Joe Teister's cousin's wife
- Darlene Del Rue— Family of Joe & Joan Teister.
- John Oniga, brother to Lou Oniga
- Lou Weatherford—Friend of Al & Cindy Love
- Sam Crass—Katherine Pellek's sister in law
- Bob Chase—Beth's Husband
- Mellisa G—Daughter in law of Gary & Vicki D.
- Terri Gawrych— niece of Barbara Kalmar

Fall Esther Dinner

Sunday November 16

At 5:00 pm

Topic: Rebekah

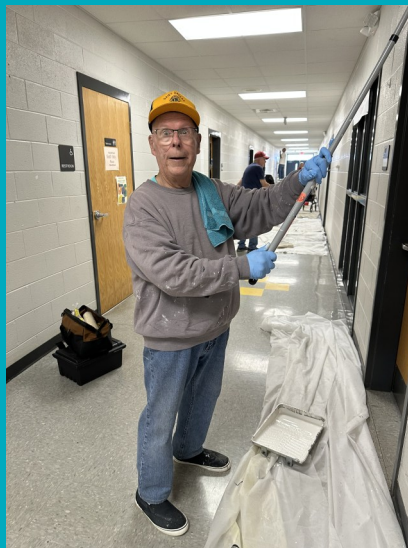
Please bring a placemat.

*Donations not required but
happily accepted.*

*Sign up sheet is available on
the
Bulletin Board*

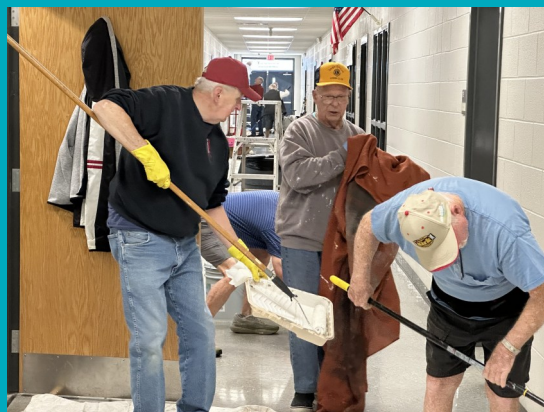


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Columbarium New Addition



Wishing you the happiness of good friends,
the joy of a happy family and
the wonder of the holiday season

Happy Thanksgiving

Life Lines Article Deadline Reminder

A friendly reminder that Life Lines articles are due by the 20th of the previous month. Beginning next month, I will no longer be able to accept submissions on the day they are scheduled to go out.

You may email your article directly to me, or use one of the submission forms available on the office door.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation. Meeting the deadline helps keep the process organized and ensures that each issue of Life Lines comes together smoothly.

