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"I will give
 THANKS
 to the LORD
 with my
 whole
 heart."



Thankfulness

10 Reasons I'm Thankful for Thankfulness by Christy Wright

Thanksgiving is inspiring, isn't it? There's something about this particular holiday that brings a fresh perspective into our lives.

But as we all know, this warm and fuzzy feeling doesn't last forever.

Too often, we treat gratitude as a holiday ornament that we pull from the attic when we're ready to decorate. After the festivities are over, we pack it away and get back to the daily grind of life.

But when we do this, we miss out on all the amazing side benefits of gratefulness.

To help us maintain a spirit of appreciation all year long, I've created a list of some of the **unbeatable benefits** of gratitude. Here are the top 10 reasons I'm thankful for thankfulness.

1. Thankfulness improves relationships.

Everyone has a need and desire to be appreciated—spouses, children, parents, friends, coworkers, even the strangers we meet in passing. So when we express gratitude for them, we not only meet their needs and lift their spirits, but we also improve the quality of our relationships with them.

2. Thankfulness creates contentment.

Media messages are constantly telling us to buy more, do more, look like this, or act like that. With so much distraction, it can be difficult to appreciate what you have right now. But by choosing to be thankful, you can ignore these messages and embrace contentment.

3. Thankfulness feels good.

You know how happy we feel around Thanksgiving? We can continue to feel that way long after the turkey and dressing are gone. How? All we have to do is count our blessings and turn our hearts and thoughts toward gratitude. The warm and fuzzy feelings will follow.

4. Thankfulness reduces stress.

If we can't have what we want when we want it, we get frustrated. But when we stop focusing on what we don't have, and begin focusing on everything we do have, our shoulders relax and we invite peace (and patience!) into our lives.

5. Thankfulness cultivates humility.

Arrogance and ungratefulness go hand and hand. But the opposite is also true. When we choose to be thankful for the big and small blessings in our lives, we foster a heart of humility and a spirit of graciousness.

6. Thankfulness is contagious.

Just as fear and worry are contagious, so is the spread of gratitude. When we're inspired by others' gratefulness, it prompts our own grateful thoughts and actions as well. We can be the catalysts that spread gratitude in our homes, offices and communities.

7. Thankfulness produces positivity.

When we're thankful, the natural byproduct is that we become more positive people. There are endless daily annoyances that can bring us down and steal our joy. But when we're intentionally thankful, it naturally redirects our thoughts to see the good in other people and in our everyday lives.

8. Thankfulness promotes generosity.

It's tough to be givers when our eyes are always on our own needs. When we are thankful for what we have, we can hold our blessings with an open hand and freely give to others.

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And when we realize how abundantly we are blessed, we can confidently and joyfully become a blessing to others.

9. Thankfulness increases likability.

It's fair to say no one wants to be around an ungrateful, entitled individual. Yet we all enjoy spending time with grateful, down-to-earth folks. When you are grateful, people see you in a positive light and they naturally like you and want to be around you.

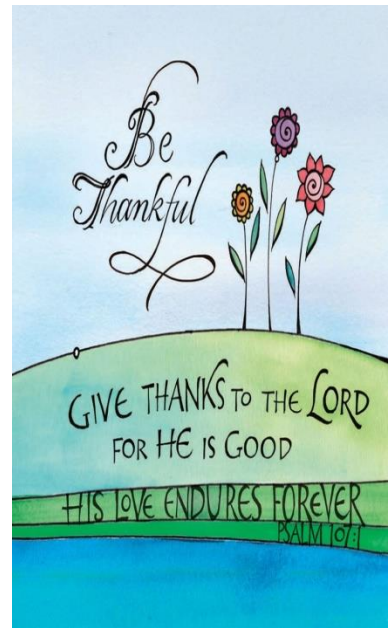
10. Thankfulness displays God's character.

The Bible is full of passages on gratitude and thankfulness. It's used in commands, parables and prayers. This quality is important to God! So when we actively practice gratefulness, we become more of who God created us to be. Plus, we also get to connect with Him through our thankful thoughts and prayers.

Unlike talent, gratitude is something that's freely available to all of us and completely within our control. It's not a special "gifting" that some people have and others don't. It's not a feeling that floats through the air at the end of each November.

It's a choice.

Every day we get to choose to be thankful and to experience the side benefits of gratefulness all year long.



Excerpted from Benjamin Stewart in Living Lutheran

All Saints Day

There is a lot of meaning packed into the word all in All Saints. Let's explore the day through this simple word.

All includes some most beloved to us. All Saints calls to mind specific individuals: particular beloved faces, names and memories. On All Saints, your congregation might name in worship your loved ones who have died in the past year, alternating the names with a bell or a sung prayer of thanksgiving.....

All includes those beloved by others. All Saints creates a space that embraces with honor the multitudes of individuals among the beloved dead. We see their faces, say their names, and recognize in the worshipers around us others who carry their own memories and litanies of saints. All Saints sets out a place for all of them—an assembly the book of Revelation describes as “a number no one could count” with saints “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” (7:9). All Saints brings into focus our own beloved dead while also stretching our imagination toward the whole company of saints, more diverse and populous than we can fully comprehend.

All are saved by grace. The festival originally honored those who were considered especially holy: heroic figures from the Scriptures and martyrs who had given their lives nonviolently in witness to the faith. However, it is an especially Lutheran accent for the feast to honor not only those who lived exemplary lives, but all who have been baptized into Christ's death. For Lutherans, All Saints resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint, *simul justus et peccator*. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that

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it is God's grace, apart from our works, that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.

We share a mortal, earthy nature with all humans and all living creatures on the planet. Death is an inevitable part of life for all of us. It is part of our citizenship as earth creatures. In the Bible's wisdom literature, the word all is like a bell ringing to remind us of the lesson of Ash Wednesday: *The fate of humans and the fate of animals is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath All go to one place; all are from the dust, and all turn to dust again* (Ecclesiastes 3:19-20). John's Gospel uses seed imagery: *Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit* (12:24). All Saints proclaims a mystery. We remain in communion with those who have returned to the earth ahead of us.

We wait with all creation. All Saints is commemorated when much of the North American landscape appears to be dying down. Days are shorter, tree branches are becoming bare, the air is colder and fields have been stripped of their harvest. November begins a cycle of readings extending through Advent in which the themes of death and danger are in dialogue with our deepest hopes. As the sun sinks lower in the sky each day, our Scripture texts help us seek answers to a searing question: "How can we live in hope and integrity when it looks like the end of the world?" All Saints begins a season in which we contemplate the hopes and fears of all creation, watching and waiting for signs of a new day dawning for all of us.

The themes of All Saints extend into all of Christian life. We call to mind every Sunday the great company of saints as we join their unending hymn around the communion table. We bear witness to new saints being born from the baptismal waters.... And every time we see the sign of the cross or trace it on our bodies, we remember the one whose death and resurrection has formed this company of all the saints, hallowing all our lives and deaths.

All Saints reimagines the world—all of it. Even in death, God is making all things new.

All Saints



In this past year several of our loved ones have gone to their heavenly home and although we remember them every day, we especially honor them on All Saints Sunday, November 4th. Those we have lost this past year include:

Donna Hanson
Irene Luck
Thomas Jason
Millie Anderson
Roger Turek
Charles Tomlinson
(father of Andy Travis)

To honor our other saints who have passed in previous years, please write their names in the blue remembrance book on the table in the Narthex. Their names will be read each Sunday in November during the prayers.

In Memorium

Little did we know that our Godspeed for our Music Ministry Coordinator, Roger Turek would indeed be a final farewell. Roger unexpectedly went to his heavenly home on October 9th. Our prayers are with his wife Jill and their families as they mourn his loss. A memorial service will tentatively be held for Roger on Saturday, November 10th at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Winfield, IL. We don't have specific details but will send out the information as soon as we receive it.



MESSIAH MINISTRIES

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

We've consistently had 12 to 24 guests every Monday morning. We have been serving a healthy lunch and a brown bag lunch to go. This has been very well received. Our guests are also able to look through clothing and food at the donation station. Our guests come for the meals and clothing and also for conversation and fellowship. What a wonderful feeling it is to be helping others in this small way! We are continuing to give out \$10 Jewel cards until we run out and are humbled to realize how much they're needed and appreciated.

So, as we come into fall and winter; Thanksgiving and Christmas, please continue to remember our guests in the following ways:

- pray for this outreach and guests
- consider helping out on Monday mornings
- share a favorite casserole, meatloaf, chili, soup, etc with our guests
- spread the word with family and friends that warm socks, hats, sweatshirts, sweaters, gloves, sweats, etc. are needed
- realize that all Messiah members are part of this Ministry and know how much you are appreciated.

It's a pleasure to share our blessings, Connie Kaufman & the Assistance Ministry Team



QUILTS & KITS



We've completed another year of assembling quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to Dave Hanson the truck got here and was loaded not only with our boxes, but also with boxes from other churches in the area. Dave delivered the truck to Downers Grove on 10/8 and part way through unloading our truck, they ran out of space and he had to take our truck to Elgin! A special thanks to Dave for all that!

This year we sent 39 quilts (not bad considering lots of health and family issues amongst the group!). And we set new records for personal care kits (172) and school kits (170)!! Thanks to everyone who helped in some way to make all this happen – there were MANY hands involved!

Our next quilt day will be November 18th following service in the Friendship Place. Remember – no sewing experience necessary to help assemble quilts! – there's something to do for everyone! Trudi Handzel & Carol Hrodey

MESSIAH MINISTRIES



OUR MISSIONARY: REV. DR. PHILIP KNUTSON

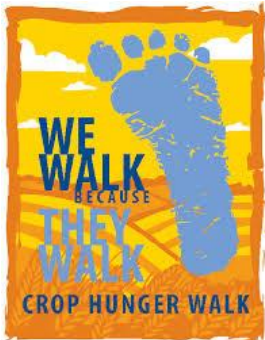
Be sure to check out Reverend Knutson's blog page:
southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com

In his October newsletter, Reverend Knutson describes his experience attending the 22nd ELC South Africa Synod held in Mossel Bay South Africa. The assembly was attended by 70 delegates as well as their guests and partners. The theme of the assembly was "**Holy Eucharist: Celebrating our Communion with God.**"



CROP WALK 2018

"Ending Hunger One Step at a Time." October 21st Messiah's team of walkers hit the streets in effort to stomp out hunger locally and worldwide. Our team consisted of Laura Hauser, Ryan Hauser, Dave Hanson, Trudi Handzel, David Swanson, and Larry Ryczek. The Messiah walkers joined a collective team from churches in surrounding areas to create a larger walking team that totaled 222 people! As a collective, the donation goal was \$32,000, and as of the morning of October 25th the amount raised was \$31,897. With donations still being deposited, the estimated amount raised will be around \$35,500! Messiah's team raised the most funds for the walk this year at \$6,775 with Larry Ryczek raising the most at \$1,820 and David Swanson coming in a close second at \$1,695 raised. This proves once again that Messiah is a small but mighty group!



Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to scheduling difficulties of time and leaders, Sunday School is currently not in session. We'd certainly like to have SS back in session so if you would like to help lead Sunday School, please consider donating your time. If you are willing to help please contact Aly Allemeier at alybyrd1976@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION

The confirmands meet with Pat Kovach at 9 a.m. Sundays in the Confirmation Room, off the choir loft! Miss Pat always welcomes others to teach and help with the class.



CHAT ROOM

Join us for Coffee & Conversation during Chat Room on Sundays at 9 in the Friendship Place. If you have requests/ideas for future topics, contact David Swanson.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MESSIAH CHILD CARE CENTER

There are a lot of fun activities coming up in the Child Care Center – besides the daily classroom activities! Here are some important dates to remember:



- MONDAY, 11/5 MANNA ORDERS DUE
- THURSDAY, 11/15 THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON 12:15
- MONDAY 11/19 TO WEDNESDAY 11/21 FAMILY WEEK
- THURSDAY 11/22 & FRIDAY 11/23 SCHOOL CLOSED
- MONDAY, 12/3 MANNA ORDERS DUE
- WEDNESDAY, 12/5 GINGERBREAD PARTY 6:00
- MONDAY 12/10 THRU WEDNESDAY, 12/12 11:15 MISS PAT'S CHRISTMAS DANCE PROGRAM
- MONDAY, 12/17 MANNA ORDERS DUE (LAST CHANCE FOR CHRISTMAS!)
- TUESDAY 12/18 THRU THURSDAY 12/20 415 CLASS CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS
- HOLIDAY CLOSURES AND PER DIEM OPTIONS – SEE CCC NEWSLETTER OR CHECK WITH THE OFFICE

For more information on CCC Activities and Programs contact CCC Office at 847-825-3767 or see the website at www.messiahchildcare.com

LET'S STAY HEALTHY THIS YEAR!!

It's Flu Season Again! Take care of yourself this flu season and practice these simple steps!

- Wash your hands.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow (the one for your non-dominant hand is best!)
- Get plenty of rest.
- Eat food that is good for your body.
- Surround yourself with loving friends and family.
- Manage your stress.
- Participate in the prayer and spiritual practices of your faith tradition.
- Get immunized.



CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
28 9:00 AM CHAT Room 9:00 AM Christian Learning- Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	29 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM Assistance Ministry 1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting	30 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal
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18 9:00 AM CHAT Room 9:00 AM Christian Learning- Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Quilts & Kits 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	19 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM Assistance Ministry 1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM EC Meeting	20 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 1:00 PM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal
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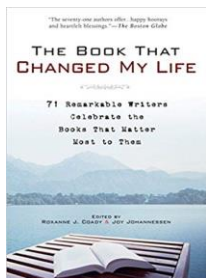
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	1 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 3:30 PM Women About Business	2 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study 7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal	3 11:00 AM HAC Worship 1:00 PM HAC Fellowship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE check with church office before you schedule an event – there is a room assignment calendar maintained by the Office Manager.

MESSIAH BOOK CLUB



The next Messiah Book Club will meet on November 15th at 7:00 in the Friendship Place. We're reading "The Books That Changed My Life: Reflections by 100 Authors, Actors, Musicians, and Other Remarkable People" Edited by Bethanne Patrick. It is open to anyone

who enjoys reading. All are welcome. If anyone has any questions, please contact Paul Holzer at 847-296-0734.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST



Saturday, November 10th at 9 a.m. All Messiah men are invited to Jimmy's on Rand Road in Des Plaines.

NOVEMBER REMINDERS:

- Day Light Saving November 3rd
- All Saint's Day Observed November 4th
- Election Day November 6th including Messiah serving as a voting place
- Brotherhood Breakfast November 10th
- Book Club November 15th
- Executive Committee meeting 11/19
- Community Thanksgiving Service at Park Ridge Presbyterian 11/20 7p.m.
- Thanksgiving November 22
- Church Office & CCC closed 11/23
- Christ the King Sunday 11/25

MANNA ORDERS

Manna orders will be due Monday, November 3rd at 9 a.m.! There will be 2 opportunities to get gift cards in December (3rd & 17th) so get your Gift List ready!!



TURN CLOCKS BACK!

Remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday night, November 3rd! And it's a great idea to change the batteries in your smoke detectors too! Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



COMING IN DECEMBER:

- Hanging of the Greens 12/1
- Giving Trees for LSSI and Night Ministry up as of 12/1 – watch for deadlines
- CCC Christmas Programs 12/18 to 12/20 at 4:15 in the sanctuary
- Christmas Eve service – time TBD
- Christmas Service 10:15 am
- CCC closed ¼ to 12/30
- MLC office closed 12/26
- Hymn Sing Service 12/30 10:15 am

MESSAGES

We are so grateful for the assistance we've had in covering our Music Ministry and Pastoral Duties thus far. They include Pastor Nicolette Faison, Marilyn Duckett, William Decker and Barbara Kudirka.

In particular we'd like to introduce Pastor Lynette Schroeder who will be with us through the end of the year: Pastor Lynette thanks the Messiah congregation for the warm welcome she is receiving in her role as Pulpit Supply Pastor through the end of the year while Pastor Lynne is on leave of absence.

Previously, Pastor Lynette has served as a hospital chaplain in Ohio and as a parish pastor in rural, small town, and inner city settings in Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Iowa. Rostered through the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, she is awaiting call. Pastor Lynette graduated from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Augustana College, South Dakota.

For nearly thirty-four years, Lynette has been married to Dana Schroeder, also an ELCA pastor. Dana currently serves as ACPE Educator and chaplain at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove.

Together, Dana and Lynette have two young adult children: Christopher, 25, lives and works in Seoul, South Korea; and Emily, 21, studies at the College of DuPage.

Pastor Lynette's favorite pastimes are taking Sunday afternoon drives with Dana; reading the next of Craig Johnson's Wyoming mysteries; and spending time in, on, or by the nearest lake.

And we'd also like to introduce Karen Bruchman who will provide Music Ministry leadership through the end of November: Hello Messiah friends: It's a privilege to be working with you through the next few weeks. Bob and I come from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan but have lived in Skokie for the past fifty-some years. My husband, Bob, was an iron worker and I was a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church's World Mission Department as well as serving as organist and choir director for Covenant churches for over thirty years and now I've enjoyed providing fill-in music in various churches when needed. Our sons and their families live in the U.P. of Michigan (Keweenaw Peninsula) and in Long Grove. Our home church is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Glenview. God's blessings on Messiah as we enter this season of Thanksgiving. Karen Bruchman

MILESTONES



Birthdays

Richard Nugnis, 11/5
Curt Preissner, 11/6
Lynne Morrow, 11/6
Lisa Paulus, 11/7

Alexis Chervinko, 11/11
Mary Jo Marchetta, 11/17
Carolyn Clauser, 11/19
Kirsten Boyce, 11/23
Dorothy Burger, 11/23
Arden Sasek, 11/25
Betty Stinnett 11/25

Andrew Fox, 11/27
Charles Tarochione, 11/28

Anniversaries

Alyson & Scott Allemier, 11/7
(15 years)
Brad & Pat Kovach, 11/24
(38 years)

*If you do not see your birthday or anniversary here, that means the church office does not have it in the system.
Please let us know if we don't have your "celebration information!"*

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
November 4th All Saints Sunday			
<i>Isiah 25:6-9</i>	<i>Psalm 24</i>	<i>Revelations 21:1-6a</i>	<i>John 11:32-44</i>
November 11^h Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost			
<i>1Kings 17:8-16</i>	<i>Psalm 146</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:24-28</i>	<i>Mark 12:38-44</i>
November 18th Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost			
<i>Daniel 12:1-3</i>	<i>Psalm 16</i>	<i>Hebrews 10:11-14, 15-18, 19-25</i>	<i>Mark 13:1-8</i>
November 25th Christ the King Sunday			
<i>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</i>	<i>Psalm 93</i>	<i>Revelations 1:4b-8</i>	<i>John 18:33-37</i>

WORSHIP TEAMS

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
	10:15 am	10:15 am	10:15 am	10:15 am	10:15 am
Acolytes	Evelyn A	Day of	Novena C	Kyle H	Adam H
Assisting Ministers	Diane B	Service	Eric G	David S	Andy T
Readers	Andy T	***	Eric G	Dave H	Marilynn D
Comm. Assts.	Aly A	Day of	Janitha C	Laura H	Laura H
Ushers	TBD	Service	TBD	TBD	TBD
Projection & Video	Jim H & Paul H	***	Jim H & Paul H	Jim H & Paul H	Jim H & Paul H
Altar Guild	Cindy	Day of	Sue K	Marilynn D	Marilynn D
Counter	Jim H	Service	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H

The PRMA Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. It will be at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church (1300 W Crescent Ave). A dessert reception will follow – all are welcome to attend!

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

Sunday	Flowers are given ...	Bulletins are given ...
<i>The sign-ups for flowers and bulletins are in the narthex by the hall to the Educational Wing. Flowers are \$40, and the Bulletins are \$10. Envelopes are provided next to the sign-up calendar, or you may simply write "Flowers" or "Bulletin" on your regular envelope in the Other box.</i>		
November 4	Available	Available
November 11	Available	Available
November 18	Available	Available
November 25	Brad & Pat Kovach in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary	Available

CHURCH BUSINESS

EC CORNER Highlights from the October meeting include discussion about coverage for both Music Ministry and Pastoral duties, community/church growth, property, prayerful process, starting on 2019 budget, need for coordinators for Chili Cookoff Jan 27 and Spaghetti Dinner Feb 9th

October Attendance

Wk1=39 Wk3=35
Wk2=34 Wk4=36

October Giving (Gen. Fund & MAP)

Wk1=\$1302 Wk2=\$5421 Wk3=\$935.95 Wk4=\$1087

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM REPORT as of August 26, 2018

All gifts to the Memorial & Honorarium Fund are automatically acknowledged to the giver and donee or family by a personal note. Unless otherwise designated, all gifts go into the General Fund. Addresses and envelope numbers on memorial cards or checks are much appreciated. The purpose of this report is to confirm that gifts are received. If you don't see your gift listed here after two months, please contact the church office

None reported this month

Our annual Prayerful Process will begin in November to determine possible leaders for 2019 and to also review our mission and ministries. Tryg Jensen will be leading the sessions and will contact group leaders to schedule.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

STAFF		EXTENDED LEADERSHIP TEAM	
Pastor:	Rev. Lynne Morrow	Assistance Ministry:	Connie Kaufman
Music Ministry Coord.:	Roger Turek	Altar Guild:	Sue Kopij, Cindy Norberg
Child Care Center Dir.:	Karen Black	Brotherhood:	Rich Seggeling
Office Manager:	Alaine Wong	CHAT Room:	David Swanson
Bookkeeper:	Laura Hauser	Cross+Gen:	
Property Coordinator:	David Hanson	Confirmation/Youth:	Pat Kovach
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		Memorials:	Office Manager
President:	Larry Ryczek	Women's Svc. Group:	Trudi Handzel Carol Hrodey
Vice President:	Trygve Jensen	Spiritual Gifts Coord.:	
Secretary:	Aly Allemeier	Worship Assistants:	David Swanson
Treasurer:	Janitha Chellian	Worship Readers:	Rich Levy
Financial Sec.:	Jim Handzel	Ushers:	Steve Yager
CCC BOARD		John 17 Fellowship:	David Swanson
Chair:	Tim Saul, Erik Grove	Prayer Cards:	Jackie Steigerwald
Secretary:	Kathy Malyszko, Sue Kopij	Sign Ministry:	Staff
Treasurer:	Pat Kovach		
CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS			
Floyd Yager and Jennie Read Robles			

JOYFUL THANKSGIVING (OCTOBER)

We give thanks for Marilyn Duckett for sharing her musical talents today. We are also thankful for all of the effort from the congregation for assembling quilts, school kits and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Your hard work and talents will be far reaching. We give thanks for Rev. Nicolette Faison for stepping in to lead worship 10/7.

We give our utmost thanks to Barbara Kudirka for sharing her time and her musical talents with us these past few weeks. We also thank Rev. Lynnette Schroeder for stepping in as our substitute pastor during this time.

We are grateful for Karen Bruchman for leading the music in worship today and for leading Gloria Dei Choir Rehearsal this past Tuesday. Thank you for sharing your talents with us. We are also thankful that Pastor Lynnette will be with us through the end of the year.

A Note from Lutheran General Hospital



That steaming cup of coffee in your hands may hold the keys to a long, healthy life, scientists say. Researchers at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) report that older people who drink coffee are less likely to die from heart disease, stroke, diabetes and respiratory disease than their non-java drinking counterparts. (It's a good thing Lutherans are known for drinking their coffee!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We continue to keep Jill Turek and the entire Turek family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of Roger Turek. We have been in touch with Jill and a memorial service has been tentatively planned on November 10th. We will update the congregation as soon as the details are finalized.

Please include the following individuals and families in your prayers this month:

Our prayers for **healing** are with: Sandi, Tom, Carol, Pat, Michelle, Trudy, Lynne, Georgia, Patti, Ted, David, Beverly Grimme, Carol Hrodey, Bob Kallas Don Lorenzo, Frances, Russell, Bob Levy, Wendy, Diane, Polly, Rosemary, Susan, Pat & Ted, Kathy & David, Sandy Williams, Szuis family, Jacob C., Nancy H, Kathy Bashore, Tim Cook, Jeanette Garcia, Tina Jogman + family, Bishop Curry, Ellen Wyshel, Jennifer Marshall, Rosie, Joe, Tony, Phil Barco, Gera Mitiku, Geleta Mekonnen, Ursula Kalin, Nick Adam, Crystal Levy Pesce, Chris, Jordan McLain, Lynda Jeppesen Jordan McLain, Dumerer Family, Trudi Handzel, Marsha S, Marsha G, Dorothy Nagel, Linda (Rodin) Ufkes, Kwame Pitts, Cedric P., Marlena, Marsha Diamond, the Nemeth Family, Helen Young, Andrea Quintenilla, Bob Nelson, Pastor Lynne and her family, the Hauser Family, Diane Wilson, Joe Ketola, Doris' family, the Soucie Family, the Sapien Family, the family of Ryan Sernel, Carolyn Harbensee, Jillian & Simeon Bonilla, Ricky Redd, Porsia Bonilla, Margaret, Linka, Doug Hubbard, Ted Gradt, Sam Fogel, Russ Reynolds, Rich Levy, Charles Maynard, the family of Gilbert Garcia, Soto Family, Al Rembis, Mark Banaszak, Annette, Ashley Williams, Leslie, Tom Jencius, Ruth Perzentka, the Hanson family, Sharon Rose Keenon, Francis, Hailey and Johnny, Kathy, Rochele Kasny, Kathy Bayshore, Danny O'Connor, Tom Daniels, the Wiberg family, the family of Vern Frost, Felicia, Warren Lathan, the family of Jeff Koszczuk, Teri and Bill Muenster, John Francis, Cookie Bonilla and her sisters and brother, Annie's new baby and family (John, Elissia, Naz), Judy Jones, Carolyn Morrow, Doris Hay, Nancy Wendt, Ping, Bob Morrow, Michael Baumeister and family, Myra Lusiak, Szul family,

Julie Higgins, Maria Raica, Arlene Baranowski, those living with cancer, those living with mental illness, those dealing with sorrow, Norb Wenson, Diane, people in silent pain.

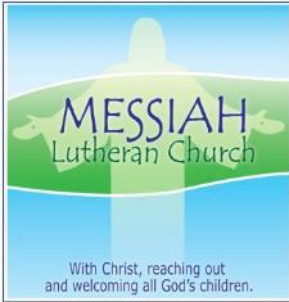
Those requesting prayers for **other purposes such as emotional, grief, financial, employment, general or unknown** are: Field School, everyone needing relief from all the rain/flooding, for world peace, the people of Syria, the family of Dwayne and Michelle Miller, Dave Hanson, Don and Mary Jane Kovach, John Francis, Anne Evans, Bill Zuhme, Debbie Dietrich, Salena Jason, the Jefferson family, Sarah Nugnis, Kevin Kovach, Terry K., Fred D., the families and staff of Child Care Center, Mike Wokisin, Haley Lippert, Eastaven Bargas, Meaghan, EB, Griffin family, Worknesh Deressa, Joann Wood, Penumaka family, Larry Dumerer, Fox family, Victoria Candiotti, Provenzano family, Kraiger family, those who live with anxiety and depression, families whom are seeking reconciliation, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those striving for peace in the Mideast, those living with addiction, those who are hungry, alone or homeless, our assistance guests, and all of those affected by hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters.

We want to remember in our prayers **military and first responder personnel** (those known to us and those serving who are not known to us): Jenni Hanson, Mikey Hanson, Jerred Engvall, Brandon Ajyek, Tim David, Tyler Daye, Bobby Hanson, Tom Hanson, Andreas Johnsen, Jason Koesler, Sam Krawitz, Joey Rosequist, Claudine Ward, Officer Matt McGannon.

We also want to remember in prayer our **college students**: Rachel Daye, Tommy Hanson, Melissa Holzer, Phil Holzer, Kevin Kovach, Nick Levy, Haley Lippert, Dina Salemi, Arden Sasak, Paul Song, Christian Travis, and Thomas Yager.

** We understand that some prayer requests are short-term for specific events, while others find ongoing prayers to be powerful. We appreciate being updated so our prayer list is as current as possible.*





The Messiah

MESSENGER

Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS

9 a.m. – Christian Learning Hour
10:15 a.m. – Worship and Communion

Child Care Center

Year-round 3-K
Monday – Friday
6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Pastor's Office Hours

Available for non-scheduled appointments:
Mon. & Wed. – 10 a.m. -1 p.m. (PM visitations)
Available beyond these hours by appointment.

Church Office

Monday – Friday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Assistance Ministry

Monday – 11 a.m. -1 p.m. (west entrance)

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