

## *All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 3*

All Saints' Sunday will have special moments.

New Memorial Stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden. We will do this every All Saints' Sunday.

We will remember, by name, all those Saints of Christ who have entered the Church Triumphant since our last All Saints' Sunday.



## *Thanksgiving Eve*

### **Thanksgiving Service Schedule and Change from Previous Years...**

This year's Thanksgiving service will be on **Thanksgiving Eve**, which is Wednesday, November 27th with service time at 6:30 pm. There will be a Chili soup meal before the service beginning at 5:00pm, but come when you are able, lasting until 6:15.

Meal will be served by the Pastors. The meal is followed by a hymn sing at 6:15. The hymn sing is followed by service at 6:30. **THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, ONLY THE EVENING SERVICE THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING DAY.**

So again, Wed. Nov. 27th – Meal @ 5; Hymn Sing @ 6:15; Service @ 6:30. Hope you and all your family can make it! *There are NO Midweek classes scheduled for Wed. Nov. 27.*



**November 27th** – Thanksgiving Eve worship at 6:30pm.  
**December 4th** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:00pm.  
**December 11th** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:00pm.

**December 18th** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:00pm.  
**December 22nd** – Sunday worship at 8:20 & 11:00 am  
**December 24th** – Christmas Eve worship at 5:00pm and 7:30pm.

**December 25th** – Christmas Day worship at 9:00am



*By One Hour  
Saturday, November 2*



“And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (*Jeremiah 31:34*)

Have you ever heard of the condition called “Transient Global Amnesia” (or TGA)? Apparently, TGA is characterized by sudden memory loss and confusion. During a typical TGA episode, a person may become disoriented regarding time and place. While they’ll be able to remember who they are and can recognize family members, no new memories during the TGA are made. This condition makes me ponder how empty life would feel if we could not remember!

The month of November allows us time to pause from business of life in order to remember and give thanks for all the blessings God has given us. If you’ve ever read the psalms, you would know that King David was in the habit of remembering God’s blessings. In one such psalm he writes:

*Praise the LORD , O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits-  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. (Psalm 103:2-5)*

In this psalm, King David encourages his readers to “forget not” (i.e., remember) “all [God’s] benefits.” This makes me wonder, certainly our memory is a blessing. However, could forgetfulness also be a blessing? Think if mothers remembered the pains of childbirth. I suppose every family would have just one child. (This is especially disconcerting to me considering the fact that I’m the third child in my family!) Or how about this: how many of us, when suffering from chicken pox, fondly remember watching cartoons and eating ice cream but forget the itchiness, fever and all the homework we had to make-up for missing school? Indeed, it’s a blessing to have a good memory, but it can also be a blessing to forget.

Thankfully, our God is a God who remembers and forgets...for our benefit. God remembers us and the promise He made to us. The Bible tells us, *[God] remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations. (1 Chronicles 16:15)* Yet, our God is the God who also forgets, “*For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*” (*Jeremiah 31:34*)

Our memory is a blessing from God. But sometimes so is our forgetfulness. Considering what God remembers and forgets on account of His Son, Jesus Christ, we all have reason to give Him thanks...not only this month, but each and every day of our lives!

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

*Pastor Coy T. Rji*



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## “The Altar”

In this next group of articles, we are going to take a look at God’s house. Last month, we asked the question, “Will God indeed dwell on earth?” It might have been a strange question, and it has a shocking answer. Yes, God does choose to dwell on earth. He comes down into churches all around the world. He gladly enters these spaces when his people gather for worship.

Everything in God’s house has a purpose. We will be looking at these items one by one. When you enter a sanctuary, and especially the one at Faith, its layout says something about the importance of these items. Using our sanctuary as a guide, we’re going to start front and center: the altar. (Yes, the big cross might stand out, but we’re saving that for another time). Our altar is the focal point of the sanctuary. What is it, and why is it there?

Solomon’s temple also had an altar. This was the place where the priests would offer the sacrifices. It was essentially a big grill. The priests lit a fire underneath, and they laid the animal sacrifices on a grate. The pleasing aroma of grilled meat would ascend into the heavens, where God smelled it (don’t get caught up in the metaphysical interaction of it...God actually calls it a pleasing aroma, like in Numbers 28:2).

Our altar has a similar purpose. We do not burn animal sacrifices. But we use the altar to celebrate another sacrifice: the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion. We have to be careful here. Communion is not our sacrifice to God; it is God’s once-and-for-all sacrifice of his Son to us and for us. The relationship is reversed. On our altar, God presents the body and blood of his Son Jesus for us to see, smell, eat, and drink. It is a pleasing aroma for our benefit.

The altar delivers Jesus in his most tangible form. It deserves a prominent place in any sanctuary. Next month, we will discuss a pair of items: the pulpit and lectern. These items deliver Jesus in another form. They are important, and we will hear more about them next time.

*Pastor Sam Handschke*

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## IN CELEBRATION OF SAINTS

*Jesus answered him, It is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God, and  
serve only him." Luke 4:8*

November is a month to remember. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day, our nation recognizes and honors all those men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Thanksgiving day also occurs in November. It began as a day set aside to give thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest, but in many circles, it is a day that revolves around a huge meal and a TV set. (How many football games in one day?)

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

In the life of the Christian church, we remember those in the faith who have gone before us. The traditional day for celebrating All Saints Day is November 1, but many churches observe it on the first Sunday in November. God declares everyone who has been baptized and believes the promise of the Gospel to be justified, holy and blameless. Hence, the communion of saints includes both those still living on earth and those who have died in the faith and are now living in heaven.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;  
Our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

When we think of those saints, we think of champions of the gospel. Some seemed super-human, super-powered and bigger than life. Yet, they struggled, and maybe doubted as well. I think of David (one of my favorites), who endured long, difficult days, and Jacob who wrestled with God, his hip bruised and throbbing. Mary had to have sighed often, worried about her son. Paul suf-

fered in jail, survived beatings and was shipwrecked. Our children know them as Bible Heroes.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;  
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares;  
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

In my own family, my thoughts go immediately to both sets of grandparents, children of immigrants. Faith was a priority and their children were raised in the faith, whether it was a large parish in Cleveland, or a little white country church set in the farmland of west-central Minnesota. I was surrounded by those families in worship when I was growing up. They were my Sunday School teachers, they sang in the choir, participated in the life of the church, and most of them served into old age. Now the saints include my deceased husband, who grew up in the faith and served his parish nearly all his life.

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

The saints were both weary and triumphant, and experienced fear and frustration as well as victories. It wasn't all great deeds and miracles. It was sweat and tears, calluses and heartache. It was sleepless nights, dreary dog-tired days, uncertainty and bewilderment. Yet, they were determined, remembered God's promises and believed. It is good to remember what we share, and that they were just as human and you and me.

Karen Lindbloom



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# Ladies, Save the date!

2 pm, Sunday, December 8, 2019

Faith Lutheran Christian Family Life Center

For the Ladies Christmas party sponsored by LWML

All the ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend!

It is a time to celebrate our Savior, and a time for fun and fellowship.

Although no gift exchanges this year, there will be an in-gathering of monies or items for a service project, yet to be determined.

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For  
God so  
loved the  
world He gave  
His one and only  
Son that whoever  
believes in Him shall not  
perish but have eternal life  
John  
3:16

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

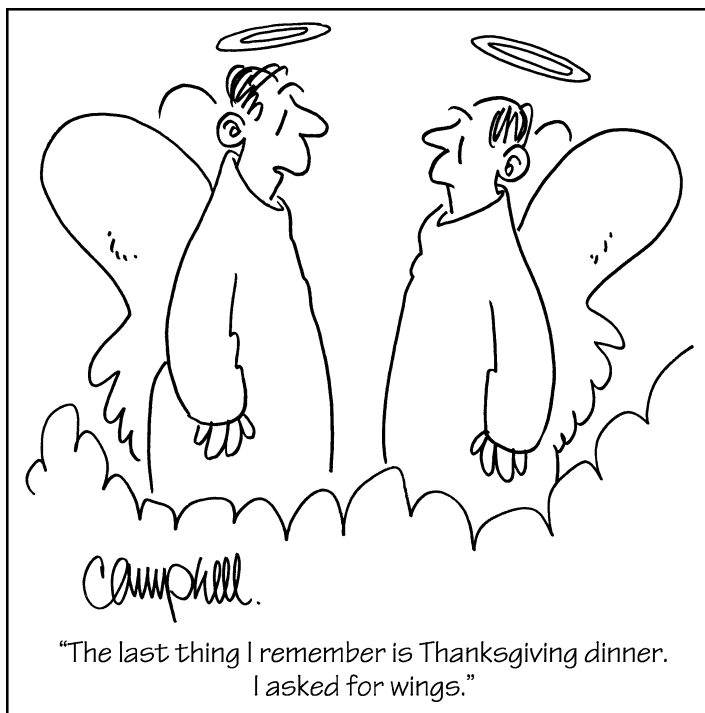
Marcus Jay Buchmann  
Lisa Marie Harmon

### Funerals

David Peterson



Deadline for the December newsletter is **November 15**. Any articles submitted after this date will not be in the newsletter.



## Country Fair Volunteers



A heartfelt thank you to Kristy Deal for all her hard work as Chair of the Country Fair.

Thank you all for making history and being mission minded.

Love in Christ,

Lurene M. Denke,  
LWML Historian

**Front Row chairs:** Loretta Jochim, Pat Huisman, Gloria Welk, Lois Erbe, and Sandra Hobart  
**Floor:** Lurene M. Denke, Karrie James.

**Left side standing:** Clareen James, Angie Schwartz (Day care director), Joyce Solem, JoAnn Sanders, Sandy Bales, Lavonne Peters, Arlene Even, Laurie Schultz, Julie Linn

**Left side middle row:** Deb Bontji, Brittney Todd, Trinity Blair, Amy Macy, Drew Schuchard, Ruth Hanson, Luann Zuercher, Melissa Neyhart, Cindy Canode.

**Back row:** Kristy Deal, Jeanne Mertz, Kelly Perleinflein, Lila Briggs, Cheryl Brull, Pam Cronin, Dorothy Liegl

Thanks also to the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes but are not in the picture!



You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10



**Sunday School Children's Christmas program** will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45 am. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for Nursery – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

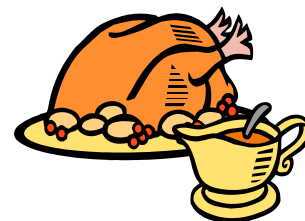
## Thanksgiving Feast

November 21  
High Noon

Please join us November 21st at high noon for our Annual Forever Young Thanksgiving Meal.

The turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

We will enjoy some thanksgiving songs as well as our monthly birthday and anniversary songs.



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## Faith Lutheran Daycare News

Hello!

The month of October just zoomed right on by, didn't it? I'm happy to say that we enjoyed every single second of it here at Faith Lutheran Daycare! Fireman John visited us for a day, and the older infants, waddlers, toddlers, and preschoolers all enjoyed his magic tricks as well as learning all about fire safety. The preschool daycare teachers have been working so hard to implement interesting and fun learning activities for the preschoolers to enjoy -- one of my favorites (so far) being Preschool 3's "Trick or Treat, Smell my Feet" Craft for Halloween; I thought they were super cute, and of course parents loved them too! There's just so

much fun and learning going on in these preschool rooms and we love it. We are so thankful for all our wonderful teachers throughout the daycare!

We're so excited for this new month to begin. We hope to celebrate Veteran's Day with the kids November 8<sup>th</sup> as we'll be closed in honor of this day the 11<sup>th</sup>. We're going to try to get as much outside time as possible this month before it gets super chilly out and snows... again. And we're ready to prepare for the holiday season that's racing up on us, starting with our Thanksgiving celebration the 27<sup>th</sup>.

# November



On a note of thankfulness and in the spirit of Thanksgiving this month, we want to thank all our families and the church for being so wonderful. We're thankful for all of our kids-- we love them so much and pray that we're doing the very best we can to help them grow and learn both developmentally and in Christ. Pastor Sam has been coming into each classroom twice a week to read to the kids and we're thankful for that too. Our daycare is rich in blessings, and we pray that all of your lives are rich with things to be thankful for as well!

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## Faith Lutheran Preschool News

A blessed Thanksgiving to each of you! I hope and pray that you are able to give thanks for the many blessings in your life. My work and the staff that I work with are some of my many blessings, as well as the children who send so much joy into our lives.

During the month of October, Faith Lutheran Preschool had several community helpers visit us and tell us about their work. To all these people we say a big THANK YOU! We also carved a pumpkin in each class. The teachers gave each child a book, shared goodies

and told about our costumes for Halloween. We encouraged the children to attend "Trunk 'N' Treat" and/or to stop by our homes for a sweet treat.

We will have our Christmas tree in the Narthex again this year. Watch for our special ornaments!

In November we will be learning about the color brown, the square shape, the letters I, B and N, the number 4 and our Math Focus is on Patterns. Our Bible lessons will be all about prayers.

It is great to be able to tell the children the story of the first Thanksgiving and the real reason for the holiday--thanking God for all that He gives us. God's richest blessings to each of you.

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## FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH PAGE

**\*Reminder\*** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Midweek student should be completing sermon outlines – 20 are required for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 18 are required for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Yellow sheets are available out in the Narthex and on the website. Please hand them in to the church office or to your Pastor during Midweek class.

### **\*Upper Grade Christmas Program Assistants\***

We are asking students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to help out with the Lower Grades Christmas Program. We need volunteers to dress up, like Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and angels. We also need a few students to read during the program. You would need to be at dress rehearsal, Dec 14 from 9:30-11:00, and then at the program, Dec 15 from 9:45-10:45. This is a great way to fulfill service hours for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please speak with Pastor Sam if you are interested.

**\*Reminder\*** LYF: (Lutheran Youth Fellowship) Meets Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran. Any and all high school youth are welcome to come! Typically meets in Jon's Place.

## November Acolytes



### November 3

Early: Jayden Nickerson and Kaylie Rathbun  
Late: Joshua Ryckman and Daysen Titze

### November 10

Early: Drew Schuchard and Brilie Schulz  
Late: Shelby Roman and Michael VanDeWiele

### November 17

Early: Hannah Schochenmaier and Chris Schultz  
Late: Ellie Smith and

### November 24

Early: Nathan Shoup and Eric Spitzer  
Late: Caleb Davis and Andrew Axdahl

### November 27 (6:30PM Thanksgiving Eve)

Deni Zeeb and Gracie Zeeb



### Advent Services and Midweek Class:

This year, the Advent Worship services leading up to Christmas will occur from 7:00 to 7:45 pm on December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will attend Midweek classes from 6:30-7:00 and then also attend the Worship services with their family.

**Christmas program:** Students in Nursery – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be participating in the Christmas program. They practice as needed during the Sunday School time for



Nursery-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The program will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45 am. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for Nursery – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Advent Wednesday Services:** Students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be assisting with various parts of the Wednesday service. Serving in worship replaces the upper grade Christmas program. Each grade is assigned a certain Wednesday for serving. The students will be able to sign up for different roles, which include usher, playing music, or writing a part of the prayers. Look for more information in the coming weeks.