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Pastor's Message

November is the month best known for the day of Thanksgiving. There are, however, other observances one should remember during this month in the shadow of the Pilgrims' celebration of thanks.

One day that we face early on is a day of great privilege. It is not a holiday, but a day to express belief, belief in the power of one vote. The first Tuesday is Election Day. We, as Americans, have the freedom to choose who shall lead this nation and yet, as of the last national election, only 53.6% of the voting age population went to the polls. I am thankful to God that we have this power and right. I also encourage you to engage in the process to express that right and to be thankful for it. We are a nation of the people and we should make sure that our voice is heard through those we elect to represent us.

Another day that comes up quite early in the month is Veterans' Day. The public schools of Cheshire no longer take the day off for observation of the holiday, but the students are given time to observe the meaning of the day while attending class. I believe this is perhaps the better posture because it ensures that the reason for the day will be duly noted. Again, a chorus of thanksgiving should be sung by all for the many sacrifices made on behalf of our nation by the many veterans willing to serve in the armed forces. I urge you to stop at some point on Wednesday, November 11 to offer a prayer to our Lord in thanksgiving for the fine young men and women who own the title, Veteran.

And certainly one should remember that at the end of the month the day of national Thanksgiving is to be remembered. Indeed this nation has much for which to be thankful and that thanksgiving should be directed toward God, otherwise ing. the only point of thanksgiving would be the aggrandizement of one another for all that we have The peace of the Lord be with you! done. Yet, God has richly blessed this nation

and its many families and individuals. He has blessed us with fair and good government. He has touched the soil of our land which has been able to produce food for those inside of and beyond her boarders. He has given us the capacity to make the best use of the gifts we have as individuals.

In my absence from the office I have watched the American History Channel and I have learned a great deal about our nation. Let me simply say that blessings have flowed in this land of "milk and honey."

I know that on the day of Thanksgiving I will have much for which to be thankful to God. I am thankful for the procedure performed upon my inner ear by a very capable surgeon. I am thankful that he and his associate found the root to my hearing loss and were able to address it using micro surgery. I am thankful for all the concern expressed about my health by friends, members of our church and so many others. I am deeply thankful for my family all their love and their insist-"ence that "dad take it easy." I am thankful in advance that the hopeful outcome of the surgery will be some sense of hearing restoration. The degree of that restoration is still up for grabs as of this writing, but I remain ever hopeful that God has much in store for me as he blesses the healing.

So, beside the blessings upon our nation I have personal reason to give thanks and to be thankful. It is to that end that I look forward to being with you all when we gather on Sundays, and especially as we gather on Wednesday, November 25th, 7:30 in the evening, the eve of Thanksgiving Day to offer to our God and Lord our praise and heartfelt thanksgiv-

Pastor Gustafson

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am)

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Classes:
9:10 am

Summer Worship Service: 9:00 am (F athers Day to Labor Day)



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The following meetings took place since our previous issue of the Heavenly Herald:

- 1. On Sunday, October 18th, an informational meeting was held, following our By-Laws, concerning a proposed columbarium and related proposed changes to our By-Laws. The next steps are for the Columbarium Committee to consider additional comments and for our Voters Assembly to vote on the proposals.
- 2. The Church Council met on October 20th and heard reports from our Officers and Deacons about ministry and plans for the next few months.

Once again, I would like to give another follow-up to the letter that Jeff Mann and I sent to the congregation in June about our 2015 Mission Plan and our \$25,000 challenge. I wrote last month that our increased offerings from July through September (of about \$7,000 over 2014) were indeed a blessing! Now however, we seem to have hit a plateau; our September and October offerings were virtually unchanged from last year. That does not bode well for reaching our challenge, leaving \$18,000 more to go to meet our planned commitments. With this edition of the Heavenly Herald, we have eight to nine more weeks until the end of the year, so let's prayerfully and collectively respond with thanksgiving to our 2015 Mission Plan. Please remember that CLC is supported only by you and me, and whether we attend worship weekly or less frequently, our mission and ministries continue.

Our next Voters' Assembly meeting will be on Monday November 16th at 7:00pm. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to a couple of those CLC apple pies!

See you in church!

Bill

William C. Sherman Parish President, CLC



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November

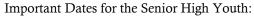


November

November 2015

Senior High Youth Group (CrossRoads):

This month we have the opportunity to give thanks for all that we have. We enjoy so many different things and we need to remember to be thankful for each and every blessing we receive. This month we also get to be a blessing to others as we will head to New Haven to pack food for others so that they may celebrate Thanksgiving.



November 1st: PB&J Service Event @ 12pm to 1:30pm

November 8th: CrossRoads @ 7pm to 8:30pm

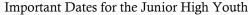
November 15th: NYG update meeting after the late service (11:30am) **November 21st:** Hot Coco 5k (volunteer opportunity) Time TBD

Thanksgiving Food Packing in New Haven, meet at CLC at 1:30pm

November 22nd: CrossRoads @ 7pm to 8:30pm

Junior High Youth Group (High Impact):

Gobble gobble! That's the sound of turkeys in the distance! That must mean Thanksgiving is coming up really quickly and we should remember all that we are thankful for because we are richly blessed each and every day. This month you too can be a blessing to others as we head to New Haven to pack food for those that are in need and would like to celebrate Thanksgiving, as well as, our monthly PB&J service project. See you out in the field of service!



November 1st: PB&J Service Event @ 12pm to 1:30pm November 4th: High Impact @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm November 18th: High Impact @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm

November 21st: Hot Coco 5k (volunteer opportunity) Time TBD

Thanksgiving Food Packing in New Haven, meet at CLC at 1:30pm

PB&J Service Events

Each month we will have the opportunity to come together to make a difference in someone else's life. We will do this by making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches every month on a Sunday afternoon after the late service. Each of these dates will be marked out in your monthly mailers and in the Heavenly Herald. If you have a peanut allergy please inform Andy so that he can help you get involved in other ways! All youth are welcome to join in the service event and if parents want to help as well please let Andy know as volunteers are always welcome.

This month's PB&J service event will take place on...

November 1st @ 12pm

Family Food Packing

We will be heading down to New Haven, CT once again this year to help pack food for those that are in need and would like to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are continuously blessed and this is our opportunity to be a blessing to others so I ask that you join us on **November 21**st. We will **meet at the church at 1:30pm** for a short devotional and then head down to New Haven until 4pm when our shift will end. Look to arrive **back at Cheshire Lutheran Church by 4:30pm**.









THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE OFFERING...

This year the offering received will be given to our synod's disaster response team and earmarked to assist those whose lives have been affected by the terrible storm that ravaged the state of South Carolina. All can participate even if you are not present at the Thanksgiving eve service. Simply send in your envelope for that day, or send in a donation stipulating that it be used for Thanksgiving offering.



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NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Who would like to be a part of the Evangelism committee? I am looking for anyone interested in serving on this outreach of our church. We have a presence at the fall festival and people notice that we care about our community. I am looking for more people to help with new ideas to promote our various programs at Cheshire Lutheran. We have a lot to be proud of in the way we promote local and worldwide ministries. Every month we make generous donations to the local food pantry. We support many other worthwhile projects. I feel that we just need to let people know who we are and what we are all about. I look forward to your support and I will be announcing a meeting in the near future.

John Balash Evangelism Deacon



CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S 14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE...

Bakers are invited to share their favorite Christmas cookies and recipes with the women of Cheshire Lutheran Church. Kindly bring 4 dozen homemade cookies to Judy Norton's home on **Tuesday December 8**th at **6:00 PM**. Please bring a pot luck hors d'oeuvre to share amongst the ladies. You may also bring your favorite wine to share. Punch, soft drinks, coffee and tea will also be available. We will get a chance to sample some cookies as well as bring home an assortment of delicious Christmas cookies and recipes.



In addition, we will be having a gift exchange. Those interested in participating, bring in a wrapped gift, limit to \$15.00.

There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for those planning to attend. If you have any questions, contact Karen Weiland for additional information.

DATE: December 8th TIME:6:00 PM

INGREDIENTS: 4 Dozen Cookies & cookie recipe

Pot Luck hors d'oeuvre and/or Bottle of wine

OPTIONAL: Gift for gift exchange



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings as follows:

6:30 PM – Youth Choir 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

The Parish Choir sings on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays and the Youth Choir performs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Both Choirs usually sing at the 10:30 but sometimes are asked (mostly Parish) to sing at the 8:00 service as well.

The Bell Choir will perform on special occasions 5-7 times throughout the year.

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did! No

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

I cannot believe that it is November already. The leaves are falling and soon it will be time for raking and Thanksgiving. But, as we look forward to the holiday season, we also need to continue to focus on finishing this year with a strong push to meet the Mission Plan.

As for the current year, as usual, the third quarter (which includes the summer months) is a slow time and we have fallen a bit behind on the Mission Plan as we did this time last year. That being said, I am optimistic that we can end the year with a strong finish. As always, I want to thank everyone for all of the contributions they make in both time and treasure. We appreciate all that you do to help the church stay an institution of fellowship and faith. President Bill Sherman sent a letter out at the beginning of summer requesting members to assist in helping to close a short-fall due to some unexpected expenditures. We could still use your help with that.

Looking forward to next year, it is never too early to start thinking about pledging for next year. The pledge presentation will be in November and I ask all of you to start thinking about your plans for next year. Pledging helps the Church have a more consistent expectation of revenue over the course of the year. Asking people to give more money is always the toughest part of the job but I am excited about the upcoming year. You will be hearing more about the Mission Plan for 2016 over the next month or so.

Also, this is the time of year that people really start to think about the blessings they have in their life and how fortunate they truly are. As blessed as many people are, many forget that true blessings come from God. As a member of the Church, think about inviting friends to join us here at CLC. It is always fun and exciting to see new faces and to see the Church grow. Many people are looking for a spiritual home. Why not invite them to make CLC that home?

Sincerely,

David Veleber Stewardship Deacon



Our Sincere Appreciation

- Many thanks to the "Thursday Afternoon Ladies" for assembling the October Heavenly Herald! We can't do it without your support, you are the BEST
- For all of the kind gestures, the prayers and words of encouragement that came my way while I was recovering from ear surgery. The surgery went well and the healing process has come along in a positive manner thanks to all the well wishes from members of CLC. I am grateful for all the concern and for your heartfelt support.

Pastor Gustafson



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ADVENT DINNER...

Tis the season to celebrate
And be thankful for the past year
You are invited to our

ADVENT DINNER

DECEMBER 6TH AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
November 11 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
All Saints Day	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 4 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsa1	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsa1	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsa1	Parish Choir
November 8 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsa1	Bruce Emerick
Veterans Day	8:00 AM	Performance	Bruce Emerick
	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir & Eva S. Flute
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir & Eva S. Flute
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	7:15 PM	Rehearsa1	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 15 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsa1	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 18 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsa1	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsa1	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 22 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble
	8:00 AM	Performance	Men's Ensemble
	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble
	10:30 AM	Performance	Men's Ensemble
November 25 - Wednesday	6:40 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
Thanksgiving Eve	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish & Bell Choir
November 29 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
1st Sunday in Advent	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
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CLC HELPING HANDS...

If you are in need of help please call on our Helping Hands committee. Please call Christine Smith (203) 250-7323 and she will arrange for meals to be made and delivered to you by our committee. You can also email her at christinels@hotmail.com

Whether this need is the result of a hospital stay, a new baby arrival, or a recent loss of a loved one, we want to support you during your critical time.

If you would like to volunteer as a member of the helping hands committee by making a meal for someone who is in need, please call Christine Smith so that we may call upon you when the need for your assistance arises.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. -- Galatians 6:10

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- **† CLC Little Blessings Nursery** Needs Volunteers
- † Give Your Old Car A Good Home **Good News** Garage information
- **†** Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- **† Hope Center** 2015 volunteer sign-ups
- **†** 2015 Usher Schedule
- **†** Little Cherubs enrollment information

Others looking for help!

- **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email kweiland3@sbcglobal.net
- **† Helping Hands** Contact Christine Smith if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee.
- **†** All Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings are as follows:

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Now is the time to sign up to join the Parish Choir for Adults or the Youth Choir for Children. Previous singing in Choirs is not required, only a love of music and a desire to contribute to our worship on Sundays. Speak to Martha Medford or any current member of the choirs for Questions.

Sunday School Teachers Needed—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to Teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Carlene Myers or Andy.





THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

A monthly glimpse of the history of your Cheshire Lutheran Church:

November

November 10, 1483	Martin Luther born
November 1960	Church sanctuary construction begins
November 2, 1961	Schlicker Pipe Organ dedication
November 18, 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms dedication



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to it's proper storage place for use at another time.

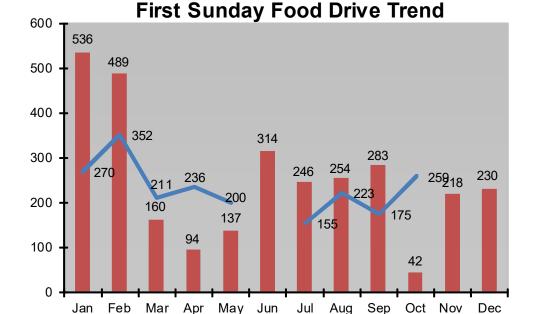




DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

If you happen to spot an item at the grocery store selling at a special price "buy one-get one free", purchase it and donate the free item to First Sunday Food Drive





"Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs." John 21:15b

2015 Items

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

2014 Items

Don't let our First Sunday Food Bank donations fall behind last year's totals. We are in need of volunteers for 2015. Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 am until noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to insure the food we are sending is not out of date. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.

GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!



(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)

New cards continue to be added to the display case. All cards sell for \$1.00 and monies can be left in the yellow box attached to the rack.

The ladies thank the congregation for their generous support and hope to continue their record of giving to various church ministries.

We thank all for their support and especially thank those who leave large bills in the box.

Contact Persons; Rita Stark (272-3488) and Carolyn Bammann (272-7083).

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (December 2015 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **November 27**th or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!





HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

Volunteers to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire, are needed. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

We have re-directed the donated baby items which are collected in the bassinet outside the church office. For years we have been donating them to "Baskets of Love" where women of the Waterbury Church of Christ used them to make baskets which are distributed to new mothers in Waterbury Hospital, Bristol Hospital and New Beginnings in Waterbury We would like to now donate these items to the **local** organization "Hope for Life", d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center. They are located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire in a facility provided by Christ Community Church. They will gratefully accept infant clothing and unused nursery equipment. For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet.



REMEMBER OUR CHERISHED CONGREGANTS!...

There are members of our congregation who are unable to attend weekly worship. You can help them to know they are a part of our fellowship by stopping by, sending a card or making a phone call.

Edith Wnuck c/o Cheshire Regional Rehab Center 745 Highland Avenue Cheshire, CT 06410 John Luchene c/o Cheshire Regional Rehab Center 745 Highland Avenue Cheshire, CT 06410



NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to distribute information within the congregation.



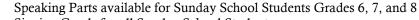
SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!!!







The Wise men from the East have come looking for The King. They join the shepherds and angels in praising Jesus, the new Born King.



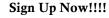
Singing Carols for all Sunday School Students

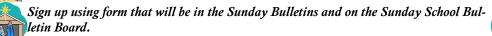
Practices will take place on Sunday Mornings





Pageant – December 13 – 10:30 AM Run Through – December 6, Sunday – 9:10 AM Dress Rehearsal – December 12, Saturday – 10:00 AM









APPLE PIES ARE COMMING...

The CLCW will be hosting an Apple Pie Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 8:30 a.m. The number of pies that will be made will depend on the number of pies that are pre-ordered by the members of the congregation and friends.

Order forms can be found on the counter in the entry hallway. So, order your pies and, if you are able, come to the workshop and participate in the fun of making them.

Any questions, please call Karen Weiland at 203-250-1574.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 9:00 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Bill Soulier!



THANKSGIVING...

At this time of year, we stop and give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He bestows upon us. We have a gracious God who loved us so much that He reaches out to us through His Son with the free gift of eternal life which we receive through faith in what Jesus did on the cross and through His resurrection. We have much to rejoice about. Investors in Church Extension Fund rejoice in being part of a ministry that helps provide facilities where the Gospel of Jesus is taught and preached. Call 1-800-THE-LCEF (843-5233) for more information.

Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Will continue each Sunday Morning during the Sunday School hour, 9:10 to 10:10 each week.



TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Will be deliberating a study called "You Lost Me" by David Kinnaman from the Barna Group. It's about understanding the 20 something's and where they are coming from when it comes to their faith or lack thereof and why or why not they attend a church.

CALLING ALL MEN...

Have you been searching for an opportunity to deepen your faith in God and strengthen your relationship with fellow Christians? Join us for an hour of Bible study, fellowship and prayer once a month. We meet at 7:30am and finish promptly at 8:30am the third Thursday of every month.



THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

Will be continuing our Reading of the Augsburg Confession, the historic document defines what we as Lutheran Christians believe, teach, and profess.

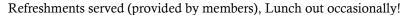


THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES...

Attention Ladies!

Come join the "Young at Heart Group" of women who get together the last Thursday of every month at CLC, except when a special need arises like assembling the HH Newsletter! We are a "no frills" group whose mission is fellowship and service to each other and the church.

Our gatherings are alive with timely discussion and happy reflections on the members' varied and interesting backgrounds. We also put together the newsletter and sponsor the on going greeting card fund raising project.



COME, JOIN US, GET INVOLVED!



MEET OUR MISSIONARIES...

Rev. James and Brittany Baumgartner, Serving the Lord in the Latin America region



Rev. James, Brittany and Nora Baumgartner

Bio Rev. James and Brittany Baumgartner have been called to serve the Lord as career missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Latin America region. In this role, James provides pastoral support, teaches through Word and Sacrament ministry and develops relationships for future ministry. In addition, both James and Brittany help with the various mer-

cy ministry projects the LCMS is undertaking in this region.

James was born in Lakewood, Colo. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration (finance) from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2009. Before becoming a missionary, he served as associate pastor at Faith Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, Nev. (2009-2011), and as sole pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Erie, Pa. (2011-2013). James' hobbies include hiking, reading and frequenting coffee shops.

Brittany was born in Angeles City, Philippines, but was raised in Galva, Iowa. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Excelsior College, Albany, N.Y. Brittany enjoys snowshoeing, reading and being silly with her daughter. James and Brittany have a beautiful daughter, Eleanor (Nora), who joins them on the mission field.

Prayers:

Please pray for James and Brittany as they serve the Lord in the Latin America region. Please pray for their family as they transition, learning a new language and culture. Pray that God uses them daily to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray that God opens the doors for an effective and life-changing ministry with the individuals they care for and daily interact with in the communities in which they live and serve. Let us give thanks to God that the Baumgartners are serving His children in Latin America.

Special Dates

- Brittany Birthday- Nov. 20
- Nora Birthday Oct. 9
- ♥ Wedding Anniversary: Aug. 2

Home District: Northwest

Learn More:

Learn more about the work being done in the Latin America region.

- Pray daily for James and Brittany and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit Icms.org/baumgartner
- Learn about LCMS international work at lcms.org/international
- Support and adopt an international worker. Call 888-930-4438.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER...

November 1: Joshua Becomes Leader of Israel

Fear does more than make us jump away from spiders and yelp during scary movies—it can keep us from being God's instrument. God has a plan and purpose for each person; he wants to use each of us to accomplish his plans. Many times we freak out and think, "But God, there's no way I can do that!" You're right, you can't. But that's the point. God will do it; he just wants to do it through us. Joshua and the Israelites didn't conquer Canaan—God did. God was with Joshua every step of the way.

Bible Point: God is with us. **Key Verse:** Joshua 1:9

November 8: Joshua Sends Spies to Jericho

Where do adults put their trust these days? The stock market? Our relationships? Our jobs? God wants our trust to be in him alone. Once we put God in the driver's seat, he will direct our lives to the big things he has in store for us.

Bible Point: We can have faith that God will do big things in our lives.

Key Verse: Hebrews 11:6

November 15: The Israelites Cross the Jordan River

Though people like to tease each other by saying, "The memory is the first thing to go," memories are an important part of our makeup as humans. Experiences saved up over time in our memory become treasured events to reflect on—or horrors to relive. But those that provide positive momentum in our lives—the good memories—usually are the ones that stand out.

Bible Point: Remember what God has done.

Key Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:8

November 22: God Gives Victory Over Jericho

God's power is a mystery. "Why doesn't he just heal my sick relative?" people wonder. "Why doesn't God use his power to keep nations from fighting?" they ask. Surely the Bible includes many wondrous and miraculous examples of God's handiwork—of God's power in action. But many people—including a whole host of Christian adults—are skeptical about God's power today.

Bible Point: God's power works for good.

Key Verse: 1 Peter 5:6-7

November 29: Prophets Foretell Jesus' Comin

The adult world of business is filled with promises. In fact, the only way the business world can proceed is through mutual trust among those who give and receive promises. Integrity, or lack of it, will make or break a deal—or a career.

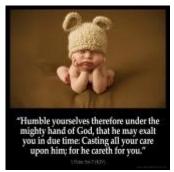
Bible Point: Jesus fulfilled God's Promise.

Key Verse: Matthew 1:22-23









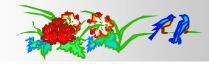


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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY November 2015

6 th	Joseph & Rita Stark	61 Years
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10^{th}	David & Melissa Veleber	12 Years
12^{th}	Don & Diane Drust	43 Years
16^{th}	Alan & Carol Santoro	30 Years
20^{th}	Patrick & Judith DiDomizio	50 Years
21st	Raymond & Eleanor Verner	56 Years
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	Paul & Christine Smith	24 Years
24^{th}	Tim & Cindy Baker	14 Years
27^{th}	Edward & Nancy Schweizer	33 Years
28^{th}	John & Joanne Casberg	56 Years
	Blair & Kristen Donewald	34 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Voters will meet Monday November 16th at 7:00 pm. We need voters and a quorum for the November meeting, there are many IMPORTANT items to be voted on. Please consider being a Voter, we need you!



