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All Saints' Day

Five hundred years ago, on October 31st, Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses on the church door which began the Reformation. By why on Halloween? Halloween, as we know it today, wasn't celebrated in 1517. There were no costumes, no jack-o-lanterns, and unfortunately, no bags of candy. Halloween wasn't a special feast day or festival in the church year. It was just another Saturday and wasn't a big deal.

The special day was actually the next day, November 1st, All Saints' Day. On that day, pilgrims would gather in Wittenberg to view Frederick the Wise's collection of relics and to receive indulgences for doing so. Among those pilgrims would be many academics who would view Luther's invitation of a debate on indulgences.

We're not entirely sure of when the practice of celebrating those who died in faith began. Various days were used throughout Christendom, and the earliest reference to All Saints' Day comes in a sermon from 373 A.D. It was Pope Gregory III in the 8th century who established November 1st as the day when the Church remembers the holy apostles, the saints, martyrs and confessors, and all the just made perfect through Jesus Christ who are at rest throughout the world.

On All Saints' Day we are encouraged by the lives of those who lived in and through the faith before us. We recall the faithful men and women of the Bible, as well as the stories of faithful Christians throughout the nearly 2,000 year history of the Church. Some, like Luther, are well-known, but the vast majority of them are known only to God.

All Saints' Day is also a time to remember the saints of the recent past. During the worship service we recall the loved ones, friends, and faithful leaders in Christ who taught us, encouraged us, and gave us joy.

Most importantly, we glorify God for all His faithfulness to the saints. All Saints' Day reminds us that in ourselves, we are lost and condemned creatures. It is only by the impeccable life, the innocent suffering and death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ that any sinner is made a saint in the eyes of God.

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God "has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Col 1:13-14). He has qualified us to share in the inheritance of eternal life. The communion of saints, which we confess each week, includes both the living on earth and those who are at rest in the faith. Praise God that He has done such great work in all of us.

When we gather this November 5th to observe All Saints' Day, we will do so with some grief and sadness as we remember those who are no longer with us. But we will also gather with joy and happiness as we remember the one who died so that all might live.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Michael

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Sunday: 10:15 AM

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Helkowski	3
Tara Dulski	7
Darryl Gunther	7
Pamela Licht	10
Peter Humphrey	13
Dustin Parker	14
Joleen Mesing	16
Betty Haffely	18
Brendan Doerr	19
Gene Reddel	22
Joan Coe	28
Matthew Parker	28
Beau DeThomas, Jr.	30
Kaitlyn Schultz	30

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Carol Helkowski	
Dan Helkowski	
Rich Clayton	
Hannah Bendekovic	1
Ethan Bendekovic	1
Luke Bendekovic	1
Tom Shively	1
Joslyn Mesing	12
Tammy Eckstrom	16
Karl Borgman	20
Carole Alberts	27
Tara Dulski	28
Betty Haffely	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Joan Coe	21
Milt & Christie Scott	30



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following members & friends in your prayers:

- ❖ Continued prayers of healing for Willis Voland’s sister; Betty Ann.
- ❖ Additional prayers for those battling cancer: Carol Helkowski, Milt Scott and Erica Davids.
- ❖ Joel, a young friend of the Mesing family, Hodgkin’s lymphoma.
- ❖ Lanaya (Granddaughter of Karen & Joe Meinert) for her mental health.
- ❖ Khia, (Twila DeThomas’s niece), prayers of comfort for her and her family as her journey here on earth comes to an end.
- ❖ Dave, (Twila’s stepfather), with recurring lung cancer.
- ❖ Zachary Weldon for health concerns.
- ❖ Amy Bailey, work friend of Lynn Gunther, recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ Joan Cuppett, Sandy Kostelnik’s cousin, stage 4 lung cancer.
- ❖ Kathy Voland and family at the death of her sister, Mary Lou.
- ❖ Kyle Borgman with an ACL injury.
- ❖ Bryan, Sandy Kostelnik’s son, prayers for good test results
- ❖ Christie Scott, in Butler Hospital with congestive heart failure.
- ❖ Ken Thompson, Colleen Sigler’s father, in the Urgent Care Unit in Greenville Hospital for stroke related issues.

NOVEMBER SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Greeters

- 5 – Beau/Twila DeThomas
- 12 – Bill/Becky Mallary
- 19 – Kathy Volland
- 26 – Don/Betty Wunnenberg

Readers

- 5 – Darryl Gunther
- 12 – Doug Eckstrom
- 19 – Kathy Osten
- 26 – Christie Scott

Acolytes

- 5 – Hoby Schweiker
- 12 – Jason Mengel
- 19 – Skylar DeThomas
- 26 – Ethan Bendekovic

Altar Guild

JeanTaylor/Amy Wilson

LUTHERAN HOUR – NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 5

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 This weekend many churches observe All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What that means is this week's Lutheran Hour message.
 (Matthew 5:8)

November 12

"More Than a Wish"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
 Not so long ago over 370 million tickets were sold for a Powerball drawing. Each person who made a purchase had hope that they might become rich. Most were disappointed. In 1 Thessalonians 4, St. Paul explains how the resurrection hope of Christians is better than the hopelessness of the world and far more solid than groundless wishful thinking.
 (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

November 19

"The Reckoning"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 You hear little talk about the 'Fear of God' anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God.
 (Matthew 25:14-30)

November 26

"Show Me"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
 In Lerner and Loewe's musical, My Fair Lady, Eliza is being wooed with words by weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above If you're in love, show me Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action.
 (Matthew 25:31-46)



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So Many Reasons for Gratitude, So Many Options for Generosity

During the season of Thanksgiving, leading to the season of celebrating Christ's birth, believers relish thoughts of God's goodness. Faith-filled hearts recognize that gratitude to God for the many blessings given is important. Each blessing, whether recognized or not, gives reason to share and spread God's infinite generosity to others.

For an unbelieving heart, it is difficult to see such cause for thankfulness. However, the believer recognizes that all material, mental, physical and spiritual blessings come from God the Father of Creation. Immortality comes from the redemptive life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. All comfort and assurance of peace comes from God's Holy Spirit. From such good news or Gospel blessings flow the myriad reasons to live in joyful gratitude. This motivates a response of generosity.

This gratitude, a gift in and of itself, causes Christian people to express generosity to loved ones. For those motivated in faith, this generosity also extends to and includes cherished ministries as extensions of the 'home.' Faith realizes a calling to share such GOOD NEWS with others beyond our own.

Like reasons for gratitude, so also the options for expressing generosity are many! Generosity can use time, acts of service, prayers and contributions of money to bless ministry or provide mercy. Although Lutheran Christians don't concentrate on our own 'good works,' these acts of generosity, "prepared in advance for us to do," are powerful evidence of God working through us.

When expressing their generosity toward others, people usually hope to choose options that bless those they seek to help, rather than curse them. Likewise, when people contribute money or wealth, their intent is to give in the most effective manner. For guidance, let us help you learn options that fit your God-given intent.

For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner @ robert.wirth@lfnd.org or 716-863-4427.

PRESCHOOL BIBLE LESSON

This month our students learned about Noah and the flood. While wickedness was great on the earth, Noah was a righteous man who found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

The students listened very closely as we taught about Noah obeying God by building the ark and the timeline of events throughout the flood all the way to the rainbow.

The kids especially enjoyed our animal cracker craft as they matched the animals two by two to get into the ark! Our preschoolers will be reminded of God's promise to never flood the earth again each time they see a rainbow.

Next month we will begin working on our Christmas program and the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. There will be no Chapel in November.

God's Blessings,

Miss Twila & Miss Jill

Mrs. Shuttleworth & Miss Jill's Preschool News

Happy Fall to you ALL! The leaves are falling and we all know what that means.....winter is on the way! I know I'm not ready for it at ALL, but I think the children are! We are loving this wonderful warm fall weather and sunshine! We get out as much as we can to enjoy it!

I am happy to report that all 6 of our butterflies hatched and we were able to release them all into the beautiful sunshine! Each preschooler was able to hold the butterfly, it was such a great experience and its one of my favorite lessons to teach!

Time is sure flying and we have all settled into our daily routines! Although their favorite time of the day is snack of course!

3 Year Old Class The three year olds are working hard and are doing such a great job! They love to sing songs at circle time and listen to our story. We talked about growing pumpkins, took a field trip to Yecks pumpkin Farm, Fall changes and the many shapes of Halloween and Fire Safety. We carved a Jack O Lantern for our room and made a pumpkin report on our Pumpkin! As it turned out our pumpkin did float and did have many seeds! Most of them guessed that it would sink and that he wouldn't have any seeds! The surprises on their face was priceless!

The firemen from Big Knob came to visit us and we got to ride in the fire truck!! This is such an enthusiastic group and we enjoy having them in our class!

4 year old class The four year olds topics for the month were: Fire Safety, Growing pumpkins, Fall changes. The fours got to go on two fieldtrips, Yecks Pumpkin Patch, and the Big Knob Fire Station! While we were at the fire station we not only got to ride in the fire truck with sirens and the horn in full force! It was awesome! Getting to spray one of the hoses was lots of fun too! That was lots of fun for everyone!! Including the teachers!!! The biggest attraction was "Hydro" the 2 year old Dalmatian of one of the fire fighters, who also has a preschooler here!

We are working very hard on printing our letters and we have started to print our names in upper and lower case letters, please try and practice as much as you can at home.

This month's Bible lesson was about Noah's Ark. Our students learned that God told Noah to build the Ark because Noah was a good man. He built the Ark and the animals came two by two to get on the ark with Noah and his family. Then God shut the doors of the Ark and it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Then God placed a rainbow in the sky as a promise of his love and that he will never flood the earth again. We sang our song about Noah at Chapel. The kids really go into it and loved singing the song!

Mrs. Shuttleworth and Ms. Jill

Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila's Preschool News

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. –Isaiah 54:13

Welcome Fall!! God changes leaves and lives! The fall foliage around the preschool is beautiful! The month of October was chocked full of teachable moments. First, we celebrated Fire Safety week. Our three year old class received a special visit from Big Knob's own Fire Chief along with four other fire fighters and their fire engine to learn some fire safety tips. Our four year old classes took a field trip to visit the Fire Department and learn fire safety. All of our students even got to take a ride on the fire engine around the parking lot. The highlight of the visit was meeting the department's mascot, "Hydro" a four year old Dalmatian dog. The Ladies Auxiliary was generous with our students too; they brought cookies and drinks to enjoy after our safety talk.

We added three new letters to our writing skills this month; A, O, and H. During letter A week, we focused on Autumn and the changes occurring outside. We also talked about the many kinds of apples and how they taste. Letter O week was a discussion about October as we started creating Halloween arts and crafts. Our four year old class did a fun science experiment with pumpkins. We tested whether a pumpkin will sink or float in water. We made a hypothesis and then followed through to find our actual answer. No matter how big or small a pumpkin is, it will always float in water. In addition, all the preschool classes took a field trip to Yeck's Farm and enjoyed a hayride as well as choosing a pumpkin to take home. Finishing out the month we focused on the letter H. The letter H represented Halloween and the fun costume party we had just in time for trick or treat. A special "Thank you" goes out to the wonderful parents for making this a fun and safe time for our students.

Every year the Big Knob Fire Department volunteers to teach our preschoolers about fire safety and they ask for nothing in return. This year we took up a cash collection because they are a volunteer fire company and we thought every penny counts. We asked for donations for two weeks and were able to donate \$100 to Big Knob Fire Department. They are worth so much more to our community! We thank anyone who donated with us. Thank you for your consideration!

Until Next Month, May God Bless each and every one of you!
Mrs. Smith & Miss Twila

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	2 7:00 Choir	3	4 6:30 Holy Communion 1-5 Martin Luther's BD celebration at POP
5 All Saints Sunday 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	6	7	8 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	9 7:00 Choir	10	11 6:30 Holy Communion
12 23 RD Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	13	14 6:30 Council Mtg	15 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	16 7:00 Choir	17	18 6:30 Holy Communion
19 24 TH Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	20	21	22 11:00 Midweek Bible Study	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	24	25 6:30 Holy Communion
26 Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:00 SS/Adult Class 10:15 Holy Communion	27	28	29 11:00 Midweek Bible Study 6:30 Elders	30 7:00 Choir		