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The Communicator

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LIVING CHRIST

Autumn is... Where?

It's here! You may have noticed trees changing color, more pumpkins everywhere, and gardens drying up. Maybe the Reformation Day services, Halloween, Dia De Los Muertos, or other indicators have reminded you? Whatever it may be, it hasn't been the weather much. It has been warmer than usual.

The weather patterns have thrown me off! I find myself thinking, "It's fall, so I need to start layering, dressing warmer, and keeping a warm blanket in my car." But it's too warm for all that still! One day until November and I'm still in a T-shirt. This is not at all what I expected. It's not normal. I've heard others express that this weather is throwing them off as well.

We have said farewell to several people over the past few years, and that can also throw us off. Just when it seems we are getting used to things the way they are, something changes, and we have to recalibrate again. First Peter 1 says,

"Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

24 For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever." That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Peter reminds us of the words from Isaiah 40:8. These are words to bring a reminder that things won't remain the same, they will keep changing. Yet, despite the ways it might affect our expectations, the way we feel, or the choices we make – God's word endures, remains, stands FOREVER!

We may not be able to see what is on the other side of this warm autumn, the current election season, or many other things. Be encouraged: whatever may happen to throw us off, make us wonder, or want to wither – God's word endures, remains, stands FOREVER!

So, remember this as we continue to celebrate the times we are together, the ways that God is blessing us, and the many more ways we will see God's word and work flourish and endure. We are born anew of imperishable seed!

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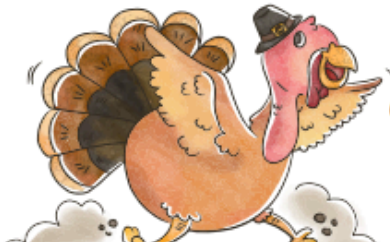
THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

Enjoy the holiday celebrations with this thanksgiving word search!



Words Up Puzzles

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APPLE PIE
BLESSINGS
CORN
CRANBERRY SAUCE
FAMILY
GRAVY
HARVEST

HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER
PUMPKIN PIE
SQUASH
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY

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Weekly Gatherings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15am, in-person/Facebook live

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am, in-person

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10am, in-person

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12:30PM

Articles Due 21st of each
month

Thank You

We wish to Thank EVERYONE at Living Christ who helped make the Memorial Service for Beverly such a beautiful service. THANK YOU!

Glen Albers & Family

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Randy Henning

I want to update you on where we are with listing the church property for sale and a couple of other things. First, Pastor and I have looked at the listing agreement and have found some things we question. By the time you read this, we will have met with the realtor again and worked out those issues. Our intent is to have an agreement in place by November 1 or very soon after. And in case you were wondering, there will be NO sign out front. The strategy team continues to meet and address our situation moving forward. Combining churches just to increase numbers will NOT have a permanent effect on the mission of the North County ELCA churches. We need to work on methods to build our church and become a firmer foundation for the gospel in North County.

The second thing is that we are actively starting to fund raise for next year's FMSC pack at Atonement on July 11-12. There will be four (4) shifts, one (1) on Friday and three (3) on Saturday. We need donations to make sure we can pay for it. If you would like to contribute, please make checks out to Feed My Starving Children and give them to me or leave them in my mailbox. We have a new fund raising idea that LCLC will participate in. It is called "Adopt a Pallet". We packed 18 pallets last year. That is 36 boxes of 216 meals each or a total of 7776 meals per pallet. That cost is about \$2300. I would like LCLC to pay for a pallet. In a couple of weeks, a poster will appear in the upper level somewhere very visible to keep track of how we are doing in reaching that goal. We have 8 months or so before the pack, so that is plenty of time to get it done. Please understand, do NOT feed this fund at the expense of what you normally give. These are additional donations to whatever you give to the general fund. Give your checks to me or put them in the collection plate. Put "Pallet Challenge" in the memo portion of the check. That does it for now. Stay tuned



TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2024

Category	September Actual	YTD Actual
INCOME	\$ 11,167	\$103,017
EXPENSES	\$14,676	\$131,254
Congregation Coord	\$150	\$450
Cong Vitality Team	\$0	\$0
MISSIONS	\$180	\$9,178
OFFICE	\$177	\$2,941
OUTREACH	\$0	\$250
PASTOR FUND	\$0	\$0
PROPERTY	\$4,633	\$32,896
STEWARDSHIP	\$0	\$225
SUPPORT	\$1,611	\$17,310
WAGES	\$7,878	\$67,373
WORSHIP	\$47	\$633

Total YTD Income \$ 103,017

Total YTD Expenses \$ 131,254

Total YTD Difference -\$ 28,238

The expenses for the month of September were \$14,676 and the income for the month was \$11,167. The expenses for the month were \$3,509 greater than income. The year-to-date expenses of \$131,254 exceed year-to-date income of \$103,017 by \$28,238. Our monthly deficit is still averaging about \$3,100 per month.

With your help; we still have three months this year to help minimize this deficit.

2024 General Funds paid to missions are as follows:

Central States Synod \$ 5,500

Outreach/Local Missions \$ 3,678

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Thanks.

Dave Endorf, Treasurer
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Take Charge of Tomorrow

November is National Diabetes Month

This year's theme is Take Charge of Tomorrow: Preventing Diabetes Health Problems

Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. When it's not managed, diabetes can damage the eyes, kidneys, nerves, and heart, and is linked to some types of cancer.

If you have diabetes, taking charge of your health as soon as possible may help you prevent other health problems.

Diabetes affects about 38 million Americans, including adults and youth

Here are some tips to help you prevent or manage diabetes



Manage your A1C blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels.

Ask your doctor what your goals should be, and stay informed about your A1C level.



Make lifestyle changes to slowly build healthy habits.

Take small steps to eat healthier, be more physically active, and get enough sleep.



Take your medicines on time, even if you feel healthy.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist for help if you have trouble managing your medicines.



Take care of your mental health.

A mental health counselor may help you find healthy ways to cope with stress.



Work closely with your primary care provider.

Contact the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services or the American Diabetes Association for additional information





A GIVING PRAYER

As we build "a future with hope" together, you are invited to pray this "Giving Prayer" daily. Find a quiet moment, center your heart, notice the steam rising from your cup of tea or the breeze moving through the trees, and pray.

Gracious God: Over and over, we become scattered and separated. Over and over, like a good shepherd, you find us and bring us home. For all the togetherness you've granted us at Living Christ, thank you. For the gift of faith that gets us through times of separation, thank you. For The Communicator, weekly emails, Zoom, our website, our Shepherds and all other people and tools that help us connect, thank you. In your generosity and grace, O God grant me the wisdom to see what I can give to make our separations easier, and our homecomings even more joyful. Amen.



I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
+ Jeremiah 29:10-11

GIVING CHART

To calculate your weekly gift, find your income on the left, and read across to the percentage of income you feel called to give.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361



PLEDGE CARD

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

I/We plan to give \$ _____ each week month

for an annual total of \$ _____ towards our mission and ministry

I/We understand that this pledge can be changed at any time

Signature _____ Date _____

Stewardship 2024

Matthew 6:21 "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also."

Our Stewardship Program will conclude this year with November's theme of "Finance". A pledge sheet is included in this Communicator. Copies will also be available on the table in the hallway. Please fill one out with your pledge for 2025 and return by November 17. This will help our treasurer plan for the coming year.

Finance

by Dave Endorf

As both a congregation and as individuals we find ourselves dependent on many things. Our money, cars, cell phones, computers, and internet access are just a few of the things we might be dependent on. Do we consider ourselves dependent on God? Does our society and culture consider dependence on God something for weak individuals? And what does this have to do with stewardship?

I think it has a lot to do with both stewardship and our lives. God has given us everything. As dependent, forgiven sinners we have both the opportunity and responsibility to give back to God. We give back with our time, talents, and financial gifts.

Jesus Christ was dependent on God the Father. Does this mean that Jesus was weak? No, Jesus was not weak in his obedience following God's will. In the same way we are not weak when we depend on and trust in the suffering servant Jesus Christ.

The presence of Jesus will bring light and hope into our lives. As baptized children of God we have the responsibility and privilege of letting God's light shine in the world. We are God's light and voice in the world. Have you been reflecting that light?

I encourage everyone to continue their financial support to Living Christ Church as well as ministries that bring light and hope into the lives of others.

Zion Lutheran says this prayer every week:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FUND RAISERS

Mum Sales brought in a profit of \$180. The colors were beautiful and enjoyed by many.

Fall Craft/Bake Sale was a success with donations by several of our talented folks.

Thank you to those who donated and to those who purchased items. \$480 was raised to benefit Living Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

We will be working with Janice Hutchins at Antioch Baptist church to provide 10 Thanksgiving Boxes. Boxes and the product information are available in the Great Room. Please provide only the products listed, do not add additional food items. Requesting 10 gift cards (\$25.00) from Aldi, Schnucks, or Save Alot. Also, it would be a nice addition if you could write a short note wishing the recipient a happy Thanksgiving.

Please contact Cathie Lehr with any questions.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief Quilts - LWR Quilts were collected at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in St. Ann on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Church's from the St. Louis area, as well as from 144 miles away, came to bring their quilts to pack in the eighteen wheeler trailer truck. Over 700 quilts were brought and packed, as well as sewing kits and hygiene kits. These items are traveling to Minnesota where they will be repacked, and sent to people and families who are in need around the world and in the United States. Recently, LWR Quilts have been sent to Africa and Ukraine. More recent, quilts were given to Veterans in western North Carolina after the flooding. After receiving his quilt, one Veteran said of his quilt, "this quilt brightens the whole room!" What a wonderful ministry of comfort! Living Christ will be creating/making more quilts for LWR over the next year. Thank you for all of your prayers for this ministry.

Create Days - Friday, November 1, and Friday, December 6, from 9:00-11:00 are our next Create Days.

COUNCIL BULLETS

- The Lutheran School of Theology - St. Louis is ceasing operations. A Faithful Endings Event celebrating 30 years of ministry is on Sunday, November 3 at 5:00 pm at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Clayton, MO. Reception following.
- Our worship services will be "refreshed" with new and different liturgy and/or music in the near future.
- The next GRC joint worship with Zion is on Sunday, November 10 at 9:15 am at LCLC.
- Our annual Congregation Meeting is on Sunday, November 17 following worship. Lunch will be served following the meeting. There will be no Council elections due to congregation approval at the June 30, 2024 Semi-Annual meeting to "freeze" Council membership.
- Pledge sheets will be available in the November Communicator and on the table in the Great Room. Please complete and return them by November 17.
- We are joining Atonement on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 pm for Thanksgiving Eve worship and a pie social at Atonement.
- The 2025 Feed My Starving Children pack is on July 11 and 12. Fundraising has begun. We will be doing a "noisy offering" monthly beginning in November.



50+ Oktoberfest RECAP

Thanks to Jann and Glenn Mueller for hosting the 50 Plus Oktoberfest on October 16 in the lower level at LCLC.

We celebrated with brats, hot dogs, sides, pretzels with cheese and Yuengling.

Toby and Dave Barnes were big game winners taking home prizes including a 14 pound pumpkin and cookies.

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THANKSGIVING EVE



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November Lunch Bunch

November Lunch Bunch will be returning to Red Lobster located at 12235 St. Charles Rock Road on November 14 at 11:30 am. Lunch bunch is a nice way to enjoy a meal with the cheddar biscuits and social time with friends. Lunch bunch will not be meeting in December but will return in January.

We welcome everyone to join us. For reservations contact Joyce Meyer at 314-374-4135 or email jameyer46@charter.net.

October Lunch Bunch RECAP

Fourteen members dined at the Ferguson Brewery in Ferguson on October 10. We enjoyed good food and conversation. The Brewery has a large menu and is always welcoming to our group of diners.

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If you have a report please email Cynthia @ LCLC2725@gmail.com





Celebrate November!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Anne Christine	Desmond	9
Rebecca	KAEPPPEL	13
Erle	CRAIG	14
Donna	GLENNIE	14
Janice	TIBBS	18
Pamela	KEEVEN	20
Sara	WALLACE- BLIGHT	26
Jeff	CRAWLEY	28

Wedding Anniversaries



Shawn and Kathleen	Arthur	23rd	17yrs
Dave and Kathy	Endorf	29th	44yrs



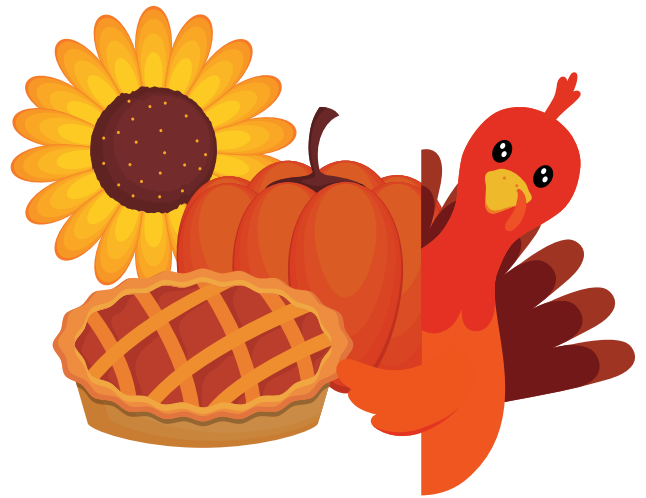
November Worship Assistants

November 3

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt
Assisting Minister: Randy Henning
Lector: Dave Endorf
Live Streaming: Gary & Laurie Brown
Musician: Greg Ott
Ushers: Randy Henning & Dave Endorf
Greeter: Judy Holmes
Altar Guild: Cathie Lehr & Joyce Meyer

November 10

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt
Assisting Minister: Bill Kaepffel
Lector: Terry Calderwood
Live Streaming: Rod Wallace
Musician: David Eggers
Ushers: Jim & Doris Stoechner
Greeter: Jann Mueller
Altar Guild: Karen Haynes & Sheila Smart



November 17

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt
Assisting Minister: Angela Bennett
Lector: Bill Kaepffel
Live Streaming: Erle Craig
Musician: Greg Ott
Ushers: Cathie Lehr & Marilyn Wiley
Greeter: Marilyn Wiley
Altar Guild: Joyce Wolf & Ann Schultz

November 24

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt
Assisting Minister: Randy Henning
Lector: Angela Bennett
Live Streaming: Gary & Laurie Brown
Musician: David Eggers
Ushers: Jann & Glenn Mueller
Greeter: Kathy Endorf
Altar Guild: Doris Stoechner, Bill Kaepffel & Marilyn Wiley

*****If you are unable to serve on your assigned date,
please swap with someone or find a replacement*****

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9:00am Create Day 11:00am Bells	2
3 9:30am Worship 10:30am Adult Forum Tiam True Vine Church	4	5 10am Bible Study 11am Exercise Class	6	7 11am Exercise Class	8 11:00am Bells	9
10 8am Vocal Choir 9:15am Worship Zion 10:30am Adult Forum Tiam True Vine	11 6:00pm CVT 7:00pm Council	12 10am Bible Study 11am Exercise Class	13	14 11am Exercise Class 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Girl Scouts	15 11:00am Bells	16 9am Girl Scouts
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24 8am Vocal Choir 9:15am Worship 10:30am Adult Forum Tiam True Vine Church	25	26 10am Bible Study NO Exercise Class	27 6:30 pm Worship @ Atonement	28 Thanksgiving	29 11:00am Bells	30

Zoom links for events can be found on our website:
www.lc-livingchrist.org/calendar

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