



November 2021

Good News

Mt Zion – St Luke Lutheran

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11- 2 Centering Prayer
8:30 a.m.
Election Day! Please vote!

11-3 Bible Study 7 p.m.

11-7 Daylight Time Ends
SS 10a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option

11- 2 Centering Prayer
8:30 a.m.

11-10 Bible Study **6 p.m.**
Note Time Change

11-14 Council 8:45 a.m.
SS 10 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option

11-16 No Centering
Prayer PB on vaca

11-17 No Bible Study
PB on vaca

11-21 SS 10 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Guest Preacher/Presider
Online option
Family Day Meal after
Newsletter Deadline

11-23 Centering Prayer
8:30 a.m.

11-24 Bible Study 6pm

11-28 1st Advent
SS 10 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Online option

11-30 Centering Prayer
8:30a.m.

Thanks for Your Service...

He walked across the airport concourse, his duffle bag slung over one shoulder, his combat boots marking time across the tiles. His camos distinguished him from the other passengers, and as we watched him walk toward us, the trip was stop and go. We saw the nods, the smiles, the handshakes from perfect strangers who didn't know our son from Adam but *did* know his uniform. They recognized that here was a person to whom they owed a huge debt, and they wanted to let him know they understood that. "Thanks for your service." Thanks for your service." they said, as he passed by. Over and over, the words were spoken, till, by the time he finally got through security to meet us, our son's face was red with embarrassment at having been singled out. But, at the same time, he stood a little taller, held his head a little higher than when he had emerged from the plane, bone-tired and weary of war.

On the drive home, we began to learn a little of what our son had been through on his tour in Iraq, though he didn't talk about it. He was quiet, self-contained, which wasn't like him. A glance in the rear-view mirror told me that he was not seeing the same thing I was seeing as he looked out the window. His body was with us, but his mind was somewhere else. A red light changed to green. A car backfired. He hit the floorboards. "Get down!" he screamed as we drove on. Sheepishly, he got back in the seat, grinned at us and shrugged.

I wondered how long it would take for our son to get back to "normal", whatever that meant. How long before the nightmares stopped, and the knee-jerk reactions faded? New orders came. Afghanistan, this time, and we sent him off again. We were so proud of him! Yet, so worried for him. It was a strange mix of emotions. Such is the life of a military family.

Our son is a civilian now, but we remember the way it was for him, and for us, as we awaited his return during his days of service to his country. We appreciate the sacrifices servicemen and women make to insure our freedom as a nation. And, whenever we run into a veteran, we make sure to thank him or her for their service.

Veterans Day falls on November 11th - a Thursday, this year. But, we will be lifting prayers of thanksgiving during worship November 14th for all the U.S. military veterans and their families who supported them in their service, especially those in our own congregation. We pray for those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, even as we pray for the day when there will be no more war, and the world will be at peace.

To all of you Veterans, we say, "Thanks for your service!" Pastor Barb <><

**...and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword
against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Isaiah 2:4



Endings and Beginnings



Sunday, November 21st, marks the *end* of the Church Year for 2021 with Christ the King Sunday. On this day, we recognize Jesus as who he is – the Son of God - Ruler of the Universe and King of our hearts.

We end the year with a celebration of his reign on earth *now*, seen in all that is good and right and true and beautiful. We await the day when his kingdom comes in its entirety.

Sunday, November 28th marks the *beginning* of a new Church Year with the start of the Advent Season. Advent means “coming” and is the time of year in which we prepare our hearts for our Lord’s *second* coming, in all of his glory, at which time his reign will be on earth as it is in heaven.

Each Sunday in Advent, one of our families will light one of the four candles on our Advent Wreath and will lead us in a prayer to symbolize our waiting time. The four candles stand for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, all of which we can expect our Lord to bring in fully when he comes. On Christmas Eve, we light the Christ Candle in the middle of the wreath, in celebration and remembrance of Christ’s first coming to us as a newborn baby.

It is our tradition to observe the season of Advent by either a brief worship service or an activity in the Lingle Room on the Wednesday evenings that fall in Advent. This year, we will gather in the Lingle Room at 6:30 on December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd for a simple meal, followed by a fun activity centered around the Advent of our Lord. This will be fun for all ages, so be sure and mark your calendars and bring your family and friends!

A Message of Thanks from Our Bishop

It seems like it happened just yesterday. I had a glue stick in one hand and leaves in the other, as I assembled and decorated my thanksgiving placemat with my handprint that was to be taken home at the end of kindergarten class that day. We wrote on our placemats what we were thankful for and drew and colored all around it. I remember our teacher saying to us “Thanksgiving reminds us to be thankful for everything we have and to say thank you each day!” We so often follow the pitter-patter pattern of daily life when we fall into the trap of aligning out what is mine and what is theirs and what more needs to be “mine”. All too often we forget that all we are and all we have are marvelous creations given to us by God. Our role, our responsibility, is to give thanks! When was the last time you woke up, sat up in bed, and gave thanks for a new day? We have a song of thankfulness that God intends for us to sing. Singing this song with the melodies of our lives, the harmonies of our neighborly service to the stranger, and the imperfect beats that mold so tenderly together, allowing us to never keep our thanks silent, but to live it out daily. How are you singing the song of thankfulness in your life? What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful for?

I am thankful for each of you and all you do. Thank you for singing the song of God in your daily lives and in your ministry. May God continue to bless, strengthen, and sustain you in your service.

+ Bishop Kevin L. Strickland



Serving Our Lord in November

Altar Guild

Lectors

Sound Technicians:

Acolyte

Gail Coogle & Mary Lynn Robinson

Mary Jane Ethridge & Mary Haigler

Bobby Martin & Duck Koch

Ava Felker

No Soup Kitchen in November

Family Day Dinner: Dale Godfrey, Arthur Jackson, Myrtle Joiner, Joseph & Joy McNutt, Billy & Ginny Martin, and Ted & Mary Lynn Robinson

Coffee Hour: 11-07 Gail Coogle
11-14 Mary Haigler

11-21 Jenny Brannan
11-28 Mary Jane Ethridge

Flowers

11-07 Karen Hatten to the glory of God in memory of Rick Hatten

11-14 Billy and Ginny Martin in loving memory of their parents

11-21 Billy and Ginny Martin in honor of their children and grandchildren

11-28 David and Mary Haigler in honor of their grandchildren, Ava and Emma Felker

Youth: Upstairs – Katie Felker, Angela Hobbs, & Renee Collier teaching.

Adult: *Lingle Room* – John Coogle & David Haigler teaching.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

11-04 Brett Collier

11-14 Dolice Choppla

11-08 Langdon Wood

11-14 Laura Peaster

11-13 Herbert Coogle

11-15 Jon Coogle

11-13 Freddy & Mary Jane Virden

11-20 Cody Peaster

11-13 Mary Kay Watson

11-20 Debra Coogle

11-13 Tony Webb



NOV. 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thru	Fri.	Sat.
	1.	2. Centering Prayer 8:30 am VOTE!!!	3. No Soup Kitchen Bible Study 7p	4.	5.	6.
7. S.S 10 a.m. Worship 11 am	8.	9. Centering Prayer 8:30 am	10 Bible Study 6p	11.	12	13
14. Council 8:45 a.m. S.S 10 a.m. Worship 11 am	15 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	16. No Centering Prayer	17. No Bible Study	18	19.	20
21. S.S 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Family Day Meal <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22.	23.. Centering Prayer 8:30 am	24. Bible Study 6p	25. Lingle room Reserved	26.	27.
28. S.S 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. <i>Online option</i>	29.	30. Centering Prayer 8:30 am				

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Please help keep this prayer list current. Contact Tracy Choppla to update list.

Pray for Members: Al Coogle, Mary Jane & Carl Ethridge, Brenden Fitzgerald, Jr, Emily Harvill, Joy McNutt, Myrtle Joiner, Zack Martin, Helen Smith, Angie and Heather Summer, Tony Webb, our college students, and for all the ministries of our church.

For Friends and Family: Dan Harvill Jr., Carol Jacobs, Janice Haugabook, Cleveland Hobbs, Bob Melvin, Crystal Miller, Buddy Murph, Charlene Oliver, Charles Oliver and Donna Webb, Don Oliver, Fanchone and Leigh Powel, Ann Roberts, Rob and Judy Stegall, Scott Thomas, Karen Weathersbee, D.C. Williams, Marina's friend Chrystal, our nation, and the world.

Serving our Nation: John Edwards.