

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH



LIFELINE NOVEMBER 2019



Pastor's Prattle

Fall has finally fallen! The temperatures have moderated and gotten more comfortable. The first tinges of color are beginning to appear. Decorations of browns, reds, oranges and yellows are popping up everywhere.

It's hard to believe it's already November. We are entering a big holiday season, both in our nation and in the church. Before we know it, it will be a new year!

As we begin to think about all this year has brought in our lives, we can find many things for which to be thankful. Our Thanksgiving celebrations at the end of this month will give us the chance to look at our lives and see the goodness of God. He blesses us in so many ways that they are impossible to count.

The greatest blessing, of course, comes through Jesus Christ. At our Reformation services, we celebrated the freedom from the slavery of sin that he won for us by his own submission to its power. But Christ's power is greater, and he has won eternal life for us. There is no way that we can repay the debt that we owe God for the salvation he has brought us through Christ.

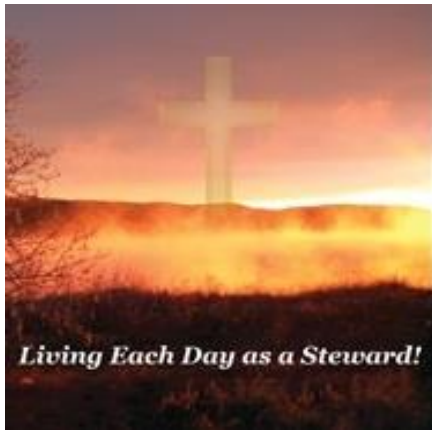
Everything that we are and have is a gift from God. For that, we owe him everything. The best way to show our gratitude is to offer all that we are and have back to him. That means every day we should live our lives in ways that bring honor to him and that show his love and glory to those around us.

Traditionally, November is the time we emphasize our grateful response to God for his blessings. We focus on our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. This year's theme is "Living Each Day as a Steward." You can find more information about the theme elsewhere in this newsletter, but let me make a comment here. God's presence and blessings are ours every single day, so it just makes sense that our lives would reflect that. That means living graciously and generously every single day. What greater way to honor God's name!

Many people have been blessed by the generosity of the people at Lord of Life—in our own community and other places in the world. I pray that the people in your circle of life would also experience that same generosity!

Pastor Jim





Living Each Day as a Steward!

C.S. Lewis said, "There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right, then, have it your way.'" As redeemed children of God, of course, we desire to belong to that first category. We long to **live each day as stewards** who earnestly pray, "Thy will be done." As God's stewards, we are devoted to using all that we are and have for his purpose. We are God's stewards each and every day.

On Sundays, November 10, 17 and 24, the theme of our worship services **"Living Each Day as a Steward."** We will learn how the Holy Spirit, working through Word and Sacrament, transforms us to be more like our Chief Steward, Jesus, who willingly poured out his life in giving and serving, ultimately sacrificing his very life for our eternal lives. Just as Jesus faithfully served his Father by serving us, we are to use our lives and gifts in faithful service to him by serving others. *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"* (1 Peter 4:10).

As your pastor, I pray that each of you will take advantage of these opportunities to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord that you might be strengthened in faith both for eternity and for a fruitful life here on earth.

The three weekly themes are as follows:

November 10 -- "The Steward's Identity"

November 17 -- "The Steward's Purpose"

November 24 -- "The Steward's Lifestyle"

(Commitment Sunday)

May God grant us strength and wisdom to be the faithful stewards that he has called us to be.

Pastor



GUEST CHEF: Curt Davis

Come eat and fellowship at Wednesday Night Together, November 6th at 5:30.

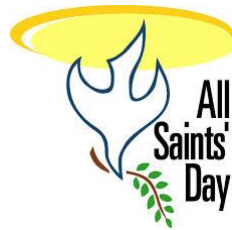
Please make a reservation on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact the office so we will know how much food to prepare.

Dinner donations of \$5.00 per person, and not more than \$15 per family.

We need and always appreciate volunteers to set up and clean up!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

On November 3rd we will remember, at each of our services, all of the saints who have passed away since November 2018.

If someone in your family or a friend has died this year, please let the church office know their name and we will include them in the services on November 3rd.

Remember our Veterans on Veterans Day November 11th





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Landon Davis	1
Karen McFarland	1
Michael Tibbets	4
Kelli Howell	5
Cydney Beets	7
Peter Claverie	8
Beth Kooker	10
Lilly Jacquette	15
Michael Marsh	17
Phyllis Nichols	19
Betty Bilger	20
Anna Marie Ford	27



FOOD PANTRY DAY

The first Sunday of every month is dedicated for the Food Pantry. Food and toiletries are collected and taken to St. Luke's Methodist Church. Please Place donations in the large basket in the hall. Thank you!



Got Facebook?

'Like' our Facebook page so you can get updates on activities and share events with your friends.

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Church Office Hours

9:00AM to 2:00PM

Monday to Thursday

Closed on Friday

Sunday Worship Services

8:30AM Traditional

11:00AM Contemporary

Rev. Jim Shears

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER

6th	79
13th	68
20st	80
27th	63



The Community Service Ministry will be having a clothing drive

from September 15 to Nov 10.

We will again collect new or **gently used clean** Coats & Clothing of all sizes for men, women & children.

This will benefit the folks in the Belt Line Community of Memphis.

There will be two large boxes for coats & clothing -- One in the Narthex & one outside the Family Life Center.

If you have questions contact, Sue Hall.



BELTLINE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Sisters of Service are continuing to collect items for the women in the Beltline community. They are so appreciative!

During November we will focus on gift bags, tissue paper, bows, & cards. In the narthex there is a container for your donations. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put Beltline Women on the memo line of your check. We will purchase items and deliver all items for distribution. Thanks for your help!



THOSE SERVING THE 8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE

November 3 – All Saints Sunday

Ushers: Jim Neison, Beth Kooker
Acolyte: Erica Collamore
Assisting Minister: Brent Berry
Communion Assistants: Sue Hall, Donna McKinney,
Katherine DeLoach (I)
Crucifer: Samantha Marsh
Lector: Nancy Bergeron

November 10

Ushers: Floyd Johnson, Tony Marsh
Acolyte: Josh Gorham
Assisting Minister: Matthew Brewer
Communion Assistants: Beth Berry, Sue Hall, Terri Hill
(I)
Crucifer: Ethan Furr
Lector: Georgette Etherton

November 17

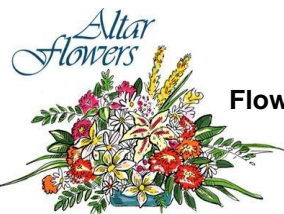
Ushers: Robert Geerdes, Al Lyles
Acolyte:
Assisting Minister: Jim Gienapp
Communion Assistants: Sue Hall, Donna McKinney,
Toni Pittman (I)
Crucifer: Cole Cunningham
Lector: Jim Gienapp

November 24 – Christ the King Sunday

Ushers: Al Lyles, Shirley Lyles
Acolyte: Josh Gorham
Assisting Minister: Shirley Lyles
Communion Assistants: Sue Hall, Donna McKinney,
Georgette Etherton (I)
Crucifer:
Lector: Shirley Lyles

*If you are unable to serve on your designated day please
find someone to take your place. Please call the church
office with the change, 901.754.0669*

NOVEMBER BREW CREW: STEWARDSHIP



Flowers in November are given by:

3 – Sue Hall – in memory of loved ones.
10 –
17 –
24 – The Manasco's- celebrating Anna Ford's 80th
birthday



Ministry Teams Fair

**Calling all
ministries!**

Lord of Life is having a Ministry Fair to highlight all the ministry groups and what they do. There are trifold poster boards in the stained glass room that can be used to display all your group does. We'd like for them to be set up for three Sundays in November, the 10th, 17th, and 24th. We invite you to man your station between services to answer any questions one Sunday out of the three, going in alphabetical order or whenever you can if that doesn't work. You might even get some new faces for your ministry!

Altar Guild
Community Service
Education/Youth
Evangelism/Outreach
Fellowship
Music/Choir/Bells
Prayer Shawl
Preschool
Property
Stained Glass
Stewardship
Wee Care
Worship & Music



**The Memorial Candle
Is given in November by:**

17 - Toni Pittman – in memory of Bob Pittman
24 – Jill & Nick Koch- in memory of Nancy Folkerts
and William Koch



BELTLINE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

**Saturday, November 23rd at the
Beltline Community Resource Center**

427 Boston & Mt Pleasant Baptist

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 23, 2019

TIME:

9:00 a.m. - Clothing \$1 Bag Sale

10:30 a.m. - Music

10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

Noon - Thanksgiving Meal

Lord of Life folks will be helping at the event. We will carpool to the event from the church on Saturday morning at 9:30am.

Side dishes will be provided by Lord of Life Church through Superlo Foods. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the side dishes please memo your check or envelope with *Thanksgiving Beltline Lunch* and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you.



WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES GROUP ☺

Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-11:30am in the adult classroom.

Wednesday Morning Ladies/Life Threads (LOL's prayer shawl ministry). We are a group of ladies who meet to talk, share stories, eat, joke and laugh. Some of us bring a craft to do such as needlepoint, crochet and knitting. Even if you don't do a thing but talk, please come and enjoy a cup of coffee, a weekly snack and fellowship!



**Monday Morning
Bible Study**

Join us for Monday morning Bible study at 10:30am! We are presently studying

"Gifted by Grace". Invite someone and join us as we study together.

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love endures forever.
- Psalm 118:1**



Happy Thanksgiving!



**TRIVIA NIGHT!
EVERY Monday
@ 7:30pm**

Come join us at **Mellow Mushroom in Germantown** for trivia at 7:30 pm EVERY Monday night. We have two teams - The Brew Crew and Grace-N-Grits. We win some, we lose some, but we always have fun! Families are welcome!

If you have any questions, please ask Matt, Laura & Kelvin, Pastor Jim or Victoria!
Laura 901-326-5616, trueharthill@gmail.com or Kelvin Hill 901-268-4487, kelvin_hill@rocketmail.com.



Looking for a place to serve? Join in the fun of welcoming everyone to worship by signing up for a greeter/usher on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to help usher and greet at either the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship service. The ushers/greeters shake hands and welcome folks to the church, help people get seated, hand out bulletins and take the collection. We need you! Contact Jim Neison for more information.



Saturday, November 3rd,
before bed...
Set your clocks BACK one hour!

CHRISTMAS PRAISE
THE GREATEST TREASURE OF ALL WAS FOUND IN THE MANGER.

Lord of Life Concert Choir *presents*

Sunday, December 8, 2019 @ 2:30pm

Reception Following



Christmas VBS

We will be having Christmas VBS on Saturday, December 14, from 9am-3pm.

It will be an exciting day for pre-school (potty-trained) thru 5th grade. (If someone volunteers to teach it, we will have a middle school class.)

There will be story-time in the class rooms, crafts, music, lunch and snacks. For some children, this could be the only time they will get to focus on the true meaning of Christmas in the midst of all the commercial hype.

We will need 4-5 teachers for the various age groups. We should also have plenty of helpers from students in schools that require service hours.

Please let Pastor Jim, who will be directing this effort, know if you can teach or help with snacks or lunch. Thanks!



Youthquake

We need 2 adult chaperones (1 male, 1 female) for Youthquake. It is January 17-19 in St. Louis. Please check your schedule now and let Kathy Marsh know by Oct 27 if your youth is attending and if you could chaperone. This event is for Youth 6th to 12th grades. Lodging is in a hotel, meals are out to eat. Cost per person is \$200.

Mission Trip

We need 2 adult chaperones (1 male, 1 female) for the Youth Mission trip. The date is TBD by the chaperone schedule. Location is TBD. We need to reserve our spaces soon in order to go. Lodging is in a church (bring an air mat or cot) and meals will be onsite (prepared by you and other participants). Please let Kathy Marsh know if you would be interested in chaperoning this event for our youth. Cost per person is \$300.

Youth Calendar

Jan 17th - 19 Quake (sign up by Oct 27)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st.

Please send your articles to the church office at lordoflife@bellsouth.net Call 754-0669 with any questions. You may send in your articles early if you like –the newsletter is always a work in progress. Thanks.

LOLPS Autumn News

While autumn arrived at the end of September, summer temperatures were still hanging around. Ms. Courtney and Ms. Lauri decided to provide a fun sensory experience for their class. They enjoyed "water fun" at the water table to keep cool on the deck. "What will float? How big a splash can I make? and Why are there bubbles?" were some of the questions that they asked and the children answered through their exploration.



When fall temperatures finally arrived, Ms. Patti and Ms. Rachel's JK class were prepared with an exciting science experiment. They created the "exploding pumpkin." The class gathered pumpkins, spoons, vinegar, baking soda and food coloring. The question asked, "What can we make with this?" After Ms. Rachel cut the pumpkin open and discover what was inside the fun began. They measured, poured, added ingredients and "WOW!!" their faces tell the story.





Celebrating the Resurrection of Our 25th House

Friends in Ministry:

Please see picture taken by John Krosnes commemorating our 25th house, a very significant achievement by a volunteer group since 2005. Our neighborhood improvement team is comprised of a wide variety of skill levels and diverse backgrounds, all committed to following Christ in their own way.

Together, we have rebuilt 25 houses, established two neighborhood assets -a children's center and community center, successfully cut and cleared 120 lots, demolished 50 more dilapidated structures, and helped reduce crime 80%. Week in and week out, you are the backbone that attracts another 200 plus volunteers each year.

God bless each of you.

Bill





Nancy Balazadeh, Cydney Beets,
Leslie Boyd, Jennifer Brewer,
Debbie Carroll, Nanci Gienapp,
Jeanne Guenter, Sarah Gulla,
Jake Howell, Gary Kemp,

Aldona Kleinaitis, Roswitha Krug, Ginger McDowell,
Mac McFarland, Jim Neison, Ben Roth, Kim Sanders,
Don Sass, Jane Soffos, Mike Tibbets

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Bauschke, Grace - relative of Don Sass
Ben – nephew of Nancy Balazadeh
Bennett, Mike, Amy & Jack – friends of Erin & Ray Schulz
Betts, Maryanne + Kenneth – friends of Beth Kooker
Bolton, Debra & Brian – daughter & son-in-law of Sue Hall
Bratcher, Johnny - relative of Steiners
Brooks, Gwen – sister of Wendell Baechler
Brown, Corrine – friend of Bob & Georgette Etherton
Brown, Laurie - sister of Lynn Howell
Causin, Karen – Laura Hill's mother
Cavalier, Roy, Angie & Fay –friends of Naomi Mertes
Clark, Kevin – friend of Kelvin Hill
Cook, Don – friend of Grace-N-Grits
Cook, Margie- friend of Notes of Grace
Cooper – brother of Brooke Sewell, LoL teacher
Coulter, Jill, sister of Mark Kooker
Crawford, Robbie – friend of Nancy Bergeron
Crosby Jim - friend to Lord of Life Church
Crutchfield, Alberta – former mngr of Nancy Balazadeh
Curry, Jeannie – friend of Georgette Etherton
Dearing, Mark – friend of Carl Berry
Dorris, Becky – cousin of Sue Hall
Eng, Janey - wife of Peter Eng
Etherton, Jim – brother of Bob Etherton
Farris, Will – son of Kathy Farris, friend of Laura Hill
Ford, Anna Marie – mother of Karen Manasco
Furr, Mecky – grandmother of Ethan, Brandon & Aiden Furr
Frisch, Judy- friend of Beth Kooker
Froelich, Jack + Gerry – parents of David + Linda Froelich
Geerdes, Rosemary – wife of Bob Geerdes
Harmadi, Lisa – step daughter of Nancy Balazadeh
Howe, Jake – friend of Naomi Mertes
Hugel, Susan – friend of the Bethany people
Isaacson, Mike – friend of Laura Hill
Jones, Clara – friend of Nancy Balazadeh
Kline, Calvin – father of Kim Lawler
Lyles, Adrienne – daughter of Shirley + Al Lyles
McGrady, Reveley – friend of Toni Pittman
Majkrzak, Beth Hugel – friend of the Bethany people
Manner, Annie – grand-daughter of Ann & Esco Satchfield
Marsh, Brenda – mother of Tony Marsh
Miller, Sara – niece of Carol & Jim Neison

Mittler, Airana – granddaughter of Ginger McDowell
Newton, Tommy – friend of the Steiners
Nouri, Soheila – friend of Nancy Balazadeh
Olivia & Alec - friends of Victoria Kooker
Olson, Lisa – sister of Lynn Howell
Phipps, Patt – sister-in-law of Toni Pittman
Porter, Kemper, Madeline, Sally, & Lynee - relatives of June Porter

Rose, Allison – daughter of Toni Pittman
Sanders, Betty – sister-in-law of Kim Sanders
Sanders, Faye – mother-in-law of Kim Sanders
Saum + family – son of Nancy Balazadeh
Semovoski, Susan – mother of Kristine Etherton
Smith, Lee – brother of Ann Satchfield
Steiner, Dana - wife Robert Steiner
Stevens, Debi – daughter of Bonnie & Bill Stevens
Still, Gavin - great-nephew of Cheryl White
Still, Mickey, Stephanie & Grayson and Stephanie's Mother, Robbie
Sutton, Maurice – friend of Nancy Balazadeh
Taylor, Caroline, wife of Felix Taylor
Thompson, Robin – friend of Georgette Etherton
Thrasher, Stewart – son-in-law of Nanci & Jim Gienapp
The family of Mark Shirliff – Friends of Erin & Ray Schultz
Schwartzburg, Maverick – 3yr old patient @ St Jude
Friend of Pastor Jim
Verseman, Brent - cousin of Jim Gienapp
Williams, Donna – friend of Laura Hill
Yeo, Ellie Kate – granddaughter of Kim & Don Lawler

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY


Sgt. Michael DelGoto, US Army, relative of Don Sass
LCDR Eric M. Etherton, USN (stationed at VF/A-103 "The Jolly Rogers" in Norfolk, VA.) son of Bob & Georgette Etherton
Fletcher Lewis, Airman – (stationed in England), nephew of Sue Hall
Pvt. Tyler Shotts – (stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri) son of Dawn & Ken Shotts

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Dave & Elizabeth Linkenhoker (and daughter Grace) (Haiti)
Josh & Nani Harris (Singapore)
Debbie Ward (Panama)
Pastor Didi Panzo– NALC missionary (The Democratic Republic of the Congo)

PRAY for the underground churches in North Korea and their pastors/overseers and families.

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00am Altar Guild Daylight Savings Time Ends!
3 All Saints Sunday 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont	4 9:45AM Chapel 10:30AM Adult Bible Study	5 9:45AM Chapel	6 9:30AM Needle Arts 10:00AM Ladies Group 5:30pm DINNER 6:30pm Evangelism 6:45pm Adult Choir	7	8 Office Closed	9 9:00am Altar Guild
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17 Stewardship Sunday 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont	18 9:45AM Chapel 10:30AM Adult Bible Study	19 9:45AM Chapel	20 9:30 AM Needle Arts 10:00 AM Ladies Group 6:45pm Adult Choir	21	22 Office Closed	23 9:00am Altar Guild Beltline Thanksgiving 9AM – 1PM
24 Christ the King 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont	25 10:30AM Adult Bible Study Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving 25-29	26 9:45AM Chapel	27 6:45pm Adult Choir	28 HAPPY 	29 Office Closed	30 9:00am Altar Guild





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