The light shines in the darkness… John 1:5



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PASTOR'S PAGE:

The Most Important Election of Our Lifetime

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has elected you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. **-1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a**

We hear it every November on even-numbered years, when national elections are held: "*This is the most important election of our lifetime."* To a degree, I get it. Obviously, both parties want to get their voters to the polls. However, the hair-on-fire catastrophizing of every national election is a little much. Are there urgent issues facing our nation? Absolutely. Is every national election an existential threat to our country? Personally, I don't think so. I believe our American system of checks and balances and our capacity for self-correction is more resilient than that. However, this biennial claim of politicians and idealogues is very effective in creating a sense of urgency. Sometimes this urgency creeps its way into the life of the church.

Christian churches in America have been getting increasingly politicized. This is certainly true on the right, where various versions of Christian Nationalism have sometimes conflated American interests with the will of God, but it happens on the left too, as Bible passages are invoked by progressive church leaders and activists to justify the programs or policies they want to see implemented. These are both just different sides of the same coin. Both end up using the church as a means to achieve political ends. Both cite the urgency of the moment to justify their actions. Both are betrayals of the church's primary mission.

This betrayal is most vividly seen in how people understand the purpose of a sermon. It has become common to see imploring social media posts saying, "If your pastor isn't preaching on [*insert current political issue here*] this Sunday, leave that church immediately." Such posts come from both sides of the ideological spectrum, differing only in the issue they are demanding to hear about. Increasingly, there is an expectation in some corners of the church and society that pastors need to be using the pulpit to speak out on the urgent issues of the day.

The cautionary tale often cited is the failure of Christian leaders in Hitler's Germany to speak out during the Holocaust. Any historian worth his or her salt will tell you that the situation was much more complicated than that. While there were indeed many tragic failures, it can be argued that the core problem wasn't that the church refused to "get political," but that it allowed political ideology to infiltrate its pulpits. Many Christian leaders aligned themselves with the popular movement of the time, namely National Socialism, embracing it as a Christian-adjacent corrective to its most pressing social problems. Eventually, banners bearing the symbols of this movement were hung in Christian sanctuaries, a sign of ideological capture if there ever was one. The problem wasn't that the church didn't "get political" in 1930s Germany, but that it got *too political*. It abandoned the gospel, citing the urgency of the moment.

Don't get me wrong, there is a time and place for Christians to "get political." It is certainly within the vocational calling of Christians *as citizens* to advocate, organize, endorse, vote, even run for office. *As citizens*, it is appropriate for Christians to care deeply about the outcome of elections. As those called to love our neighbors, it is admirable to seek their good, including through participation in the political process, taking advantage of every opportunity our blessedly free society makes possible. All these vocational activities can and should be informed by our Christian faith. But the primary mission of the Christian church is not to promote policies or advance ideologies – it is to make Christians. And making Christians involves a different, even more urgent kind of election.



In the verse above, the Apostle Paul describes the Christians of Thessalonica as "elected." Many translations use the word "chosen" here instead, but they mean the same thing. God "elects" us through the hearing of the message of the gospel, the good news of what Jesus Christ has done for us through his death and resurrection. The theological concept of election has been overinterpreted in some circles (ie: certain strands of Calvinism), but its basic meaning in the New Testament is that God casts his vote for us in Christ, choosing us as recipients of his salvation. God does this electing through the Word, putting the message in our ears through scripture, hymnody, liturgy, sacraments, and sermons. These are the power tools the Holy Spirit uses to create faith in us, bringing us to full conviction of the truth of the gospel. This work of election is ongoing. We need to hear God's electing Word over and over again to remain in and grow in faith. This is how God makes and preserves Christians.

<u>This</u> is the most important election of our lifetime. Relative silence from the pulpit on political issues is not cowardice or complicity. It is not appeasement or avoidance. Rather, it reflects a deep commitment to the church's primary mission, which is to proclaim Christ and him crucified. This message forms Christians who then go out to do our best *as citizens* to influence the policies of our nation in ways that serve our neighbors, but the Christian church and its pulpits are not a means to achieve political ends, and they ought not be used to prescribe specific political positions, left or right. Sermons are for electing Christians into the kingdom of God. Nothing will ever be more urgent than that.

Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

GROWING & LEARNING



This November we will conclude our adult Bible study class on the Christian life with four more interesting and important topics. This is an easy series to jump into at any point, so feel free to join us at any time. Class is held in the church library on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15.

Nov 1	The Struggle Against Sin (Spiritual Warfare)
Nov 8	Living in Conversation with Our Father (Prayer)
Nov 15	Staying Connected to Jesus (Word & Sacrament)
Nov 22	Living in Hope (Eschatology)



On **November 29** we will begin a new four-session Bible study for Advent focusing on Old Testament prophetic texts and their fulfillment in the New Testament. This will also be the theme for our midweek Advent services, which begin December 2.



CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS NOVEMBER 1ST

Confirmation families, please note our November meeting will be held **at 6:00PM on Sunday, November 1st.** We will be meeting in the youth room.

COMING UP DECEMBER 7:

Advent Youth & Family Gathering



Plan on joining us for our next Youth & Family Gathering on Sunday, **December 6**, from **4pm to 6pm** as we prepare for Christ's coming with a special Advent-themed event. We will have fun activities and an intergenerational Bible study with Pastor Jeff. We will also have dinner and our epic hot chocolate bar!



Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Program will be held Sunday mornings in December during the Sunday School Hour.

Sign up now with Beth in the church office if you or your child(ren) plan to participate!

QUEST CLUB TRAVELS TO NARNIA!

Quest Club is open to youth of all skill levels, age 12 and up. The Dead Sea Squirrels are nearing the end of their quest. They have witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus and and are answering his last request made to them in the garden. Soon Quest Club will be **starting a New Quest,** this time set in the land of Narnia as spring returns and using the Daggerheart game system. **Now is a great time to join**! For more info, contact Beth Stephens, beth@oakharborlutheran.org



Coming January!

New Players: Sign-up ahead is preferred for character creation, as we prepare for a new adventure!

In November: Quest Club will meet the Sundays, the **8th** & **22th** at **4 PM**!

OHLC NEWS

LUMINARIA WALK, IN HONOR OF OUR SAINTS



To honor and remember those we have lost, we will have an indoor luminaria walk on **All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1, 5:00-7:00 PM**. You're invited to decorate up to 3 paper bags in remembrance of those you have lost recently, and not so recently. The walk will include a projected slide-show of some of the saints we are remembering. *Bags from previous years are saved to be displayed again.*

Luminaria bags are available in the narthex; please **return your decorated bags by noon on Nov. 1.** Digital picture for the slideshow were due **by Oct 29.**



HEADS UP! ROOF CLEANING!

Our church roof will be getting a good cleaning **Nov. 9–12**. Please expect some noise and activity around the building during this time, and thank you for your patience as we keep our church home in good shape!

WANT TO JOIN LIBRARY TEAM?

OHLC Library Team is looking for additional members to help maintain and promote our library resources. We have a variety of books, for adults and children of all ages. Our materials range from theology to gentle fiction, from inspiration to history, family life and current issues. We meet once a month during the academic year to organize the collection and promote our offerings. Our library is open whenever the church or church office is open. If interested, or have any questions or ideas, please contact a team member. Thank you!



- Kathy Holroyd, Colleen Pedlar, Carol Reafs



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP BEGINNING

A once a month support group has started for those diagnosed with cancer: whether newly diagnosed, in active treatment, or having finished treatment, we can all learn to support each other.

This group is not recommended for caregivers.

If you are interested in learning more or possibly attending please contact either Debbie Reetz or the church office

OHLC SINGLE ADULT'S POTLUCK - NOVEMBER 14



All OHLC Singles are invited to join us on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We hope more of you will decide to join us for our monthly potlucks and conversation. It would be great to enlarge our group. Our lunch is a potlucks, so bring whatever you would like to contribute to the meal: appetizers, salads, entrées, desserts, snacks. (**Food need not be home-made**!) Bring some containers so you can share leftovers! Since this will be our November get together, perhaps we could share some of the things in our lives for which we're **THANKFUL**, whether it is our church, our family, friends, memories, travel, or whatever you're **THANKFUL** for.

Beth Stephens has done a wonderful job organizing and rearranging all the games in the Fellowship Hall, so perhaps this will entice some of us to play Dominos, Bananagrams, or some other game of your choice. We could certainly split into smaller groups with some members visiting and others enjoying a game.

If you would like more information or have questions, comments, or suggestions for this group, please call Aloha Hart (360-672-5502)

LOOKING AHEAD:

FAIR TRADE WINDS BACK AT OHLC - DECEMBER 6!

Our friends from Fair Trade Winds will be visiting OHLC once again on Sunday, December 6, offering gift items from artists, craftspeople, and farmers from developing nations. Their pop-up store will be in the Fellowship Hall between and after our worship services. Come do some Christmas shopping where you can find some unique items while supporting people in need. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.





BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - DECEMBER 21

A Blue Christmas Service, sometimes known as a Longest Night Service or Remembrance Service, is a special event where people experiencing difficult times in the Christmas season can gather to reflect, express painful feelings, and find solace and hope.

The congregation of OHLC and the community of Oak Harbor are invited to join the leaders and ministers of Stephen Ministry in the OHLC sanctuary on Monday, December 21st at 4:30pm for a Blue Christmas Service.

OHLC WOMEN

Opportunities for Fellowship, Study & Service

BLANKET WORKSHOP!



Please join us, **Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 3&4 in the fellowship hall f**or some fellowship and quilt making. **No sewing skills are necessary!** Hop on board for some coffee, snacks, and social time as we pin together quilts with batting. There is always something for everyone to do!

Contact Jan Kammenga (360-675-3986) or Donna Aspery (360-675-9472) with any questions!

CIRCLES IN NOVEMBER

Deborah Circle meets each Thursday at 1PM in the Library. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey at@tobysuds.com

Nov 5	Chapter 3,The Best(Worst)Questions to Ask: A Profound Question," *12 Unexpected Ways to Care* by Dr. Justin M. Schlueter & Kenneth C. Haugk
Nov 12	Chapter 4, "The Rush to Debate"
Nov 19	"Listening Generously", *Grateful Gatherings Resource*
Nov 26	**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Lydia Circle meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 PM in the Ed. Wing. All are welcome! Contact Mary Brock at 360-672-8966 if you have any questions.

Nov 3	Bazaar Prep
Nov 17	Bazaar Wrap-up

Look to the right for Holiday Bazaar info! →

You are invited to the

Holiday Bazaar



Saturday, November 7,
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

in the OHLC fellowship hall

Set-up Friday, Nov. 6, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

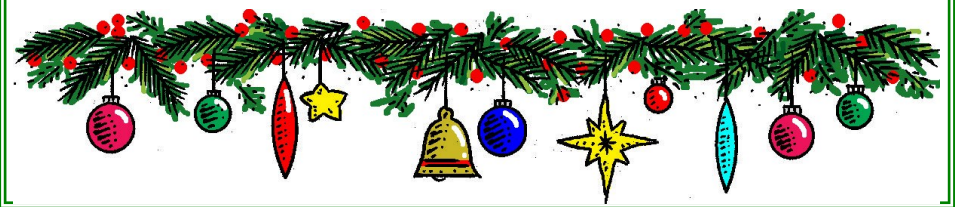
Handmade gifts, wonderful crafts, knitted items, holiday décor, and more!

Your donations of craft items and baked goods are needed and much appreciated!

Craft items may be brought in at the church office with all information included.

Contact Mary Brock for details.

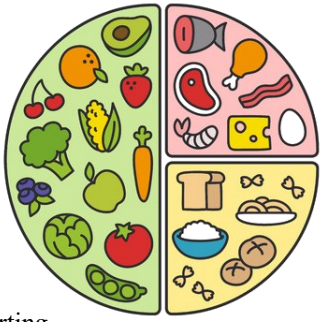
Food donations can be dropped off Friday Nov. 6
Please include your name, the date baked, and any allergy info.



HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

A Ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

November brings colder weather here in Oak Harbor for His Kids Preschool, but not any less learning! As we move away from playtime outside, we are forever thankful for the BIG windows that let us witness the wildlife and weather that the changing seasons bring! Students and teachers have the joy of witnessing many types of birds, squirrels, deer, and sometimes a rare sighting of racoons.

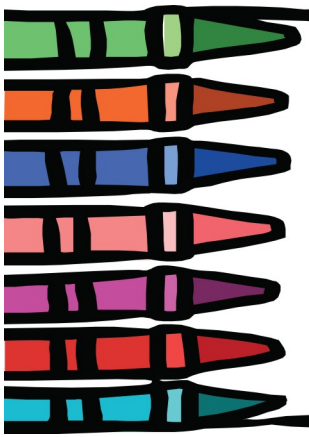


This month in the classroom we will focus on nutrition and learning about the food groups. Students explore the importance of eating healthy meals to fuel our bodies and brains, including fruits, vegetables, dairy, grains, and protein.

Students participate in collecting and donating canned and packaged food to donate to the local Help House; while continuing to practice our food groups by pre-sorting them by food group.

The class field trip this month will continue these lessons at Grocery Outlet, where students get a special tour of the store, front and back! Our students learn about the importance of grocery stores in distributing food to families in our community.

November also brings the classroom version of Thanksgiving; FEAST DAY! Families help to provide a Thanksgiving-type meal for the students to try some favorites and new foods that day! Children will learn about and share their thankfulness amongst classmates and family!



Our question for the students this month was:
What is your favorite color?

Luci: rainbow colors
Henry: blue
Hayden: pink
James: red and gold and blue
Melodee: pink and purple
Alison: blue
Zoe: blue
Hunter: blue
Brian: pink and blue and red
Brynn: blue
Maverick: red

Happy Thanksgiving and many blessings!
Ms. Elva, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Debbie



THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant _ _ _ _

Willing to give _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

The result of planting seeds _ _ _ _ _ _ _

The act of gratitude _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Food made from wheat _ _ _ _ _

Now he who supplies _ _ _ _ to the sower and _ _ _ _ _ for food will also supply and increase your store of _ _ _ _ and will enlarge the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to God. *2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV*

Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving

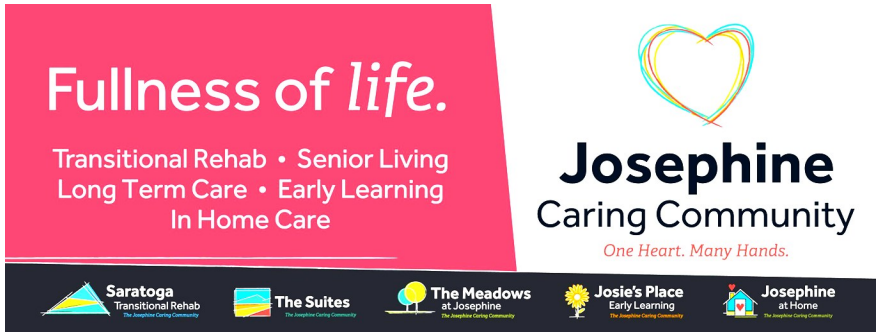
COMPASSION MINISTRY

November's Ministry of the Month: Josephine Caring Community — One Heart. Many Hands.

Josephine Caring Community, a premier non-profit Lutheran senior living community in Stanwood, WA, is our Ministry of the Month for November. Josephine has a 5 star Medicare rating and is continually evolving to meet the needs of seniors.

Norwegian immigrant and owner of a successful shingle mill, John Hal, lost his wife and infant in childbirth in 1905. In their memory, he donated land and money to be used for construction of a home for the elderly.

Our OHLC delegates to Josephine will answer your questions and have a display table in the fellowship hall on **November 22nd.** You are invited to donate to Josephine this month with a gift beyond your usual regular support to Oak Harbor Lutheran Church. Please make your check payable to OHLC, with *Josephine* on the memo line. Thank you so much!



SHARING TREE UPDATE!



Please plan to join the Sharing Tree team to set up the Christmas tree and hang the tags on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 am in the church narthex. Several volunteers are needed. Teens, your talents will be appreciated too. Sign up through the Connection Card or by contacting the team leaders.

Contact Aloha Hart or Sandee Allen if you have questions.

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS



When we are grieving the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. WhidbeyHealth Hospice will be offering a "Grief & the Holidays" workshop in November and December both here at OHLC and in Coupeville. Join us for one of these gatherings to consider ideas for navigating the winter holiday season as a time of healing. The workshop is about 2 hours; content is the same on every date.

There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome but please register in advance. **For more information or to register, please contact bereavement coordinator Laurie Johnson by phoning 360-914-5635 or emailing johnla@whidbeyhealth.org**

Oak Harbor Workshops *(at OHLC)*

Mon, Nov. 16	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tues, Dec. 8	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Coupeville Workshops *(at the hospice office, near the hospital)*

Tues, Nov. 24	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Tues, Dec. 15	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

God's work. Our hands.

SCHOOL KIT SUCCESS!

We did it again! Thanks to your generous donations, Sunday School students assembled 101 school kits, for students-in-need around the world, on Oct. 18, which will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in November along with the 50 quilts sewn by Blanket Workshop. There are sure to be grateful hearts filled with God's love around the world.

I'd like to give a big shout-out to Beth Stephens, who does so much behind the scenes to keep the church ministries running smoothly. Thank you, Beth, for manning all the incoming donations that were stockpiling in the narthex, and for coordinating assembly with the Sunday School program.



-Kerri Totten

STEPHEN MINISTRY

This Holiday Season, Offer the Gift of Remembering to Those Who Are Grieving, *Part 1*

by Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D.

With the holidays quickly approaching, a season that's normally a time for celebration may have a more somber tone for some—particularly those who have lost loved ones in the past year or so. Someone who would have been there to share the Thanksgiving meal, help hang the Christmas lights, or ring in the New Year is gone, with each event a reminder of their absence. The painful feelings that come as a result, especially when it seems everyone else is celebrating, can make the holidays a very difficult time.

In addition to all this, people often avoid those who are grieving, uncertain what to say or do. But there's a simple, powerful way anyone can offer care: giving the gift of remembering the grieving person's loved one with them.

Say the Loved One's Name

The gift of remembering begins with being willing to say the loved one's name.

One of the most common misconceptions about grief is that talking about a person's loss or saying the name of the deceased will only cause more pain. But the reality is just the opposite—people *want* to talk about the loved one they've lost. During the research for my book *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart,* people I spoke with expressed that sentiment almost universally. One shared, "Mentioning my wife's name after she died was so hard for some people. It was almost as if she never existed. But I want them to remember her."

That's why it's important to say the loved one's name. Doing so acknowledges the loss and communicates that you're safe to talk to, that you won't shy away or abandon them because of their grief. In other words, it lets the grieving person know that you're with them in their grief and invites them to talk about what they're going through.

You don't have to say a lot. Some brief, compassionate words are often enough—for example, "The holidays must be hard for you without *[name]"* or "I remember the time when *[name] . . ."*

So, don't be afraid to mention the name of the deceased loved one, because saying their name opens the door to the gift of remembering.

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LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."(Romans 15:13)**

Apprehensions and anxiety can rob us of joy and peace in life. We can't relax and enjoy the present.

Instead we worry about the future, caught up in anticipating every conceivable consequence, large and small. We miss good moments of our life as we fret over a future we can't control.

God invites us to lay down our worries and burdens. God wants to carry them for us. The hard part can be letting them go. But when we can trust God enough to lay down our worries—by writing them in a journal or imagining them as clouds floating across the sky—God is more than able to carry them, and us.

When we release our worries to God, we find joy and peace in the present moment. We notice a bird watching us from a telephone line. We see a sunset that fills the sky with color. We feel the touch of a loved one's hand. We live our moments to the fullest, trusting God, who fills us with joy and peace.



Written by a staff member of the Lutheran Counseling Network.

ALSO IN NOVEMBER. . .

- **Included in this newsletter** are *Prayer Ventures, The Spirit* and *Lay of the Land* for November
- **The Brotherhood of St. Bernard,** OHLC's men's Bible study, meets Tuesdays, **Nov. 10 & 24** at noon in the fellowship hall.
- OHLC's card makers, the **Church Mice Stampers**, meet on Tuesdays, **Oct. 10 & 24** starting at 10:00 AM in the library.
- **The *One Thing* Book Group** will discuss *The Garden of Small Beginnings* by Abbi Waxman: Contact Lisa Margraf for details.
- **Stephen Ministry** will meet **Thursday, Nov. 12th** at 4:15pm in the Library. Pete Greig's book, *How to Pray, A Simple Guide for Normal People*, chapter 5, "Petition" (Step 3: Ask) will be the focus of the discussion.
- **Mark your calendar now. The deadline for articles** for the December newsletter is **Friday, November 13.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 1 All Saints Day		
8:00 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Paul Senness **Acolyte:** Alice Gray **Healing Prayer:** M. Nowicki & F. Leukhardt **Cantor:** Miria Stephens	**Computer:** Donna Aspery **Organ/Piano:** Verna Morgan **Altar Guild:** Mary Brock
10:30 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Moira Bartrand **Communion Assistant:** Kerri Totten **Healing Prayer:** S. Erickson & C. Reafs **Cantor:** Miria Stephens	**Computer:** Rita Carter **Organ/Piano:** Verna Morgan **Altar Guild:** Lori Gayhart
November 8		
8:00 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Gaye Rodriguey **Acolyte:** Jack Forney	**Computer:** Sam Richards **Organ/Piano:** Sue Stroud **Altar Guild:** Mary Brock
10:30 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Carol Fitzgerald **Communion Assistant:** Leslie Improta	**Computer:** Kyleigh Butz **Organ/Piano:** Sue Stroud **Altar Guild:** Karol Pulliam
November 15		
8:00 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Jeff Margraf **Acolyte:** Jack Forney	**Computer:** Lisa Margraf **Organ/Piano:** Sue Stroud **Altar Guild:** Mary Brock
10:30 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Gaylen Smith **Communion Assistant:** Laurie Johnson	**Computer:** Kelly Lau **Organ/Piano:** Jan Ernst **Altar Guild:**
November 22 Christ the King		
8:00 AM	**Assisting Minister:** **Acolyte:** Alice Gray **Cantor:** Ron Ernst	**Computer:** Lucas Stone **Organ/Piano:** Verna Morgan **Altar Guild:** Mary Brock
10:30 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Holroyd **Communion Assistant:** Skip Lycksell	**Computer:** Dylan Totten **Organ/Piano:** Verna Morgan
November 29 Advent 1		
8:00 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Tom Piper **Acolyte:** Alice Gray	**Computer:** Kelly Brock **Organ/Piano:** Sue Stroud **Altar Guild:** Mary Brock
10:30 AM	**Assisting Minister:** Rita Cline **Communion Asst:** Leslie Improta	**Computer:** Bruce Holroyd **Organ/Piano:** Sue Stroud **Altar Guild:** Kathy Holroyd

Little Lutheran bags, in November Sara Hogarth

Thank you to Sara Hogarth for October!

This month's decorative font is: TENDRILS

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER

	September	*Year to date*
Income	$ 29,268	$ 308,417
Outgo	33,913	312,829
	$ (4,645)	$ (4,412)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE OCTOBER

Date	**8:00 AM**	**10:30 AM**
Sept 27	43	87
Oct 4	45	68
Oct 11	46	87
Oct 18	46	84
Oct 25	62	94

Average Sunday attendance: 132

LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS NOVEMBER

1 All Saints' Day

3 Martin de Porres, renewer of society, 1639

7 John Christian Frederick Heyer, 1873, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, 1719, Ludwig Nommensen, 1918, missionaries

11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397, Søren Kierkegaard, 1855, teacher

17 Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231, renewer of society

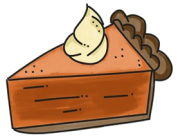
23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100, Miguel Austin Pro, 1927, martyr

24 Justus Falckner, 1723, Jehu Jones, 1852, William Passavant, 1894, pastors in North America

25 Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, 1748

30 Andrew, Apostle

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **All Saint's Sunday** **Worship** 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed. 9:15 **Worship** 10:30 Luminaria Walk 5:00 Confirmation 6:00 CA/library 7:30	2	3 **Sheriff's Assessments** 7-12 library, 7-6 ed wing 9:30 Blanket Workshop 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon	4 **Sheriff's Assessments** 7-12 library, 7-6 ed wing 9:30 Blanket Workshop 3:15 Violin Lesson 4:15 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jubilate Ringers	5 1:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 NA	6 LWR Quilt & Kit Ship Out 4:00-7:00 Bazaar Drop-off and Set-up	7 9:00-3:00 Holiday Bazaar
8 **Worship** 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 **Worship** 10:30 Quest Club 4:00 CA/library 7:30	9 ⇐ **Roof Cleaning** – Expect Intermittent Noise/Disturbance Nov 9-12 ⇒ 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 6:30 WIYS 7:00 North Whidbey NA	10 10:00 Church Mice Stampers-ed. wing 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 2:00 SPiN B.O.D. 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon	11 **Veterans Day** ***Church Office Closed*** 3:15 Violin Lesson 4:15 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jubilate Ringers	12 1:00 Deborah Circle 4:15 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Council 7:00 NA	13 ***Newsletter Deadline***	14 12:00 Singles Fellowship
15 **Worship** 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed. 9:15 **Worship** 10:30 CA/library 7:30	16 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 2:00 Grief Workshop 6:30 WIYS 7:00 North Whidbey NA	17 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon 6:00 Boy Scout Wreaths	18 3:15 Violin Lesson 4:15 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jubilate Ringers	19 1:00 Deborah Circle 5:30 NA PR meeting 7:00 NA	20 2:00 Cancer Support Group	21 3:00-9:00 OHHS Band Boosters
22 **Christ the King** **Worship** 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed. 9:15 **Worship** 10:30 Quest Club 4:00 CA/library 7:30	23 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 6:30 WIYS 7:00 North Whidbey NA	24 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon 6:00 Boy Scout Wreaths	25 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 3:15 Violin Lesson 4:15 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jubilate Ringers	26 **Thanksgiving Day** **Church Office Closed**  7:00 NA	27	28 10:00 Sharing Tree set-up
29 **Advent 1** **Worship** 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Ed. 9:15 **Worship** 10:30 CA/library 7:30	30 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 6:30 WIYS 7:00 North Whidbey NA					

I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new. Shall I not call God the Beautiful, who daily showeth himself to me in his gifts?

—Ralph Waldo Emerson