



Time for Reflection & Prayer | Pastor Dan Quiram

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, was quite a momentous day for many in America. After all the dust had settled, we realized who would be President for the next four years along with many others who were elected for the first time.

On Wednesday morning, there was great joy in certain parts of our country along with new hope and anticipation for better things to come. There were great celebrations and predictions of great days ahead.

On the other side there was deep shock, profound sadness, despair and genuine fear about the future. We woke up to the reality of a country deeply divided. (It reminded some of us of the story of Abimelech and the people of Shechem in the Books of Judges, chapter 9. There you find the parable of the trees taking refuge in the shade of the bramble, which boasts a protection it is powerless to give. That great division had a sad ending!)

How do we as followers of Jesus respond at a time like this? May I suggest our first response is to meditate on some words of our Lord who is king of all the world and is still in control of all things:

Proverbs 21:1 (ESV)

¹ The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

1 Kings 8:57-58 (ESV)

⁵⁷ The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, ⁵⁸ that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV)

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Secondly, this is a time for prayer: Lord, may Your Holy Spirit transform the hearts of all who have been elected to office in our land. May they know Your love, walk in Your ways, trust in Your truth. "Let us all then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding" (Romans 14:19).

"To the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen."

~ Pastor Dan

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NOV./DEC. READERS

11/6 All Saints Day
 10am Teddy Critchfield
 Daniel 7: 1-3; 15-18; Ps.149;
 Eph. 1:11-23

11/13
 10am Bev Karageorge
 Malachi 4: 1-2a Ps.98;
 2Thess. 3:6-13

11/20 Christ The King
 10am Cara Lucas
 Jer.20:1-6; Ps.46; Col.1: 11-20

11/23 Thanksgiving Eve
 7pm Manfred Reek
 Deut. 26:1-11; Ps.100; Phil. 4:4-9

11/24 Thanksgiving Day
 10am D. Scott Ruhl
 Deut. 26:1-11; Ps.100; Phil. 4:4-9

11/27 1st Sun. in Advent
 10am Alasaro Lucas
 Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps. 122;
 Rom.13:11-14

12/4 2nd Sun. in Advent
 10am Olive Abt
 Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps.72:1-7,18-19; Rom.15:4-13

12/11 3rd Sun. in Advent
 10am Ronnie Segal
 Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps.146:5-10;
 James 5:7-10

12/18 4th Sun. in Advent
 10am David Sitter
 Isaiah 7:10-16; Ps.80:1-7,17-19; Rom. 1:1-7

12/24 Christmas Eve
 4pm Kaylee Hoerl
 7pm Kris Sabatino
 Isaiah 9: 2-7; Ps. 90; Titus 2:11-14

12/25 Christmas Day
 10am Laura Higgins
 Isaiah 52: 7-10; Ps.98;
 Heb.1:1-4(5-12)

Readers are always needed—contact Amanda Richter, if interested. Plan to in time to check the bulletin for any changes. You're encouraged to use the Bulletin so the congregation can follow along. If you cannot read, please find a substitute for your scheduled day and notify the church office before Wednesday. Thank you for your service as readers!

SED News | reprinted by permission

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ!

While the echoes of final chords of *A Mighty Fortress* still ring in our ears, I'd like to share some of the Lord's work among us - He's always moving among us in His exciting, yet unpredictable ways.



The Rev (and almost Dr) Travis Guse was installed as our Central Region Facilitator of Mission Engagement* at the recent Professional Workers Conference, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Herndon, VA. Travis is married to Stephanie and with their son, Kendall, are settling into their new home in Williamsburg, VA. Arriving here all the way from Idaho. Travis comes with expertise in and post-graduate work and expertise in the area of coaching. His gifts are especially helpful as we move into our next phases of coach development and support for our iNeighborhood congregations.



Please help us welcome Travis, Stephanie, and Kendall. You may contact Travis at tguse@se.lcms.org.

The Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, our Mission Executive has accepted a call - to serve as a Mission Development Counselor for the LCMS, working out of Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. The leader of Mission Central, Gary Theis, a formative person in Brent's life has yearned for the opportunity to have Brent be his heir-apparent, and eventually take over the missionary support system he has developed that is the primary financial support for international and domestic missionaries. While Brent's stay has whet our appetite for more, it is likely that his acceptance of this call will actually benefit the mission enterprise of the SED more than if he would have declined the call as he opens the doors to provide mission support for our iNeighborhood work across the entire synod. Please send Brent of blessings as we send him on his way: brent.d.smith@gmail.com.



Mr. Bob Schulze serving as Southeastern District Planned Giving Counselor.



Bob served the District as the Interim Facilitator for the Central Region until October. Bob will now work with congregational members to help them develop and implement potential gifts to ministries through estate planning and deferred giving. He will provide leadership for this important segment of Christian stewardship and grace-filled giving and gift planning. His email is bobschulze42@gmail.com

Bob served the District as the Interim Facilitator for the Central Region until October.

Unveiling our SED Mission Engagement Teams - in our effort to develop ministry connections to all of God's precious children, each of the Facilitators has recruited a team of laity, commissioned and ordained people to assist our congregations in forming iNeighborhood teams who lead the congregations in moving into 3 new neighborhoods each year. When they come knocking on your congregation's door, you'll want to open that door and welcome them. They're coming to be helpers for you.

Meet your Mission Engagement Team:

- Northern Region**
 Mr. Ron Bennett
 Ms. Tsion Birru
 Mr. John Enterline
 Ms. Magdalene G. Harris
 Rev. Gareth Ellis
 Dcs. Debra L. Lennox
 Mr. Paul Lobien
 Ms. Christine McGuffey
 Mr. David Peitsch

- Central Region**
 DCE Stacey Tasler Crosson
 Mr. John Hargraves
 Mr. Eric Klanderma
 The Rev. Brian D. Martin
 Mr. Ronald Reck
 Mr. Richard Reich

- Southern Region**
 William Boykin
 Tim Bradford
 Jan Graham
 Gregory Williamson
 Rachel Young



Mission Engagement Team training event at Our Savior Rehoboth Beach Delaware

Calvary Early Childhood Learning Center (CECLC) | Jamea Christian

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, November 14, 2016
6am-6pm

Please contact Ms. Jamea Christian at the Center (410.426.4302) to get more detailed information or to sign up. She looks forward to speaking with you!

Our almost new crew of teachers for our early childhood classes became official on the picnic Sunday. Welcome and God's blessings for your new school year!

The teachers and staff of Calvary Early Childhood Learning Center would like to thank the congregation for its' prayers, encouragement and support!

Please stop by and visit our 4-year olds as they "Soar into a New School Year", our 3-year olds as they learn that "God Loves Us Beary Much", and our 2-year olds as they "Swim into Learning"!

We're asking for your help! Volunteers are needed as the congregation partners with us to minister to children and families, we would like to make you aware of several volunteer opportunities. Please look at the list below and prayerfully consider where God can put your gifts and talents to use. We would love to work with you!

Daily Volunteers

Greeters- Stand at the door and welcome children and parents from 8am to 8:30 am.

Flag Monitors-Raise and lower the flag at the appropriate times each day and be aware of the days when the flag should be flown at half mast.

Aunties & Uncles-Sit with children to comfort them, read stories, rub backs during rest time, help re-direct children to make better choices during learning times, generally assist teachers with classroom management.

Weekly Volunteers

Art, Music, Physical Education, & Library Volunteer Instructors- These classes will be held once per week. The Volunteer Instructor would be responsible for planning and implementing simple lessons.

Classroom teachers and instructional aides will stay with their classes to provide discipline and to support the volunteer instructor. These positions will require a time commitment of about 2 hours on-site, in addition to whatever planning time is necessary. All volunteer positions may be shared by two or more people. P





"Notes" from Worship & Music | Barb Sommer

Good for You—to be THANKFUL!

An old church prayer starts with these words:

"It is truly good, right and salutary (beneficial/healthful) that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Lord"

Apparently, doing things that are "good for you" existed long ago when the psalmist wrote, "I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches". He was overjoyed to follow God's instructions for living—perhaps he was thinking about the Ten Commandments (Psalm 119: 14).

Now to be overjoyed at following rules is not the same as winning the lottery, we might think. However, even with our limited knowledge of good and evil, we realize that structure and guidelines are good for us too. Young men join the military service and surprisingly find structure and security, and perhaps straighten out a chaotic life. Our mothers told us long ago to stay out of the street, to eat our vegetables, not to talk back, to wash our hands, to go to bed when we knew we were not tired and our friends were up and outside.

Somehow science has shown that mothers were right: crazy drivers don't see pedestrians; vegetables have vitamins our bodies need to be healthy; respect is expected in schools, jobs and living in community; dirty hands carry germs which cause infection and illness; we need 7-8 hours of sleep to be alert and work more efficiently. The value of rules learned as a child are not obvious for being good for us until, with a little more maturity and understanding, we see that they help us in our future living—brushing our teeth prevents cavities and helps us keep our teeth for a lifetime; following a healthy diet

prevents the diabetic from having circulation problems and losing toes, having sores that don't heal or kidney failure; taking our medication keeps us well, and maybe prevents a stroke. We all can think of things now that are good for us physically; but don't forget the growth of mind and spirit when you fill it with thoughts and knowledge absorbed from good TV shows and movies, good books and magazines, and supportive friends. It is good for us to be able to share our feelings with caring people, good to listen how others solved similar problems, and be encouraged by loving people. It is good for us to surround ourselves with Christians who are examples to us of the life Christ wants for us.

Our prayer reminds us to be thankful to the Lord for all things at all times. Jesus once healed ten men with leprosy (a dreaded disease that separated the person from society), but only one came back to thank him. I'd say Jesus was more than upset after performing this major healing! He asked, "Where are the nine"? This question directed at us can mean, even through the best or worst of times as we search for help with major challenges or health problems, God wants to hear from us and knows it is good for us to give thanks.

Thankfulness helps us to stop concentrating on ourselves and begin to appreciate all the blessings we have experienced, the gifts of a loving Father which nourish our bodies and souls. The apostle Paul wrote the same advice from a prison cell: "be thankful. Let the word of God dwell in you richly...sing...with gratitude in your hearts to God...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17).

See you in Church!

To Calvary Lutheran Church in memory of:

† Bruce Plitt, the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Beckwith

We are thankful for the instrumental musicians who recently praised God at our services: Jeff Reed and his Jazz quartet, Amy Crumb with her flute, and Bruce Eicher, organist.

We are looking for **MEN to join the Men's Chorus** to sing on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23rd. They will rehearse on Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm in the choir room, and on Sunday, November 20th right after the 10am service.

In recent weeks the congregation voted to sell the house on Marietta Avenue, also known as the Mercy House.. We have also voted to become part of two new outreach programs, an **Urban Community Center** and **Family Promise**. Both of these will make use of our existing house, the Grace House (gray house) on the side of the Old Harford Road parking lot. The house has been sitting vacant for over a year; it is almost cleared of all the "stuff" people wanted to store there, and is ready for a purpose besides adding to the coffers of BG&E and the Water Department.

We will shortly begin work on renovations and put together teams to help develop programs, address the repair projects and seek financing through grants and other sources. If you haven't received or returned a survey, it would be good to know how you might like to help or what type of programs you will find beneficial. By our interaction with friends, neighbors and fellow members, we will begin to "Plant Gospel Seeds while serving Human Needs".

Contact Barb Sommer or Joan Colliflower for more information.

The Power of Prayer | Pat Bell



"Standing in the Need of Prayer" written by Moses Hogan is a gospel hymn known by many. We often find ourselves in need of intercessory prayer. Praying for others

can put a spiritual wall of protection around those requesting prayer. Prayer is a ministry of the church that uses this power God gave the church to call upon him in times of need and times of praise and thanksgiving.

Calvary's Prayer Circle has been using this power of prayer for years. They are waiting for your call!

Ruth Pfeffer, chair 410.252.7169

Betty Heilman, 410.666.2806

Marlene Kluge, 717.235.7879

Laura Sitter, 410.668.1617

Pat Peters, 410.569.3459

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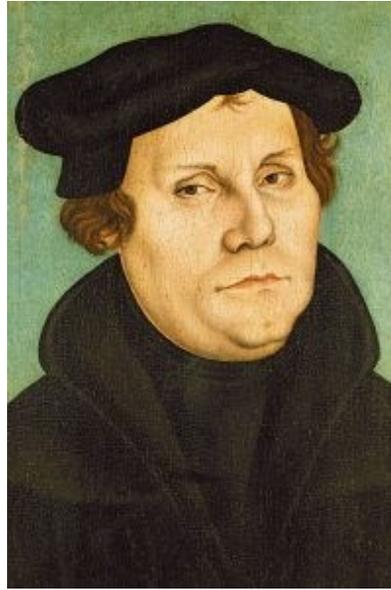
Calvary has a **Prayer Ministry Team** that meets every Sunday during the Bible Study hour praying for the needs of others and for Calvary's renewal. All are invited to join them for prayer any Sunday during the entire time or any portion of the time they meet. Prayer requests can also be given to the group leader, Joan Colliflower, 410.426.3919.

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⇒ **December** issue: deadline November 28

In his “Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans” (1546/1522), Martin Luther declares that faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. “[It] is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times.” Read on! — Editor



Faith is not the human notion and dream that some people call faith. When they see that no improvement of life and no good works follow — although they can hear and say much about faith — they fall into the error of saying, “Faith is not enough; one must do works in order to be righteous and be saved.” This is due to the fact that when they hear the gospel, they get busy and by their own powers create an idea in their heart which says, “I believe”; they take this then to be a true faith. But, as it is a human figment and idea that never reaches the depths of the heart, nothing comes of it either, and no improvement follows.

Faith, however, is a divine work in us which changes us and makes us to be born anew of God, John 1[:12-13]. It kills the old Adam and makes us altogether different men, in heart and spirit and mind and powers; and it brings with it the Holy Spirit. O it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. It does not ask whether good works are to be done, but before the question is asked, it has already done them, and is constantly doing them. Whoever does not do such works, however, is an unbeliever. He gropes and looks around for faith and good works, but knows neither what faith is nor what good works are. Yet he talks and talks, with many words, about faith and good works.

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times. This knowledge of and confidence in God’s grace makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and with all creatures. And this is the work which the Holy Spirit performs in faith.

Because of it, without compulsion, a person is ready and glad to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, out of love and praise to God who has shown him this grace. Thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate heat and light from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers who imagine themselves wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools. Pray God

that he may work faith in you. Otherwise you will surely remain forever without faith, regardless of what you may think or do.

Righteousness, then, is such a faith. It is called “the righteousness of God” because God gives it, and counts it as righteousness for the sake of Christ our Mediator, and makes a man to fulfill [sic] his obligation to everybody. For through faith a man becomes free from sin and comes to take pleasure in God’s commandments, thereby he gives God the honor due him, and pays him what he owes him. Likewise he serves his fellow-men willingly, by whatever means he can, and thus pays his debt to everyone. Nature, free will, and our own powers cannot bring this righteousness into being. For as no one can give himself faith, neither can he take away his own unbelief. How, then, will he take away a single sin, even the very smallest? Therefore all that is done apart from faith, or in unbelief, is false; it is hypocrisy and sin, Romans 14[:23], no matter how good a showing it makes.

— Excerpted from Martin Luther, *Luther’s Works*, Vol. 35: *Word and Sacrament I*, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann, vol. 35 (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, ©1999), 370-371. Used with permission.



Congregational/Outreach News | Pat Bell / Joan Colliflower

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE:

We are in the 11th month of our pastoral vacancy. Over the last several months, we have interviewed a number of candidates for the position of Intentional Interim Pastor. Two calls have been issued, but both have been declined. At a meeting on October 30th, the congregation voted to change direction and begin searching for a regular/settled pastor. President John Denninger has been informed of this decision and we will be working with the SE District during the call process. Updates will be provided to the congregation as the process moves forward.

During the past 11 months, Pastor Dan Quiram has served as our vacancy pastor and we are very thankful for his willingness to serve. He has agreed to continue as vacancy pastor with a modified schedule. Lay Ministry and Church Council will be working with him to modify his schedule, as required.

Even though we may be discouraged with the length of time it is taking to fill our vacancy, God has provided and we have been blessed to have had an ordained minister preach and consecrate communion at each Sunday Worship Service. God is faithful to His promises. We should not lose heart but trust in Him!

~Pat Bell
Lay Ministry

ANGEL TREE



CALVARY ANGEL TREE 2016!

Calvary is again working with Prison Fellowship and the Angel Tree program, an Christmas season outreach between prisoners and their children.

Your prayers and assistance are needed—shopping for gifts, gift wrapping, goodies/hosting an Open House and monetary donations towards purchasing toys and clothes! Through God's grace and your generosity, we sponsored more than 30 local children and nearly 20 remotely in Virginia and North Carolina last year. It's still just \$35 to sponsor a child!

Angel Tree Open House, noon-4pm
Sunday, December 11, following 10am worship

Contact Bridget Mainley, bmainley@gmail.com, 410.804.7811 for more information or if you'd like to help.

Donations can be placed in the PR Board mailbox in the church office—checks should be made payable to Calvary Lutheran Church with Angel Tree in the memo field.

GUIDING HAND: Currently, there are 14 children enrolled in the Homework Help program. Half of these are from Hamilton Elementary and six other schools are represented. Ten helpers have been serving, three of whom assist on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The hours this year are 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Five of the teacher/helpers are associated with Calvary while the others are from LCMS, Episcopal and Presbyterian congregations.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP: We have taken a break from the monthly serving of community meals. Within the following months, we will evaluate this mission and make a decision regarding its renewal. We continue to support the cooking and serving of meals at St. Matthias on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

PRAYER & PRAISE: During the summer, we began an hourly Praise and Prayer time on the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Invitation is for the Congregation to join us at Calvary, but if unable to be present, please pray with us for the Holy Spirit's guidance at that time in your own place. We are happy more of you have joined us at church—we take encouragement and thank each of you. We pray you continue with us in the vital means of growth and communication with our Lord as we seek to do His will in this place where He has planted us.

FURTHER OUTREACH: We are praying boldly that the Holy Spirit provide the resources, the people power and the funds needed to offer a broader community ministry in the use of Grace Place.

Last year at the beginning of the winter season we conducted a Free Coat Drive, offering outerwear—including scarves, jackets and gloves—to those in need. We are considering repeating that mission this year.

Thank you for all you do and the way you step up to honor the Lord in His work!

In Christ,

~Joan Colliflower
Outreach



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2016 Holiday Worship & Fellowship Opportunities

Mark your calendar with these special upcoming events:



Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 23rd, 7pm

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 24th, 10am

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27th

Decorating the Church
Sunday, December 4th—following the 10:00am service

Angel Tree Open House
Sunday December 12, noon-4pm



Maryland State Boychoir Christmas Concert

7pm, Wednesday, December 14th



Service of Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 18, 10am

Christmas Eve Services
Saturday, December 24, 4pm and 7pm

Christmas Day Service
Sunday, December 25, 10am



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COMMUNITY NEWS & NOTES

FALL CLEAN-UP: Autumn has arrived and so have the falling leaves in Baltimore City. Leaf collection season begins Monday, October 17, 2016, and will continue through Monday, January 9, 2017. During these dates, residents can call 311 for special Monday pickups of up to 20 bags of leaves. Residents can make multiple appointments until all the bags are gone. Residents must call before 6pm on Sunday to schedule a collection for the following Monday. Citizens may make multiple appointments for up to two months prior to the pick-up date.



The Bureau of Solid Waste will also collect bagged leaves on regularly scheduled trash collection days. Solid Waste crews will collect up to 5 bags of leaves from each address every week. Even though street sweepers now visit virtually every City neighborhood, these machines are NOT designed to collect leaves, and residents should NOT let leaves collect in the curbs and gutters. Leaves will only hinder the ability of the street sweeping machines to thoroughly do their job. Please **do not** sweep leaves into the street. Please **do** sweep and bag leaves from your curbs, sidewalks, alleys and off of storm drain grates. Additional options for dealing with leaves include composting and mulching. Both of these options promote healthy lawns and gardens.

Residents can also drop off bagged leaves at one of the five Citizen Convenience locations:

Monday through Saturday from 9am-5pm:

Quarantine Road Sanitary Landfill – 6100 Quarantine Road
Western Citizens' Convenience Center- 701 Reedbird Avenue
Eastern Citizens' Convenience Center- 6101 Bowleys Lane
Northwest Citizens' Convenience Center - 2840 Sisson Street

Monday through Saturday from 7am-3pm:

Northwest Transfer Station – 5030 Reisterstown Road

The Mayor's Fall Cleanup is coming on October 22. This will be another opportunity for residents to rid their neighborhoods of leaves and debris. You may call 311 to register for the Fall Cleanup. The registration deadline for the Fall Cleanup is Monday, October 17. For additional information, visit publicworks.baltimorecity.gov.

HAMILTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (HHNA): Hamilton Hills' next association meeting is **11/16 from 7:30pm-8:30pm** at HARBEL (5807 Harford). Their guests will be Joel Ramos, the new owner of Hamilton Tavern, and Kevin Cleary, director of preparedness and emergency management.

HHNA's block captains meet every month on the second Wednesday from 7:30pm-8:30pm. These meetings review crime and property concerns block-by-block and is how we've become successful in resolving challenges in the neighborhood. They are currently seeking assistance on Birchwood, Echodale, Fair Oaks, Glenmore, Grindon and Pioneer. Residents interested in becoming block captains should contact secretaryHHNA@gmail.com.

Mutt Mart will be hosting a shop small event featuring local artists and vendors **11/26 and 12/3 from 11am-5pm**, 2904 Hamilton Ave, with the vendors being located on the 2nd floor.

NORTHEAST MINISTERIUM MEETING: the Church of the Messiah is pleased to host their upcoming Ministerium meeting **Thursday, November 17, 12pm – 1:30pm**. There is ample parking on the lot behind the church at the corner of Harford Road and White Avenue (entrance to the lot is off of White Ave.) The plan on a guest speaker for the luncheon from the organization, Marylanders for the Prevention of Gun Violence. Please RSVP **by calling the parish office (410-426-0709)**, so they can properly plan.



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THANKSGIVING DINNERS:

Ray of Hope Baptist Church Invites you to their 1st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, November 16, 2016, 4pm-6pm, Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive, Baltimore, MD 21214. For more information contact either rayofhopebaptistchurch@verizon.net or 410-254-3797.

You're Invited to Break Bread with Your Neighbors at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 7001 Harford Road. 21234, Thanksgiving Day Dinner, November 24th, 11am-1pm.

HOW TO PREVENT CRIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY: HARBEL, and the Northeast Police District, **Monday, December 5, 2016, 7pm**, Northeast Police District, 1900 Argonne Drive. HARBEL and the Northeast Police District's Community Collaboration Unit invite you to join them on Monday, December 5th at 7 PM at the Northeast Police District to learn how you and your community can prevent crime through a proven and effective crime prevention program, the Northeast Citizens Patrol, the NECOP. Learn how the NECOP has and is preventing crime in communities within Northeast Baltimore, and learn how you and your community can participate in this program that will reduce crime in your community.

WATER & SEWER ADJUSTMENT REQUEST: The Baltimore Department of Public Works may administratively adjust the amount of water and/or sewer consumed for a billing period where a leak or situational (appliances, interior fixtures, etc) high usage was experienced. Underground leaks may also qualify for a reduction to the sewer portion of the bill but must be repaired by a licensed plumber with proof of repair. If you qualify based on the conditions listed below and would like to submit an adjustment for review, please either follow this link: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/water-and-sewer-adjustment-request-form> to complete the form online or download the request form online at: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/Water-Sewer%20Bill%20Adjustments%20form2.pdf> and mail the request to DPW Customer Support and Services Division, 200 Holliday St., 4th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202. If approved, the adjustment will appear on the customer's bill approximately 4 weeks after the request was received.

Conditions: the property owner or an authorized person designated by the property owner must request the adjustment within sixty (60) days of the bill being issued; Water loss due to theft or vandalism is not covered and is the customer's responsibility; Customers may only be granted an underground leak adjustment at a property once every two years; Customers may only be granted an interior/situational usage adjustment at a property once every three years; and The date, type of repair, and proof of repair must be included for underground leaks.

Calculation of Adjustment: *Interior/Situational Usage Adjustment:* This type of adjustment is limited to charges for water consumption only – no other charges will be adjusted. It is calculated from the daily average consumption of water from the last billing period prior to the leak and is multiplied by the total days of service within the affected billing period. Fifty percent (50%) of the additional water usage is deducted from the amount owed. To our most vulnerable customers who are currently enrolled in our senior or hardship discount programs, an adjustment of the full overage of water usage is credited to the account.

Example:

Daily Average Consumption: .16 CCF/Day

Average monthly bill = 5 CCF

Difference between average and affected bill = 45 CCF

Adjustment = -22.5 CCF, Senior/Hardship Customer = -45 CCF

Days in a billing period = 30 days

Billed Units during affected billing period = 50 CCF

Underground Lead Adjustment: This type of adjustment is for water and sewer consumption only. It is calculated from the daily average consumption of water from the last billing period prior to the leak and is multiplied by the total days of service within the affected billing period. The additional water usage is deducted from the amount owed and sewer charges reflect the change. The bill is then re-calculated based upon the adjusted volume of water/sewer consumption. Evidence of an underground leak repair must be provided from a licensed plumber to qualify for an underground leak adjustment.



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CITY VACANT NOTICES: The most significant code violation in Baltimore City is a Vacant Notice. In the past Code Enforcement would only issue a Vacant Notice if the property was unoccupied and unfit for habitation. Indications were open or no windows and the ability to gain entrance through an open door or window. Also, if the property was obviously uninhabitable. Code Enforcement has expanded the definition of a vacant property to include the following:

- 1. Two open Violations on the property for 40 days
2. Six sanitation notices on the property for over 1 year. High grass and weeds is one of the sanitation notices.

If you have a problematic property in your neighborhood, report it to 311, as it increases the likelihood the property will receive a Vacant Notice, and that improves the City's and community's ability to act on the property. Also, when you contact 311 by phone, online, or via the 311 App on a smart phone you will receive a Service Request Number or an SR#. Please ensure you capture and preserve that number, as it is very helpful in following up on 311 service requests with city officials.

EMAIL SCAM: Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh is warning consumers about an email scam in which computer hackers seek to steal personal identifying information by masquerading as his office. Scammers have been using an email address that appears to be from the Office of Attorney General, with the subject line, "The Office of Attorney General Complaint," and a note that says a complaint has been filed against the consumers' business. The email uses click-bait — a link that allegedly sends people to a document to file a response but actually links to a zip file that installs malware. Here is a link to the Baltimore Sun article concerning this scam: http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-consumers-warned-email-scam-20160622-story.html



After the Election
by Rev. Michael W. Salemink

Good government, devout rulers, and faithful leaders are always gifts from God. In our nation, elected representatives and public servants serve us as His blessing and on His behalf. One of the primary responsibilities of civil government is respecting and protecting human life. We thank our heavenly Father for a peaceable and lawful voting process yesterday, especially where it has resulted in offices being occupied by advocates for affirming every human being's God-given value.

We commend all Christians who put their faith and vocation into practice by exercising the precious right to participate in cooperative democracy that is free and fair for everyone. Please join us in praying for those who make, administer, and judge our laws to reflect the truth, love, and life of our Lord Jesus Christ in their policies and actions until the Savior returns to bring our redemption and resurrection to fulfillment in new creation and everlasting kingdom.



Happy and Blessed Reformation Day!
by Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life

We celebrate the same authentically apostolic Gospel that Martin Luther enthusiastically insisted on: God gives Himself in His own Son to love, forgive, and save every human being by free grace alone apart from good works. No matter what anyone's done or can't do, our Heavenly Father's compassion makes us all precious, from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death. His blessings of abundant and everlasting life belong to every person, in every state and every stage—regardless of appearance, age, ability, or productivity.

We fearlessly and joyfully speak this uplifting truth and show this life-affirming love alongside you and especially to those vulnerable or victim to violence against life. In fact, it is this Word, worldview, and way of life that Christians stand steadfast in and for every day. We have for centuries, and we will into eternity, as Gospel-motivated neighbors and servants to the whole human race whom God has created, redeemed, and called.

The Lord be with you, and thanks be to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever!



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LECTIONARY SUMMARIES FOR NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED) (6 November 2016): Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12
Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

“A great multitude . . . from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, “shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and countless saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (6 November 2016): Exodus 3:1–15, 2 Thess 2:1–8, 13–17. Luke 20:27–40
The Triune God Curbs Evil and Overcomes Death with Resurrection

Christians live as “sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God “is not God of the dead, but of the living” (Luke 20:38). “Those who deny that there is a resurrection” (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know “that the dead are raised” (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was, and is and is to come, knows Israel’s sufferings and has “come down to deliver them” (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God’s chosen people, by which He is “remembered throughout all generations” (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who “takes his seat in the temple of God” (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, who slays the anti-christ and refutes his false doctrine “with the breath of his mouth” (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, “stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught” (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God’s promise of love, comfort and good hope.

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (13 November 2016): Malachi 4:1–6, 2 Thess 3:1–5, 6–13, Luke 21:5–28, 29–36
God’s Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence

There are signs of the Lord’s coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. “There will be great distress upon the earth” (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that “the kingdom of God is near” (Luke 21:31). Therefore, “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which “will not pass away” (Luke 21:33). For you “the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings” (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah “before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes” (Mal. 4:5), in order to “direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ” (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, “the Lord is faithful,” and by the preaching of His Word “he will establish you and guard you against the evil one” (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, “do not grow weary in doing good” (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR (20 November 2016): Malachi 3:13–18; Colossians 1:13–20; Luke 23:27–43
Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. “They shall be mine,” He says, “and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him” (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining “the distinction between the righteous and the wicked” (Mal. 3:18). He truly is “the King of the Jews” (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith “weep for yourselves and for your children” (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He “is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all



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creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19-20).

DAY OF THANKSGIVING (24 November 2016): Deuter 8:1-10; Philippians 4:6-20 or 1 Tim 2:1-4; Luke 17:11-19
We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But "man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD" (Deut. 8:3). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: "Go and show yourselves to the priests" (Luke 17:14). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to "rise and go your way; your faith has made you well" (Luke 17:19). So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6-20).

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (27 November 2016): Isaiah 2:1-5; Rom 13:(8-10) 11-14; Matt 21:1-11 or Matt 24:36-44
The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem "humble, and mounted on a donkey," riding on "a beast of burden" (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matt. 21:9). For we are called "to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob," His holy Church, "that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths" (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we "walk in the light of the LORD" (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which "does no wrong to a neighbor" (Rom. 13:10). We "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light," for "salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, "for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Matt. 24:42).

Contact Mary Jo Ford or Anne McWilliams for more info or to help.

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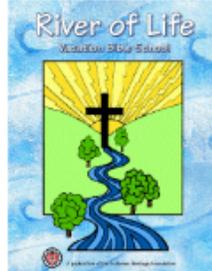


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Build excitement for missions in your congregation! Your members can put a catechism into the hands of their brother or sister in Christ for only \$5. Imagine how the Holy Spirit could work through your church's mission offerings!

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Check out this free preview kit of LHF's "River of Life"



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Should you decide to purchase the program (\$125), the materials are all completely reproducible, meaning you can use the program again in years to come at no extra cost. The engaging but affordable craft projects can be made with supplies already on hand, donated by church members, or purchased inexpensively. Click here for your free preview kit.





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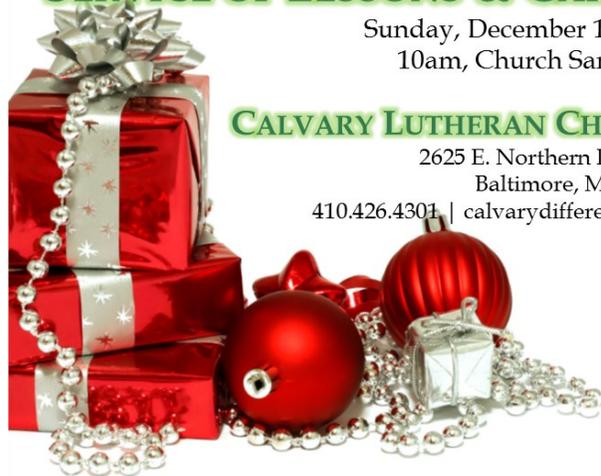
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