

All Saints Day November 4, 2018



The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center

(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year) 14422 Meridian East Puyallup, WA 98374

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Mission Statement: "We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

Motto: "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Nov 4-10, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study
Monday	6:30 pm	Busy Women's Bible Study at Sharlene Parker's Home
Tuesday	10:00 am	Worship and Music Committee meet at the LWLC Office
Wednesday	8:00 am	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office
	9:30-11:00 am	Living Way Bible Study at the Krumwiede's Home
	6:30 pm	Skip & Kathy's wedding at Puyallup United Methodist Church
Thursday	8:00 am	Men's Devotional at the LWLC Office
	10:30 am	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice at the LWLC Office

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Dan & Mary Kaye Owen in memory of Dan's parents & Mary Kaye's father.

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Next week's Scriptures:
1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28 Philippians 2:19-30

Today's Worship Assistants

<u>Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)</u> Ron Heilman, Daryl Olson; Al Auge, Joe Burdick, Ron Johnson; <u>Ushers</u> –Carole Williams-Wood, Zale Wood; <u>Acolyte</u>- Hannah Vashchenko; <u>Lector</u>-Jim Gronhovd; <u>Communion Set up/Clean up</u>- Yvonne Olson, Sue Fields; <u>Communion Assistants</u>- Al Auge, Nancy Martin, Dave Ostendorf; <u>Communion Bread</u>-Gayla Fenimore; <u>Sound System</u>-Ron Heilman; <u>Tellers</u>- Zale Wood, Judy Krumwiede; <u>Coffee Hour</u>- Valerie Claiborne, Barbara Griswold; <u>Altar Setup/Take Down</u>-Carol Brennan, Laura Burdick; <u>Worship Leaders</u>-Tony & Linda Deas; <u>Parking Lot</u>-Al Auge



Thank you to all those who participated in our Reformation celebration. A special thanks to Katie (Barbara Griswold) and Martin Luther (Jerry Halverson) for their presentation and Lin Jefferys for sharing Padre's academic robe with us. Also, for all the wonderful food that was provided. *Worship & Music Committee*

Last Sunday, Martin Luther told us that we at LWLC seem to understand what they went through over 500 years ago.

That is so true-which we soon learned!

After Katie reminded us of how we have told about Luther's encounter with the lightning storm and of her visit, telling of their life together, Martin said "And oh, not on my discussion with John Calvin and the Pope was such fun and informative for you, I hope."

It was brought to our attention that Luther, Calvin and the Pope did not have a discussion and therefore it was not historically accurate. True—but it was not meant to be!

This was a light-hearted comment referring to the Conversation from Eternity with Luther, Calvin and the Pope that we have presented several times on Reformation Sunday.

So, we want to clear up any confusion for those who may not have been here for that conversation.

We are just so happy that we have such a well-educated congregation!



All Saints' Day Memorials

LWLC Choir, in memory of Leo Fehlhafer & Barbara Cheek.

Andy & Ruth Anderson, in memory of their parents & Ruth's brother.

Al & Lydia Auge, in memory of son Jimmy, Al's parents, Lydia's Dad & sister.

Ardene Bartness, in memory of Bill, Jesicka Bartness, sisters Helen, Edna, Laura & brothers George, Clarence, Lester & our parents.

Don & Carol Brennan, in memory of their parents, brother Wendell Huffman, & nephew Scott Huffman.

Duane & Valerie Claiborne, in memory of their parents & other family members.

Tony & Linda Deas, in memory of their parents, Barbara & Dick, Eleanor & Harold.

Bonnie DeBord, in memory of son Kenneth & husband Leslie.

Jeff & Sarah DeBord in memory of grandparents, Bob & Linda Jones.

Cynthia Faul, in memory of her parents, Norris & Borghild Hovland.

Irene Feller, in memory of her husband, Ernest & son Gene.

Mike & Gayla Fenimore, in memory of Gayla's mother, Maryann Mesaros & Janet Buckner.

Elaine Flammang, in memory of Wes & Shane.

Wanda Folsom, in memory of John Folsom.

Dwight & Barbara Griswold, in memory of their parents & seven siblings.

Tom & Lonna Groce, in memory of Tom Groce, Sr. & Art & Gertie Kiehn.

Jerry & Jan Halverson, in memory of parents, Ira & Marietta Grant & Jack & Ann Halverson.

Gary & Rosie Heintz, in honor of their parents, Joseph & Delores Heintz, Juan and Margarita Mourino, Robert Burton, Robert Heintz, Bert Heintz and Crystal Harvie.

Ron & Chaileo Heilman, in memory of his parents.

Pastor Gary & Kitty Jepsen, in memory of their parents.

Ardis Kilber, in memory of her husband, Martin, & her daughter, Tracy.

Dennis & Judy Krumwiede, in memory of their parents, George & Katherine Krumwiede & Frank & Lerlaine Bohac.

Harold & Clarice Liemohn, in memory of their parents, Ben & Rose, Paul & Agnes & grandson, Tyler.

Bob & Nancy Martin, in memory of their parents.

Hal & Carol Martin, in memory of their parents.

Morgan & Yvonne Olson, in memory of their parents & family members.

Dan & Mary Kaye Owen, in memory of his parents, Les & Leolyn Owen & her father, Tom Payton.

Sharlene Parker, in memory of Amos Parker, May & Orval Utterback, Marty Rhodes.

Dick & Lori Schmidt, in memory of Roland & Lorraine Huber, Johanna Schmidt.

Richard & Bonnie Socey, in memory of their children, Franklin & Inz, Sam & Gertrude.

Lorraine Stargel, in memory of her mother, Donna Lawrence & grandparents.

Bill & Debbi Zavadil in memory of Bill's parents, brothers Don & Les, Debbi's grandparents & her father.

God declares everyone who has been baptized and believes the promise of the gospel to be justified, holy, and blameless.

The communion of saints therefore includes both those still living on earth and those who have

died in the faith and are now living in heaven.

Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church

All Saints Day

Order for Worship

November 4, 2018

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

Our worship begins with the prelude. "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus, let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Verse 1:

For all the saints
Who from their labors rest,
All who by faith
Before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus,
Be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia

"For All The Saints"

Verse 2:

You were their Rock,
Their fortress and their might;
You, Lord, their Captain
In the well fought fight;
You, in the darkness drear,
Their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 3:

Oh, may your soldiers, Faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints Who nobly fought of old And win with them The victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 7:

But then there breaks
A yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array;
The King of glory
Passes on His way.
Alleluia. Alleluia

Verse 8:

From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
In the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia

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We Worship with Confession

Pastor: Remembering the covenant God has established with us through our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live, in the name of the Father, and of the (♣) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

<u>P:</u> Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may more fully love You and more worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD. <u>Congregation: Amen.</u>

P: (invites worshippers to confess their sins): The First letter of John (1:8) reminds us that, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Silence for personal reflection and self-examination

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): Most Merciful God...,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name.

P: (facing the congregation, declares God's forgiveness): In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for Jesus' sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by Jesus' authority I declare to you, *being penitent*, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the (骨) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

We are called to make disciples of all nations; we <u>begin</u> by sharing the peace of God with one another.

P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Cantors: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of

God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Cantors: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

<u>C:</u> Lord, have mercy.

<u>C:</u> Lord, have mercy. C: Lord, have mercy.

<u>C:</u> Lord, have mercy. C: Amen.

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!

<u>Cantors</u>: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are His.

 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!
- 2. <u>Women:</u> Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: <u>Men:</u> Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
 - 3. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia!

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

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Oh God, the Source of all life, our beginning and end; Alpha and Omega, we praise you for those who have served you faithfully. For the sake of Jesus Christ, replenish our hope in your eternal kingdom, that we may have life in all its fullness, unfettered by the fear of death. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, the 25th chapter (ESV)

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
 a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
 a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;

for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, flike heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud,

so the song of the ruthless is put down.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

8He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

¹⁰ For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled down in his place, as straw is trampled down in a dunghill.

11 And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim, but the LORD will lay low his pompous pride together with

the skill of his hands.

¹² And the high fortifications of his walls he will bring down, lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

(Here ends this reading.)

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 24. (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, **Congregation**: the world and those who dwell therein,

R: ² for he has founded it upon the seas C: and established it upon the rivers.

R: ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? C: And who shall stand in his holy place?

R: 4He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C: who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

R: 5 He will receive blessing from the LORD

C: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

R: 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,

C: who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R: ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!

C: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

R: 8 Who is this King of glory?

C: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

R: 9 Lift up your heads, O gates!

C: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

R: ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

C: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

This reading is from the Book of Revelation, the 21st chapter. (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

(Here ends this reading.)

Hymn of the Day "Awake, O Sleeper" **WOV #745** from death, and light: Christ shall give you sleep - er, bring from lease. sin and fear on earth he came to re us Christ has loved, who Then walk in love died that he might save; as died, and con-quered in strife. us Christ lived, for he the length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height. learn his love. its SO give the Spir - it's bond of peace. to u - ni - ty, the ver y God Christ for with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give in gave. as wake, a - rise, go faith. and Christ shall give you life.

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forth in

This reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians, the 2nd chapter. (ESV)12-18

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The antiphonal form of the Apostles' Creed is from the liturgy of Ulrich Zwingli at Zurich, Easter Sunday 1525)

ALL: We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

WOMEN: and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, MEN:

born of the Virgin Mary, WOMEN:

suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried. MEN:

WOMEN: He descended into hell.

MEN: On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven WOMEN:

MEN: and sitteth at the right hand of the God, the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the guick and the dead. WOMEN:

We believe in the Holy Ghost, MEN:

WOMEN: the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins. MEN: the resurrection of the body, WOMEN: MEN: and the life everlasting.

ALL: Amen. Sermon Eric D. Hullstrom, Pastor

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

The offering is received.

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with Your Free Spirit.

Let us pray together the offering prayer: Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

(Each petition concludes with "LORD, in your mercy", to which the congregation responds: "hear our prayer".)

All Saints' Day Memorial Dedications

"The Church's One Foundation"

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord She is His new creation by water and the Word From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died Verse 5

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken):

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the LORD.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface :)

C: Holy, holy, holy LORD, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution and The LORD'S Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you this is My blood shed for you.'), is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as

Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.

(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

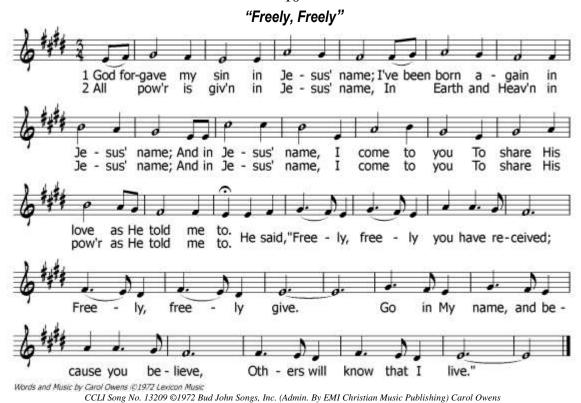
(LBW, p.92) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:





Text and Tune: Traditional Spiritual



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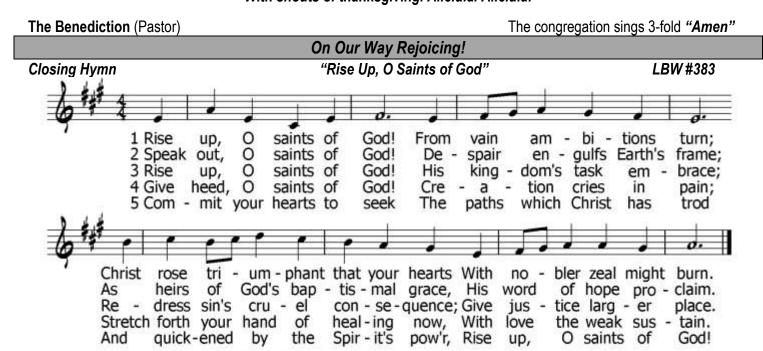
Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle (LBW, p.92)

Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let everyone who seeks the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.



Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936 @1978 Lutheran Book of Worship Tune: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

We Worship by How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD! C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Musician: Mary Kaye Owen Choir Director: Dan Owen

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Ushers table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.



WREATHS

Gayla Fenimore is coordinating with some women of our congregation to make Christmas Wreaths. The proceeds will go to the Evangelism committee to order more cookbooks. A cookbook is given to each new member as a gift. The cost of the wreath is \$25.00. Orders will be taken by November 11th, Sunday. Wreaths can be picked up on Sunday, December 2nd at church. Gayla will give an announcement with more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS				
Nov 10th	The Mary Edna Agnew Guild of the Mary Bridge Brigade invites you to our Holiday Bazaar benefiting Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, 9 am – 2 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4519 112th St. E., Tacoma, WA.			
Nov 11th	Puyallup Veterans Day Celebration, 1 pm at the Pioneer Park Pavilion. Indoor seating, no charge, for all ages, free parking. Rogers High School Wind Ensemble. A patriotic program saluting all veterans with a special tribute to those who served in WWI			
Nov 21st	Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 pm			
Dec 2nd	The First Sunday in Advent!			
Dec 8th	Make Lefse for the Holiday Season!! All (men, women, teens and youth) who would be interested in learning to make Lefse meet Saturday, Dec 8th, at 10 am at Sharlene Parker's house. Bring your lefse griddles, etc. What would the Holidays be without the traditional Lefse?			

Angel One Foundation sponsored by *Shalom Church* is providing around 125 children and their parents in the community through their **Giving Tree Event** that is affiliated with their local Food Bank. Can you help? These families are less fortunate and will not have Christmas this year.

Any donations of new items such as toys, clothing, gift certificates, money, food, women's gifts, men's gifts, gift baskets, etc. would be greatly appreciated. They would need to have all gift items by Dec 9th at the latest as they will be giving gifts to the families on **Sunday**, **Dec 16**th, at the Frontier Park in Graham at 10:00 am.

Your interest in donating goods to Angel One Foundation's Food Bank is appreciated. It is because of people like you that they are able to help hundreds of families in need every month.

Every Sunday, <u>until December 10th</u>, there will be a sign with the Angel One logo above a box for you to place any items you wish to donate to this worthy cause. It will be picked up by the Angel One Foundation, a separate container for gift cards (i.e. Safeway card, Target, etc.), money will be taken back to the office and given to the Foundation.

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2Chronicles 7:14

<u>Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe:</u> Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Hearld, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin; Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), Richy (Larry and Mary Vollmer's grandson). Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.

<u>Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one-</u> The family of Pastor George Larson (Carole Williams-Wood) who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of Nathan Rath (Carole Williams-Wood) who passed away this week.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. Roger (Gary Gjerstad's brother), Dixie (Sharlene Parker's sister). Don Minnick (Harold & Clarice Liemohn), Bob Lungberg (Bob & Nancy Martin), Aunt Glenda (Lorraine Stargel), Cousin Sandy (Lorraine Stargel), Snookie Pankrantz, Taressa (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law). Tony Horne (Bob Martin & Hal Martin), Robert Hawthorne (Jim & Mei Barker), Wanee (Sharlene Parker), Mary Anne Horiskey (Bonnie DeBord), Dave & Judy's Ostendorf's daughter-in-law.

Baby Eli and his parents (Jim & Sue Gronhovd). Rich Bogle, (Sharon Edward's cousin's husband) 5-year-old Lucas Bride (Heidi Sturdivant) fighting brain cancer and prayers for strength, comfort in God's hands for his family. Nathan Rath (Carole Williams-Wood) now in hospice care. Donna (friend of Harold & Clarice Liemohn) diagnosed with brain cancer.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery. Continued prayers for Ron & Sharon Johnson's son & daughter in law 's new son Elijah, pray for growth and healing without complications. Daughter Jeanette (Al & Darlene Luberts) having emotional problems and prayers for Suzy improving in a home for brain injured people. Brother Bill (Ruth Anderson) continued prayers for strength and quick healing for health problems. Elaine Flammang who fell and fractured her left shoulder. Pray for continued healthy pregnancy for Sarah DeBord. Darlene Luberts pray for doctor's discernment in her pain management. Sharlene Parker's sister Dixie needs a new port for her dialysis, pray for doctor's discernment and that Dixie is able to have a successful surgery. Don Gray (Larry & Linda Schmidt) who fell down stairs and broke his neck, pray for healing and strength. Pray for God's comfort and peace for Olivia Vashchenko who is dealing with a serious thyroid problem. Ardene Bartness has taken some falls, pray for health and healing. Jill West (Tom & Denise Alvord's daughter), prayers for doctor's discernment, strength and healing. Tom DeBord (Jeff DeBord's cousin) who is in stage 3 heart failure, pray for healing and comfort. God's comfort and help for victims and families of the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. God's healing and guidance for our nation in this troubled time.

SHIPWRECKED PRAYERS by Sacinandana Swami

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men aboard were able to swim to a nearby small, deserted island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they both prayed for was food. The next morning the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land and was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man was lonely and decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor, a woman, swam to his side of the island. On the other side of the island, nothing. Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, and more food. The next day, like magic, all these requests were fulfilled. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings since none of his prayers had been answered. As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"



"My blessings are mine alone since I was the one who prayed for them," the man answered. "My companion's prayers were all unanswered, so he does not deserve anything." "You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I now owe him for my success." "He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

" For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone but those of another

praying for us."