

Cross of Christ

Crossties

November 2019



Our Mission Statement

To know Jesus Christ as Lord and make Him known.

Our Vision Statement

We are committed to reaching out to the local community and supporting world-wide ministries, as we embrace and nurture current and new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.

Statement of Faith

Cross of Christ is a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We accept and teach the inspired word of God from the Bible.



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"Thoughts of Thanksgiving"

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; and His mercy endureth forever." Those words were first recorded by the Psalmist, but many of us continue to use them as a prayer on a daily basis. Certainly, if we're paying attention to them as they leave our mouths, they bring to mind the gratitude due our Bountiful God; and in this month they draw attention to a day of national thanksgiving.

Now I suppose there are some who would suggest that Thanksgiving Day has been secularized, commercialized and corrupted, to such an extent that it has lost its meaning and significance for us as Americans. And yes, there's no denying that for too many it may only mean a day of vacation – a holiday providing a chance to visit with family and friends, to watch some football, and to enjoy more delicious food than most of us need.

However, in spite of those Madison Avenue and Wall Street influences and the selfish motivation of many people, would we really be better off without this day? Don't you think it's rather significant that our entire country stops its routine (on an annual basis) to at least be reminded of an opportunity to offer up thanks to our gracious God who provides all these blessings, which we too often take for granted. Perhaps Thanksgiving Day brings very few permanent changes in the lifestyle of the general population, but doesn't it still exert a positive influence on our society as families carry on some of those Thanksgiving traditions? These are our connections to the past, which underscore those important events reminding us as Americans, that we are a nation founded by people of courage and faith. It was that same faith which led them to dedicate a day each year to return thanks together to our Benevolent Creator and Lord.

Our present generation still stands in that tradition, so we have the opportunity to re-affirm the value of thankful hearts and voices. Especially in our homes here at Cross of Christ, you and I can continue to reinforce family traditions for our children and grandchildren, even as we build new memories for them... perhaps even establishing new traditions of gratitude, which can be passed on to future generations. Why not take the time during these less- hectic days to discuss and pray about one or two new activities that will make this coming Thanksgiving even more God-centered and special at your house for years to come! May our Heavenly Father bless you richly as we gather for worship on Thanksgiving Eve and then celebrate His goodness in our homes the next day and every day forward.

~ Pastor Hildebrandt

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"On Giving Thanks..."

A record of the Pilgrims in Plymouth states that "... at noon men staggered by reason of faintness for want of food, yet ere night, by the good providence and blessing of God, we have enjoyed such a plenty as though the windows of heaven had been opened to us."

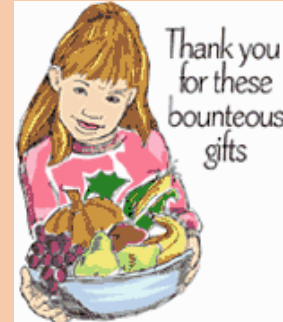
Harry C. Kennet said that Elder Brewster, sitting down to a meal of clams and a cup of cold water, looked up to heaven and gave thanks "... for the abundance of the sea and for the treasure hid in the sand." *In spite of the difficulties, the Pilgrims thanked God for what they had.*

For many of us, this year may not have been a good one, and the future may not seem promising. Yet there is more to be thankful for than to complain about. And that makes Thanksgiving one of the easier seasons for Christians to understand and celebrate. We want to make such a meal happen for fifteen or more families in our community.

This is your official invitation to help with our "2019 Annual Thanksgiving Basket" community event, either by donating toward the purchase of the necessary items or by bringing some of the items to the church anytime in November. You can donate by making out a check to the church and put "Thanksgiving Basket" in the "memo" area. The last day we can accept items is by the start of worship on Nov. 24th. (Please look at the list to the right and it will be next week's bulletin insert, to know what we need for the baskets.)

This is also a friendly reminder that these baskets do not assemble or deliver themselves, so if you can assist in this area on November 24th, that would be fantastic!! Call the church office if you want to be a driver or a rider for basket delivery on the 24th. As always, your kindness and generosity will be a wonderful blessing to those who receive one of these gift baskets for their Thanksgiving family gathering. And guess what...the blessings you receive as you deliver a basket to those less fortunate is much more than you could ever imagine.

2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



Please bring any of the following items to church by Sunday, November 24th. Assembly and distribution of the food baskets will be after Sunday School on that day. Assemblers and drivers are needed; if you would like to help, please call the church office 877-7447.

NON- PERISHABLE

FOOD ITEMS

- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans sweet potatoes
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 5 lb. bag potatoes
- 1 40 oz. jar peanut butter
- 1 12 oz. jar grape jelly
- 2 boxes jello
- 1 can seasoned pumpkin pie mix
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can ready-to-spread frosting
- 1 bottle vegetable oil

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- 2 bath-size bars soap
- 1 bottle dish soap
- 1 box laundry powder
- 1 4-pack toilet paper
- 1 box cornbread mix

(Additional perishable basket items will be purchased on Nov. 23rd/24th and brought to the church for basket assembly.)

OUR PRAYER FOR THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS...

Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness. To each family that receives this bountiful basket of food, watch over them and bless their comings and goings. Let them know that they are not alone and that others are praying for them. Help them to not be afraid, but instead to reach out to Jesus or to those here on earth who will gladly share the story of Jesus love and the message of forgiveness with them. Let them know they are loved. Amen.

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CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY KITCHEN FAST DAY

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church is a member church on the Board of the Chattanooga Community Kitchen (CCK). (CCK is the organization to which we send the hygiene kits we assemble for the homeless and where we also help serve a meal once a month). As a board member church, we are highly encouraged to support activities of the CCK to help the homeless in our community. **The largest and most important annual fundraising activity for the CCK is "Fast Day".** "Fast Day" began in 1984 with the notion that anyone could fast for a meal and donate what would have been spent on the meal toward CCK and their work (feeding and housing those on the streets). Since that time, the "Fast Day" campaign has grown to be the primary source of funds for CCK services – it is the lifeblood of the work they undertake.

Each year, the Chattanooga Community Kitchen asks our community (churches, individuals and businesses) to help change lives by fasting (physically, spiritually or symbolically) for a meal... a day, a week, or more, and donating the cost to the Community Kitchen. You can give any time of year, but particularly around Thanksgiving week do we find it more meaningful to give to others that have little or none.

Please help out as much as you are able, to this ministry and mission. Help to change lives! *There will be envelopes for direct contributions to the CCK available in the Nov. 17th bulletin and they are also available at the church for you to pickup. You may also write a check to the church and put "CCK Fast Day" in the "memo" line.*

On Sunday, November 17th David Costellow, Director of Community Engagement at CCK, will be present at Pastor's Bible Class. He will speak about the multiple activities undertaken by the CCK to help the homeless; including but not limited to providing meals, shelter, showering facilities, a Thrift Store for clothing and other essentials, medical care, educational classes and other support to the homeless. Please attend this educational session so you can learn about the important services this organization provides.

You are also invited to tour the Chattanooga Community Kitchen facilities, in order to gain a better understanding of their daily workings. You can then see for yourself how they are able to serve so many of our homeless community.

Portals of Prayer has been a favorite devotional of generations of CPH readers, a timeless daily source of strength and comfort since 1937. In addition to the **Portals of Prayer** quarterly print publication, we also offer it as a digital app. A new resource we're introducing this fall is the **Portals of Prayer Devotional Bible**, which weaves more than 700 devotions into the entire ESV translation of Scripture. **Learn more at cph.org/portalsbible**

HELPING THE HOMELESS *"If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord, and He will repay you", Proverbs 19:17*

A HUGE 'Thank You' to everyone who has joined together and helped serve lunch at the Chattanooga Community Kitchen on Tuesday's noon hours throughout 2019. (We still have one meal more to go!) Pictured below are those who helped in October. (L to R – Maria Rabbio, Roberta Dalpini, Mary Keel, Betty Riddle, Tony Pessini and Arlene Vickers, with Tim Dupuis in the back row)

Our last 2019 serving date is November 27th. We will meet as usual in the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to CCK. Please contact Arlene Vickers (email or text...410-897-2121 wisteriadrive@epbf.com) if you would like to join us. As soon as we receive the 2020 dates, we will get them published and out to you.

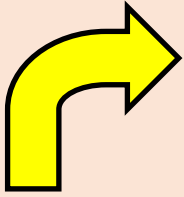


CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

Cross of Christ will again be collecting warm clothing and blankets (used or new) for the homeless this winter. (Plus, we are also collecting clothes from any season, along with household items for those who are now able to find shelter. Household items need to be in good shape please.) Bring any of these items you would like to donate to the church and place them under or by the table near the church office. These items will be distributed through the Chattanooga Community Kitchen (CCK) Thrift Store. If you have any large non-clothing items you would like to donate to the Thrift Store, please take them directly to the CCK at 727 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga. Thank you so much for your compassion and help for the homeless in our community.

~Arlene Vickers

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Update on our 2020 Pledge Drive: During September, we had a focus on Stewardship with four weeks of special sermons and Bible studies. Pledge cards, along with time and talent surveys, were mailed to 112 homes. As of October 28th, we have received 46 pledges and 30 time & talent surveys (which contain info. on husband, wife, and families). There is still time to turn in both. Anyone who has yet to return either, please bring or mail it to the church office or place them in the offering plate. Shortly, the financial secretary will be giving the Board of Directors the monetary amount from the submitted pledges, for use putting together the 2020 budget.

Thrivent Builds: Thank you to all who volunteered and helped work on the Habitat for Humanity house and/or provided lunch and refreshments. *We had a full crew!* This was a great success and another indication of the caring nature of our congregation. Plan to join the community at the Dedication on Nov. 16th (see article).

Octoberfest / Rally Day / Friendship Sunday: Thank you to all who helped prepare, serve, and enjoy the food and fun on October 13th. Everyone had a great time!

BBQ Chickens: Thank you to all who helped prepare, cook, and sell the BBQ chickens this past weekend. We sold 200 chickens! (That's 400 halves that were grilled, smoked, and taken home to eat.) We hope to have the financial info. soon, once all the invoices have been received and paid, so we can let you know the amount donated to our chosen charities.

Trunk or Treat: We thank the volunteers who showed up on a cold evening to hand out candy and for those members that brought candy to share. Our headcount was only around 80 children, but they appeared to have fun in their costumes (see pictures elsewhere). Come rain or snow, hot or cold temperatures, the kids came out!

Sunday School: There is still a need for substitute teachers for all ages. Can you put your name on the list? A list that we could use should a situation arise with one of our teachers. Contact Nikki Holcomb if you can assist with this need (770-356-1202).

Sharing with others what God has given to us is stewardship in action. I continue to be amazed at all the stewardship activities that our congregation supports. Thank you all for your time and the talents you give to Cross of Christ members and to the community.

~ Marc Flippin, Stewardship Chairperson

HYGIENE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS

PACKING DATE CHANGE: Due to construction schedules, we have had to reschedule... we will now be packing Hygiene Kits for the Homeless on Tuesday, November 12th after quilting (12:00 noon). Everyone is welcome to come and help... it only takes about 30 minutes to pack 100 kits if we have several helpers. Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!!

Please continue to drop off toiletries collected on your vacations, business trips, or a visit to Dollar General - Dollar Tree – etc... in our collection box located by the church office. Remember that the items need to be 'not used', as we don't want our homeless to feel like they are getting left-over products. (*We are also unable to use bottles of mouthwash, due to possible alcohol ingredients.*)

If you have forgotten what we collect, here is a brief run-down (or pick up the "pink" wallet sized list by the collection box):

Travel Sized: shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste

Other Needs: disposable razors, wide-tooth combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, purse-size Kleenex packs and "individually wrapped" handi-wipes (usually 20-50 in a box)

CoC Packing Needs: snack-size, sandwich-size, and gallon-size Ziploc bags

Thank you for everything you do for our homeless community.

~Joni Rennhack

HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION

We are invited to join together for the **Dedication of the 2019 Thrivent Faith Build** at the home of Rachel Wilson and family. The dedication is on **Saturday, November 16th, at 10:00 a.m.** (2026 Bachman Street, 37406). A special thank you to those from Cross of Christ, who showed up and helped with the house build on October 12th. For a listing of all 2019 Thrivent Partners, please see the invitation located on the bulletin board. (See pictures elsewhere.)

THANK YOU!!! Mom, Theresa Adler, would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards and wishes. She had lots of fun on her 96th birthday. God bless each of you.

Jamie Mofsky

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UPDATED NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE INFO...

Newsletter submissions and pictures need to be sent in by the 20th of each month. Submit board reports, articles, and/or photos to church@cocluth.com If the 20th falls during the weekend, items are due on the following Monday, by noon. The deadline for the December Crossties newsletter is Wednesday, November 20th, 5:00 p.m. Photographs are very special to those who are homebound for one reason or another or in a hospital/rest home. (Pastor and I hear great appreciation for sharing of our pictures in our newsletter.)

WEBSITE...Send updates, information, or suggestions to the church email church@cocluth.com and they will be forwarded to the current webmaster.

Your assistance with keeping communication open to all members is greatly appreciated!

~ Lorilynn Baier

NOVEMBER CHURCH NOTES and HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pastor Issac & Angelina's Visit (from Kenya, Africa), Sunday, November 3rd, Pastor's Bible Class**
- **Elder's Meeting – Monday, Nov. 4th, 7 pm**
(note: this is a change in date)
- **Altar Guild and Fall Church Workday and Clean-up Day (inside and outside), Saturday, November 9th, 9 am**
- **Board of Director's Meeting, Tuesday, November 12th, 6 pm** (note change in time)
- **David Costello (Chattanooga Community Kitchen), Sunday, November 17th, Pastor's Bible Class**
- **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES DUE!**
Sunday, November 17th
- **THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DUE!**
Sunday, November 24th
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 27th, 7 pm** (no Holy Communion)

For Future Planning...

- **DECEMBER 8th – 11:30 am Quarterly Voters' Meeting - 2020 Budget Approval** ('NO' meal will be served)

Men lunching at Buffalo Wild Wings during our October Ladies Birthday Lunch. (L to R – Larry Zehnder, John Rudat, Don Lee, Tony Pessini, Bob Timm, Ray Veldman, Dennis Conn) The ladies were having too much fun and forgot to take a picture. LOL!!



8th Annual Christmas Brunch and Ladies' Birthday Gathering Saturday, December 14th (10am-Noon)

SAVE THE DATE... for our next Ladies' Birthday Luncheon on **December 14th**, where we will celebrate the November and December birthdays at the **8th Annual LWML Ladies Christmas Brunch**. Our honorees for November are Donna Flippin, Mary Keel and Judy Zehnder and for December are Mary Alsbaugh, Nikki Holcomb, Stephany Kegy, Margie Lee, and Joni Rennhack and Bonnie Woodward. *(Please let Lorilynn know if your name should be posted with these ladies.)*

This year we will be collecting "Children & Teen books" for the Toys for Tots organization to give as gifts to those in our community. **COLLECTING CHILDREN & TEEN BOOKS IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. (All books need to be new or 'like-new' and they 'do not' need to be wrapped.)** Bring the unwrapped book or books and deposit them in the Christmas box, located by the church office.

We are still in need of Table Hostesses!! Keep an eye out for the Christmas Brunch sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside the library (table hostess, what food you will share and who's planning to attend). *Plan to bring a friend, neighbor or relative... just be sure to sign up early, as we have only a certain amount of seating spaces available.* Questions... call Donna Flippin (512-619-6409).



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IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!

Our church family has the opportunity to once again participate in the 2019 Shoebox Ministry. **It all starts with a simple gift from you!**

It's that happy time of the year when members of Cross of Christ participate in Operation Christmas Child, a program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse Ministries. Please join in the fun and goodwill! Each box you fill is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and to hear about the Gospel. Help bless a child who lives far away and in difficult circumstances.

These shoeboxes, filled with gifts of love you put together, are delivered to children in need around the world. The official 'BOX' and labels are on the bench near the Library. (The sides of the BOX even tell you How To Pack Your Shoebox Gift!) **You can take more than one box to fill!**

Last year we were able to fill 60 boxes!

Our 2019 goal is at least 61 boxes!

ALL shoeboxes MUST be brought to the church, no later than Sunday, November 17th. (We also have a deadline for delivery at another church for a mass pickup of boxes.)

PLEASE NOTE: The cost for shipping each box is \$9.00 and needs to be included with the shoebox. *Per Customs Regulations... "NO" candy, toothpaste, gum, seeds, lotions, liquids or food are allowed in the boxes; along with no used or damaged items, war-related items, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, and aerosol cans.*

Monetary contributions will also be accepted, to be used toward shipping and/or items for boxes. You can give Sylvia cash or write out a check to Cross of Christ and in the memo area note "Shoeboxes".

Please contact Sylvia Hildebrandt at 877-7954 or 227-4784 (cell), catch her at church, or email her... HTexasNatives@gmail.com

Thank you for giving a smile to a child!



Cross of Christ Reads!

Cross of Christ Reads! will meet on Thursday, November 21st from 6-8 pm at the Panera Bread Company in Hixson. Our book of the month is "The House Of Seven Gables" by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Come one, come all!

This will be our last meeting of 2019. We will meet again on January 16th, the third Thursday in January 2020. Please watch for a notice concerning this meeting. For more information feel free to email me at the below email address or call 423-877-7954.

~ Sylvia Hildebrandt
HTexasNatives@gmail.com

WORSHIP SERVICE USHERS NEEDED FOR 2020

We are in need of a few men or women to serve as ushers during our worship services (Saturday and Sunday). It is a team approach and you don't have to work alone. It is not just gathering the offering. Examples of other duties include being sure flowers are taken to the front and put in the frig after the service, assisting the elderly/handicapped, adjusting heat or air, acolyte as needed, assist Pastor, lock doors, etc... **(For a complete list of duties, see the BIG RED NOTEBOOK on the Usher's stand.)**

There are very few requirements to be in this volunteer position... it is open to men or women of the Missouri Synod Lutheran faith, you need to be over the age of 16, and you are a member in good standing at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church.

Contact Zachary Land (423-680-9111) if you are interested, have questions or want to volunteer to help at either Saturday or Sunday services.

There will be a meeting for current and new Sunday ushers, directly after the Sunday worship service on December 1st.

A meeting date for current and new ushers for the Saturday evening services has not yet been scheduled.

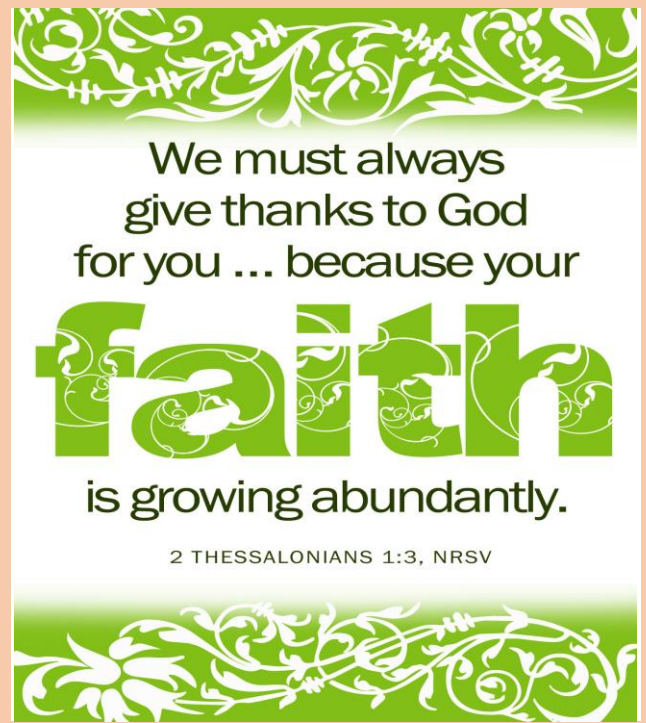
DID YOU KNOW... CoC joined with Anglican Church of the Redeemer in providing **7,680 "Hot Hands" -aka "hand warmers"**, for the homeless who live on the streets and in camps around town. What a blessing and at no charge. These will be given out over the next several months as the days/nights become colder. Something most of us do not have to worry about, but many face this daily in these cold months.

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The Young Adult Bible Study, **Bibles & Brews**, meets **every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** at the **Terminal Brewhouse** for Christian fellowship, encouragement in the Word of God, and a good brew!

We welcome young adults from across the city! If you are interested or know of a young adult who would enjoy this time of fellowship, follow us on Facebook to get the latest updates on the group. Questions... Nyssa Hunt (991-5891) or Pastor.



ADULT CONFIRMATION, PROFESSION OF FAITH and TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP – On October 27th we welcomed seven (7) new members to Cross of Christ through Adult Confirmation and Profession of Faith. From left to right... Evelyn (Mary) Keel, Sandra Rice, Carolyn (Suzie) Hebert, Dan Rice, Eric Eades, Alex Francisco, Nathan Christian, and Pastor Hildebrandt. In addition to those mentioned, on September 8th we received Matt Conn by Profession of Faith (son of Barbara and Dennis Conn), plus Stephany Kecy and son John, by Transfer of Membership (wife and son of Jim Kecy). (Sorry no pictures available.) We hope to be sharing bio's of all new members soon. Until that time, if you see someone you don't know, please welcome them and strike up a conversation to hear first-hand about their journey to Cross of Christ. After worship, we were able to celebrate with all our new brothers and sisters with cake, coffee, and other goodies in the Library. We welcome all our new members to Cross of Christ and look forward to meet each of you.

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ADVENT CHORAL FESTIVAL Sunday, December 15, 3 p.m.

Our choir has been given three beautiful pieces to learn for the Advent Choral Festival. **We need your help!** Two of these pieces have 8 parts: 2 soprano, 2 alto, 2 tenor, and 2 bass parts. It would be so much better to have more than 1 person per part. One of these songs we hope to sing at our own Christmas Eve service.

Could you please lend your voice to the choir for a few weeks? Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7 pm, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Judy Zehnder to answer your questions and/or to signup to be part of our choir for a few weeks (875-3529).



Are you looking for a way to serve that is a behind-the-scenes, low-key kind of service? The Altar Guild wants you! We are in need of additional men or women to help with the staging, if you will, for the church's worship. The work is related to the spiritual life of the congregation and is a work by which the Lord and the congregation are served. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Sherry Reed at 423-313-5434 or ssreed566@yahoo.com.

Fall Church Workday is Saturday, November 9th at 9 a.m.

Church members will be like busy beavers preparing for the winter months on November 9th as we get ready for the upcoming holiday season!! We need to get some items done both inside and outside of the church.

The Board of Trustees will like to invite others in the congregation to join them at 9am to help with outside clean-up. Bring your rakes and hedge trimmers and wear your work gloves, as there are bushes to be trimmed, along with branches and leaves to be cleaned up. We welcome all who would like to participate. Make time in your Saturday schedule to clean up and improve the outside of the church and our church grounds before winter sets in.

Do you have a suggestion for chores that need done or something that needs repaired? Write it down on the 'Trustee List' posted on the bulletin board by the Library or better yet... just stop and chat with Joel Duncan at church or call him at 309-7932. The Trustees are also looking for a few people to add to their handyman or handywoman list. People that can be called upon should something need fixed at the church. Interested or have questions?? Talk to Joel.

PLUS... The Altar Guild will be meeting at 9am on November 9th. They will launch into working in the altar area and the sanctuary, cleaning and dusting the altar area, the pews, woodwork, etc... and of course polishing the brass on the candles. If you have any extra rags laying around please bring them with you, as we go through a lot! (You do not have to be part of the Altar Guild to participate. This is a good day to come, help and check out what the Altar Guild does, should you be interested in joining this group.) Contact Sherry Reed if you have any questions (423-313-5434).

ALSO... Inside the building... The three (3) refrigerators in the church need a fall cleaning (a.k.a. thoroughly washed out) before we begin Advent and Lent Wednesday night dinners and as we approach our holiday season events. You are welcome to come up to the church anytime to clean them up or on November 9th. Interested? Call Eunice or Lorilynn to volunteer.

(And one more thing... Once the lift is installed and all construction punch list are completed, we may have more areas to clean and touch-up before the holidays. Watch your email and bulletin announcements for further updates.)

Thank you for helping keep your church home clean and presentable to our members, guest and visitors.

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** QUILTING - FELLOWSHIP HALL - TUESDAY MORNINGS - 9:30-11:30 A.M.

JOIN US as we continue making and finishing up Christmas Quilts! There are currently some Christmas Quilts displayed in the Narthex hallway, but they are going fast! More to be displayed every week. These quilts make great Christmas gifts and a special holiday decoration in your home. The cost to purchase a quilt is \$50.00.

~~** The LWML quilt van will be at Cross of Christ on Friday, November 1st. Eunice Timm is in charge of this activity and we could use some strong muscles to help load the truck at 10:00 am. It will take about an hour. Let her know if you can help. (THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SHOWED UP AND HELPED. EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY!)~~

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LWML will host the Fall Rally for the Chattanooga Zone tomorrow, Saturday, November 2nd. Coffee/Tea/Registration begins at 9:30 am, with the meetings starting at 10am. The offerings taken will benefit Belvoir Christian Academy (BCA). There will not be any other in-gatherings taken or brought that day.

**LWML is providing the first Advent Supper on Wednesday December 4th. Let Eunice Timm know if you can bring soup, salad, bread or dessert. We will also need help in the kitchen setting up the Fellowship Hall and cleaning up quickly so everyone can attend the Advent Service.

** Sign up to be a hostess at a table and/or bring something for the Annual Christmas Brunch being held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 14th. See article elsewhere for further info. Contact Donna Flippin if you have questions.

Remembering the Future ... Lighting the Way

By God's grace, many have "remembered" the future. They have remembered to think of future generations — helping to provide for pastors and other church leaders, for those who are still young and those who have yet to be born.



Believing that generations to come deserve to hear and learn about God's love in Jesus Christ, just as they have in their lifetimes, they named Concordia Seminary as a beneficiary of some of the resources God entrusted to them. Through their wills and other means, these generous individuals will benefit the work of the Gospel for decades.

The Concordia Seminary Legacy Society honors all those who have remembered the Seminary in their estate plans. It invites others to follow their examples. By becoming a member, you will join many who look to the future of our faith, just as you do.

Membership Details

You can become eligible for Legacy Society membership through a variety of ways:

- Remember Concordia Seminary in your will or estate plan.
- Donate a life insurance policy to the Seminary.
- Name Concordia Seminary as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, IRA, Keogh, 401(k) or 403(b).

It is the prayer of Concordia Seminary that others will remember the joyous task of keeping the light of Christ bright for generations to come. In addition, as a Legacy Society member, you will become a part of a group of dedicated Christian supporters of Concordia Seminary. You will share fellowship with other members at special events and your name will be placed in *The Book of Witness and Remembrance* (unless you opt out), which is displayed in the narthex of the Seminary's Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

THANK YOU! Concordia Seminary thanks you for participating in 2019 #GiveGreenandGold Day Monday, Sept. 30th! Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$25,998 for student aid. Your gifts benefit students as they prepare for their future ministry and for sharing the Gospel for generations to come.

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October Snack Pack Packers... (L to R – Barbara Wyatt, Ethel Hamilton, Kelly Fant, Tony Pessini and Dave Welsh) In and out in 25 minutes. Special thanks to Judy Zehnder for helping Arlene Vickers with set-up on Tuesday and to Kelly Fant for delivering all the bags to Rivermont School on Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m.!



SNACK PACKS - Wednesday, November 6th (4:00 p.m.) we will be packing Snack Packs for students at Rivermont Elementary, just up the road. These snack packs provide at least one meal for students over the weekend in disadvantaged homes. It takes less than an hour, so be here at 4pm, as the more helping hands, the quicker the task is completed. Looking forward to seeing you!

Future Packing Dates To Mark On Your Calendar:
Dec. 4th, Jan. 29th, Feb. 26th, March 25th and April 29th.



**ORDERING
HOLIDAYS GIFTS...**
Don't Forget...

Anytime you use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Amazon donates to a charity of your choice. Sign-up! Be sure to check that the address is Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Chattanooga, TN.

Questions about ordering, call the church office.



OktoberFest Fun

The kids were having fun on this beautiful fall day outside, while everyone else was inside enjoying the food and conversation. (I'm thinking we may need to set an age limit on the tricycles!)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA... we will soon be putting out order forms to sign-up for a poinsettia to grace our Sanctuary during the Christmas holidays. Cost will be \$10.00 per plant.

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Belvoir Christian Academy

Dates To Remember

November 5 - Open house for prospective families
(4 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

November 23 - East Ridge Christmas Parade
(6:30 p.m. BCA to have a float.)

Nov. 27 - 29 - School and Child Care Closed
(Thanksgiving holiday)



Congratulations to our top 10 sellers of our recent Cookie Dough fundraiser! Oliver, 1st grade, and Trey, PK4 were our top sellers overall! Mrs. Jamie Sunderland's PK4 class was the top-selling class with sales over \$5,500! As a reward, the students who sold a certain number of items were able to take part in an afternoon party that included time on the video game bus, as well as super-soaking Principal Topp!

BCA's new Science and Makerspace Lab! Thanks to some incredibly talented and generous experts in the field of carpentry, (l. to r.), Ron Morris, Bob Wingard and Bob Twomey (members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church), our students now have an awesome classroom to learn, experiment, create and discover all things science! These gentlemen started working on the room over the summer and recently completed all of the final touches! Thank you again for your dedication to excellence for BCA!

We want to say a very big THANK YOU to the volunteers and donors who helped bring some amazing improvements to BCA! Recently, the BCA students and faculty gathered in the gym for a Blessing and Dedication of the newly updated areas of the school. Thanks to the efforts of this group, and others who could not join us for the official dedication, we now have an awesome Science and Makerspace Lab, updated locker rooms and new LED lighting throughout the school! Thank you again to this group of volunteers and donors for caring so much about BCA!

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PRESENT TENSE...

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How was your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn’t always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? “Sometimes I’m just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?

LEARNING TO GIVE THANKS

Last December I had my second knee replacement. Expecting this recovery to mimic the first, I went home to heal quickly. Instead, 10 days later one normal step led to the vertical splitting of my femur, an ambulance ride and surgery to insert screws and a long metal plate. I spent Christmas in the hospital and New Year’s in a rehab unit, feeling anything but thankful. Nearly a year later, the slow recovery continues.

Yet I see much to be thankful for: my caregiver cousin, who lengthened her stay considerably; my family; church friends who provided meals, prayers and love; and doctors and therapists, who put me back together and continue to encourage me.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I continue to work on patience but am learning — with God’s help — to “give thanks in all circumstances”

(1 Thessalonians 5:18).

~Sandy Hyland



NOVEMBER WORSHIP MINISTRY

Acolytes (Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Service)

03	Zachary Land
10	Caleb Clemmons
17	Zachary Land
24	Nathan Pugh

Altar Guild

Monica Witherby and Rhonda Duncan

Elders

Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Service

Scott Brewster

Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. Service

Mike Witherby and Dave Hook

Greeters

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service

02	Rhonda & Joel Duncan
09	Donna & Mark Wachholz
16	Jamie & Brad Mofsky
23	Scott Brewster
30	Jamie & Brad Mofsky

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

03	Patricia & John Stehr
10	John Clemmons Family
17	Maria & Tony Pessini
24	Alison & Nathan Pugh

Readers

(Saturday 6:00 p.m.)

02	Rhonda Duncan
09	Mark Wachholz
16	Brad Mofsky
23	Scott Brewster
30	Sylvia Hildebrandt

(Sunday 9:00 a.m.)

03	John Stehr
10	Monica/Mike Witherby
17	Natalie Doebler
24	Jane/John Rudat

Ushers

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service

Scott Brewster

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

Zachary Land, Jim Walpert and Nathan Pugh

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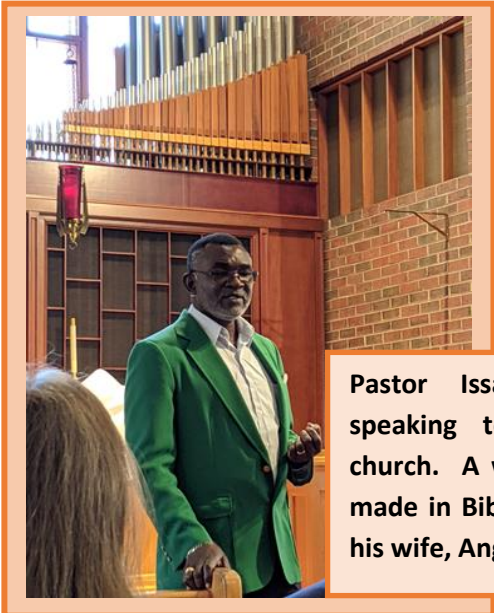
HOME VISITS BY PASTOR AND/OR YOUR ELDER
The opportunity for home visits by Pastor and/or your Elder are being scheduled for 2020. This is your opportunity to address any potential needs, as well as the chance to have a one-on-one discussion, in the privacy of your home, regarding any issues/concerns you may have. It can be with Pastor, your Elder or both your Elder and Pastor.
If you wish to be included on this schedule, please contact the church office (423-877-7447) or Tony Pessini at (702-326-3829). Your wishes and privacy will be understood and observed.



SILENT AUCTION
This beautiful quilt was put together by one of our church quilters, Barbara Conn. You may have noticed that this year we did not have a special-themed evening dinner to replenish our account for special items needed in our Hygiene Kits for the Homeless. Barbara has graciously donated this quilt for this cause. Within the next week or two, the quilt will be hung on the bulletin board by the church office, along with a silent auction bid sheet. The quilt measures 58” by 69”. On December 14th, the quilt will be given to the highest bidder during the Ladies Christmas Brunch. (You do not need to be present at the brunch to get the quilt, but we’d love to have you join us!) Thank you Barbara for sharing your talents.



The Lift Has Arrived!
(and started being installed last week...)



Pastor Issac, from Kenya, Africa, speaking to the congregation after church. A wonderful presentation was made in Bible Class by Pastor Issac and his wife, Angelina.

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**HALLOWEEN
2019**

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Our Friday Night Helpers!

**22nd Annual Ed Edmundson
Chicken Bar-B-Que**
Thanks to all who helped prep and cook the delicious chickens! Proceeds will benefit the McKamey Animal Shelter (\$100), with the remainder split evenly between Partnership for Families, Children and Adults (Victim Support Services) and CATCH Ministry (Christian Anglers Together Can Help).



Father and Son Hard At Work – Look At That Concentration!!



Let Judy Zehnder know if you play a guitar and would be willing to play Silent Night on Christmas Eve. Thanks!

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The Back Deck of the Home for Rachel



Busy Workers at the Thrivent Builds House



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>All Saints Day</i> 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. LWML Care Van Ingathering	2 <i>All Souls Day</i> 6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion
3 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class 3 pm FPU Class 7 pm Bell Choir	4 10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Elder's Mtg. 7 pm Scouts	5 <i>Election Day</i> 9:30 am Quilters	6 4 pm Pack Snack Packs for Riverside Elementary 7 pm Adult Choir	7 6:30 pm Crossways 8 pm Bibles & Brews	8	9 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Cleaning Day 9:00 a.m. Church Clean-up Workday 6 pm Worship
10 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class 3 pm FPU Class 7 pm Bell Choir	11 10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Scouts	12 9:30 am Quilters Noon Pack Hygiene Kits 6 pm Board of Directors Mtg.	13 7 pm Adult Choir	14 6:30 pm Crossways 8 pm Bibles & Brews	15	16 10 am Thrivent House Dedication 6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion
17 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class 3 pm FPU Class 7 pm Bell Choir CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES DUE TODAY!!	18 10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Scouts	19 9:30 am Quilters (Last One Until January 2020)	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! 7 pm Adult Choir	21 6 pm CoC Reads! 6:30 pm Crossways 8 pm Bibles & Brews	22	23 6 pm Worship
24 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School / Bible Class Thanksgiving Baskets Put Together/ Delivered 3 pm FPU Class 7 pm Bell Choir	25 10 am Pastor at Nursing Home 7 pm Scouts	26 9:30 am NO Quilting	27 10:30 am Serve at Community Kitchen 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service 8 pm Adult Choir	28  Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 6 pm Worship w/Holy Communion