



The Messenger

News about our church,
our ministries and our people

November 2020

Living Waters Lutheran Church and Preschool



Sunday, November 1

By Kimberly Vaughan

All Saints Sunday holds a special place in all our hearts. A special day to take time to remember our friends and family that have gone on to see the face of God!

This year I feel it is especially important because of Covid. So many have not been able to mourn the loss of a loved one at a proper funeral service. This Sunday gives us an opportunity to be together and remember.

We **WELCOME BACK** our members and friends who are returning. It is sooooo good to see you.



Living Waters 2020 Stewardship Focus is

Special Time of Need

The Stewardship Packet has been mailed.

If you haven't received yours yet contact the church office so we can get one to you ASAP.

Please return your pledge by
Commitment Sunday, November 29

Preschool Thanksgiving Fundraiser

From the LWL Preschool Staff

Hello Living Waters Church and Preschool friends and family!

The preschool is holding a Thanksgiving Fundraiser from October 31- November 18 in order to raise funds for new playground equipment.

The fundraiser is quick and easy and THERE'S PIE! We are selling pies and cookie dough from the homemade scratch kitchen of Der Dutchman in Sarasota. Everything will be priced at \$15. There will be a choice of 20 traditional pies, premium pies, sugar free pies and 3 pound containers of

cookie dough. Order forms will be in the church Narthex this Sunday, and will also be sent out via email so you don't miss out. You will pick up your order at the church on Wednesday, Nov. 25, just in time for Thanksgiving! OR you can purchase a bakery voucher to use at your convenience within one year of purchase. Please have your order forms returned to the church office no later than Wednesday, Nov 18.

As always, we appreciate the continued support of the Living Waters Preschool program.



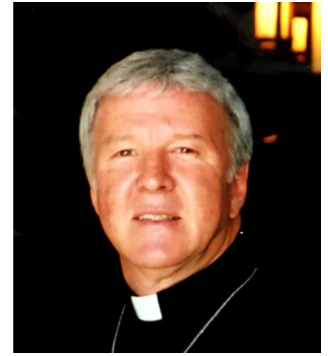
Susan D'Amico and Megan Mattingly

From the Pastor

By Rev. Lyle Truitt

"Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage."

Psalm 33:12



Greetings, Dear Ones!

As I'm writing this November newsletter article, the topic that seems to be on everyone's mind is the Presidential election. Every day we hear the campaign ads on T.V. and on radio and we hear the importance of making our nation great again, and the importance of voting, and the importance of electing the candidate that will ensure that our nation will be a place of law and order and justice and peace and prosperity.

And yes, I am thankful that I have the right to vote for a leader among us that will help us to continue to be the greatest nation in the world.

BUT.....if we truly want to be great again, we must seek to be GODLY again! The Word of God teaches us that it is GOD who brings "the increase", not politicians. Do you agree? Have we forgotten God? Have we forgotten the gracious hand which preserves us in peace and enriches us and strengthens us? Have we become too self-sufficient to feel and to understand the necessity of the redeeming and preserving grace of God?

I think it was President Ronald Reagan that said, "If we ever forget that we are ONE nation under God, then we will be one nation gone under."

Sisters and brothers, I pray that us modern-day Americans will wake up and remember and realize that the solution is not in the White House, the State House, or the Court House. The solution is in GOD'S house, and your house, and my house! If we truly want to be great again, we must all seek to be GODLY again!

Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed this prayer on a national radio hookup on D-Day, June 6, 1944, as our troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, France:

"Almighty God...with Thy blessing we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogance. Lead us to the saving of our country. Thy will be done, Almighty God."
Amen.

Yes, so long as there are homes where lamps are lit and prayers are spoken; with God himself in these homes, we still have hope! So, take a moment as you gather around the table on Thanksgiving Day, and pray that the people of our nation can become GODLY again!

See you around town!
In Christ,
Pastor Lyle



Council Meeting Recap of October 12, 2020

Minutes submitted by Jane Fundyga

The meeting opened with a devotion and prayer.

The Financial Report was given by Rich Pelto. Offerings have declined substantially from the beginning of COVID-19 to present while some areas of expenses are increasing, e.g., Waste Management fees. Stewardship letters have been sent for return by Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 19. After that, the budget for the coming year of 2021 can be prepared.

Member Care responses to phone calls by council persons indicate that members not attending on Sunday do not feel comfortable coming to church because of COVID-19.

In place of Breakfast with Santa, the Fellowship Committee is planning a “drive through the portico” event for church and preschool families in December. Each child will receive a goodie bag with a craft item. Date to be announced.

The Mid-Gulf Conference on Oct. 10 had a group participation at the church. One take away from the meeting was that we appear to be in better shape than most other churches. Kim Vaughan will look into the cost of updating our Wi-Fi in order to do live broadcasts of our church services, and will also look into setting up a Zoom account for church meetings and small group meetings.

The nominating committee will present the names of Joanne Carlock, Barb Cartwright, and Marty Savard

to replace those members of the council who are rotating off. Voting by the congregation will take place after church in November.

Worship and Music Committee Report:

- All Saints Day is Nov. 1.
- Christmas services will be one service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. There will be no service on Christmas Day.
- Midweek Advent Services will be filmed for viewing and will be sent out via email with a link to access it. The service will also be available on the LWL website. **There will be no in-person attendance.**
- The Preschool will film their Christmas Pageant at a regular Wednesday Chapel service to be shown to our congregation during our Sunday worship service.

Annual council member reports are due by the end of December. A decision on resuming Small Group meetings will be delayed until January.

Council members will make phone calls to snowbirds regarding their return to Florida so they can plan accordingly for the possibility of a second service for social distancing.

The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Liturgical Colors of November

By Barb Cartwright

As you attend church or view on Facebook, note that the paraments and vestments change color a few times during the month of November. On Reformation Sunday (October 25), the color was red and represents zeal and martyrdom. On All Saints Sunday (Nov. 1) the color will change to white in observance of those family and friends who have seen the face of God this past year. Green returns for three Sundays. Then, on November 29, the season of Advent will begin and the parament and vestment color will turn to blue in preparation for the coming of Christ. The mood of Advent is one of hope, anticipation, and preparedness

Living Waters Lutheran Church & Preschool — November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints' Day Worship Service 10:00 AM Drive Up Holy Communion 11:15 AM	Council Reports Due Preschool Board of Directors 2:00 PM		Preschool Chapel 10:20 AM	Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	AA Meeting 8:00 pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship Service 10:00 AM Drive Up Holy Communion 11:15 AM	Church Council Meeting 1:00 PM		Preschool Chapel 10:20 AM	Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	AA Meeting 8:00 pm	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					
Commitment Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM Drive Up Holy Communion 11:15 AM						

Happy Birthday

Surprise someone on the list by sending a birthday greeting



Nov. 4	Al Rybicki	Nov. 21	Loni Truitt
Nov. 9	Lucas Buck	Nov. 22	Nicholas Serianni
Nov. 10	Nancy Bremer	Nov. 23	Sue Hill
Nov. 11	Beverly Simas	Nov. 29	Jerry Pauley
Nov. 13	Cecile Bitler	Nov. 30	Harrison Reece
	Janet Pelto		Kay Sheils
Nov. 14	Dexter Morgan		Kim Vaughan
Nov. 16	Michael Perry		

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