



# ***The Messenger***

*News about our church,  
our ministries and our people*

*October 2019*

*Living Waters Lutheran Church and Preschool*

## **News from the Preschool**

By Susan D'Amico, Preschool Director

The new school year has begun and the children are loving the new addition of two circle time rugs purchased with the money raised from the Spaghetti Dinner held in May. Thank you to everyone! They love having a soft place to sit during circle time and to just relax!



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## **Harvest Festival—Saturday, October 19, 4—6 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee



The next Fellowship event will be a Harvest Festival for the community. We had one last year and it was well attended, so we're hoping for a bigger turnout this year. There will be games for all ages with prizes and a great lunch. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

*"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8*

## Why do we do that?

By Kim Vaughan, Worship and Music

Our liturgy is full of symbolism. Frequently I hear someone ask the question, "Why do we do that?"

So for the next several months I thought it may be helpful to answer some of those questions. This month we will focus on why we light the candles at the beginning of the service.

The acolyte is the person carrying the light. Acolytes have been part of the church in one form or another for nearly 2,000 years. In early Christian times acolytes were a clerical order and they assisted deacons at the preparation of the table. Later they carried candles in processions.

The word Acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning follower, a helper or assistant. Acolytes carry into worship the light, processional

cross, banners or Bible and can assist the pastor with communion, baptism and other duties. Children and youth often serve as acolytes, but at Living Waters it is usually an adult.

"Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Many congregations use two candles on the altar to point out that Jesus was both a human being and God. At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere... This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

## Recap of Recent Fellowship Events

By Karen Hoeppner

On September 8, we had our second annual Crock Pot Potluck Lunch after the church service. There were about 40 people attending and 10 crock pots with all different foods. It was wonderful! We also had rolls and desserts.

We are so blessed to have these get togethers with the congregation to get to know each other better. And we have some talented cooks in our midst also!

### AND

On September 22, the wonderful people in our congregation came together to have a baby shower for a young couple, Rae (Desirae) and Ruben Jones. They have been worshipping with us and are expecting a little baby boy October 2. There were so many nice gifts and good wishes heaped upon this couple and they were so appreciative!

There was a contest to see who could pick the correct date and time of the birth. We have to wait for the little guy to appear to find out the winner.

Rubin and Rae are house sitting at a house on Chancellor, near the church. Rubin works construction, but also loves to cook and has worked in that capacity. Rae is taking a break from Burger King until after the baby is born.

Thank you to all who helped with the shower and who "showered" the couple with gifts. It is so great when everyone pitches in!





**All women are invited to:**

*“Come to the Table”*

**“Come here....and take your place at the table”**

*Luke 17:7*

*Fall Gathering*

**Hosted by Florida Bahamas  
Synodical Women's Organization**

*November 8-10, 2019*

**Lake Yale Baptist Retreat Center,  
Leesburg, FL**

At the Fall Gathering, you will find Bible Study,  
Worship, Workshops, Fellowship, and more!

Register online at [www.flwelca.com](http://www.flwelca.com) or see Betty  
Drechsel for more details. The deadline for registration  
is October 15. All women are welcome!



**Are you a Star?**

By Patty Pauley

The new Secret Sister event is about to get under way. The theme this year is A Star is Born. Look for the forms to sign up on the table in Hansen Hall under the bulletin board.

Return the form to Patty Pauley or Kari Reece or place it in the Sunday School mailbox in the office and Patty will pick it up from there. Or email the information to Patty at [queenmom6@verizon.net](mailto:queenmom6@verizon.net).

Your “sister” will be assigned and ready on the first Sunday of November.

Those not returning yet, will get your sister’s information via email.

# Living Waters Lutheran Church & Preschool — October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Choir Practice 5:00 PM	4 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	5
6 Worship Service 10:00 AM	7 Council Reports Due Preschool Board of Directors 5:15 PM	8 Girl Scout Meeting 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	9	10 Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Choir Practice 5:00 PM NWPCCA 7:00 PM	11 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	12 Girl Scout Halloween Dance 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
13 Worship Service 10:00 AM	14 Worship & Music Cmte. Meets 10:00 AM Church Council Meeting 1:00 PM	15	16	17 Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Choir Practice 5:00 PM	18 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	19 Harvest Fest and Game Day 4:00 PM
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## Prayer Shawl Members

By Char DeWitt

It's time for the Prayer Shawl Small Group to get back to meeting every month. We haven't had very good attendance at our Tuesday meetings so I thought we might need to make some changes. One idea is to meet on Wednesdays at the same time the quilters meet. That way we could have fellowship with them and get to know more members of our congregation a little better. Let me know what you think of this idea and please share your own ideas of what days or times work best for you. We will start meeting again in October once we decide when to meet.



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

# Happy Birthday

Surprise someone on the list by sending a birthday greeting.



Oct. 2	Bill Steen
Oct. 4	Joan Rose
Oct. 7	Rhonda Felicita
Oct. 8	Dorothy Veselka
Oct. 9	Carolann Cortese
	Joseph Simas
Oct. 12	Alene Huthman
Oct. 13	Carol Piltz
Oct. 15	Leanne Wade
Oct. 17	Eunice Walz
Oct. 20	Jeff Yates
Oct. 23	Susan Kasakowski
Oct. 25	Clarence Veselka

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