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Rev. Isaac S. Schuller



Day of the dead or all saints day?

What day do you mark? The day of the dead or all saints day? This Sunday November 4th is all saints day. Where, as Christians we give thanks to God for all those who have died in Christ. The day of the dead focuses on doing things for the dead. We cannot do anything for the dead. The dead are not with us they are gone. The people who have died are either with Christ for believing in Him and be baptized in His name (Mark 16:16) or they are with the devil for they have rejected Jesus Christ as truly God and truly man (Mark 16:16). No amount of prayers, worship or ceremony will reach those who have died. For this reason as Christians we mourn when a Christian dies but not as the world does when someone dies. The world does not know what happens after death. We do know what happens. When a Christian dies they are face to face with their Savior Jesus Christ. This is what brings us peace when someone dies. When we die our spirits are not floating around looking for peace or trying to accomplish some mission to find rest. Through Christ when one dies they have found rest and peace with God. Christ came for that very purpose. Jesus death was so that we would know that when we die our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life. Jesus rose from the dead. If anything when we miss our loved ones who have died in Christ we should be confident that they will be raised from the dead when Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead (Matthew 25: 31-46). Those in Christ will be given eternal life with a glorified body. No more sins, no more pain, no more death this is what Jesus promises us. Encourage one another with these words (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

*In Christ,
Pastor Schuller*



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

News from the Schuller's serving the Lord in Puerto Rico Hasta luego, See you ...

October 30, 2018

Dear Supporters of the Mission in Ponce Puerto Rico,

Skies are blue the clouds are intensely white. The winds are soft at the moment. But the sun pierces through the sky and makes the palm trees perky, standing on their toes as they praise God. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens proclaim the glory of God and the expanse announces the works of His hands." We pick our way between the grandeur of God's creation, the devastation of His impeccable power, and rejoice that He has chosen the earth to visit us in His Son, Jesus. The Child of Destiny who came to announce redemption of sinner as well as the fabulous pardon for all, who have erred, sinned, blasphemed, or slipped.

So, it is with great humility that we write these words to you who have supported us over the last several years, as we planted a church in Ponce, Puerto Rico. The word of God that we have shared with people has taken root and fruited in substance, for where there was no body, a lively, believing body exists. The sign of that is what happened, concluded in the confirmation of 11 people into the faith on Sunday, October 14. Last Sunday-Reformation day one of the ladies Itza Perez was baptized before she took the Holy Supper of the Lord's body and blood. A number of people who have begun, study wish to continue in the faith in the following weeks.

Marvelously, we thank God for the opportunity to share with a retired element, who sits in the mall for many hours daily. You can see a picture of them, who for 2 hours rambled, questioned, read Scriptures, yet are eager to continue their weekly study in La Plaza del Caribe, the largest mall in the Caribbean.

It was here to the Island of Puerto Rico God has called and sent us. So now, as another church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in California, has called us into service of the Lord; we have accepted that call and will be leaving the "Island of Enchantment" on November 30th, 2018. We have been called to a small church in order to share the love of the Savior, that people may grow into a new and budding community of believer's there with the help of God.

How can we thank you for the numerous prayers, gifts, acts of dedication and sacrifice on our behalf, that we might be the instruments to bring the tremendously power Word and Sacraments to people here in southern PR?



Fuente de Vida Confirmation Group Ponce PR



The Act of Confirmation!



Outreach with Basketet Ball



We thank the leadership Overseas Missions of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, sticking with the work until it grew into a lively body.

Let me describe briefly the leadership that now helps grow Fuente de Vida, Fountain of Life; Omar, leads as a social worker and faithful man in a housing project. He is surrounded by his 'helper's, looking strong and beefy, to help convince as well as carry goods to the community. Edwin, comes from a well-educated sector whose family had a background in church planting. Luis brings his Grandmother to the 23 lesson from the basic. Rosa came at our invitation to the very first Tres Reyes (Epiphany celebration.) she brought 2 daughter's grandchildren, a husband and other friends. Reader's to share the Holy Scripture's begin with Ricardo, our first convert, who read over 270 chapters of the Bible with me, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Psalms and others. Knowing the community, believers warn, "Watch out for that man, help that widow, those children are hungry, that old woman needs a roof, etc."

Thanks to Lutheran Disaster Relief, who has helped people even after FEMA and the U.S. military has left. They are helping us to rent what is LCMS Fuente de Vida in PR. Thanks to LCMS Missions in Latin America & the Caribbean for their guidance. Our greatest gratitude to Mission Central - LCMS World for their crucial contribution. Please continue to support them!

Thanks to my wife, Gema Schuller. By my side, she supported the mission work, engaging in outreach, visiting Puerto Ricans in person, interacting, and testifying to locals to become Christian and be a part of Fuente de Vida family (our new Lutheran Church in PR). She was an essential part in planting the church. Together we (shake the bushes) so to speak in the community with God's blessings.

Now the Rev. James Neuendorf and his wife Deaconess Christel, will take over the brunt of the outreach here. He is graduating from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They worked previously in DR mission field.

We are eternally thankful for your prayers, financial support. We encourage your continued support of those missionaries who replace us and continue to bring the Good News to Puerto Rico, for the sake of the Church!

In His service,

Rev. Richard L. & Gema Schuller

LCMS - Church Planters Ponce, PR



To support The LCMS through the work of a Ponce PR - Missionary you may send a tax - deductible gift to:

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C.O.M.E. NEWS

Since the cooler evenings have set in, the Clothes Closet has had many REQUESTS FOR KNIT CAPS AND SCARVES from our clients without permanent shelter. Sleeping bags, blankets, jackets and sweat shirts are always needed as well.

C.O.M.E. NEEDS FINANCIAL HELP. FINANCIAL SUPPORT is always needed and appreciated to keep this ministry going to help those in need. An idea for family and friends you would like to give gifts to for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, etc, (and they seem to have everything, but you still want to do something to honor them), would be to give a donation to C.O.M.E. in honor of that person or persons. A card will be sent to them to let them know the donation was sent "In Honor of" them and who it was from. We also have "In Memory of" cards for those who have lost loved ones. The forms for this purpose are in the tract rack in the Narthex. Donations to C.O.M.E. may be mailed to C.O.M.E., P. O. Box 24799, San Jose, CA, 95154 or handed to Karen Deichmann or Deanna Bye. All donations to this ministry are tax deductible. Always remember that financial support is always needed and appreciated to keep this ministry going to help those in need.



VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED FOR THE CLOTHES CLOSET ON TUESDAYS AND/OR WEDNESDAYS as one of our dedicated volunteers is now employed on those days. If you can volunteer one or both of these days during the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:15 pm, please contact Georgette Soto or Karen Deichmann. From 11:00 am. - 1:00 pm. is preparation time and clothes are distributed from 1:00 pm. - 3:15 pm. The most crucial time slot that help is needed is during opening time when the clothes start being distributed at 1:00 pm. to closing time. Georgette needs a minimum of two people at distribution time to have the Clothes Closet opened.

CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION DAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 additional information. A few volunteers are needed at 9:00 a.m.; lots are needed 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and even lots more are needed from 4:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m. The 10:00 a.m. shift involves arranging the children's gifts by age groups, arranging family gifts, making gift baskets, and bagging new clothing. The 4:00 p.m. shift involves distribution of all gifts and cleanup. Volunteers do not have to stay for the full shifts. Even if you are available for one or two hours, we are grateful for any amount of time during those hours. Bring a friend, neighbor, or relative along to help also. It's lots of fun! Please call Georgette at 408-723-0342 and let her know when you are available to volunteer. Please leave a message with the time you can help if she was not available to answer the phone. Thank you!

ITEMS STILL NEEDED BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 13 ARE: 2019 Calendars, gift cards (for no more than \$20.00 each), small toys, small stuffed animals, art supplies, knick knacks, and any other odds and ends you think would go good in baskets or additional children's gift bags. Thank you so much for all your help with this huge endeavor to get ready for this very special occasion for our clients on December 13.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Deanna

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

*Christmas
Party Potluck*

Saturday, December 1, 2018

4:30 PM Hors d'oeuvres

5:00 PM Dinner

at First Immanuel Lutheran Church

Please bring a *ready to serve* dish for 10 – 12 people
(Beverages and Rolls will be provided)

Last name beginning with:

A – F Dessert

G – P Side Dish or Salad

Q – Z Main Course

We will be collecting knit hats and scarves
to donate to C.O.M.E.

RSVP by November 25th in the Narthex



Operation Christmas Child: A Little Box on a Big Mission

We have been busy all year collecting toys, school supplies and more to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (O.C.C.). O.C.C. is a project of Samaritan's Purse and the mission is to reach out around the world to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease. These children are given a shoebox filled with simple gifts and the good news of Jesus Christ through "The Greatest Gift" Gospel booklet.

This year, several FILC members have handcrafted many of the items that will be included in the boxes, including crocheted slippers, hats and headbands, hair bows, embroidered hand towels, handmade games, dresses and lots more. Our goal this year is to create and ship 85 boxes and so far 73 have been filled. Our deadline to turn in our completed shoeboxes is approaching and we still have some work to do!

We invite all FILC members to participate in this project by providing completed shoeboxes, items to fill boxes or donating funds to help defray the shipping cost. Our greatest need right now is gathering funds to ship our shoeboxes. Each box costs \$9 to ship to its location and you can help with this cost by making a donation in one of two ways.

1. Put your donation in the offering plate. Make sure you designate that it is for O.C.C. Checks should be made out to FILC.
2. Donate via the Samaritan's Purse web site. There are instructions on the web site for you to print shipping labels, which should be given to Beth. The benefit of this option is that you will be able to "Follow Your Box" to see when it is delivered and where it has gone. The link to their web site is:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>

All completed boxes, donations and shipping labels must be turned in by Sunday, November 11.

For more information, please contact Beth Braun, First Immanuel's O.C.C. Coordinator at bethimar@yahoo.com or (408) 274-6039.



Forget Me Not Prayers

If you have an opportunity, please reach out with a call, a visit or a card!

Those in need of prayer for health and healing:

- Paul Gesso
- Yvonne Wagener
- Tony Montalvo
- Harriett Glass
- Michael Hockenson
- Mora (*Beatriz Scott*)
- Patty Tim (*Veda Connor*)
- Debbie
- Sara Mello
- Corey Renella
- Lucia Vivas
- Teresa Cuevas
- Gail Castro
- Mark (*Karen Deichmann's nephew*)

Those unable to make it to our worship due to health or other issues:

- Rosemary Thode
- Joan Barnes
- Wayne Frazier
- Elaine Payne

Those receiving treatment for cancer:

- Chris Schieber
- Deena Steward (*Deanna Bye's daughter*)
- Jeanne (*daughter-in-law of Eloise*)
- Dave, *friend of Beatrice Scott*
- Angie, *friend of Beatrice Scott*
- Angelena, *friend of Rena Torres*
- Pastor Ron Kusel (*Veda Connor*)
- Elaine Kusel (*Veda Connor*)

All those serving our country in the Military including:

- Dimas Jr. & Veronica Cuevas
- Benjamin Brighton
- David Newton

We pray for God's protection on our missionaries around the world and especially:

- Pastor & Gema Schuller

We pray for God's strength and protection for:

- Mario & Christy
- Abby Reyes & Family
- Emma DeMay
- Myra



- 11/2/6 Ramiro Munoz
- 12/12 Wayne Frazier
- 12/12 Aiden Flores
- 12/13 Linda Meyer
- 12/16 Mariluz Fregoso
- 12/17 Francisco Herrera
- 12/17 Noe Jimenez
- 12/18 Alexandria Meyer
- 12/19 Yeong Kim
- 12/21 Harriett Glass
- 12/22 Michael Hockenson
- 12/23 Melanie Prole
- 12/23 Silverio Tomas
- 12/24 Mauro Rodriguez
- 12/26 Christopher David Monohar
- 12/28 Max Mello
- 12/29 Sofia Pardo








- 12/20 Manuel Castrillo and Epifinia Lopez ~ 4
- 12/26 Bob & Priscilla Newton ~ 47 years
- 12/29 Cruz Montano & Hermelinda Sandoval
- 12/31 John & Joan Baker ~ 2 years



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 All Saints Sunday 10:00 Baptismal Service 11:30 Brunch</p>	<p>5 6:30 1st Communion</p>	<p>6 11:00 Dorcas Guild 1:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:30 Elders</p>	<p>7 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>8 10:00 Visiting Ministry 6:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>9 Pastor Schuller's Day Off</p>	<p>10 9:00 Church Clean Up</p>
<p>11 25th Sunday aft Trinity Dorcas Bake Sale 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Bible Study/S. School 11:30 Servicio Divino 12:30 Estudio Biblico</p>	<p>12  Office Closed 8:30 - 3:30 Notre Dame 6:30 1st Communion 7:00 Lydia Ladies</p>	<p>13 10:00 Circuit Pastor Mtg. 1:00 COME Food/Clothing</p>	<p>14 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>15 6:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>16 Pastor Schuller's Day Off</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 26th Sunday aft Trinity 10:00 Divine Service 11:30 Voters Meeting/Brunch 1:00 Board of Trustees</p>	<p>19 6:30 1st Communion</p>	<p>20 1:00 COME Food/Clothing</p>	<p>21 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>22  9:00 Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>23 Office Closed </p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Voters Meeting 11:30 Servicio Divino 12:30 Estudio Biblico</p>	<p>26 6:30 1st Communion</p>	<p>27 1:00 COME Food/Clothing</p>	<p>28 Advent 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 Advent Service 1:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Advent Service</p>	<p>29 6:00 COME Food/Clothing 6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>30 Pastor Schuller's Day Off 6:00 Tree Decorating </p>	<p>Dec. 1st 4:30 Christmas Dinner </p>

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