

TO BRING GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER
AND TO THE WORLD

THE LIGHT



November 2018

Pastor's Notes

All Saints Day, November 4, 2018 ~ Remembering those who have died

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| Karen Cloutier | 9/21/38 – 12/29/17 |
| Robert Green | 12/26/29 – 3/8/18 |
| Lorraine Hughes Kosnick** | 12/21/30 – 2/8/18 |
| Maurine Rea | 10/24/1917 – 2/5/18 |
| Peter Palmer | 11/7/28 – 11/7/17 |
| Milton Ogden** | 12/12/30 – 1/2/18 |
| James Ruzkowski | 9/13/55 – 3/9/18 |
| Kenneth Bernhardt | 7/6/25 – 4/18/18 |
| Sharon Honoré | 9/26/45 – 7/30/17 |

** denotes non-member

Christ The King, November 25, 2018 ~ Celebrating those baptized

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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| Denise K. Rumsey | Baptized – 3/25/18 |
| David E. Rumsey | Baptized – 3/25/18 |
| Nicole M. Rumsey | Baptized – 3/25/18 |
| Elara Nicole DeMumbrum | Baptized – 4/1/18 |
| Tobias Jack Lothschutz | Baptized – 7/15/18 |
| Azariyah Immanuel Tolliver-Yin | Baptized – 8/18/18 |
| Ravynna Tolliver-Yin | Baptized – 8/18/18 |
| Clay Tolliver-Yin | Baptized – 8/18/18 |

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Rev. Douglas M. Ogden

Sunday Morning Worship
8:00 am & 10:15 am – Communion
9:00am - Adult Forum

Office Hours
9:00 am—1:00 pm M-F (Margaret)
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm W, Th (Sue)

**Newsletter Editor &
Bulletin Announcements**
Margaret Everling

Church Council

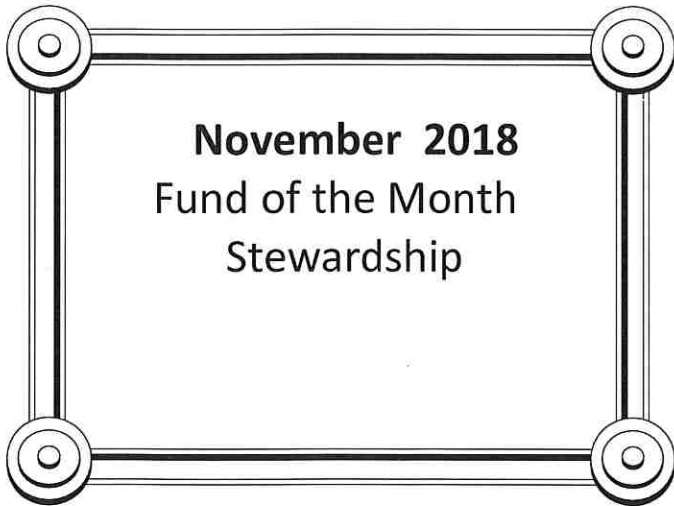
Curt Crouch
Virginia DeMumbrum
Meg Eaton Sheila Fretty
Frank Hollister Scott Keller
Alan Hinks Kay Snell
Al Wheeler

**“We are baptized members of God’s
Church, forgiven and set free by grace
through faith.**

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(ELCA)

Instagram—Twitter : #llesignsofgrace



Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

LivingLutheran.org

Scout Schedule— 2018

Each Sunday at 5:00 pm

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| Webelos II - | Mondays at 6:00 pm |
| Webelos I - | Mondays at 6:00 pm |
| Bears - | Tuesdays at 6:30 pm |
| Wolves - | Mondays at 6:00 pm |
| Tigers - | Mondays at 7:00 pm |
| Lions - | Every 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm |

Girl Scouts : Each Thursday - 4:30pm-7pm

Prayer Concerns



It is an important part of our ministry to be praying constantly for one another. We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality. This month in your prayers, please remember:

Prayers for those who are homebound: Our Minister

Mary Bernhardt, Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell)
Marcia Eyler, at home (of St. Alban Episcopal)
Vera Green, Green Acres Assisted Living, Mt. Pleasant
Lois Hildebrandt, at Bush Creek (Marlene Holmstrom)
Rozella Holmstrom, at home .
Nancy Peterson, at Heartland , Room #415
Velma Roesler, at White Lake Assisted Living Center
Gini Kaines, (Michele Wheeler's mother), at Heartland, surgery for leg and arm injury. (Donna Stacy)
Ruth Nurmi, at home
Bernie Weidner, at Sanctuary of the Oaks. (Danielle Johnson)
Mike Szczerbinski, with health concerns at home

Special Prayer Concerns:

Jennifer Snowden Bossi, 34, (Ardy Bulthouses' granddaughter) diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
Virginia DeMumbrum, recently hospitalized for appendicitis and home.
Jo Ellen Francis, (Laura Hollister's sister) testing for neurological issues.
Marlene Holmstrom, with back spasms
Lauren Kerkstra, (Darrel and Jeanette Otto's granddaughter), recovering slowly, able to walk and take commands. Remains non-verbal .
Jim Kienke, aggressive cancer. (Rick Hughes' brother-in-law)
Amy Jean Knorr, (Brian Holmblade's aunt) with health concerns. 101 years old in November.
Dick Knoth, with health concerns in Washington State
Lara MacGregor, Living life over metastatic breast cancer.
Tim Schrand, (Virginia DeMumbrum's brother), battling a very aggressive cancer, and her other brother in a car accident.
Kathleen Wagner, recuperating from surgery on 9/14. No cancer.
Brittany, Rob and Kennedy Wahr, Kennedy remains in the hospital but is improving and up to 6# .
Donna Will, at home, receiving P.T. and O.T. for 3 weeks and getting stronger every day.



Worship Notes

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - All Saint Sunday

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: White

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Musician: Monica Ogden

Readings

Color: Green

Veteran's Day Commemoration
By Warren Tibbitts

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Musician: Ardy Bulthouse

Readings

Color:

Green

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to the world. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sunday, November 25, 2018 - Christ the King

Musician: Monica Ogden

Color: White

Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



November



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| 11/1 Laura Sorensen | 11/14 Bernie Weidner |
| 11/1 James Niblock | 11/15 Daniel Holmstrom |
| 11/1 SuLyn Norwick | 11/21 Jack Parks |
| 11/2 Pete Palmer | 11/21 Elara DeMumbrum |
| 11/3 Marie Hendrixon | 11/22 Kara Jaekel |
| 11/3 Sage Lynch | 11/22 Richard Carlson |
| 11/5 Cathy Grover | 11/22 Lara MacGregor |
| 11/5 Kathryn Lathrop | 11/27 Christine Parman |
| 11/8 Lisa Holmblade | 11/28 Corbin Berry |
| 11/9 Kathy Palmer | 11/28 Beverly Veeder |
| 11/10 Julie Holmstrom | 11/29 Diana Griswold |
| 11/10 Mike Snell | 11/29 Jay Otto, Jr. |
| 11/10 Katie Stacy Vandebunte | |
| 11/10 Becky Stacy Chynowyth | |
| 11/10 Charles Peabody | |
| 11/11 Brenda Bjorkman | |
| 11/11 Brian Hosticka | |



11/05/15 Jon and Danielle DeMumbrum

Baptism Anniversaries



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| 11/1 Eric Johnson | 11/11 Katie Thompson | 11/20 Emily Snell Glass |
| 11/1 Brian Jaekel | 11/4 Peter Vihtelic | 11/21 Caitlyn Hain |
| 11/1 Sandra Kolb | 11/8 David Roesler | 11/25 Nate Aardema |
| 11/1 John Parman | 11/9 Jeffrey Hendrixon | 11/26 Allison Rant |
| 11/3 Patrick Larson | 11/15 Cindy Albert | 11/26 Sarah Stacy Schmalz |
| 11/4 Mardi Otto | 11/20 Kerri Connell | 11/29 Robert Lathrop |
| 11/4 Debbie Svensson | 11/20 Andy Hildebrandt | 11/30 John Workman |

Celebrate your baptism anniversary with a candle a meal or this prayer:

“Stir up within me the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and joy, on this day when I give thanks for my baptism in to Christ.”





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Crazy Generosity

In II Corinthians 9:7 Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver." It is a familiar passage. Paul is mentoring the Corinthian Christians along, as they have had challenges in their development. Paul writes in other places that generosity can be a spiritual gift. All of that flies in the face of the "scarcity" thinking that is infesting our world today. Interest rates are up, tariffs are harmful, income is stagnant, and many don't think they have enough, even when living in the upper middle class.

God talks about abundance: "That you may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10). As humans our default is always scarcity. I remember a quote from John Schramm. In his book, *Things That Make for Peace*, he said, "the problem with the world today is every time our basket gets half full, we get a bigger basket". We never know what is enough, how to be satisfied. It is like turning me loose at an all-you-can-eat ice cream bar. By the time I admitted I was full, I would have a stomach ache.

We can reframe our thinking by recalling our blessings. Most of you reading this will be way above the average wealth compared to much of the world. We have good homes, steady incomes, abundant food, power that stays on 24/7, connection to the World Wide Web, lovely church buildings, leisure time, family time, and so much more. There are people in the world who do not live with their families because they have to go where the work is. People who live in houses made of cardboard and blue tarps. People who eat from the scraps in dumpsters, and go hungry for the sake of their children. We are blessed. God talks about abundance. We have an abundance of grace, forgiveness, hope, and life. When we are generous we are reflecting the generosity God shows to us.

When God's people wanted to be thankful, they gave a tithe. Abraham was the first (Genesis 19), and it was passed on to his children. When God's people wanted to be generous they started by giving back a tenth, and they gave it first. Not from the leftovers, not from the scraps. They gave their best because God gives the best. God gave us God's only son and Jesus gave his life freely for us.

Giving and living generosity is healthy, promotes happiness, and it is good for us and others. We have a wealth of ways to give. Your congregation is the place to start. Your congregation's mission support through the synod and beyond is a next step in generosity. Special gives provide over the top giving opportunities. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping right now with recover efforts from Hurricane Florence, with the civil war in Sudan, wildfires in the western U.S. and the tsunami in Indonesia. The ELCA has given \$2.6 in scholarships for seminary students this year. Our synod has helped 9 congregations with ministry grants to better serve their community. You can be generous with your time. Most of our congregations in the synod are involved in some kind of food ministry – either pantries or community meals. God's Work Our Hands provides many opportunities to work in the communities we serve.

God is generous and calls us to live out our godly lives in our generosity to others. We give our money, we give our time, we give our skills, and we give our attention to others in generous gratitude for what God has given and continues to give to us.

Rev. David E. Sprang
Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission

You are cordially invited
to a
Service of Installation
for
Reverend Megan Crouch

Having been called to serve the congregations of
Trinity Lutheran Church and St Timothy Lutheran Church

A Service of
Holy Communion with Installation
will take place
Saturday, October 20, 2018
at five o'clock in the evening
at
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
3701 Jefferson Ave, Midland, Michigan

with
The Reverend Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph. D.
Bishop of the North West Lower Michigan Synod (ELCA)
Preaching

Reception to Follow



White Lake Giving Tree 19th Annual Turkey Dinner will be held on Friday, November 2nd at the White Lake Eagles.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the following locations:

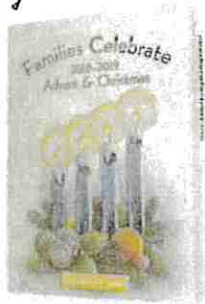
White Lake Eagles, Pitkins Drug Store, Hunt's Hardware, Shelby State Bank, Montague; Mike's Pharmacy, Johnson's Great Outdoors.

Pre-dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 / children (6-10) and free under 6. Tickets at the door will be \$12 / \$6

Marking the days from Advent through Christmas to Epiphany

Inspiring, meaningful family time from Advent through Christmas to Epiphany is a challenge for many families during the rush of preparation in the church and home. "Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas" creates opportunities to celebrate and play at home from the first Sunday of Advent (Dec. 2) to the day of Epiphany (Jan. 6). This colorful deck of cards is full of rituals, prayers and reflections created with young families in mind. All-new content was created by pastors Melissa Bills and Anne Edison-Albright and illustrated by Claudine Gévy.

Cards can be hole-punched and hung on a Christmas tree, carried by children throughout the day or used as a reminder of the seasons around the home. These card decks make a great gift for families in congregations that are looking for a way to celebrate the entire season beginning with Advent, through Christmas and up to Epiphany. Quantity discounts make this an affordable option to provide for your congregation. Order today at augsburgfortress.org/adventcards.



Impact of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

In June, over 30,000 youth, adult leaders and volunteers gathered in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering - "This Changes Everything." It was hot, humid and a transformative experience.

Every aspect of the Gathering experience - interactive learning, service learning, community life, synod days and mass gatherings - engaged and challenged participants to see how God's call, grace, hope and son Jesus change everything.

Opportunities for congregations to share offerings and generosity were abundant, including the in-kind offering for the Blast Off for Books literacy campaign. With the help of the Houston Independent School District, a list of books was provided to col-

lect and disperse at book drives during service learning experiences. In all, 40,000 books were donated and given to families in the Houston area! Cosette, of Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, was packaging children's books at Blast Off for Books and said, "This is a good way to give kids an opportunity to gain knowledge and prepare for the future."

To see other ways in which "This Changes Everything" was explored and lives



on with participants, watch the Bible studies and mass gatherings on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), look through the photos at [facebook.com/youthgathering](https://www.facebook.com/youthgathering), read the Gathering blogs at

[ELCA.org](https://www.elca.org) and engage in conversations using #ELCAYG2018 on social media.

Be sure to save the dates and prayerfully consider attending the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis June 30-July 3.

Fortress Press announces the new "Living with Hope" series

Life happens. And when it does, it often hurts - but there's hope. Fortress Press is now offering a series of artful and accessible books for pastors, caregivers and congregation members on how to live with hope as they wade through the troubled waters of life.

The "Living with Hope" series provides comfort, companionship, wisdom and hope for individuals dealing with life's struggles and offers guidance for clergy, family and others who care for

them. It is an essential library of books to help pastors and other individuals deal with unemployment, chronic illness, parenting or the pain of broken relationships. The series presents compassionate, emotionally honest guidance through insight and personal narratives.

These books are practical, timely and well-suited for group or individual

Living with Hope



use, complete with tools, tips and real-world ideas for those who face life's most difficult challenges - and those who care for them - body, soul and spirit.

Learn more about the "Living with Hope" series and individual titles at [fortresspress.com/living-with-hope](https://www.fortresspress.com/living-with-hope).

**November 11, 2018
Lebanon Lutheran Church
1101 S. Mears Avenue, Whitehall**

Community Potluck Dinner and Drew Philp Presentation

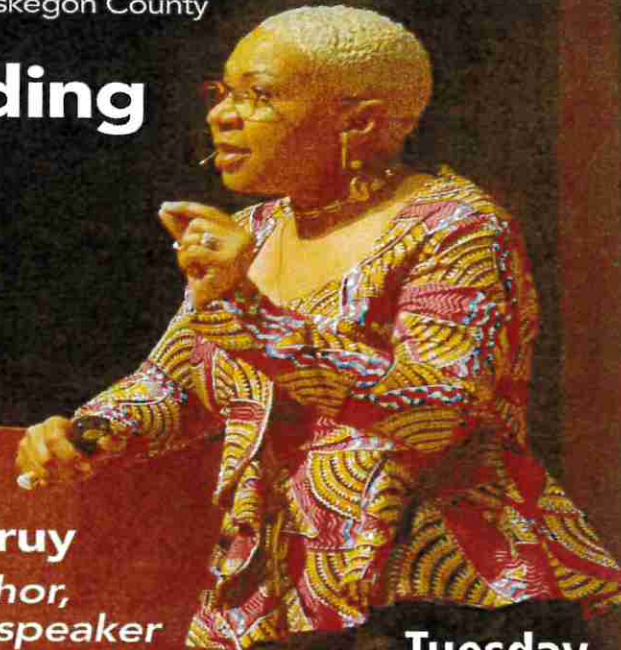
5:00 pm—Dinner

7:00 pm - Presentation

Those attending the event are invited to bring non-perishable foods, which will be donated to White Lake Area Food Pantry.

Community Foundation for Muskegon County

Understanding Our Past: Healing Our Future



Dr. Joy DeGruy
*Acclaimed author,
educator, and speaker*

**Tuesday,
November 6, 2018
7:00pm
Frauenthal Theater
Tickets: FREE**

Ticket quantity
limited to 4 per
household

www.muskegonfoundation.org/dr-joy



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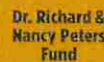
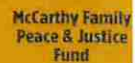
Tickets available for pickup
at the Frauenthal Box Office
October 4 at 11am

231.727.8001

425 West Western Ave., Muskegon, MI



**Dr. Joy's book
will be available
for purchase
with a book
signing after
the program.**



ELECTION DAY: Vote early and then join us for Dr. Joy!



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Living in God's Amazing Grace

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2 ways to submit your information:

- yellow folder in Margaret's office
(*better*)
- office@lebanonlutheranchurch.com
(*best*)



Church office will be closed November 22 and November 23.

No Food Pantry November 21, 2018.