



**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- ELC Ministry
- Holiday Craft Fair
- Hearty Soup
- Lord's Pantry Food Giveaways
- Advent Breakfast

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MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2019

From the Pastor . . .

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, we should slow down to consider all of the things for which we are thankful. A standard hymn sung at many Thanksgiving celebrations comes from the late 18th century, but its roots might surprise you. The following piece comes from "The One Year Book of Hymns." (November 22; Tyndale House Publishers, Wheaton, IL)

We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand
He sends the snow in winter
The warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine
And soft refreshing rain

Chorus

All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord
O thank the Lord for all His love

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far
He paints the wayside flower
He lights the evening star
The winds and waves obey Him

By Him the birds are fed
Much more to us His children
He gives our daily bread

We thank Thee then O Father
For all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest
Our life our health our food

No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts
But that which Thou desirest
Our humble thankful hearts

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Matthias Claudius Public Domain

Matthias Claudius had no intention of writing a hymn. A German journalist, he was merely writing a poem about a group of peasants gathering for a banquet. The poem, originally enti-



tled "Paul Erdmann's Fest," in seventeen stanzas depicts friends coming over to Paul Erdmann's house and enjoying themselves. It praises both Paul Erdmann for his hospitality and God as the ultimate source of the feast.

It was Jane Campbell, a British music teacher, who made the free translation of this poem into its present English form. She contributed it to a new hymnal in 1861, along with some other translations from German. It has become a favorite harvest hymn in modern churches. The hymn

gained new popularity when John Michael Tebelak and Steven Schwartz included it in their 1960s musical *Godspell*.

In any era the sentiments are valid. God has given us all the good things we have, and He deserves our thanks.

In this season, I am thankful for you and this church, and I pray God's richest harvest in your life. May our Father continue to lead us and provide His Holy Spirit, that we may be a blessing to Him, and continue to give reason for God to be thankful for us as well!

Power to you!

Pastor Pat

We pray for:

- ♦ Healing for: Erin (MS), Joyce Cosce (cancer), Kandra's mother, Rosemary Livesay, Kim Markie, Gordon, Muriel (cancer), Elsy Hayne's nephew (colon cancer), Stephen Serafin (pancreatic cancer), Wayne Beecher (rheumatoid arthritis), Rose Bakken, Joyce Boddie, Carol Fasching, Richard Mulder (Gail's cousin recuperating from brain surgery), David Mata (recuperating from heart surgery), Mother of Troy Hernandez (declining health) - we pray strength, healing & peace for all.
- ♦ Comfort for those who have recently lost loved ones: the DeHart family (Sheri), the Nuessle family (Bonnie), the Rinerson family (Don's sister & brother-in-law), the Don Lentz family (Gail's cousin)
- ♦ Our shut-ins: Joann Bakken, Virginia Fife, Ron Nuessle, Joan Rositano, Claudette Rezos, Lois Swanson.
- ♦ Strength & rest to the caregivers who assist in the care of others.
- ♦ The ministries of GDLC: The Lord's Pantry, the Early Learning Center, and the Convalescent Hospital Ministry.
- ♦ The ministries that we support with our benevolence dollars.
- ♦ Provision and safety for the homeless.
- ♦ Gloria Dei as we move into our "Healthy Churches Thrive" consultation.
- ♦ Wisdom for leaders, provision for refugees from Central & South America.

Lord in your mercy! Hear our prayers!

Please contact either Joyce Boddie, Gail Castle, Pastor Pat, or email the church office to add persons to our prayer list. We pray for many people whose names are not published. You are invited to join the intercessory prayer meeting on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church office.

**November
3rd -
Daylight
Savings
Time ends**



Messenger article submissions are due in the church office by the 20th of each month. Email to:

gdlcsj.office@gmail.com

or drop it by the office.

We are always looking for your short original poem, favorite recipe, or a pic of the great fish you caught! We're community and we like to share who you are.

Gloria Dei Staff



by Donna Zimmerman, RN

Parish
Nurse

Health Ministry Corner

I Peter 4:7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

This is **National Home Care and Hospice Month**.

Sometimes it seems as if compassion is in short supply. National Home Care and Hospice Month reminds us to thank those angels of mercy who tirelessly help sick people cope, help the elderly to age in



place, and provide loving spaces for people at life's end. Here's some important facts about Hospice care:

- **Hospice manages multiple disease states.** It's for people with advanced illnesses. Whatever the age or diagnosis of loved ones, it can help if they have a serious progressive illness.
- **Hospice can happen anywhere.** It's a service that comes to the patient, wherever the patient calls home. That can be a private residence, a nursing home, etc.
- **Hospice is an option.** Patients can leave or "revoke" their hospice status at any time for any reason.

- **Patients can continue with medications and treatments while on hospice.** Patients can continue with treatments that relieve symptoms and improve quality of life.

- **Hospice provides medications related to the patient's diagnosis to control symptoms.**

- **Hospice care is usually provided by family caregivers, with support from the Hospice team.** Licensed clinicians come to the home rather than have the patient go to a physician's office. Family or friends take on the role of primary caregivers, supported by a team that includes a nurse, hospice aide, social worker, physician, chaplain, etc. The team makes regularly scheduled visits and trains family caregivers.

- **There's no limit to the time a patient can be on hospice.** It's for patients who are expected to live 6 months or less, but it can be extended if needed. In many cases, patients who receive hospice services live longer than those who do not receive it.

- **Hospice provides home medical equipment and supplies.** They provide supplies such as shower chairs, hospital

beds, incontinence supplies and more. Having free equipment readily available is



convenient and can improve quality of life for the patient and caregivers.

- **Hospice cares for the family.** The team addresses emotional and spiritual pain suffered by loved ones. In fact, bereavement support for the family continues for more than a year after the death.

- **99% of hospice patients don't have any out-of-pocket expenses.** Medicare and most private insurance plans cover hospice 100%, including home visits, medications, supplies & equipment.



Health Sunday is November 3! Screening for blood pressure is offered in Luther Hall. Remember, if you don't know you have a problem, you can't help yourself.

The month of November health designations: Bladder Health Mth; COPD Awareness Mth; Diabetes Mth; Diabetic Eye Disease Mth; National Epilepsy Awareness Mth; National Family Caregivers Mth; National Healthy Skin Mth; National Home Care and Hospice Mth; National Hospice/Palliative Care Mth; Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis through December; Lung Cancer Awareness Mth; National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Mth; Prematurity Awareness Mth; National Sexual Health Mth



GLORIA DEI EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Have you forgotten how to see the world with wonder? Walk with a child and be renewed.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 NIV

The Early Learning Center (ELC) has had a strong beginning this fall. We have 16 students giving us a full house of lively preschoolers taking part in classroom activities, art, singing and play every morning. The ELC now offers fulltime daycare with good response from area families. Maria Nugent is starting her second year as director with Wendy Kromrey as her assistant, with one teacher, two aides, and a substitute teacher. They are dedicated to this ministry of Gloria Dei to the families surrounding our neighborhood.

Pray often that God would be able to touch hearts and families of these little children as they play. Pray for Maria, Wendy, Sasha, Lily, Pam, and Candy for health, strength, wisdom and joyful hearts as they minister to these little ones daily. Pray for the families of our teachers for health, unity and love for one another.

There are many ways to encourage and support the staff of ELC outside of prayer. A few ideas might be to prepare a nice lunch or special treat for the teachers (call ahead). There is a need for a person willing to run errands, or to wash the sheets over the weekend or perhaps to prepare art projects for the classroom work. These are tasks that would lighten the load and ease up a tight schedule for preschool staff. Think about ways that you can help in the growth and support of this ministry to families in our area. If you would like to help in a supportive way call me, Ann Fitzgerald at 408-899-4343.

By Ann Fitzgerald

The Recipe Box Hearty Soup

SHARED BY . . . Joyce Boddie!



Hearty Soup

- 1 lb ground sirloin
- 8 oz pkg green beans
- 9 oz pkg cheese tortellini
- 28 oz can Progresso tomatoes with puree
- 3 to 3 1/2 cups water
- 1 Tblsp basil
- 1 can French onion soup
- 1 zucchini, sliced
- (I added about 1/2 tsp sugar)

In soup pot, sauté meat. Drain grease. Add all ingredients but zucchini to browned meat. Cook 10 minutes over medium heat.

Add zucchini to pot. Continue cooking till zucchini is tender, about 20 minutes. (you can also add other vegetables (canned corn, spinach, etc)

ENJOY!



*"It is only with
gratitude that life
becomes rich!"*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



*Special Designation for November
is the Youth!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



On November 30th, at 10:00 am, we'll be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. Come on over and join the fun! We'll have coffee for you!



Worship Team

The Worship Team meeting is coming up, Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 am.

TRIP TO ISRAEL

Keep them in your prayers!

It's that time . . . November 7th - 20th Pastor Pat, Ann, their son and daughter-in-law Tony & Minda, Pete Castonguay, and Ben & Kandra Tobin will be in Israel. Have a fun and blessed trip!!



Thank you, Lord, for answered prayer:

- ♦ Rose Bakken is continuing to heal.
- ♦ Gordon continues to be on the mend.
- ♦ Lana Alanis continues to recover from stroke.
- ♦ Jill Korin is safe, Lord be with her in her new church home & grow her faith.

ADVENT BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 7th, 9:30 am

Please join us for an Advent Breakfast featuring good food, fellowship, Christmas songs, a short program and crafts for the kids. This is a joint effort between the Early Learning Center and the congregation. Come and meet the children and their families! For more info, or if you can help, contact Sylvia Smith: 408-663-0909. This is not a potluck.

Food and Drinks
Will be provided!

Mark
Your
Calendar

The Lord's Pantry Holiday Food Giveaway

The Lord's Pantry is now collecting food for their annual Thanksgiving & Christmas food Giveaways. We welcome any and all help we can get for this momentous occasion. The giveaway dates will be: **Thanksgiving - November 21 & 22, Christmas - December 16, 17 & 18.** Call 408-258-7563 if you want to volunteer or know someone who wants to volunteer!

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

- Ham
- Turkey Breasts
- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Baking goods
- Pre-made pie shells
- Pudding mixes
- Instant Potatoes
- Cake mixes
- Stuffing mix
- Rice
- Marshmallows
- Cranberries (whole & jelly)
- Jell-o
- Sugar
- Flour
- Bisquick mix
- Cornbread mix
- Seasoning (salt/pepper, etc.)
- Canned soups



The Boy Scouts' annual food drop-off at the Lord's Pantry will be on **Saturday, November 16th.**

It would be wonderful if you would consider helping us on that day, anytime between **8:00AM - 3:00PM**



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Holiday CRAFT FAIR NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

29TH & 30TH

12PM ~ 5PM

9AM ~ 4PM

Handmade Crafts

FOOD & BAKED GOODS

Vendor Tables Are Available!

*\$25 for one, \$45 for two or \$20 & \$35 if you
bring your own table.*

For more information call:

669-247-8756

In the Hall at Gloria Dei Church - 121 S. White Rd, San Jose



MINISTRY SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

November

ACO LYTES

11-03 Lessa Hawkes
11-10 Ushers
11-17 Ushers
11-24 Ushers

ASSISTING MINISTERS

11-03 Joyce Boddie
11-10 Donna Zimmerman
11-17 Donna Zimmerman
11-24 Jane Hendricks

COFFEE HOSTS

11-03 Lisa Ball
11-10 Irene and Grace
11-17 Robert Borregard
11-24 Sylvia Smith

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

11-03 Kandra Tobin
11-10 Ernie Moore
11-17 Joyce Boddie
11-24 Sylvia Smith

POWER POINT

11-03 Wendy Kromrey
11-10 Wendy Kromrey
11-17 Wendy Kromrey
11-24 Wendy Kromrey

READERS

11-03 Ann Fitzgerald
11-10 Cathy Duncan
11-17 Ann Fitzgerald
11-24 Cathy Duncan

SOUND & LIGHTS

11-03 John Mlnarik
11-10 Rikky Bakken
11-17 John Mlnarik
11-24 Rikky Bakken

USHERS

Bob Martinez, Dennis Eliason, Nick Martinez, Dick Nelson

WORSHIP PREPARATION

Gail Castle

TELLERS

Gail Castle, Donna Zimmerman

NOTE: If you can help fill in some of the holes on the Coffee & Flower Charts, please sign up on the kiosk or call the church office . . . Thank you!!

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

11-03 Don and Rosanna Myers
11-10 Lynn/George Carroll in memory of son-in-law Tejas Naik
11-17
11-24 Donna Zimmerman in honor of sister Neita



11-03 Millie Chen

November Birthdays

11-04 Andeline Reed	11-17 Rosanna Myers
11-06 Mimi Laurent	11-20 Norma Phillips
11-09 Randy Rex	11-21 Wendy Kromrey
11-12 Gail Castle	11-24 Lynn Carroll
11-17 Barbara McCalment	11-26 Susan Olsen

November 2019 Calendar

Special Happenings

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11/02 - Men's Breakfast 8am



11/02 - Worship Team Meeting 10am

11/16 - Boy Scouts Food drop off at the
Lord's Pantry 8am

11/21 & 11/22 - Lord's Pantry Food Give-
away event

11/28 - **Happy
Thanksgiving!**

11/29 & 11/30 - Holiday Craft Faire/LH

11/30 - Decorate the Sanctuary for
Christmas 10am



**Newsletter submission deadline is the
20th of each month!**

Meetings

11/11 - Lord's Pantry Board
meeting 3pm

11/19- Leadership Team meeting
6:30pm

11/27- ELC Board meeting

Mondays 9am - Prayer meeting in
church office

Small Groups

Sundays 11am: Sanctuary

Mondays 10am: Luther Hall

Wednesdays 7pm: Luther Hall

(with shared
supper 6:15pm)



1st & 3rd Weds 11am: Worship &
Fellowship (bring sack lunch)

November 2019

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Sunday Bulletin: Each Wednesday by noon

Monthly Newsletter: Due the 20th of each month.