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## **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

*Living in God's amazing grace*

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## ***COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS***

Current months donations:

August	\$8,122.45
September	\$7,029.78

Eight people have been attending Pastor Joan's Adult Confirmation Class, and four persons will be joining our congregation on Reformation Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. They are: Roberta Tomlinson and daughter Leslie, Bonnie Algren, and Julie Reier-son. A reception will follow church that Sunday, so be sure to stay and give them a hearty welcome! We will have baptisms on the following Sunday, All Saints' Day. Call or e-mail the office to have names of loved ones read on All Saints' Sunday.

Our church has agreed to participate in the Macedonia Project with two other churches: Holy Trinity in Irving and Preston Meadow in Plano. Members of our group are Pastor Joan, Wayne Rohne, Tom Bratcher, Betty Tindall, and two members from Faith. We will visit both other churches for a weekend and then St. Olaf will host the groups from the other two churches another weekend, probably in March.

The Rock Church Gathering Place is progressing fast and we are hopeful that it will be completed by December. Go out and take a look!

Third Saturday Community Breakfasts are well attended and the donations are being used in a variety of ways to aid the community and the church.

The council has approved the formation of a Scholarship to be awarded each year to graduating members of our church who are active and in good standing. Details are being worked out by the Board of Education.

We have a Mutual Ministry Committee that meets monthly with Pastor Joan.

Road signs are being developed to alert people passing through our community that St. Olaf is alive and well and welcomes all.

The deacons are busy visiting homebound and nursing home residents. They are receiving communion regularly.

The trustees are busy keeping our buildings in mint condition. Give them a hand!

The next Church Council meeting meets on Wednesday evening, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## ***PRAYER LIST***

Marc Johnson, Mary (Ray) Hastings, Beverly Evans, Georgia Johnson, Haley Rae Tarver, Heather Leahy, Margret Turpin, Bob Holbrook, Clarence Plagens, Agnes Rogstad, Evonne Simonds, Tom Gary, Steve Acree, Gene Lee, Debbie Barree, Lexie Finstad, Larry Oliver, Lorin Meissner, Prudence Jones, Vernon Patrick, Ellen Shields, Rodney Barner, Mary Ann Stokely, Loene Nelson, Veronica Kinney, Monica Caban Families of Fred Thompson, Nelda Tergerson, Lonnie Ibarra and Gladys Johnson, **Lutheran Church Sierra Leone, Persecuted Christians**

**Military Service:** Matthew Medina, Justin Barnes, Hayley Barner, Barrett Prince, Jarrod Prince, Alex Saborsky, Kevin Moore, Lamar Hickman, Travis Elston, Bradley Rohne

## ***WELCA CORNER***

Ten members and Pastor Joan met October 3 with Pres. Billye Dunnahoe presiding. The devotion was given by Pastor Joan. Our program chairman, Mary McGowen, spoke to us about "Poverty in America". All sang "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky."

The nominating committee will be the out going officers: Betty Tindall and Charlene Tergerson. Pres. Billye reminded circles to select their new leaders in November.

There will be a reception of coffee and cookies for our new members following worship services October 28.

Mary said that Anne Parkin will be in charge of the Fair Trade Fair which will be November 18.

Pastor Joan showed the silver service that Sudie Knudson's children gave to us.

Anna Fortier made a motion and Geraldine Jenson seconded that we offer Sudie's family reimbursement for the expense of the Fair Trade products. Motion carried.

Anna made a motion and Mary seconded that we use paper products or glass in the kitchen. Motion carried.

We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer and singing the table prayer.

Lydia circle served refreshments. We were most happy to have Patricia Forsythe join us. Thanks-Elsie

## ***RUTH CIRCLE***

Nine members of Ruth Circle met in the basement of the Church for their monthly Bible study. Light and delicious refreshments were by hostess Naomi Nabors. Thanks to Leroy for helping! The November study group will meet at 2 pm at the home of Elaine Moore, hostess; Mary McGowan will bring the lesson.

## ***LYDIA CIRCLE***

Lydia Circle met in the home of Mary Ann Stokely. Attending members were Bettye Knudson, Charlene Tergerson, Billye Dunnahoe. Bettye Gene led the Bible study and upcoming activities were discussed. Bettye will host the meeting in November.

## ***MARY CIRCLE***

Mary Circle met Wednesday, October 10th, at Heckman Hall. Elsie led the Bible study. Members attending were Geraldine, Cleo, Elsie, Dottie and new member Patricia Forsythe. Visitors were Carol Homerstad and Earl Huse. Plous were made to serve the WELCA general meeting and Fellowship Cookies in November. Geraldine will lead the Bible study in November.

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

# Kids Klokset

Every Wednesday  
4-6pm

Anyone in the  
community may come by  
and receive a gift of the  
items available which  
they can use.

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Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Youth Conference Nov 17th!!  
Jr. High and Senior High!!!

Faith, St. Olaf and Trinity will host the Youth from our Conference in November. We will meet at the Niki Covers the Cold building at 10am and help them sort for upcoming distributions. Then we will enjoy some lunch, relaxation and games. We will end the day with a youth led service at the Old Rock Church at 3:30. All are invited!!

## Baptisms

If you or someone you know has not received God's gift of baptism, Nov. 4th, All Saints Sunday is the perfect day. We welcome new saints into the church as we remember the saints who have passed. Contact Pr. Joan.

## Prayer Shawls Needed

Prayer Shawls Going at an Awesome Rate!

As you know, we have had a season of many serious illnesses, deaths, and other losses, so our prayer shawl box is getting nearly empty. The hot weather should be ending and evenings lengthening, so ladies, could you bring out the needles and yarn and help replenish our supply? The shawls are always greatly appreciated, and one way to show our love and concern for those in distress. If you have questions, please contact Betty Tindall at [597-2478](tel:597-2478).

## THANK YOU

Thank you, Zeb Rose, and the Boy Scouts of Troop 376 helping with remodeling and painting of the SS Building Library.

On behalf of Texas Lutheran University, I want to thank you for the gift of \$100.00 to the Congregational Aid Program. Your gifts adds momentum to the positive energy that is building as the university moves forward with its institutional priorities. These include creating an innovative core curriculum, establishing a distinctive brand, implementing the campus master plan and making TLU an even better place to work and study. Again, thank you for supporting Texas Lutheran University.

Sincerely, Sam Ehrlich

Accepting donations for children's clothes, books and toys that are in good condition.

Local families have been attending and benefitting from the Kid's Klokset. Contact Geneva for more information.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements	Net
Budget through Sep 30	\$73,815.00	\$73,204.50	\$610.50
Actual through Sep 30	75,600.80	68,471.79	7,129.01
Submitted by Gerald Nelson, Treasurer			



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Women's Fall Harvest Dinner

All women are invited to Trinity on **Nov 11** at 4:30 for this event. We are invited just to come and enjoy and relax--nothing to do or bring...

### Blue Christmas Service

The Rock Church will host the community ecumenical service again this year. Are you feeling blue, stressed out, or just need a healing? Blue Christmas Service will be held at the Rock Church on December 19th.

# Dare2B

**2012 NTNL  
Lutheran Youth Organization  
Jr. High Gathering**

**November 9-11, 2012**

**Christ Lutheran Church**

3001 Lovers Lane  
Dallas, TX 75225

&

**The Embassy Suites**  
3880 West Northwest Hwy  
Dallas, TX 75220

### MACEDONIA PROJECT



This fall 30 congregations of the NT-NL Mission Area are embarking on a journey together – exploring each other's context for ministry, outreach efforts, and missional practices. The 30 congregations are clustered together in groups of three and given the opportunity to visit each other's ministry site for a weekend – to watch and learn how each approaches ministry and mission and to share together about the passions and practices in each location that lead to strong outreach and stewardship. It's called the *Macedonia Project*, and it takes as its launching point the words of St. Paul (2 Cor. 8) in which Paul praised the church in Macedonia for the way it was selfless in caring for, and sharing with, the church in Jerusalem during the time when the church in Jerusalem was in desperate need. We will hear more about the *Macedonia Project* and the experience of these 30 NT-NL congregations when we next gather in assembly – April 26-28 in Temple, Texas.

## NORTH BOSQUE

### Helping Hands Needs Food

The demand for food this year has been great but the donations have been small. Bring one or two or three of these items to church. Thanks in advance.

Cash	Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit	Canned meat
Soup	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Crackers	Cornbread Mix
Biscuit Mix	Rice
Dried Beans	Spaghetti
Cereal	Oatmeal
Macaroni	Macaroni-n-Cheese
Pudding	Jello
Fresh Garden Vegetables	

All are welcome! Free to All!

**TUESDAYS**

**4:30PM**

Nov 6– Dec 11

**Faith  
Lutheran  
Church**

*At the intersection of  
FM 1991 and Hwy 22*  
**254-978-0640**

**Aerobics**

"The word  
"sunshine" is always  
the way I thought of  
Niki. She brightened  
the day of everyone  
she was around. She  
was a true  
blessing to every-  
one."

## NIKI COVERS THE COLD

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November the 10<sup>th</sup> the Horny Toad will be hosting the first Annual Bacon Bash brought to you Pederson's Natural Foods in Hamilton, Texas and sponsored by Wenzel Lonestar Meat Company. Entry is limited to 20 teams/chefs. Entry fees are \$75 per team, and all entry fees will be put directly in the purse and awarded to the teams/chefs in the top five spots chosen as the winners by the judges. Awards: 1st Place - \$800 and their photo, mini bio, & winning recipe featured on 25,000 Pederson's Natural Farms famous Uncured Apple Smoked Bacon packages distributed nationwide, 2<sup>nd</sup> place -\$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$200, 4<sup>th</sup> place \$150, and 5<sup>th</sup> place \$50. Tickets can be purchased at the Horny Toad or online. The cost of a ticket is \$55 which includes admission, a swag bag that will include a reusable commemorative cup, five vouchers to fill that cup, and access to sample 10 of the bacon creations prepared by the teams/chefs, and entry into the Bacon Eating Contest should you so desire to participate. Doors open at 12pm, sampling starts at approximately 2pm.



Bring a coat or blanket to donate and be entered in a drawing for a special box from Wenzel Lonestar Meat Company. Proceeds will go to Niki Covers the Cold. The Big winners are the ones who receive the gift of warmth because of your generosity and support. More information and updates can be found on [www.baconbashtexas.com](http://www.baconbashtexas.com)



### Saving Dimes & Dollars for Diabetes November is National diabetes month :

*Sweeney.*

**It's not just a camp** *"When a child is diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, his or her life is changed forever. Insulin injections, pump site changes, blood-sugar tests, and a diet plan become a part of the daily routine for a child with diabetes. Unfortunately, while many children know what is necessary to stay in good control of their condition, they find it hard to live the kind of regimented lifestyle which will allow them to live long and healthy lives. At Camp Sweeney, we believe that simply teaching children about diabetes is just not enough. Our goal is that every child who attends our camp will not only learn about his or her condition, but will find the inner strength each day to do what it takes to live a healthy lifestyle. It's a lifestyle." (Info above from the Camp Sweeney website, read more on at <http://www.campsweeney.or/> )*

Paying it forward!! November is National Diabetes Month, Lexie Finstad and Niki Covers the Cold is working together collecting "Dimes & Dollars for Diabetes". Lexie has chosen to "Pay It Forward" by sending the proceeds to Camp Sweeney. So start saving your dimes and a dollar or two for the next two months. Donations can be brought by or mailed to the Horny Toad (P. O. Box 41 Cranfills Gap, TX 76637). Please make checks payable to St. Olaf Lutheran Church and in memo write NCC/Diabetes.

**Niki Covers the Cold Website is up for renewal ... I am looking into another "web" design and hope to have everything up and going soon! Hootie Hoo!! J**

# ***ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT LSM***

Thank you for participating in this year's Christmas Spree, scheduled for Monday, December 3. Our residents enjoy being able to come and receive item for themselves and to pick up items to use as gifts to family members. Some of the items listed are always available for residents, but residents occasionally enjoy having brands they once uses at home.

Items to not bring to Sunset Home:

- Products in aerosol cans, ie: hair spray, deodorant, body sprays, shaving cream, etc.
- Glass
- Scissors
- No Used item
- No products marked hazard to children / keep out of reach of children, ie: fingernail polish, polish remover, medicines

## **Shopping Spree items:**

### **Women**

- Make- up
- Hair clips/ bands / pins
- Hair caps
- Hair spray (pump)
- Gowns Hosiery / knee-Hi
- Slips
- Undershirts / camisoles

### **Men**

- Undershirts
- T- Shirts
- PJ Pants
- Aftershave

Items for Family Member:

Most residents will pick items for themselves; some however may pick up items for a family member such as children or grandchildren

Children:

- Coloring books
- Colors
- Sm toys / stuffed animals
- Children books

Adults:

- Calendars
- Perfumes / colognes
- Jewelry
- Knick-Knack Items / figurines
- Stationary

### **Men / Women**

- Hair brushes / Picks / combs
- Body sprays (pumps)
- Lotions / face creams
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brushes
- Denture cleaner
- Denture adhesive
- Jewelry
- Socks
- House shoes (full shoes No Slide on)
- Non-Slip Socks
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Word Search puzzles (reg & Lg. print)
- Chewing gum
- Sugar-free chewing gum
- Pens / pencils
- Writing tablets / envelopes
- Greeting cards
- Nail files (not metal)
- Books
- CD's
- Drawing paper
- Colored pencils
- Facial Tissues
- Mini Tissue Packs
- Eye Glass lanyards/ chains
- Wheel Chair Caddies
- Walker Caddies
- Lap robes / shawls
- Calendars (Large print numbers)

Thank you,  
Rhonda Terrell, AD



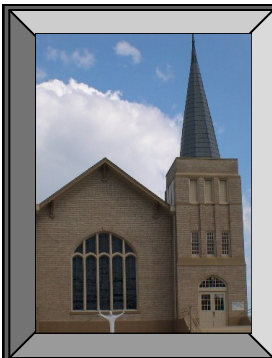
# NOVEMBER~ ST. OLAF LUTHERAN

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, Ephesians 1:17-19

Assisting Ministers: T. Christensen 4, 11, 18 L. Kinney 25  
H. Usher: Gwyn Christensen  
Ushers: Guy & Geneva Finstad  
Altar Guild: Iris Hodges & Shirley Thompson  
Fellowship Cookies: Mary Circle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 All Saints SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 Youth Confirmation 2:00 Gina Kersey, Mary Paulson, Hailey Rudd	5	6 Aerobics at Faith 4:30 Glenn Hanson	7 Study Leaders 1:00 WELCA 2:00 Kids Kioset 4-6 Glenn Hanson	8	9	10 Tina Tracer
11 SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 Trinity Harvest Dinner 4:30	12 Worship & Music 2:30	13 Aerobics at Faith 4:30	14 Ruth Circle 2:00 Lydia Circle 2:00 Mary Circle 2:00 Kids Kioset 4-6 Council 6:00 Daniel Reiersen	15	16	17 Youth Conference Community Breakfast 8-9:30 Biker Service 3:30 Ruth Taylor
18 SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 Youth confirmation 2:00	19 Betty Tindall	20 Aerobics at Faith 4:30	21 Kids Kioset 4-6 Dottie Hanson	22	23	24 Kelli Vinson
25 SS 8:30 Worship 9:45	26	27 Aerobics at Faith 4:30 Kim Foy	28 Kids Kioset 4-6 Hannelore Prisk	29 Kenneth Wiese Owen & Sandi Carlson	30	

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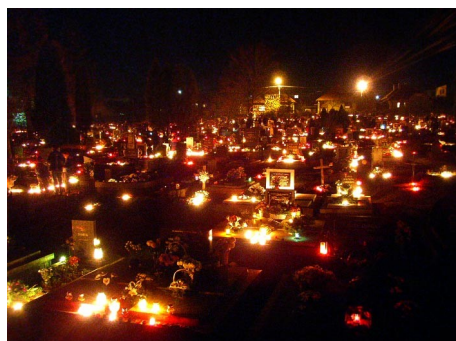
# ST. OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship, teach, nurture and  
share Christ's love.



## Who Are the Saints in All Saints?

All Saints Day is one of my favorite days in the church year. It "is less about the great historic figures of the church than about people we ourselves have known and revered." (Stookey 1996, 148). It is the ideal time to read not only the names of those deceased in the past year but also perhaps those newly baptized—the new saints in Christ Jesus. It is a day that "emphasizes the unity of the church across time" (ibid), and I might add, across space as well. For most of the world All Saints Day is a big disconnect from culture, but for Christians it holds a special but little understood place in the church year.



A few years ago I was teaching for the ELCA's Division for Global Mission in Slovakia. Near All Saint's Day my husband decided to come for a visit. Now in Eastern Europe, this is an important day. School is dismissed; businesses are closed; churches are packed; families travel many hours and gather for several days to celebrate their Christian traditions. We wanted to take advantage of the school break and make a train trip into the countryside. That All Saints Eve we were in for a surprise as the train jostled along the tracks. In every village, we were privileged to see well-groomed cemeteries banked with beautiful bouquets, glowing in golden candlelight in memory of the saints. It was breath-taking and thought-invoking. It started for me a journey of contemplation.

What made these people—mostly poor—who were struggling from the effects of years of Communism want to spend a large portion of their free income on flowers and candles? What was this connection they felt with the departed and with one another? Was something missing in the celebrations of All Saints Day that I had experienced in the USA? The assigned texts for this day "remind us where we have come from and where we are going" (*Sundays and Seasons* 2007, 292). They emphasize the poor, mourning, meek—not ones we normally think of as being blessed. "God's standards and values may be quite different from those with which we are most familiar" (ibid).

It seems that Jesus has a preference for the poor, hungry, mourning people, "those who have a clearer chance of suffering in this life until all ends in death" (ibid). In Jesus' ministry on earth he is most often drawn to those on the fringe of society—the marginalized of the world—as we have been hearing about in our recent gospel lessons.

What does this call us to as the church? "In a world of enormous need, is it not possible that Christians are called to live a simple life—eschewing the drive in a consumer-driven culture to accumulate—so that others might simply live?" (ibid). We can teach this and model Jesus' actions as the church today. We can do something very real but simple for the needy in our area. Let's take the question that Jesus posed to followers in two recent lessons: "What is it you want me to do for you?" And let's give that question back to Jesus: "Lord, what is it that you want us to do for you here and now in Bosque County?"

Pastor Joan

## MEMORIALS

Nelda Swenson Tergerson went home to the Lord, [Monday October 22nd](#) and she was buried [October 26<sup>th</sup>](#) at Old Rock Church Cemetery. Memorials can be made to St. Olaf Lutheran Church.

Butch Thompson went home to the Lord, Saturday [October 20th](#) and was buried [October 24<sup>th</sup>](#) at Boggy Cemetery. Memorials can be made to St. Olaf Endowment Fund or Boggy Cemetery.

Gladys Castell Bakke Johnson of Clifton passed away Tuesday, [October 2, 2012](#) was buried Friday, [October 5](#) at Rock Church Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Rock Church Cemetery Association of Cranfills Gap, or Lutheran Sunset Ministries of Clifton.

