



The Messenger

From the Pastor...

November is a month of important commemorations: two civic holidays in the middle with a religious observance on either end.

On the first Sunday of November we celebrate All Saints Day, a day to remember all saints--all who make up the one people of God--both living and dead. We especially remember those who have died in the last year. Our Christian history is rich, revealing the diverse ways God has given grace to make us all saints together in one great body of Christ.

The last Sunday of November this year is Christ the King Sunday and marks the end of the church year calendar. As King, we remember Christ's reign over all aspects of our world and of our lives. Christ's final reign has an eschatological dimension because at the end of time, his reign will be complete and full. And so, Christ the King Sunday also points to a beginning--the start of the new Christian year focusing on the coming of Christ, both as a baby and one day at his second coming.

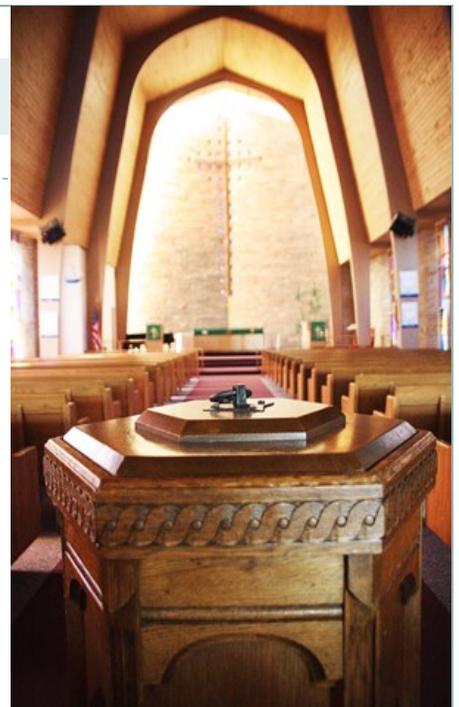
And in between these two religious festivals, we remember two important civic occasions. Veterans Day, November 11, falls on a Sunday this year. We thank God for the freedom and richness of God's blessing in our country. With thankfulness to God we remember the men and women who have given part or all of their lives in service to our country. Military service is honorable because our veterans served the greater good; we are all beneficiaries of their selfless service.

Paul wrote that we should give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). And especially we remember, along with all citizens of this country, to be thankful on Thanksgiving day. Enjoy family, food and friends; yet ground your observance in giving thanks to God.

November is a significant month for remembering God's goodness in so many ways. I am privileged to serve along side you as together we acknowledge God's care and presence in all aspects of our lives.

Pr Weston

Pastor Weston is available during his office hours, (Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons) or via email (walkerweston@gmail.com). In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office or after hours @ 416-6543.



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Call Committee Report

In October, your Call Committee met with Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Philip Misner to receive a new slate of candidates for our lead pastoral position at Kennewick First Lutheran. Connections were immediately made with all of the candidates for their first round of interviews in mid-October. Thoughtful discussions were held with each candidate and second round interviews are forthcoming. Committee members are encouraged by the quality of applicants that have applied and thankful to Pastor Misner for his focused energy on our Call process. We are optimistic that the spirit is moving our efforts in a positive direction. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Ron Lerch, Rick Shimskey, Amber Hanchette, Tammi Payton, Renae Yecha, John Martell.

Church Council Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting shortly in an effort to identify and contact possible candidates for Church Council. There are three positions to be filled, with three-year terms, which begin immediately after the 2019 annual meeting, and end in January 2022. If there are any congregational members who are willing to serve, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

We ask that you prayerfully consider serving as a member of the Church Council. Please keep us in your prayers,

Your Nominating Committee Members, Trudy Lye, Chris Rose, Dewey Robbins, Susan Eberlein & Joyce McMurphy



It is with sadness that I announce that after three years, our Treasurer, Lori Tharp has decided to not accept a nomination for a 4th year. Lori served three years on the Church Council followed by three years as our Treasurer. In those 6 years serving our congregation, she has done an outstanding job and I want to personally thank Lori for all her hard work and dedication to our church family.

This means that Kennewick First Lutheran Church will be seeking a new Treasurer in 2019. The position is an elected paid position that maintains the financial books for the church. Lori is willing to help the new person get acclimated to the required duties and required reports. If you are interested in accepting a nomination at the annual meeting for the Treasurer position, Please contact Lori or me ASAP so that we can discuss the requirements for the position and possibly give you a chance to work with Lori as we close out this years books and prepare next years budget.

~ Jon Schliep, Council President

Hat, scarf & glove collection box

Are you a knitter? Can you crochet? If so, do you have some yarn that you want to use up and clear out? Then this is your opportunity to do so. The weather is getting cooler and winter will be here soon. Our collection box will be placed in the Narthex next to the food cart. If you have time and would like to put that yarn and your needle & hook skills to good use, all donations will be greatly appreciated by those less fortunate. Store bought and gently used items are great too!



The Evangelism Committee

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is off to a great start with 14 students. After our initial student and parent meeting we took a Memory Walk around the church to recall the places where our faith has been developing. The next 2 weeks we have shared other churches with Ron Lerch teaching about our neighbors faith. Last Wednesday a large group of us met at the Pumpkin Patch in Pasco just for a fun get-together. There were 13 students and 6 adults and we had a great time. On the 28th we begin the study of the Small Catechism. We are pleased to have this group and look forward to people in the parish who have agreed to help teach lessons. We meet during Sunday School in Room 8. Please keep us in your prayers.

Alice Allison and Carol Hattemer, facilitators



Front row L to R: Emma Hinrichs, Emerson Hanchette, Carol Hattemer, Darrah Lerch, Kara Freeman, Logan Suhr, Liam Lydeen, Kaylee Comstock, Clayton Glasgow, Brady Tharp

Back Row: L to R: Colton Ledgerwood, Jason Lundberg, Joshua Lundberg, Nick Reiten, Parker Lydeen, Zoe Sleater

Upcoming Events....

November 4: All Saints Sunday

November 11: Veteran's Day Salute to our Vets

November 18: 3rd Grade Bibles

December 9: First Lutheran Choir Cantata @ 8 and 10:30!

2pm: O'Christmas Tea

3pm: Advent Choir Concert at Lord of Life

December 16: 10:30am Children's Christmas Program

December 24: Christmas Eve Services at 5:30pm & 7:30 pm

January 27: Annual Congregational Meeting



Veteran's Day is Sunday November 11.

If you or a family member has served or is currently serving in the military please forward your/their name and Branch of service to Joyce McMurphy at jcmrnb@gmail.com no later than Nov 4. No need to resend information from last year unless there are updates. Thank you.

I have been a customer of Jeffers for about 20 years, and would like to share the following letter which I received a few weeks ago. If you are so inclined, please make checks out to Jeffers and give them to me (Karen Recher), or visit Jeffers.com to make a donation. I will ensure the money received gets to the right place. ANY donations made payable to KFLC will go into the General Fund of First Lutheran. And will NOT forwarded to Jeffers. Thank you in advance for your help, thoughts and prayers. ~Karen A. Recher

Dear Friends,

On October 10, 2018, the Florida Gulf Coast, southeast Alabama and southwest Georgia areas were devastated by Hurricane Michael, leaving many without homes, food and water. In previous natural disasters, Jeffers has raised over \$100,000 for victims and the donations have supplied shelters and other necessities families needed. While Jeffers is accustomed to helping those in need whether close-by or far away, this time the disaster hit in our backyard. Some of our employees who live in Marianna Florida, are still unable to leave their area and are without power. A couple employee families living in that area both have dogs, and do not want to leave them. We will be sending food, toilet paper, dog food and other products that may be needed. Jeffers is located roughly 20 miles from one of the hardest hit areas making it easier to take supplies to those who need it the most.

Although we will continue to work with local shelters and other reputable organizations to provide help to those in need, we are extending the invitation to the rest of our extended Jeffers family as well. All donations given will go to help animals, shelters, farms, barns and stables impacted by Hurricane Michael. Even if you can't help please keep the Jeffers employees as well as all those affected by this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Ruth Jeffers



Attention! Used coffee mugs being left in the Fireside room is becoming a problem.

Please remember to return your Sunday morning coffee mugs to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen once you have finished enjoying your coffee.

Please be considerate of others and do not leave your used mugs or cups in the Fireside room sink. Mugs or cups from the Fireside room should be rinsed and put in the dishwasher. Mugs or cups brought to the Fireside room from the Fellowship Hall should be returned to the Fellowship Hall. It's not fair to others who use the room and have to wash a mug or cup before they can use it. Thank you.

~ The Evangelism Committee



Operation Christmas Child!

Begin by choosing a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Find a regular shoe box (we have some at the church) OR use a plastic box that can be used longer term in a tropical place.

Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

Pack the box full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

Pray for the child who will receive your gift. Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact.

Boxes are due by November 18! Questions? Please ask Karen Recher 582-8784. This event is sponsored by our Evangelism Committee.

Adult Education:

Gather Magazine study will Thursday Nov. 29. Fear not: An Advent devotional Bring change to support the Eastern Washington Idaho Women of the ELCA.

Come to Adult Sunday School Jerry Johnson is leading a discussion of the Bible readings of the day.

November Sunday Servants

Acolytes (10:30)

- 11 Kara Freeman
- 18 Sydney Janikowski, Emerson Hanchette

Altar Guild

- 4 Marjory Serier
- 11 Donna Smitt
- 18 Nora Merk
- 25 Tricia Smurthwaite

Communion Assistants (10:30)

- 4 Sharon Hickman, TBD
- 11 Dawn Kirt-Bowen, Lorri Ledgerwood
- 18 Karen Recher, Amber Hanchette
- 25 Renae Killmer, Lindy Von Dohlen

Lay Assistants

- 4 Doug Bolstad, Craig Johnson
- 11 Ted Homme, Tom Vertrees
- 18 Tom Vertrees, Lindy Von Dohlen
- 25 Ted Homme, Gary Henne

Readers

- 4 Barbara Mannion, Sharon Hickman
- 11 Phoebe Smurthwaite, Ron Rolla
- 18 Judy Robbins, Judy Lerch
- 25 Alice Allison, Dawn Kirt-Bowen

Sound Techs

- 4 Mark Eberlein, Greg McMurphy
- 11 John Luebke, Troy Lydeen
- 18 Mark Eberlein, Greg McMurphy
- 25 Scott Comstock, Troy Lydeen

Ushers (10:30)

- 4 Don Sherwood, Del Bareither, Lorane Becker, John Martell
- 11 Renae Killmer, Rod Huber, Walt & Sue Swita
- 18 Gary & Donna Smitt, Glen Allison
- 25 Rick, Landon, Logan Shimskey, Rod Gilge

Electronic Reader Board

The church budget includes a line item for the purchase of an electronic sign. This project would be a worthy upgrade to our facility, but lacks a champion to see to the details and get it rolling again. The church council would ask that you prayerfully consider serving on this short term task team, contact any of the council members if you are interested in hearing what that entails.

November 19 is KFL’s turn to bring snack to the students learning English and Citizenship class on Monday nights at PFL. If you can help with snack items, \$ or serving please talk to Alice Allison 545-5400 aallison2b@charter.net

Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders or those missed November 18. If you have a verse you would like to share please send to Alice aallison2b@charter.net

Congregation is invited to join Stephen Ministers on November 6 at 6:30 for AED defibrillator training led by Greg McMurphy.



NOVEMBER READERS' LEAVES

Thoughts on Thanksgiving: Particularly at this time of the year, we often reflect on and are grateful for all that God has given us. Humor is one of the wonderful gifts from God that can help us. Writer Erma Bombeck wrote about our Thanksgiving rituals, *“Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.”*!



Adults

**** **Holden Village** captures life in an isolated mountain retreat center in the Washington Cascades. **Holden** is a place to celebrate **Life, Community, and Renewal**. This book will give you a sense of why people travel distances and return year after year as volunteers or as guests. As an example: In September, Bill Frier, Alan Anderson and Larry Pederson, members of our church volunteered and completed a restoration project. A picture and article in September's Messenger highlighted their service and adventure. (Bill donated this book to our library). 269/HOL

**** **Politically Correct Bedtime Stories** by James Finn Carner takes familiar fairy tales and adjusted them to be carefully politically correct, so that Rumpelstiltskin is no longer 'a short little man' but instead is now 'vertically challenged'. A quote: There are always two sides of every story and this book proves it. A/F

*** **Option B** by Sheryl Sandberg is a book of facing adversity, building resilience and joy. After the sudden death of her husband, she felt certain that she and her children would never find joy again. Her friend Adam Grant, a psychologist told her there are concrete steps people can take to recover and rebound from life shattering experiences. With her personal insights and research, they collaborated on this book. (quote found on book's inside front cover) 236/SAN

Youth

**** **The Staircase** by Ann Rinaldi is about the legend behind the building of the staircase in Loretto Chapel - located in Santa Fe, New Mexi-

co. The author expands the story of a young Methodist girl whose mother dies traveling to the west, and her father abandons her at a girl's Catholic school in the town of Santa Fe. She blends the mystery surrounding the staircase' builder with the daily trials of a spunky thirteen-year-old girl charting her own path in the 1870s. JF/RIN **Ages 10-14**

Children

Sugar Cookies: Sweet Little Lessons on Love by Amy Krouse Rosenthal defines words that are associated with love. From letting your friend have the last cookie (*selfless*) to waiting to lick the bowl together (*considerate*), here is a book for anyone who wants to say "I love you". A lovely book of illustrated vocabulary words created in a way to bring smiles and a feeling of understanding. **All Ages will enjoy this.** B/ROS

**** **Chicken Sunday** by Patricia Polacco was rated 4.6/5 stars by 60 reviewers on Amazon.com. A sampling of the comments: 1) This is a fabulous and emotionally touching story of an interracial friendship and the children's journey of love and service. 2) Beautiful story and illustrations, I cried as I read it. Now we are huge fans of the author and give this particular book to friends as gifts. 3) A beautiful children's story for 4-8-year-olds based on Polacco's experience growing up. I've read it to my children and grandchildren and it still brings tears to my eyes as the people in the story come to understand and value traditions of other cultures. B/POL

We have a large selection of Thanksgiving books found in a special section in the back-right shelves of our library. Check them out and have a wonderful holiday !!!

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 All Saints Sunday 8am Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Noon Education Mtg 2pm Cluster Mtg @ PFL</p>	<p>5 9am Ateam 6:30pm LTP Board Mtg</p>	<p>6 10am Book Grp 6:30pm AED Training and Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>7 10am Evangelism Mtg Noon Bulletin Deadline Text Study 1pm Library is open 7pm Choir</p>	<p>1 9am Ateam</p>	<p>2 11:30am Ladies Lunch @ Masala</p>	<p>3 2pm Memorial Service for Dick Widmer</p>
<p>11 Veteran's Day 8am Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>12 Office Closed 9am Ateam</p>	<p>13 Office Closed 10am Book Grp 7pm Beer & Theology</p>	<p>14 Noon Bulletin Deadline Text Study 1pm Library is open 6:30pm Finance Mtg 7pm Choir</p>	<p>15 9am Ateam 6:30pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Newsletter Deadline 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 8am Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>19 9am Ateam</p>	<p>20 10am Book Grp 6:30pm Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>21 Church Office Closed Noon Text Study 1pm Library is open 7pm Choir</p>	<p>22 Office Closed</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Deacon's Fund Sunday 8am Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>26 9am Ateam</p>	<p>27 10am Book Grp</p>	<p>28 Noon Bulletin Deadline Text Study 1pm Library is open</p>	<p>29 9am Ateam 6:30pm Gather Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	



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Trudy Lye, Education

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cil

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Karen Bentrup, Evangelism

Mark Eberlein, Finance

THEY SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1~ Elaine Jones | 8~ Delbert Finn | 17~ Philip Martell |
| 2~ Jessie Janikowski | Jeff Stout | 18~ Pat Rasmussen |
| Abigail Lundberg | 9~ Michalea Glasgow | Dick Shire |
| Joe Killmer | Kathleen Hurt | 20~ Kinlee Yecha |
| 3~ Willard Nelson | 13~ Michael Meneely | 21~ Marc Culbertson |
| Lexi Shimskey | Tim Nies | Bradley Nickolaus |
| 4~ Gary Frankfurt | Bryan Tharp | Preston Zimmerman |
| George Schwantes | 14~ Tyson Homme | 23~ Marlee Christianson |
| 5~ Katy Koelzer | Elizabeth Wamsley | 26~ Jeff Lerch |
| Stephanie Kolowith | 16~ Joyce Pettit | Walt Swita |
| 6~ Lori Lydeen | Bud Sleeth | 27~ Carol Miller |
| Madison See | Logan Suhr | 29~ Trenton Chenault |
| LeAnne Wamsley | | |



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