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“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We certainly have much to be thankful for. We give thanks to God for many things. For our good health, for the things that we have, for the people that surround us, for the jobs that we have, and much more. It is easy to give thanks to God for the things that we like and enjoy. What about the things that we do not always enjoy?

As I write this, we have just gotten our first snow fall of the season. I know many people that do not like the cold and the snow and ice that comes with it. Yet, even though we may not like the snow and cold, we can give thanks to God for the moisture He has provided to water the earth. Saint Paul writes that we should give thanks in all circumstances, even when we are going through hard times! Give thanks when my partner of 50 plus years has just gone to our Lord's nearer presence? Give thanks when I have just lost my house and all my possessions due to fire or flood? Give thanks when my child lies in a hospital bed with a serious life-threatening illness? Pastor, you must be crazy!

Maybe I am, note that in all of these circumstances, it is certainly not easy to give thanks. Our hearts do want to mourn and grieve, as well they should. Yet, we can also give thanks. We can give thanks that our partner is in our Lord's nearer presence, at rest from this vale of tears awaiting the resurrection. Give thanks that we still have our lives and health. Give thanks that the Lord has given us doctors and nurses to be the instruments by which He blesses us with His healing hand according to His good and gracious will.

Above all, we can give thanks in all circumstances in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has faced everything on our behalf, including the weight and punishment of all of our sins, bore in His holy flesh upon the cross of Calvary. Having risen from the dead, we have no more fear of death, sin, or the power of the devil. We can give thanks that no matter what may happen to us upon this earth, we do not need to fear about our salvation, Christ has done everything necessary on our behalf for our salvation.

As we gather this month, and beyond, may we always give thanks to God that He has given us salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ and continues to daily support us in this body and life, unto life everlasting.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joshua Reinke

Wreath sale

Echoz Pregnancy Center is having their annual wreath sale. Information with prices and order forms are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Orders are due to them by **November 7th**. There is also information about how to order online and have them delivered. Thank you for supporting this awesome service!

Ladies Bible Study

Late autumn leaves are still swirling around in the wind as we celebrate All Saints Day, honor veterans, and gratefully give thanks to God for His many blessings at Thanksgiving. November has its own special high lights that make us think about and celebrate the past.

The Friday Ladies Bible Class has been studying the past. They finished their study of the early church in Acts and have recently begun the book of Mark, a synoptic gospel that tells of Jesus' life and works. They will meet from 1-3pm on November 4th and 11th at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South. There is a cup of hot coffee or tea waiting for you along with light-hearted fellowship!

Join the Assisted Living Ministry as they take hymn singing and God's word to The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South on November 4th from 10-11am. The same activity will be enjoyed on November 18th from 1:30-2:30pm at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South. The no host lunch will gather at the newly reopened El Comedor, 1120 25th Street South on November 18th at 11:45am. Come to be a part of these joy filled activities!

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at Peace

We will once again have a **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.** on November 24. It is the Order of Matins without Communion. During the service there will be a non-perishable food offering that will be taken to the Great Falls Rescue Mission. Following the service, we will also have a meal for families of Peace who want to come and join us. There is a sign-up sheet posted and a tentative menu. Please sign your name and the number of people in your family and indicate what you will be bringing to add to the meal. We all have sooo much for which to give thanks!

LWML

- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study will be Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. NOTE THE DATE AND TIME CHANGE!**
- ♥ **Thank you so much to everyone who donated items to the Alliance For Youth.** We took them with us when we went for the tour on Saturday, October 29.
- ♥ **On Saturday, December 3, at 10:00 AM,** we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season. People young and old are asked to come and help for as long as their schedule will allow.
- ♥ **Advent Soup suppers have changed!** Groups will no longer be sponsoring the soup suppers on Advent and Lent. Instead, we will be having potluck meals that everyone can bring a dish to share and all can enjoy! Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, so the first Advent potluck will be Wednesday, November 30th. Please plan now

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Val Martin for the getting the flowers for the altar for LWML Sunday.
Everyone who donated treats for our fellowship time for LWML Sunday.
Linda Aguiar for putting up the LWML bulletin board.
Everyone who donated items to the Alliance For Youth.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school and Bible studies throughout the week.
Tristin Reinke, Val Martin and Gloria Creek for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
Everyone who cleans the kitchen after Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Everyone who counts the offering.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.



November Anniversaries

Nov. 6 Michael and Crystal Lewis

Baptismal Anniversaries

November	4	Val Martin
	9	Brenna Johnson
	11	Michael Lewis
	15	Kaylee Lewis
	22	Katherine Onstad
	22	August Birkholz
	22	Josie Ryster
	24	Betsy Wirth
	26	Alan Brown



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 9 year old with kidney cancer
- Deloris Brown**, shut-in
- Marylan Dallum**, Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Rev. Ray Larson** – after open heart surgery
- Ed Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Richard Schottey**, The Lodge
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

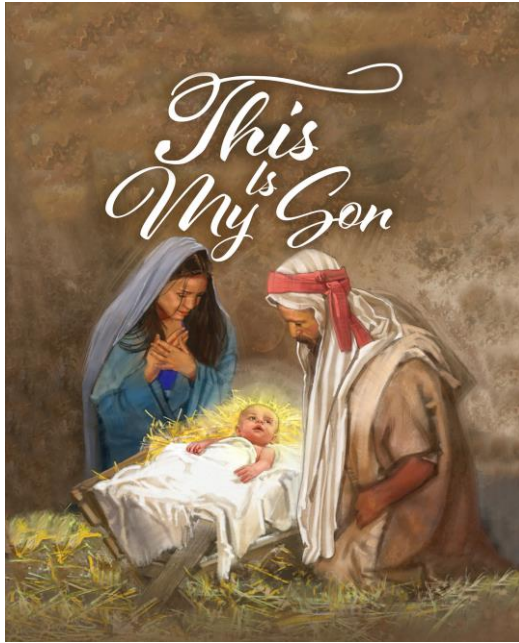
Next Voters meeting will be **Sunday, November**

13 at 12 noon. There will be a potluck meal right at noon and the meeting will follow. We will be discussing the budget and some other very important issues and hope that you plan to come and be a part of the decision process.

Copies of the budget are available on the usher stand at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one and look it over before the meeting. Come with any questions, comments or concerns.

November ushers:

- 6 – Darrell Greenwood and Gary Link
- 13 – Greg Franczyk and Pat Lewis
- 20– Lyle and James Onstad
- 27 – Arnie Gidlow and Mitch Martin



**Advent is Coming!!
Join us for 4 Wednesdays beginning
November 30 for
Advent potluck meals at 6 PM followed by
worship at 7 PM.**

Just as God's people of old waited with faith in the coming Messiah, so is our Advent anticipation of Christmas, as we sing of the Savior, "Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!" (*LSB* 334:1). Our hopes and fears are real. They can distract us from God's promises. God's promise was from the beginning spoken to Adam and Eve. Salvation would come through the woman's offspring (Genesis 3:15). But it would not be Cain, the son of Adam, nor Ishmael, the son of Abraham, nor Absalom, the son of David. The true Son of Adam and Abraham and David is the Son of God. Our attention and faith thus direct our hopes and fears to God's Son, in whom we receive adoption as sons and daughters in the family of God.