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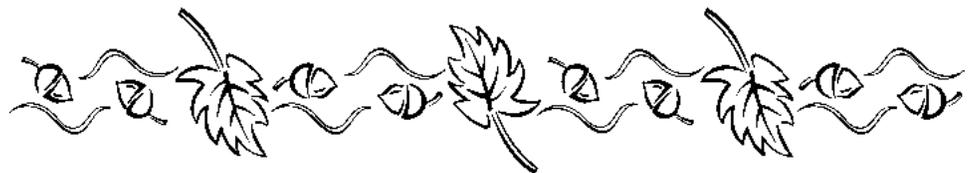


Ellis Wilcox
Barbara Bachman
Gene Loehr
Don Carlson
Elizabeth Ray
Duane Mitchell

West Lake Christian Church
will celebrate
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 1, 2015

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15*

December 21, 2014
February 8, 2015
April 21, 2015
May 26, 2015
June 24, 2015
August 15, 2015



Pastors are people too. They need prayer and ours is no different. Join us as we learn how to effectively pray for our minister, our congregation, and our church's mission in our community.

What? - **Partners in Prayer Study**

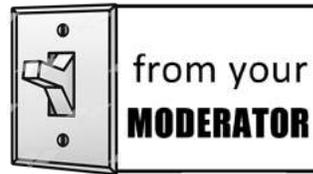
When? - **Tuesdays 9-11 a.m. or 6-8 p.m.** (same information both sessions)

Beginning Tuesday November 3

Where? - **Church Library**

Want more information? - ask James Harrod





“No time like the present.” Most of us are familiar with this phrase. I’m sure many of us have repeated it, and most of us would agree with it.

Why then, do we have so much trouble living it? Why are we constantly looking in our past and saying “See what I did?” Why do we spend hours talking and planning for the future but never bringing our plans to fruition.

Why does the past hold so much of an attraction for us? I believe it is because it feels safe. What has been accomplished in the past remains as a marker for us to reflect and say “I did that.” It helps give us positive confirmation that we are capable.

It is good to know our past. It should help us in planning for our future, and planning for the future is a good thing. We need to have goals and a plan of action to move us forward. Yet like any trip you might plan it is hard to find your way to the destination if you don’t know where you are starting from.

Today is the day. No time like the present. There is something each of you can do to help us mark where we are.

Someone in our congregation feels forgotten and needs a phone call from you. Someone is homebound and could use a visit. Those first time visitors need to be greeted (*it is your job not someone else’s*). This could be the last day for the couple who has been coming for a while (*only a few said hello*).

We have community outreach programs, opportunities to work with our young people, the list goes on and on. Everyone in our congregation should be involved in a ministry no matter how large or small.

Living in Christ is about **today**. It is about serving and caring for each other; knowing each other’s names; knowing when someone is missing; making those who come as a guest a part of us.

When we become really good at taking care of each other, when we know the name of that gentleman who sits over there every Sunday for the past year, when we learn to live in today, we will see where we’ve been and we will trust God to guide us in our next **Today**.

Love in Jesus
Kelly

Last month Kelly took the opportunity to use the newsletter to say “thank you” to all who give so much to the church. Now every church should appreciate their pastor, but many pastors will never be recognized by the world for the time and effort they put into a church congregation. If they are going to be appreciated it must be done by those within their church. Here are some tips you can use to show your appreciation to Kelly.

Prayer

Pray. This is not something you can use to show appreciation to him directly, but it is one of the best things you can do for him. If you are praying for him then your personal concern for him will show. Let him know you are praying for him. Tell him directly.

Become a Friend to Him

Include your pastor in your personal lives as a family. While he cannot go to everyone’s family picnic, you can at least invite him. Have your pastor over to the house occasionally for a meal. Try to include him where you can in your activities.

Serve in the Church

A pastor wants others to grow. There is great joy to a pastor when someone gets involved who has previously sat on the sidelines.

Say Thanks

Be specific when you thank your pastor. He needs to know that you were helped by something he said or did. This is an affirmation to him that he is accomplishing his purpose as a pastor. He wants to lead and nurture the congregation that the Lord has given him. If he never knows you are being helped spiritually then he will never feel complete in the work he is doing.

Buy Something Special for Your Pastor

A special gift does not have to be something expensive. If the church bought the pastor something that he has been wanting, it shows that the church people are paying attention to him and his desires. Keep your ears open for little things that the pastor expresses an interest in.

Honor His Anniversary at the Church

Make a big deal out of his anniversary. The level of excitement can be varied each year, but he should know that you appreciate his years of service.

Give Him a Surprise Getaway

How long has it been since your pastor felt like he could leave town for 3 days and everything would not fall apart? Would he feel comfortable leaving for a whole week? Many pastors feel like they are on call every day. Pay for a retreat or vacation for your pastor and his family. Have people at the church take care of anything that comes up while your pastor is away.

Send Him to a Conference

Though pastor's conferences are not always relaxing, they are great for refreshment. Conferences give your pastor much needed preaching on a level that is targeted to him. He is constantly preaching and disseminating information. It is a spiritual boost to have someone preach to him.

Remember that this is often not a vacation. Conferences are usually not restful places even though the pastor is away from his daily responsibilities. Pastors enjoy the fellowship and the knowledge that others are dealing with the same issues he is, but there is also a schedule that keeps the pastor busy and learning.

Honor Your Pastor's Wife

You will show great appreciation to your pastor if you show love and respect to the person he loves most in this world. Respect your pastor's wife and do something special to honor her. While she is not the public figure in the church that her husband is, she often bears as much of the stress and emotional burden that the pastor carries. Your pastor will know you love him when you love who he loves.

Show Your Appreciation

Take time to show honor and appreciation to your pastor and his family. Many pastors, put in many more hours than the church office is open. They spend time visiting the sick and dealing with crisis situations that can't wait until the next day. Showing appreciation for the uncertain events of the ministry helps a pastor stay excited for the work the Lord has called him to.

Kent Elliott
Moderator

How To Show Appreciation To Your Pastor: 10 Good Ways
by David Peach



CWF NEWS

Carroll Rinker, President
Christian Women's Fellowship

The October CWF luncheon was hosted by Mary Cline and Coleen Modglin whose festive décor and great desserts were enjoyed by all who attended. We learned about an interesting ministry through Love Light Ministries. Director Willie Buckingham shared her experiences in setting up a coffee shop off the Versailles square dedicated to raising money to educate and counsel women who were in jail or prison. The ministry tries to intervene as the women are released from incarceration and place them in a safe living environment.

CWF sponsors many beneficial ministries. We collect Best Choice bar codes and Campbell's soup bar codes. The soup labels are sent to Woodhaven Industries in Columbia to assist with the needs of their special needs clients. There are boxes in the Narthex and outside the church office to contribute to both of these efforts.

The quilt raffle is winding down for the year. The drawing will be at our fellowship dinner on November 15. Be sure you have purchased your raffle tickets for this opportunity.

We are looking forward to our Christmas luncheon on December 8. All women of the church are invited to attend this event which is always a great way to open the holiday season.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10 at 11:30 a.m. The hostesses will be Gerri Beard and Gail Renick. Come and be a part of this busy group of ladies.

Lake of the Ozarks History Tour

Join the CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship) for several hours of history and an all you can eat lunch for \$10, on **Thursday, November 12, 2015**. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the church and you can leave the driving to us.

The day will include the history of the Osage River valley, the construction of the dam, and the people and places that made the Lake of the Ozarks a reality. Explore towns that were relocated or submerged by the lake and the stories of the area before, during, and after Bagnell Dam's creation. Contact Kent Elliott at 573-723-2071, to save a spot.

Come ride
with us.



Fall is in the air and the holiday season is beginning!



Our hosts for the **Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner** are providing the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy and they ask that you bring a dish or two filled with your favorite salads, vegetables, and desserts. We

will share our meal together right after the worship service on **Sunday, November 15**.

The winning ticket for the queen size quilt will be drawn at the dinner. There is still time to purchase your tickets for the quilt from Mary Ellen Flinn. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10.

You are invited to a community wide **Thanksgiving Worship Service** at 2:00 p.m. on **Sunday, November 22** at Laurie Care Center. This annual event is sponsored by the Westlake Ministerial Alliance. Come give thanks for the abundant gifts God has given to you, enjoy the

wonderful music, and here Nick Stutesman, pastor of Sunrise Bible Church.



*Let's Gather Together ...
and Share the Lord's Blessings...*



Worship Service at the Care Center

You are invited to join our members and friends who reside at the Laurie Care Center and The Knolls, for a time of worship lead by your Elders.



Come to the Activities Room at 2:00 p.m. on **Sunday, November 15** and praise God with thanksgiving!

2015 Thanksgiving Offering Sunday, November 15

The 2015 Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

Your gift helps underwrite the education of students attending one of our fourteen undergraduate institutions and our seven seminaries or divinity houses through scholarships and grants. By giving generously to the Thanksgiving Offering you are investing in our students and helping keep education costs down.

Every year the Westlake Ministerial Alliance sponsors a Community wide *free* **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** at the Westside Senior Center. West Lake Christian Church, along with the other churches in the Ministerial Alliance, is asked to donate food for this community dinner. Coleen Modglin has a **sign-up sheet** that lists the items they need us to provide to be able to offer a great Thanksgiving dinner to the many people who come to share this meal.

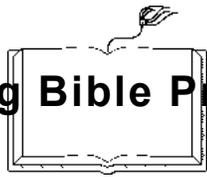


Share your many blessings by signing up to deliver one of the listed items for this Community Dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

The Greater Lake Area Chorale will present their 2015 Winter Concert **"Fa La La Yule"** on **Sunday, November 29**



Bring your family and friends to this wonderful afternoon of music. The concert will begin at 3:00 p.m. Be sure to stay for refreshments afterwards.



Applying Bible Principles

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. "Jumbo shrimp" is an oxymoron. "Ferocious lamb" is another. "Dumb scholar" is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, "Stingy Christian." Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Think about some of God's good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).

God gives the rain (Job 5:10).

God gives health (Jer. 30:17).

God gives life (Acts 17:25).

God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).

God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).

God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).

God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 - for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That's why of all the oxymorons in existence, "Stingy Christian" is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, "What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have."

The Reason We Pledge

About this time of year we ask our members to designate what they hope to give in the year to come. We know that the church is not a business - it's the family of God - but things go better if the church operates along responsible business principles.

When we pledge, our church can plan which programs we can afford to launch or maintain, and how many paid staff members (pastor, secretary, custodian, music director, etc.) we can employ. We can project how much support we can send to our various missions.

A pledge, made after prayer and with full consideration of one's resources, helps prevent financial stress and makes the church perform more effectively. Ultimately, our pledge and the fulfillment of it serves God and gives joy to everyone including ourselves.



Securing Our Future in 2016



Knowing that my time, talent and treasure are gifts from God, and as an indication of my Christian Stewardship, I intend to support God's work with the following gift:

I/We intend to give \$ _____ to support the general expenses of West Lake Christian Church.

I/We will pay: _____ weekly _____ monthly _____ quarterly _____ yearly.

I/We would also like to give an additional \$ _____ to be used for debt reduction.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Remember, if necessary, this pledge may be changed by notifying our Financial Associate at any time. Return to: Financial Associate, West Lake Christian Church, 936 Hwy O, Laurie, MO 65037

Securing Our Future in 2016

In Christian stewardship, I/we have expressed my/our intent to give

\$ _____ weekly
monthly
annually

to the ministries of our congregation during the coming year.

Date _____

This side for my records

CULTURE SHOCK.



Do you feel shocked by culture today? It's easy to see that controversial topics fill our TV screens, so how should we as Christians engage in these conversations? This is a question that is asked from people like you from all around the country.

With that in mind, Chip Ingraham wanted to develop a resource that outlines biblical responses to today's most divisive issues. That's the heart-beat behind the next small group series entitled **Culture Shock**.

Starting on Sunday, November 8, 2015, we'll dive into those topics. I hope you will join us as we discover how to engage our culture with both truth and love. We will meet at 9 a.m. in the lower level, choir room – see you there. 12 weeks (It is OK to miss sessions!)

Kent Elliott
573-723-2071

Change

Part of your generous giving over the years has been used to support the disciple's mission for needy kids to have a chance to attend a camp at a facility in Jefferson City called the Rickman Center. Our changing society has resulted in fewer campers using the facility and just recently it was sold.

We came across a wonderful opportunity at about the same time called "Invest an Acre" which is a program that MATCHES contributions to your local food bank. It was decided to redirect the funds used to support the Rickman Center to the Versailles and Greenview food pantries, and in doing so, we will be able to get TWICE as many supplies for our donation! **Every \$1 donated provides 3 meals to people in need.** Want more information? See Kent Elliott - Thank you.

Leaving us for warmer weather?

If you will be gone for the winter and would like the newsletter sent to you, be sure to call the church office and give Sandy your winter address and when you will be back. You don't want to miss knowing what is happening here at WLCC.



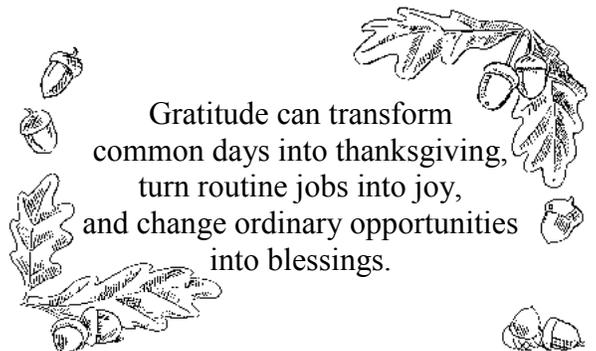
The following names have been in need of our prayers. Please call the church office if you would like a name on the prayer list. Names will be taken off the list after one month, but you are always welcome to request that the name be added again.

Stacy Bennett - Maggie Houdek's niece
LeAnn Beard - Gerri Beard's niece
Terry Cooper
Arnold & Louise Hancock
Maggie Houdek
Mike Jones - Lenny & Sharon Hofer's friend
Kay Kastner
Barb Lucietta - concern from Cheryl Alderson
Bill Manns
Arlene & Nip Mohler
Beth Morris - Pam Cummins' sister
Ginger Norman - concern from Donna Kissell
Noah Reno
Bill Rosche
Linda Thomson—Maggie Houdek's sister
Aiden & Amanda Williams
Mick Williams
Doris Yates

The Knolls & Laurie Care Center

Helen Blackwell
Maxine Ellis
Stanley Field
Arlene Mohler
Lorene Wilcox

The Happy Hour support Group
is taking a winter break.
They will start up again in March of 2016.



2015/2016 WLCC Members Directory Informational Form

Please fill in any and all information that you would like to have printed in a new member directory. There will be printed copies to put in your binder if you so choose. Also, a password protected online church directory is being created that will be accessible only to active members who have been granted permission to view. A valid email address listed in the directory will be needed for this. The directory will also be available through apps on iPhones, iPads, Android and Kindle Fire.

Names: _____

Street address: _____

Mailing address if different than above: _____

Please put an * by the one you want published.

Phone numbers: (separate with commas, indicating whose number is whose.)

Email addresses: (separate with commas, indicating who the email address belongs to.)

If you choose, write a short paragraph that you would like your fellow members to know about you.

I wish to have my photo taken _____ I/we had my/our photo taken by Scott _____

I have a photo you can use _____

Please fill in and return to the church by November 15. There will be a box in the outer office downstairs or upstairs in the entryway to put them into. As an alternative, information can be sent to Mary Elliott at: nume90@gmail.com.

Church Directory Additions

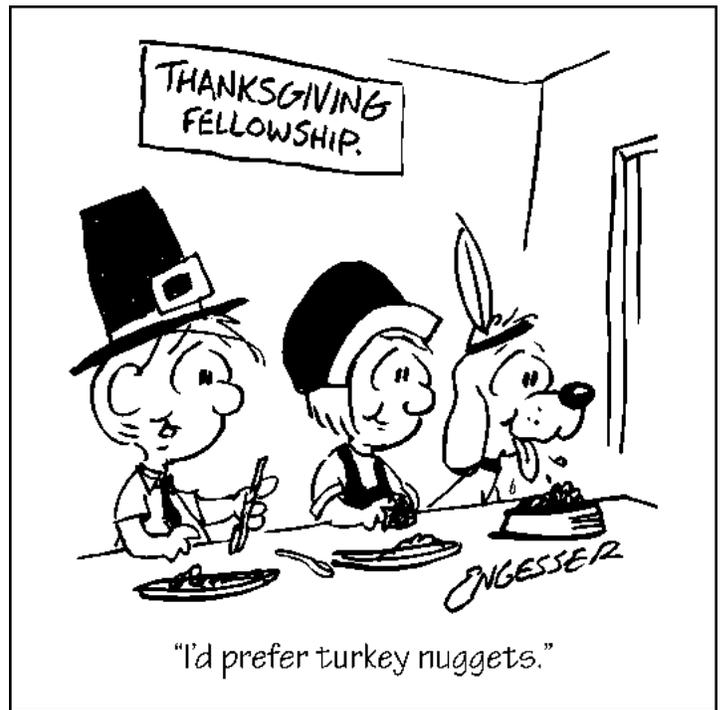
New Member:

Carol Easter joined 9/27/15
573-374-6361
408 Fremont
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Travis Spurr joined 10/4/15
573-280-7485
30985 Otters Way Rd.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037



Please be sure to make these additions in your directory so that you will always have the most current information. Thank you. Sandy White



From Our Parish Nurse

Betty Greenley

LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

Breast Cancer



What is it?

Breast cancer is a cancer that occurs in breast tissue, usually either in the lobules (the glands that make milk) or the ducts (the tubes that carry the milk). It is usually first noted when a person discovers a lump in the breast tissue or it is seen on a mammogram.

Statistics

1. It is more common in women.
2. 2300 new cases in men annually.
3. 230,000 new cases in women annually.

High Risk Factors

1. A personal history of breast cancer or benign breast disease and/or treatment with radiation therapy to the breast/chest.

Moderate Risk Factors

1. Older Age-77% of women with Breast Cancer are over the age of 50.
2. Family history of breast cancer in a first degree relative-mother/sister/daughter.
3. Having a genetic carrier.

Slight Risk Factors

1. Menstruating at an early age.
2. Older age at first birth or never having given birth.
3. Taking hormones such as estrogen and progesterone.
4. Being white.
5. Late Menopause-after age 55 .
6. Being overweight.

Treatment

If a person has concerns about a lump in the breast or underarm area, they should contact their physician. The physician may suggest a mammogram, MRI or breast biopsy to make the diagnosis. If it is positive for cancer, the physician may refer the person to a surgeon or cancer specialist.

Resource-<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics>

A NOTE OF THANKS...



The Music Committee, along with the Worship Committee, wants to thank all who donated the funds needed to purchase a new piano for our Church. It is indeed a beautiful piece of furniture along with being the latest in piano technology. You are all so generous financially.

The emotional support you give the musicians is beyond measure. Be patient as your pianists, Dona Johnson, Chris Turner and Sharon King, get acquainted with this particular piano. We are thrilled to be given this opportunity.

Special thanks to Scott Huckriede for his engineering of the bulky wires to be out of sight. Another special thanks to Roy Johnson for helping us get the best sound.

A very special thanks to Pastor Kelly for his support in acquiring this magnificent baby grand piano. Rest assured, the Praise Team and musicians are striving to add dimensions to our music program.

Sharon King
Worship Chairman



My Church Friends,

Thank you Susie Thrams, for taking me to the doctor in August. Thank you Ed Mock and Jim Arnold, for taking me to the bus station. Also, thank you Mary and Kent Elliott, for picking me up at the bus station when I got in. Thank you Ed Mock, for taking me back to Lebanon to receive my luggage.

I love you all.
Maggie Houdek



November Birthdays

- 2..... Mary Elliott
- 3..... Connie Reimers
- 6..... Peggy Ekena
- 12..... Cathy Bell
- 13..... Midge Hilker
- 13..... Shirley Smith
- 15..... Matt Mercer
- 16..... Jane McKeown
- 19..... Pat Roberts
- 20..... Nancy Milburn
- 23..... Barbara Steck

November Anniversaries

- 8..... Gil & Cindy Hoch
- 22..... Mel & Jane McKeown
- 25..... Herb & Joyce Keck

If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please notify the church office.

Copies of the monthly Board Minutes and Financials are always available in the church office.

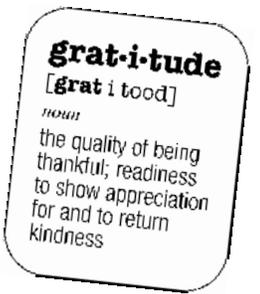
Congratulations



We welcome **Avery Michelle**, born October 6, 2015 to proud parents James and Heather Harrod. Avery weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. and is 21 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to big sisters Elisha, Anna, and Lydia, and big brother, Josiah.

The Power of Gratitude

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. -Melody Beattie



Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m. Bible Study 101, Small Group
 9:30 a.m. Parables, Elementary, Youth
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day	2 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry	3 9:00 Partners in Prayer 6:00 Partners in Prayer	4 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Soul	5	6 9:30 Exercise	7 7:00 NA
8  Community For Christ Food Drive 11:45 Board Meeting	9 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry	10 9:00 Partners in Prayer 11:30 CWF 6:00 Partners in Prayer	11 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Soul	12 9:30 Newcomers Board 10:30 CMF Lake History Tour	13 9:30 Exercise	14 7:00 NA
15 11:45 Fellowship Dinner & Quilt Raffle 2:00 Laurie Care Center Worship	16 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry	17 9:00 Partners in Prayer Noon Newsletter Deadline 4:00 Church Growth 6:00 Partners in Prayer	18 9:30 Exercise 10:00 Newcomers Luncheon 5:00 Praise Team 6:30 Supper & Soul	19	20 9:30 Exercise	21 7:00 NA
22 11:45 Decorate the Church 2:00 Care Center  Community Thanksgiving Service	23 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry 6:30 Chorale Rehearsal	24 9:00 Newsletter Folding 9:00 Partners in Prayer 6:00 Partners in Prayer	25 9:30 Exercise 5:00 Praise Team	26 Happy Thanksgiving  Office is closed	27	28 7:00 NA
29 3:00 Chorale Concert 	30 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Min.					

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Dona Johnson, Music Coordinator
Betty Greenley, Parish Nurse

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Come Decorate the Church



Calling all men and women
who can participate -
Sunday, November 22
is designated
Holiday Decorating Sunday.

Action will take place right after the worship service. All decorations will be provided. Please come and spend a few minutes with us decorating our Church for the holidays. For those of you who want exercise, ladder climbing will be offered, as will bending and stretching exercises. It really is a time of camaraderie and helpfulness for our Church.



Come join in the holiday fun and help create a festive spirit in our church!



Preparing for Christmas

Advent devotional booklets will be available on the credenza for you to pick up in preparation of the **first Sunday of Advent, November 29.**



Please pick up your family's copy of *Hope-Full Living: The Season of Advent*, which is provided by the Worship Committee.

Christmas Workshop

We are going to be having a community Christmas Workshop on

Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m.-noon.

There will be breakfast, craft workshops, and a gift shop for children to choose gifts for their parents. We are asking for your help in providing small items for the gift shop. Suggestions for gifts are: jewelry, candles, lotions, hair accessories, brushes or combs, lip gloss and nail polish, dish cloths and towels, handkerchiefs, socks, tee shirts, flashlights, candy, and cash donations to purchase gifts. Place *unwrapped* gifts in Christmas Box in entry way.