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Community Church

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

at our Annual community
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday November 23rd at 7:00pm

Join us for this annual event to share our Thanks-Giving to God. This year the worship service will be at Elim Lutheran. This is a joint service with FLCC, St. Bede, Spirit of Life and Elim. The worship service will be followed by a dessert auction hosted by a team of Thrivent Financial reps. All the proceeds will be donated to S.K. Helpline, Life Care Foodbank and Heifer International. The funds to Helpline and Life Care will be generously supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Please bring a pie or
dessert to share. We will also be
accepting donations of
non-perishable food.
See you there!



Pastor Doug Nemitz

Virgil Wood, Pastor Emeritus

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” — 1 Corinthians 12:7

Dear FLCC Family,

Anna died in her 95th year. She'd been living in a small room at the nursing home for a couple of years. Her mind was not always clear when I visited with her. She seemed to remember her childhood better than the years she had been active in the congregation some years before.

I thought the funeral would be small. Few people seemed to remember her, few ever mentioned her name. To my surprise, when I arrived to do the service the room was packed.

One person told me, “Most of the people you see here are still in the church because of that wonderful woman. She taught us all. More importantly, she loved us all—and we knew it.”

Some people's gifts are easy to see. Others have quieter and less obvious gifts. Anna loved the children she taught in such a way that they knew they were loved—a wonderful gift, but not very flashy.

God is an abundant giver. Hezekiah was given 15 years of life, Lazarus resurrection, and Paul tells us that each of us is given “the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7). God gives gifts generously to all. The question is: Are we willing to use our gifts to the glory of God and for the sake of God's people?

Jesus said and continues to say, “You did not choose me but I chose you” (John 15:16). We are chosen and gifted so that we can lead the “abundant life” of purpose and service. Serving God and serving people gives our lives meaning and purpose. We especially find this is true as we use the gifts we've been given for the common good, for the building up of one another.

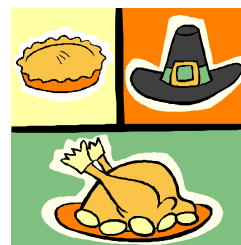
Have you ever taken an inventory of the talents, abilities, or strengths that God has given you? If you haven't, I encourage you to list these gifts. Next, I encourage you to consider just how you have used each of your gifts, skills, abilities, talents, and passions.

Once you have such a list, it's much easier to see which gifts have been easier to use and which have been more effective and which still wait to be put to good use. With such a list, you can see which gifts have been used for building up, for the common good; and, if need, maybe offer a prayer to invite the Spirit to lead you in a more effective use of your gifts.

I pray that we will be instruments of God's love and care as we discover the gifts God have given and set our hearts and minds on using them to God's glory and the benefit of others.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

SHARE YOUR BOUNTY



We are now collecting non-perishable food and turkey money for our Thanksgiving Baskets. We are so blessed to sponsor 25 families from South Kitsap for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Some of the needed items are; flour, sugar, pumpkin, stuffing mix, jello, canned fruit and vegis, rice, gravy mixes, olives, cranberry sauce, and any other non-perishables. If you would like to make a donation to help us purchase perishables, you can put it in the offering box and mark it "Thanksgiving baskets." Food will need to be into the church by Friday Nov. 18th. We will be packing the baskets on Saturday Nov. 19th at 9:00am, come join the fun! Thank you so much for your amazing generosity! (If you would like to purchase a turkey for a family, please contact Kelly at 360-876-3901 or kellyflc@hotmail.com)

The church office will be closed Friday November 11th
in honor of Veterans Day,
Thursday November 24th and Friday November 25th in
celebration of Thanksgiving.

General Budget Update September 2011



Expenses YTD-	\$ 321,672
Total Income YTD-	\$ 291,207
Shortage	\$-30,465
Pledged Giving rec'd %	95% or \$203,624
Unpledged giving/income	\$87,583

Thank you for your tithes and offerings. First Lutheran is solely supported by your gifts. If you have questions about your giving statement please contact Sonja in the office.

News From Noah's Ark Preschool

We at Preschool have much for which we are thankful. Daily we are thankful for our students and their families; of course, they provide us with a reason to work, but also we learn from them and enjoy them. We are thankful for our wonderful facility. When families come to visit our preschool, we hear so many positive comments about how big, how clean, and how nice our classrooms are. Sometimes the quality of our facility is the deciding factor for parents to enroll their children in our program. We are thankful for the support we receive from church members. It is helpful to know that members are praying for us as we lead these little ones on their educational path. We also appreciate the soup labels, Safeway eScrip program participation, referrals and the saving of miscellaneous "stuff" like meat trays and toilet paper tubes.

This year we are especially thankful for the great support of our fall fundraiser. We more than doubled our profit from last year! Our fundraiser sale provided us with close to \$2000 in profit. We will also receive funds from Thrivent as our fundraising partner. Thank you to the church members who ordered at our table on Sunday mornings and to those who ordered through students. Thank you also to those kind folks who gave us a straight donation! Donations are always welcome!



YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to everyone for your help with Trunk or Treat! We had a great turn out and it was great to see so many families participating. Those of you who stood out in the arctic wind get a special thank you.

Wed Night Youth Group

Nov 2 – no youth group tonight, go bond with your family J

Nov 9th – 7pm Wii party at MC, bring a snack to share

Nov 16th - 7pm Thanksgiving mission project

Nov 23rd – Thanks Eve Church Service and Dessert Auction at Elim w/ Spirit and St. Bedes

Nov 30th – Movie Night (meeting time to be determined)

Jr. and Sr. High Sundays

Nov. 6th 9:30am: Jr. High Stewardship Lesson at M.C./ Sr. High Class @ the church

Nov. 13th 9:30am: Jr. High attend special Veteran's Sunday service/ Sr. High Class @ the church

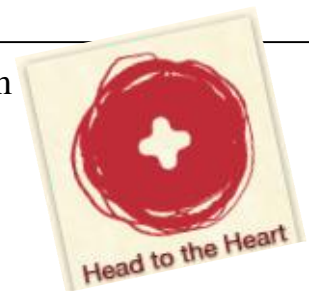
Nov. 20th 9:30am: Jr. High Mission discussion/ project @ M.C./ Sr. High breakfast club meet @ espresso stand.

Nov. 27th: Jr. and Sr. High– Thanksgiving Holiday weekend No class.

Sunday Evenings Youth and Confirmation Program H2H (Head to Heart)

Nov. 6th 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Nov. 20th at 4:30pm – come early for **special youth dinner in Fellowship** area before H2H. Invite your friends! Please RSVP by Nov 6th so we can buy supplies...see Lori Rill to help host



ADVENTURES IN GOD'S KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bibles –Many of you received new Bibles last month; make sure to bring them with you Sunday mornings and check to see if your name is written in the bible. If you don't yet have a bible, check with one of the Adventure staff and we will get you one.



There are 3 Wed. Night Kid's Club sessions left this year:

Nov 2 – Board Game Night! Some of the youth are going to join us for a game night.

Nov 9 – Pajama Party...wear your PJ's to church and we will dance, sing and be silly.

Nov 16th – Mission Project – Help make cards for our community thanksgiving baskets

*All Church bake sale **on December 3rd** – bake some goodies together this month (freeze them, if needed) and then drop them off at church on Dec 2nd. All proceeds go to help programs in our community and we often raise over \$1000.

*Santa Breakfast– Dec 10th 9am

Thank you to all my wonderful Adventure volunteers for all the time you invest in the children of First Lutheran, you are all amazing!

Our big Christmas Musical, which is set for Dec 11th, is underway and all the children will be rehearsing music with Lesley during class. Then those with lines to rehearse will stay after to practice together. This will be the plan for all of November. Our preschoolers will begin practicing their songs as well.

Our big mission for November is to bring food and offering for the Thanksgiving Baskets which will be packed on Nov 19th at 9am. **Your family is invited to come**



Thanks to everyone that helped and participated with Trunk or Treat 2011! We had a great turn out and some very creative trunks and costumes! Though it did not rain, the wind made it quite chilly for awhile so thank you to everyone that endured the cold to pass out treats

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Packing Night was a great success!! We started on time and finished an hour and a half later. What a crew. It was so encouraging to see new faces, especially some of FLCC's youth. Talk about a teachable moment. Friday morning Dave Lester and Ned Plank drove our quilts and kits to Seattle where they were loaded on to semis for further shipment. Here is what we were able to send: 103 quilts = 390 lbs. 120 school kits = 336 lbs.
37 personal kits = 51 lbs. 24 fabric kits = 43 lbs.

55 baby care kits = 197 lbs and A LOT of bars of soap.

Thank You To:

Dave Lester
Stacy Goddard
Gary Rollins
Mackenzie Powell
Susan May
Bea DeBoer
Velda Holt
Patricia Chapman
Jan Nabors
Guyla Kaplan

Brady Hammerich
Nancy Norman
Leonard Paulson
Gary Douthit
Marion Peterson
Isabella Warrington
Kay Austin
Diane Demulling
Pat Peterson
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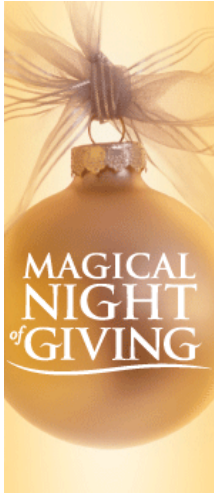
Ned Plank
Patty Lester
Alex May
Mason Powell
Angie Warrington
Sonja Miller
Tracy Powel
Irene McLeod
Selma Digerness
Nancy Rollins

Thank You! Thank You!

In these difficult financial times it is wonderful to see the heart and generosity of our congregation. God's spirit is alive and well in your choices and actions. Your love is greatly noticed – see the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall.

Thank you also to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Their \$800.00 "Care abounds in Communities" grant helps with the cost of additional kit supplies, quilt batting, and shipping. Here we go again. Items needed: Soap – Bath Size bars –for baby kits and health kits (gentle soap for baby kits)





Kick-Off your holiday season
with a
Magical Night of Giving
at the Supermal I
Sunday, November 13th
6:30pm - 10:30pm

Each year, SuperMal I in auburn hosts Magical Night of Giving, an official kick-off to the holiday season and an opportunity for guests to enjoy an evening of exclusive savings throughout the mall, prize giveaways and holiday entertainment. SuperMal I joins with local non-profit organizations that support this community event by selling tickets, for which the non-profits keep 100% of the profits. This year FLCC is taking a busload of excited shoppers to the event!! A Thrivent Financial team will be selling tickets for \$5 each, with all proceeds going to the Angel Tree. Thrivent Financial will be giving supplemental funding to this event also. Get your tickets on Sunday at the espresso stand or at the office. we are asking for a \$2 donation for gas if you would like to ride the bus. There will be treats on board! The bus will be leaving the church at 5:30 and be back at the church about 10pm. Get your tickets and reserve your spot ASAP!

Mmmmmm... **Rum cakes are coming!!**
The FLCC famous Rum cakes, joined by the *new* Black Russian cake, are ready to be baked and pre-ordered. Grab your order form at the Welcome Center (they must be pre-ordered) and then turn it in at the basket there. We also need bakers and donations! Sign up at the Welcome Center to help out. Contact Marie Stege for more information at thesteges@gmail.com.



Kiva Krew update

The Louise McKim memorial made its 28th loan this week. Kiva Krew also made loans this week. The **63** families/groups of the Kiva Krew have made a difference in the lives of **1033** families in **53** countries around the world since January of 2008.

We can make a difference! "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God". Micah 6:8

When you make a loan, please forward the confirming Kiva.org email to me.
Blessings, Richard Courteau



Its hard to believe but **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!**
Mark your calendars for **Saturday December 10th at 9am** for the Santa Breakfast! We will be selling tickets soon for a pancake and sausage breakfast, singing carols, and an appearance by the big guy himself for some knee sitting and photo ops. Tickets will be \$5/person or \$10 for a family for all you can eat pancakes.



DINE OUT TO END HUNGER

As part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week's "Dine Out To End Hunger" campaign, Amy's On The Bay is donating 5% of sales for the day to South Kitsap Family Kitchen on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17th**. If you're in the south end, please spend a bunch of money at Amy's, 100 Harrison, in Port Orchard and help SK Family Kitchen, operating out of 1st Lutheran Community Church, 2483 Mitchell Rd. SE. If you would like to invite your favorite restaurant to participate in "Dine Out to End Hunger" you can pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.

Thankoffering Sunday November 20, 2011

The idea of collecting donations in small offering boxes goes back to the very early 1800's, when boxes were used to support church projects and foreign missionaries. Lutheran women continue the tradition today. Many contribute coins, placing them in their own Thankoffering Box at home as an important and tangible way to express gratitude for God's blessings. Others prefer to make a check payable to FLCCW (First Lutheran Community Church Women). Each member (men too!) is encouraged to participate in this annual event. These special gifts will be collected at each service on Thankoffering Sunday, November 20th.

The entire Thankoffering will be sent to Churchwide Women of the ELCA. It will be used to provide resources, events, scholarships, and special initiatives. It also provides the Women's crucial annual gift to the ELCA, supporting the ministry of the whole church, global mission, the world hunger program and much more. Please join me in giving Thanks!

For your own Thankoffering Box, or if you have questions
Contact Nancy Rollins 360-871-7230 nrollins@wavecable.com



**O.W.L.S. (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS)
BY PASTOR DOUG
MONTHLY MEETINGS, SECOND TUESDAY, NOON**

Tuesday November 8th 12:00NOON

Hi there OWLS friends! Bring a potluck dish to share and be ready to have a great time with friends!



**The FLCC Annual Bake Sale and
Bazaar is Saturday
December 3rd from 9am-2pm**

This well known annual event is so fun. You can get your Christmas treats and shopping done all at one place. You can also have a delicious lunch at the bake sale for only \$7.

Look for your Christmas tin in the Fellowship Hall November 13th and 20th to take home and bring your delicious baked goods donations back! Friday December 2nd you can drop your bake sale donations off in the kitchen, and that afternoon they will be setting up, pricing goods, and they need your help! The time for this will be announced soon.

Also on Dec. 3rd after the bake sale at 2:30pm we need some strong helpers to come do take down. If you have any question or need more info please contact Nancy Rollins @ 360-871-7230 or Cindy Mitchell at 360-443-6268. A Thrivent service team will also be working for the Bake Sale and Thrivent Financial will so generously be donating supplemental funds. Funds raised will be donated to S.K. Helpline and Kitsap Community Resources.

DI D YOU KNOW TH I S

about Thanksgiving?

By Richard Courteau*

Thanksgiving Day, first celebrated in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts, was in effect a prayer of thanks to god for an abundance of food. The custom was ancient and universal. The Greeks honored Demeter, goddess of agriculture. The Romans paid tribute to Ceres, the god of corn (ed. hence cereal). The Hebrews offered thanks to Yahweh for abundant harvest with the eight-day Feast of Tabernacles. Thanks has a way of expressing itself in festivals.

The Roman Catholic grace before meals is typical in form to the most ancient of prayers ever discovered:

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

*Courtesy of "Sacred Origins of Profound Things" by Charles Panati

Just a little update from the Noah's Ark Daycare.

We have been very busy working on a remodeling improvement which is almost complete, as well as our new updated playground, which will all probably come together at the same time. I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped make this a reality for us.

We are enjoying our fall by celebrating a wonderful time of pumpkin carving and moving into Christmas with our Christmas singing program. Our Christmas Program will be December 9th at 6:30 pm. Please come share a wonderful night to watch the most precious things in town sing a few songs, and share a cup of coffee and dessert. We welcome your visit.



First Life

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PARI SH NURSING

Parish Nurses are registered nurses who can assist with health related concerns or questions and can help with seeking and utilizing community resources. Please contact the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider, RN at 876-2304 or Tina Soete, RN at 871-1322, Kathleen Nenninger, RN at 253-853-4663, Marcy Crebs, LPN at 360-620-9487 or Carmen Arehart, RN at 360-990-3821.

BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETES SCREENING

How is your blood pressure? You can have your blood pressure checked on the last Sunday of every month in the Fellowship Hall in the Ruth Room #3 before and after the 9:30 a.m. services.



FIRST DRIVERS

Transportation can be provided during the day for those who need assistance to keep medical, dental, or therapy appointments. You must be able to get in and out of a car with minimal assistance. You can call the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider at 876-2304.



CASSEROLE CONNECTION: MEALS THAT HEAL

Meals are offered on a short term basis for those who may be experiencing post hospitalization, illness, trauma, or families with a newborn. Please call Kathy Posey at 871-5692 or the church office at 876-3901.



FIRST CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on Wednesday November 30th at 11 a.m. If you are taking care of a loved one and would like to meet with others who are caregivers in a caring support group, please join us. The group meets on the last Wednesday of every month in the old church library. For more information, call Dixie Douthit at 876-5270 or Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703.

PLEASE COME!!

Thanksgiving Basket Packing Saturday November 19th at 9am



Come join the fun as we put together and pack the food for our Thanksgiving Baskets. FLCC is sponsoring around 25 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas through South Kitsap Helpline. The time goes so fast as we blaze through the Fellowship Hall distributing the abundance of food that you all have so generously donated! Bring the whole family and share your holiday spirit. A team of Thrivent Financial members from FLCC will be helping out, and Thrivent will be very generously donating supplemental funds for the baskets. These donations are greatly needed to purchase the perishable foods, such as turkeys, produce and milk.

The First Friday Readers will meet at the Senior Vista Apartments on Friday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m. The book review is "The Heretics Daughter" by Kathleen Kent. It is an account of a family during the Salem witch trials in 1692 as told through the eyes of a ten year old girl. On December 2, the book group will meet for a holiday lunch at the Lighthouse restaurant. For more information, please contact Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703 or Kris Courteau at 876-5287.



GLOBAL WARMERS: 9:00 Wed. the 2nd and 15th in the Fellowship Hall .

MARY CIRCLE: 7:00 Mon. the 14th @ the Ministry Center

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: Tue. the 8th at 9:30AM at church. Childcare available.

SHALOM CIRCLE: Tuesday the 8th at 7:00 PM at Patty Lester's house.

STAMPING AND SCRAPPING on *Saturday the 19th!****
from Noon to 5pm at the Ministry Center.

**** Note that it is on the 3rd Saturday in Nov.**



November Birthdays

- 11/01 David Cisneros, Sheri Perdue
11/02 Peggy Holloway, Bryan Petro, Whitney Mundle
11/03 Brent Huber, Juliene Eid, Jonas Eid
11/04 Betty Geisler, Maggie McGregor
11/05 Phyllis Miller
11/06 Carol Schneider, Shilo Barrett, Abigale Reeves
11/07 Ralph Bacon, Jan Angel, Marsh Anthony, Carmen Arehart,
Dana Pagel
11/08 Rachel Jorgenson
11/09 Anna Shepherd, Wendell Walker, Josh Hasbrook
11/10 Mary Seidel, Shanna Baird, Trevor Kornish
11/11 Linda Helmer
11/12 Christy Radtke
11/13 Rhonda Lemon
11/14 Earla Turner, Michael Nelson
11/15 Marion Peterson, Kathleen Nenner, Hailey Eklund
11/16 Janet Selig, Ryan Austin, Chirstine Bryan, Colleen Bryan
11/17 Lois Smith, Sandy Thompson, Elizabeth Huber
11/19 Glenn Hasebrock, Royce Poetter
11/20 Danny Gehler, Cynthia Kapsch
11/21 Jim Foster, Debra Larive, Aaron Geister, Elijah Johnson
11/22 Ross Pfann, Jennifer Cruz
11/23 Sonja Miller, Dave Rosenberg, John Beck, Kristen Lester
11/24 Billie Holderman, Stephen Smith, Chris Steinmetz
11/25 Gale Louch, Annie Espy
11/26 Nanette Nelson, Keith Fife, Makayla Covey
11/27 Andi Pervinich, Megan Gresley, Matthew Kogey, Rachel Nenner
11/29 Gary Thorpe, Tom Lundgren, Linda Kingsbury, Kyle Erickson
11/30 Sherry Beck, Jose Greco, Julie Schroath



**(If you find a missing or incorrect birthday
please call Kelly @ the office, we love getting
new information for our family!)**



WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Nursery available at 9:30 & 11:00am

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