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Tidings

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Remember to forgive and give thanks

November is known mainly for elections and Thanksgiving but, believe it or not, this month also contains the end of the Church's liturgical year. That is because the Church year begins every year with the first Sunday in Advent, which this year just happens to be Sunday, Dec. 2.

On the very last Sunday in November, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we will celebrate the end of the Church year with a festival known as

Christ the King Sunday. We will use the last Sunday of the Church year to remember that Jesus has been enthroned on the cross as the king of creation. On that particular day we will hear Jesus' words from the cross which are recorded in Luke's Gospel: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

On Thanksgiving weekend, while you are celebrating and giving thanks for all that our God has given you, remember it is not about what YOU have accomplished, but it is about what

our God has done in, through, and with YOU!

A story is told about two veterans who visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. With tears in their eyes, they touch the names etched into the black marble:

the names of their brothers with whom they served in Southeast Asia and with whom they were imprisoned by the Viet Cong.

As they leave the memorial, one of the ex-



POWS asks, "Have you forgiven your captors yet?" "No, never," his friend replies. His buddy pauses for a moment, looks behind him again at the wall, and then says, "Then it seems they still have you in prison, don't they?"

On Christ the King Sunday, we stand on the edge of paradise; we look through the doorway of heaven. In his promise to the thief, Jesus opens the door to true freedom; he invites us to enter paradise here and now; he has

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Zion Lutheran Church
 Mission Statement
 "To share the
 Good News of
 God's love shown
 to us through
 Jesus Christ; in
 gathering for
 worship, Baptism,
 and Holy Communion;
 through studying
 God's word in order
 to share an active
 faith; providing
 loving service
 to our community."



WELCA News

We have a lot of projects scheduled for the next few months. Here is a list of dates:

Nov. 18: Thankoffering Sunday. We are also collecting different food items through the end of November for the Food Pantry.

Nov. 26: H.E.L.P. House Dinner
Dec. 2: WELCA Christmas Party 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 10: Madison County Retired Teachers Association luncheon

Dec. 15: Christmas Cookie Jubilee, 9 a.m. to -1 p.m.

Dec. 16: Caroling, with party at Milly's afterward.

In case you are wondering, we are not doing the Harvest Dinner. The Christmas Cookie Jubilee will be our main fundraiser for the year. Also, we plan on coordinating the West Jefferson Community Association Adopt-a-Family for our church as in previous years. Look for more information to come!

Decorations for sale

Thank you to everyone who signed up to purchase a wreath, door spray, centerpiece or living tree to help the youth traveling to New Orleans in 2009 for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Although the order has been placed for Christmas items, there will be a few items available for sale once the order comes in. If you are yet interested in purchasing a wreath, door spray or living tree, please let Linda Koch know by Nov. 18 when the order comes in.

Special thanks

Note: I forgot to include this in October's "Tidings."

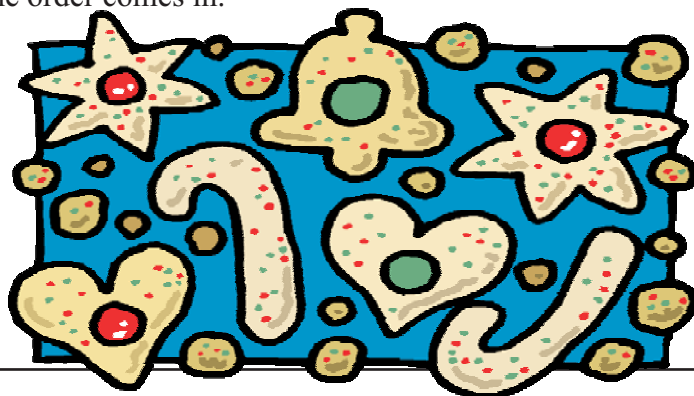
"On behalf of the congregation at St. Paul Lutheran, I thank Zion Lutheran for inviting us to your picnic and worship in the park. Your hospitality was appreciated. The food was excellent as was the worship. It is our privilege to commune with our brothers and sisters in the faith. A little rain did nothing to dampen the Spirit. God bless your ministry, Pastor Larry D. Baker, St. Paul Lutheran Church"

Cookie Jubilee

Mark your calendars for Dec. 15 when WELCA will hold its inaugural Christmas Cookie Jubilee.

Watch the Church bulletins for times and dates for Cookie Baking Parties that we will have to make cookies and candies for the event. We will also appreciate any cookies that anyone wishes to make at home and bring in. We would like to have at least five or six dozen of each kind so that we will have enough to sell to more than one person. We are looking forward to baking with you and seeing you on the 15th at the Jubilee.

The Jubilee will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include a luncheon of soup, sandwiches and desserts. For more information, see Joyce Gossett or Louise Johnston



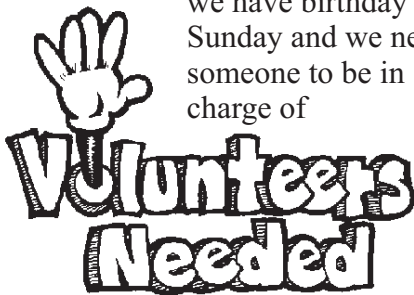
Volunteers, Where? *We are looking for a few good volunteers!*

Did you know that there are many, MANY, opportunities to serve in the church?

We have a need for nursery caretakers on Sundays; someone to read the lessons during the service every Sunday (Lectors); Pastor likes to have a Worship Assistant with him to share in the service. If none of these appeal to you, then maybe you would like to be a Junior Church leader on Sunday mornings. Or perhaps you would like to be behind the scene and be on Church Council.

Every Sunday, we like to have someone stand at the Welcome table and greet everyone as they come in and be sure they get their name tags. We also have a need for people to give to the Food on the Alter list, this money goes to Lutheran Social Services. At the end of every month

we have birthday Sunday and we need someone to be in charge of



getting/baking a cake and everything that would be needed with it. We also need volunteers to set up the communion every Sunday so it is ready for the service each week.

If we have not mentioned any way that you can use your gifts, how about singing in the choir? We meet every Monday evening at 6:45 for about 45 minutes so that we can add a little extra music to the service from time to time. Or if none of this works for you, we pack food boxes at the Good Samaritan Food Pantry right after church on the first Sunday of the month. We could use people to help students with their homework at the tutoring sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can be a part of our Prayer Chain; we are getting people together to give food, rides, or other help that the elderly or any other member might need.

If you have not seen any way that you can volunteer at the Church, then come to Sally Hurt, Susie Taylor, Louise Johnston, or Pastor to discuss a new mission that you might have in mind. We are always looking for new ways to serve our community.

Give thanks

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established the reign of God in our time and place. All we have to do — and it is no small thing — is put aside our hurts and slights, drop our demand for restitution and vengeance, realize our need to be re-created in the love of God.

The thief crucified with Jesus recognized that need in himself and called out to Jesus — and Jesus, in the last, painful moments of his own life, responded with compassion

and hope.

In the shadow of the cross, we are able to finally admit our need for healing, for peace, for God. In acknowledging our own need to forgive and be forgiven, to love and be loved, to give and be ministered to, Jesus' promise of Paradise is ours.

And, remember to give thanks.

Pastor Dennis

Cell phone vs. Bible

Wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles like our cell phones.

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What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

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What if we flipped through it several time a day?

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What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

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What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

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What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

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What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

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What if we used it when we traveled?

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What if we used it in case of emergency?

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This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and unlike our cell phones, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

November Birthdays

11/3 Evan Taylor – 15
11/4 Faith Hall
11/4 Richard Taylor
11/4 Angela Weser
11/5 Emma Lou Matheny
11/11 Bernie Brister
11/14 Kate Mahon – 15
11/16 Jennifer Murray
11/19 Aaron Bausch – 18
11/23 Timothy Biler
11/27 Nick Hazlett
11/28 Helen Davis
11/28 Linda Koch
11/28 Tyler Woods – 1

November Anniversaries

11/4 Bill and Angela Weser – 8
11/10 Pete and Malenie Hadidon – 17
11/22 Richard and Jody Taylor

December Birthdays

12/3 Sally Hurt
12/4 Melinda Biler
12/5 Victoria Weser – 5
12/6 Nicole Biler – 17
12/7 Regan Johnston
12/9 Ashley Forrest – 15
12/10 Sally Sindedecker
12/11 Joie Livingston
12/11 Derek Taylor – 10

12/15 Pete Hadidon
12/17 Trevor Bausch – 15
12/17 Ashley Biler
12/17 Jody Taylor
12/22 Jennifer Johnston
12/23 Anne Marie Lutz
12/26 Allen Bausch
12/26 Arlene Castor
12/27 Daniel Salyers – 5
12/28 Daniel Hadidon – 12
12/31 Kaleigh Johnston – 3

December Anniversaries

12/5 John and Sandy Balderson – 20
12/8 Larry and Louise Johnston – 34

Want to submit an item for the newsletter?

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