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*Making peace by the blood of his cross — Colossians 1:15-20*

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In Arlington Nation Cemetery, most of the graves look the same. Row after row of marble headstones are each set in precise distance from each other. There is very little ornamentation, usually just a cross or a star of David engraved in the marker over the identifying details. Overlooking them all is the tomb of the unknown soldier. This larger edifice is different. There is space around the tomb, a fresh wreath standing before the remains. The tomb is honored with a constant armed guard.

When I visited Arlington years ago it was just days after a hurricane had come up Chesapeake Bay. Even during the gale force winds and rain, the guards remained honoring this grave.

Why do we give such honor to one soldier's tomb? It is part of the tragedy and sorrow of war that devastation can leave bodies unidentifiable. Only days before his death, that unidentifiable soldier, made in the image of God, had been part of the band of brothers. He was known and loved. But entire regiments can be decimated with none left to say, "That was my brother."

As a country, we do not want any of these sacrifices to be left forgotten. This is why we make such a monument and continue to honor it constantly. Seeing the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier stirs up in us the right feeling that we must honor the veterans who sacrifice for our freedoms.

We set aside a day each November, as a country, to honor our veterans. The church, similarly, sets aside the first day of November to honor the saints who have fought the good fight and have been called home. "All Saints' Day," is not a catch-all day to remember the forgotten saints who do not otherwise have a feast day of their own, like St. Peter and St. Patrick. All Saints Day, rather, is a celebration of the restoration to fullness and unity all believers will find after death.

Once we have run our race of faith and come home to the Father, once we have died, all sin and sorrow is taken from us forever. All the decimation of guilt and sin is taken away. Not only will we be identifiable, we will be more ourselves than we have ever been before. Not only are the saints in heaven remembered and honored, they experience a unity of brotherhood more intense and glorious than any we have experienced yet in this life.

All Saints Day does not look back and say, "let us not forget what such and such saints did." All Saints Day looks forward to all we will be in the Lamb. Arlington overwhelms you with the wonder at how many sacrificed so much for our country. But as Christians we are overwhelmed at what the one sacrifice of Christ has won to give so many new life and resurrection.<sup>5</sup>

This November, let us honor those who sacrificed for our country. Let us also, look forward to the glory of the kingdom won by the ultimate victorious sacrifice of Jesus, our Lord.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



## Celebrations in November

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Sam Adams
- 5- Virgie Butts
- 5- Flo Penfold
- 6- Nathaniel Guagenti
- 7- Austin Yaroma
- 9- Kevin McKinley
- 11- Matthew Jager
- 14- Hannah Guagenti
- 14- Roxana Pontius
- 18- John Skellie
- 25- John Feole
- 27- Alex VanPelt
- 29- Carol Spreitzer
- 30- Lindsey Runner

### VICTORIOUS IN THE LORD

Peter O'Neil passed away September 2019.  
May our risen Lord comfort those who mourn.

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."*  
*John 11:25*



### BOOK CLUB: NOVEMBER 3

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3rd. We are reading and discussing: *Life Together*: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In his book *Life Together* we learn of Pastor Bonhoeffer's experience within Christian community.

### SENIOR OUTINGS: NOVEMBER 5

Seniors will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 10am at Holy Cross. They will be working on the shawls for some of the residents at Masonic Home.



### NEW MEMBERS

On October 27, Holy Cross welcomed new members Charlie & Lexi Powell, Theresa Tippet, and Mark & Marilyn Murray. We thank the Lord for them and pray that they will be blessed here at Holy Cross.

### MEN'S TIME OUT: NOVEMBER 9

Men's Time Out will be dining at Jim's Seafood in Frankfort, Saturday, November 9, at 12pm. For more information or to carpool please see Rod Shreve.

### EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY: NOVEMBER 10

The Holy Cross congregation has been invited to attend George Wilson's Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday, November 10 at 1pm.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT: NOVEMBER 12

Ladies Night Out will be going to Tumbleweed in Shelbyville on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30pm. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

On Saturday, December 7 at 2pm the Ladies will have a cookie exchange. Ladies are to bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to exchange with each other. For more information see Rita Whitehouse.

### LUTHERANISM 201

#### WEDNESDAYS NOVEMBER 13 & 20, 7 PM

Wednesday November 13 we will cover how we make decisions and select leaders in our churches. What are Voters' Meetings and why do we have them? We'll look at the Bible and Lutheran church history. We'll also learn why pastor loves the word "adiaphora."

### **MAMMOTH CAVE TRIP: NOVEMBER 24**

A group from Holy Cross will leave after Divine Service Sunday November 24 to take the Gothic Avenue Tour at Mammoth Cave. The tour runs from 2:15 Central Time to 4:15. If you want to join the group, you can make your own reservations through the Mammoth Cave website. If you need any assistance making the reservation, please talk to Pastor.

### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: NOVEMBER 27**

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held Wednesday, November 27 at 7pm.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who volunteered and donated items for Trunk or Treat. It was a great success and we could not have done it without you. Congratulations to our "Best Decorated Trunk" winners: *The Botkins family* !

### **SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS: FRIDAYS**

There is an ongoing Sign Language Class here at Holy Cross. For more information please see Nancy Guagenti.

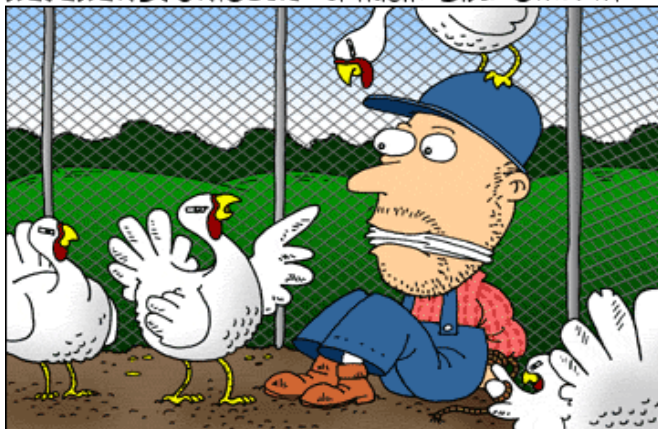
### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Holy Cross is looking to start a women's Bible study. Let us know when you could come and how often a month you'd like this class to meet.

#### **YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...**

- You talk to someone else and look at their shoes first.
- The only open pew is up front, so you volunteer to shovel the sidewalk.

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THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO BE THANKFUL  
THAT ALL THE TURKEYS ARE STILL GOING  
TO BE AROUND NEXT YEAR



### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45AM**

As the Scriptures focus us God's grace in Christ, characters from Abraham to Zebedee move in and out of the spotlight. Peter is one of the most memorable. He is heroic and yet utterly human. He boldly jumps out of the boat to Jesus walking on the water, actually walks a few steps, then begins to sink and needs Jesus to save him. We will follow the story of Peter up through his first epistle. We'll see a man grapple with his own country rejecting His Lord, feeling himself an exile, and yet built up into an everlasting temple. We will see how in Christ His power is made perfect in weakness, how we, too, can fish for men, and how our Lord chooses precisely what is rejected by the world to build His glorious kingdom. Come and join us!

### **TURKEY SUPPER & BAZAAR**

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its annual Turkey Supper & Bazaar on Saturday, November 2 from 4 to 7pm. Meal includes turkey, dressing, dumplings, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, slaw or carrot salad, and gravy, roll, dessert and beverage. Turkey Supper prices are: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Take-Outs are available. Bazaar opens at 1pm (No Admission Charge). Grace Lutheran is located at 1787 Klerner Lane, New Albany, IN. Proceeds will be used for mission projects both within the church and community. For more information, please contact Joyce Conner at 812-736-3595.



### LAKEVIEW SPRINGS: DECEMBER 7 & 8

Lakeview Springs is hosting Bethlehem Boulevard on December 7 & 8 from 6:00-7:30 at the camp. Visitors will stroll along the trail and at different spots there will be costumed volunteers from other Lutheran churches telling the story of Jesus's birth. The end of the trail will be the manger of Jesus birth. They will be serving hot chocolate in the lodge of the kitchen. Also if anyone would like to volunteer to be in the choir please let me know and I will supply information on who to contact. There will be a rehearsal Sunday December 1 at 5:30 at the camp. Dinner will be provided. For more information please see Rita Whitehouse.



### CELEBRATE BIRTH INGATHERING

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I propose we also celebrate the birth of other babies, specifically those helped by Shelbyville's ALC(A Loving Choice) Pregnancy Support Center and the mothers who choose to have their babies rather than abort. I will provide an in-gathering box where we can collect baby items for ALC to give the mothers as needed. Ideas would include, but are not limited to: receiving blankets, onesies, bath items, board books, baby toys, pacifiers, crib sheets, sleepers, wipes, outfits, etc. They are in particular need of larger size diapers (size 4,5,6) as they do not stop support at the newborn stage. I think it will be fun to shop for a baby as we remember that Jesus came to us as a babe in Bethlehem. The table will be up Sunday, November 24th and I will take donations until Sunday, December 22. If you have any questions, please contact me. Kathy Adams



## *Christmas Events*

### **ADVENT SERVICES: DECEMBER 4,11,18**

Advent Services will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00pm. Pastor Andy Guagenti will preach a sermon series through Advent's Wednesday Vespers' services. The devotions will look at the advent of kings in the Bible from Melchizedek to Jesus. We will see the grasping for power of men (and some women), what they did with that power, and how the hand of God remained constant behind all the ups and downs of kings rising and falling.



### **ADVENT DINNER: DECEMBER 4**

The Advent dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 4 from 5:30 to 6:30pm. A sign up sheet will soon be posted.

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS: DECEMBER 1**

Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, December 1, following the Divine Service. Volunteers are needed to help with the decorations. For more information please see Rita Whitehouse.



### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Children's Christmas Program has been scheduled for December 22. Practices will begin November 3 during Sunday School

### **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00pm. Christmas Day service with communion will be at 10:00am Wednesday, December 25th.

### **KENTUCKIANA ZONE LWML PRISON CRAFT**

Attention Ladies: You are welcome to come help with a craft on Tuesday, November 19 at Madison Correctional Facility for Women. They will leave Grace Lutheran Church at 10:30 am to drive to the facility, where they will make Christmas Cards for Soldiers and decorate Christmas Stockings. Please contact Dolly Jenkins, 812-989-3093 or jenkinsfamily09@twc.com by November 10 to sign up. Items needed: Anything that will fit in a Christmas stocking (no gum, play guns, or anything that would encourage violence).



## LIFE QUOTES

"In Christ, we are united as One Body, and as humans we are all of one race. Ethnicity should mean nothing for the Christian, and our parishes should demonstrate the truth of the ethnic diversity of the Kingdom of God. If we hold to racist beliefs, we only demonstrate how far we have distanced ourselves from the teachings of our Lord. Can a Christian be a racist? The answer is an empathic NO!

*Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington*

"A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life-  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



## KNOW YOUR BIBLE



### Unusual Request

What unusual request did Solomon make when he was anointed king?

Look for the answer in the December's Newsletter  
October's answer: Solomon (see 1 Kings 6)

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
November 3	Eden Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Bob Myers	Shelah Shreve	Rita W. Nancy G.
November 10	Elijah Smith	David Themer	Don Saltzman	Aaron Franke	Botkins Family	Jennie Shreve	No communion
November 17	Max Semeniuk	Nancy Kovach	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Charlie Adams	Alena Guagenti	Brenda M. Nancy G.
November 24	Brenyn Botkins	David Franke	Bob Myers	Don Williams	Franke Family	Josh Botkins	No communion
December 1	Isaac Guagenti	Jeff Wilson	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Kathy Vetter	Kathy Vetter	Jennifer H. Nancy G.
December 8	Gabriel Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Sandy Runner	Shelah Shreve	No communion

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE APPOINTED DAY, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO SERVE IN YOUR PLACE.**

# Care Packages TO DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS

ONE OF MY MANY JOYS serving as an LCMS military chaplain in the Army is the distribution of items from the many gift boxes that we receive while deployed. Often, however, our generous donors aren't fully aware of the conditions in which we serve, and items that are sent at considerable cost are discarded because there is no need for them or they have melted in the heat.

Currently, our U.S. military forces in the Middle East serve in a mature environment. We primarily are in a support mission for our coalition partners and are not primary war fighters. Rather, we support logistics and sustainment and provide training for the forces of the countries we are supporting.

Wi-Fi and connectivity are almost everywhere. Soldiers buy "pucks" to enable them to connect their cell phones via satellite. They phone or "facetime" family and friends on a daily basis. Mailing cards and letters home, therefore, has become a lost art—especially with younger service members.

Service members enjoy basically good balanced food prepared by a government contractor. Very few eat MREs (Meals, Ready to Eat). There is regular access to post exchange facilities. Nevertheless, our service members enjoy the many things that are sent in care packages.

No doubt those who send packages would like to know if the items sent actually arrive and are appreciated. Computer connectivity is commonplace, and it is easier to send a thank-you note electronically via email than it is to send a written response in the mail. Senders are encouraged to include a note in each box identifying the sender and providing an email address at which to respond.

There are many things that are sent that are appreciated and some things that are difficult to give away. Here is a simple list of what I have observed:



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## I. Items **difficult** to give away to service members:

- **Canned goods**  
*no way to cook contents, little desire to do so with hot food at dining facilities*
- **Condiment packs**  
*ketchup, mustard, jelly, hot sauce, BBQ sauce, etc., are generally thrown away.*
- **Toilet paper**  
*no need for it as facilities are properly stocked*
- **Hotel shampoos and soaps**  
*these generally are thrown away as they are too small for regular use*
- **Chocolate candy bars/gummy bears**  
*arrive in a "melted glob" and are inedible and discarded*
- **5-Hour Energy/Energy shots or drinks**  
*these are not healthy in a high temperature environment*
- **Outdated religious literature**  
*outdated religious literature, such as Portals of Prayer, are not desired*
- **Phone cards**  
*not needed; Wi-Fi connectivity is everywhere as well as MWR "free phone calls" home*
- **Old or outdated Halloween candy**  
*this arrives non-edible and is discarded*
- **Comic books and "funny papers"**  
*most entertainment is on social media via Wi-Fi*
- **Handmade cards**  
*these are appreciated by older service members, but are generally not sent by younger service personnel, as they connect almost daily with loved ones via Wi-Fi on their personal cell phones*

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## II. Items **appreciated** by service members (these items, if individually wrapped, go quickly):

- Protein and granola bars are considered desirable.
- Individually-wrapped hard candies, Tootsie Pops, suckers, etc.
- Rice Krispies treats are always winners.
- Small cans of Pringles or small cracker packs (peanut butter, cheese, etc.).
- Nuts, small packages, all kinds are regularly sought after and are a hot commodity.
- Chewing gum, especially "breath enhancers" when you cannot always brush after a meal.
- Personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, bar soap, etc.



# NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Chron. 12:19-40;</li> <li>Ps. 116;</li> <li>Mark 13:1-23</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Chron. 13:1-14;</li> <li>Ps. 117;</li> <li>Mark 13:24-14:2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Chron. 14:1-17;</li> <li>Ps. 118;</li> <li>Mark 14:3-21</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Chron. 15:1-15;</li> <li>Ps. 119:1-8;</li> <li>Mark 14:22-42</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Chron. 15:16-29;</li> <li>Ps. 119:9-16;</li> <li>Mark 14:43-72</li> </ul>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rev. 7:9-17;</li> <li>Ps. 149;</li> <li>1 John 3:1-3;</li> <li>Matt. 5:1-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Chron. 12:1-18;</li> <li>Ps. 115;</li> <li>Mark 12:28-44</li> </ul>
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