

There's a Place for You at SOP!



November



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Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church

Dear saints of Shepherd of Peace,

Thanksgiving brings many things to our minds. We think of the traditional story of the first Thanksgiving. We think of pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock and those pilgrims working peaceably with the Indians to produce a good harvest. We think of large meals highlighted by foods such as turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, or other foods we enjoy. We think about football. After all, the Cowboys ALWAYS play on Thanksgiving Day.

In terms of the relationship between Thanksgiving Day and the Church, things are a little bit interesting. The connection is perfectly obvious on the surface. As Christians, we give thanks to God because that is what he calls us to do in the Second Commandment where we learn that God gives us his name so that we “call upon [his name] in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.” When we talk about the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, we talk about how God “gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people.” But we pray that God “would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with Thanksgiving.” Even though Thanksgiving is technically a secular holiday, we have no problem seeing the connection between our God and the good things we have in this life.

Seeing the good is sometimes pretty hard, though. Perhaps you may feel that you have little to nothing for which to be thankful. Whether it’s the loss of a loved one, poor health, financial crisis, or a depressing election cycle, all of these things can cause us to wonder if God is really even in control of this whole thing as it sure does seem like everything is opposed to God and His church.

As we approach Christmas, we remember that the angels sang to the shepherds “Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.” It sure doesn’t look like peace has come to earth through Jesus, but that’s when we remember that, as Paul writes in Philippians 4, the peace of Christ is a peace that “surpasses all understanding.” It is peace between God and man. We have this peace because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, and it’s a peace that can never be taken away. Yes, we may seem to have little to be thankful for at times, but we can always be thankful that God has indeed sent the Seed of the woman who took on human flesh and crushed the head of the serpent at the cross.

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

Pastor Vandercook

Interesting (or not) Fact about Pastor #2

My second and third toes (the ones next to the big toe) are webbed on both feet. No, it doesn’t help me swim better. Kaylin’s are the same way. So are my dad’s, my oldest sister’s and at least one of my nephews

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**DON'T FORGET TO FALL
BACK ON NOVEMBER 6TH**



November 30th @ SOP
Advent meal @ 5:30
Advent service @ 7:00

Happy
Thanksgiving
Enjoy your family
and friends and count
your blessings!

Thanksgiving Eve
Is at
SOP
7:00pm

thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together
blessings
november

November came in with a very handsome addition to the SOP family! Welcome Colin Dean Davenport! We are so grateful for this blessing! Congrats to Ashley, Philip, and Barrett Davenport and super proud grandparents Ken and Laura Quimby and Uncle Austin!

Fall Craft Show

Fund Raiser for Grace Lutheran
Seminary Students

November 12, 2016
9am—3pm
5124 Hillcrest Ave.,
Little Rock

Corner of Hillcrest
&
Kavanaugh



SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- 11/2 Monty Anderson (b)
- 11/2 Jeremy Ausburn (b)
- 11/3 Cookie Higgins (b)
- 11/3 Jason & Carol Smith (w,15)
- 11/7 Debbi Steiner, (b)
- 11/8 Audrey Flakoll (b)
- 11/9 Laura Quimby (b)
- 11/10 Kaytlin Vandercook (b, 5)
- 11/14 Parrish Hurley (b)
- 11/19 Lisa Roberts (b)
- 11/19 Megan Tschiemer (b)

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 6th – Daylight savings time ends, fall back
- November 12th-Craft Show, Grace Lutheran, 9a-3p
- November 14th -Monthly BoD Meeting
- November 21st -Monthly Lay Minister Meeting
- November 23rd -Thanksgiving Eve Service (SOP @ 7:00pm)
- November 30th -Advent Meal, 5:30pm
- November 30th-Advent Service, 7pm



November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Bible Study, 6:15p</i>	2 <i>Choir, 7pm</i>	3 <i>Bible Study, 10:30a Mid-week teens,</i>	4	5
6 <i>Bible hour, 8am Worship, 9am</i>	7 <i>Quilters, 10am</i>	8 <i>Bible Study, 6:15p</i>	9	10 <i>Bible Study, 10:30a Mid-week teens,</i>	11	12 <i>Fall Craft Show/ Grace Lutheran 9a-3p</i>
13 <i>Bible hour, 8am Worship, 9am</i>	14 <i>Quilters, 10am BoD, 6:30pm</i>	15 <i>Bible Study, 6:15p</i>	16 <i>Choir, 7pm</i>	17 <i>Bible Study, 10:30a Mid-week teens, 6:30pm</i>	18	19
20 <i>Bible hour, 8am Worship, 9am</i>	21 <i>Quilters, 10am Lay Ministers, 6:30p</i>	22 <i>Bible Study, 6:15p</i>	23 <i>Thanksgiving Eve SOP @ 7pm</i>	24 	25	26
27 <i>Bible hour, 8am Worship, 9am</i>	28 <i>Quilters, 10am</i>	29 <i>Bible Study, 6:15p</i>	30 <i>Advent SOP @7p Meal @ 5:30p</i>			

Lay Minister News

As 2016 ends and we welcome the new year you are going to be hearing more, much, much more about an evangelization effort called "Each One Reach One". Building up the Kingdom in general and Shepherd of Peace in particular.

God is still the Lord of His Church. He created the family as the foundation of the Church. Studies show that young married men and women – are more likely to be church members than a single-person. How do we take that message to strengthen our missions and ministries? The answer is reading this newsletter right now. We are all Christ's disciples. As a member of the priesthood of believers we're encouraged, enabled, empowered, and equipped to be His Witnesses.... that Jesus descended from glory to die on the cross to pay for our sin, and rise again to prove our justification before God. One day, He'll return to take all believers to the everlasting peace with God in Christ. That is our great hope in Christ alone!

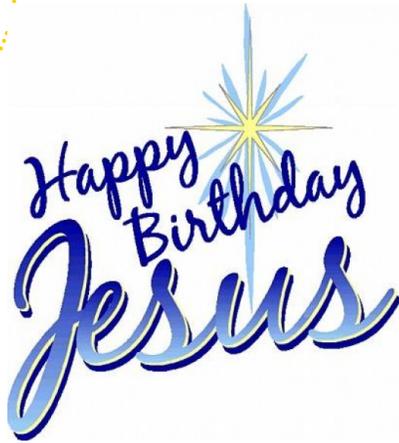
Why's all this important? The Pew Institute asked 10,000 people, "What was responsible for you to become a member of a church?" 2% said they had special needs; 3% said they just walked in; 6% said they liked the pastor; 5% said they liked the Sunday school; 3% liked the service and social programs supported by the congregation; and – get this - 87% said they became a member of their congregation because a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative invited them. That's powerful! Power resides in the priesthood of believers today in the power, privilege, and the pledge of faith by His Spirit by our witness.

We pray for all of you, Pastor Vandercook and our beloved Shepherd of Peace every day, please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions.

In Christ Marc, Pete, Parrish, Steve, Mark

SOP would like to start making use of our hymnals for special services like Lent and Advent for the liturgy as well as our sung worship. We only have around 50 so we need to buy some more. There are anonymous members who will split the cost of these 40 or so additional hymnals, however we would like to give everyone in the congregation an opportunity to participate if you feel called to do so. Each hymnal is on sale for \$20 each until Ash Wednesday. If you wish to purchase one please slip a check or cash into an envelope with a notation "for hymnals" and who you would like the remembrance sticker dedicated to stick inside the jacket.

Finally, these additional hymnals will in no way change our Sunday morning service printed bulletins. There is no plan to stop using our current bulletin format. We plan to use these for midweek services, bible studies, confirmation and any other events that Pastor deems appropriate.



Birthday Party for Jesus

SOP Youth is preparing for the annual "Birthday Party for Jesus" which will take place on Saturday, December 10th, from 9am-1:30pm. This event is a great way to share the true meaning of Christmas with children ages 3-9 years old within our community.

If you would like to volunteer to help the youth with this fun outreach event, please email Dani at: dani42@swbell.net.



December 4th
Church Decorating
following service.
Lite lunch provided
and then the voter's
meeting



Date	Description	Location	Time	Comments
11/23/16	Thanksgiving Eve Service	SOP	7:00pm	
11/30/16	Advent Meal #1	SOP	5:30pm - 6:40pm	If possible we would like to end meal at 6:40 to allow those in kitchen time to clean up prior to service
	Advent Service #1		7:00pm	
12/07/16	Advent Meal #2	Trinity	6:00pm	
	Advent Service #2		7:00pm	
12/14/16	Advent Meal #1	SOP	5:30pm - 6:40pm	If possible we would like to end meal at 6:40 to allow those in kitchen time to clean up prior to service
	Advent Service #1		7:00pm	
12/21/16	Advent Meal #2	Trinity	6:00pm	
	Advent Service #2		7:00pm	
12/24/16	Christmas Eve	Trinity	7:00pm	
12/25/16	Christmas Day (Sunday)			Normal Sunday Morning Schedule
01/01/17	New Years Day (Sunday)			Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

Trunk Or Treat 2016



We had over 200 guests this year! Many thanks to Ashley Quimby Davenport for pulling this off in her last trimester.

We also want to thank the volunteers who took time out of their busy lives to come to meetings and set up tables and clean up. A lot goes into a production like this. We had 11 trunks in all. A giant superman inflatable that was a huge hit. Face painting, cake walk, some craft projects and cookie decorating, that was also a big hit. We even served our guests hot dogs .



We look forward to bigger and better next year to accommodate what is sure to be an even larger crowd, as the feedback from our guests was extremely positive. So start making your plans now for what you are going to bring to the table, or trunk, next year!



Bible Survey Memory Verse

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