



# The Illuminate

*A publication of Family of Christ Lutheran Church*

## Family of Christ Vision Statement

**Family of Christ** is a family of God where all are welcome as we worship and grow in spirit and in life by...



- ~ **Connecting the scriptures** with our Christian faith and life experiences
- ~ **Serving** and caring for our neighbors and communities
- ~ **Building** relationships between people of all ages and walks of life
- ~ **Transforming** our world by teaching love, grace, peace, and kindness
- ~ **Moving purposefully** into God's future

and we ask God to help guide us.

### *Building Relationship...*

#### Pastor's Reflection

As I write this message there are two prayer requests on my desk that tug on my heart. One is the father of one of our preschool students who was seriously injured in a logging accident this week. The other is the godfather of another of our preschool students who is experiencing a sudden health crisis that has him in very serious condition. Each family does need our prayers. Even as I hold them in prayer, I'm mindful of the faces of the children, their innocence and their bright spirits. I wonder how the adults in their lives talk with them about what is happening. How much do they understand and are they afraid? I'm grateful that each of these little ones is surrounded by loving

families and supported by our preschool ministry. What a blessing it is for our staff to have the chance to love them through crisis. The ministry that happens through our preschool is so much more than simply teaching children.

*..let's remember all the many ways that God has blessed us and called us, and give thanks.*

Over the coming months, as we venture out into the world we will see the stores begin to glitz up for the holiday retail push. Even before the Halloween pumpkins are off our front steps, Santas and dazzling trees will begin to appear as the shopping days begin to count down. I know that many depend on holiday sales for their living,

and I've no qualm with all that. However, let's take time to remember the important things, like life, family, children, our seniors, the lonely, the hungry and the cold. Let's remember that for lots of folks, the holidays are hard and lonely times, and reach out. Do you know someone that could use a holiday invitation or a little company? Let's keep folks in our prayers that are experiencing crisis rather than hot turkey meals and holiday joy, like our two preschool families. Most especially, let's remember all the many ways that God has blessed us and called us and give thanks.

May the Lord bless you with the abundance of God's Grace as we move into this season of Thanksgiving and anticipation.

Blessings, *Pastor Kit*



### November Social Concerns



#### Beans

Because **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** is located in Ridgefield, it really does help our neighbors. Place your donation in the basket by the sanctuary door. Thank you!

### Million Meals



At the time of this printing we have donated enough funds to provide 1,563,330 meals.

### November 5

Quilters meet every first Wednesday at 10 a.m. Family of Christ Quilters are selling raffle tickets for a quilt made and donated by Betty Parry. Buy your tickets between services now until Nov. 16th. Proceeds help buy quilt supplies.

### November 11

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at noon starting November 11. Bring a brown bag lunch. We just celebrated our one year anniversary and have generated great ideas for the coming year.



### November 9-16

Our Week of Service at  
The sign up sheet is next to the kitchen door.



### November Birthdays

Connie Marshall 11/01	Breanna Jones 11/13
Kylie Terry 11/01	Blake Leatherwood 11/13
Janet Lundberg 11/02	Fred Frimberger 11/14
Angel Whittington 11/07	John Cameron 11/19
Alysia Neely 11/08	Geoffrey Hastings 11/19
Sandi Sandeen 11/08	Dana Chapman 11/20
Grace Alexander 11/10	Johanna Jans 11/23
Reagan Karcher 11/11	Crystal Slabicki 11/23
Beth Lowery 11/11	Bev B.Wagner 11/25
Kim Lowery 11/11	Al Doud 11/26
AJ Rossiter 11/11	Vic Vossler 11/26
Lorraine Gonazalz 11/13	Nick Jans 11/27
Ashley Jones 11/13	Lily Nollette 11/30

### November Anniversaries

AL & Pat Doud 11/20  
Jim & Carol Collell 11/21  
Don & Barbara Martin 11/25  
Neal & MayMay Adolf 11/28  
Daniel & Alysia Neeley 11/28

### November 20

Next Senior Lunch Bunch will be Thursday November 20 at 11:30 a.m. We'll meet at "Main Events Sports Grill, 800 Main St. downtown Vancouver.

### November 26



#### 6:30pm Worship Service

Join us for worship at 6:30 pm and stay for the pie social after worship. The sign-up sheet to bring pies is in the Family Room.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS “FAMILY NIGHT @ FAMILY OF CHRIST”**

**WEDNESDAYS** Take the night off from cooking, and relax and enjoy the fellowship while you enjoy a hot dinner prepared by loving hands.

Folks that can, pitch in and help with clean up. Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:30 pm. **The cost is \$4 per person, no family pays more than \$13.** (No one is left out, so if cost is a factor, please talk to Pastor Kit). After dinner, join in on one of the scheduled activities.

There will be:

- \* “Ring of Joy” Intergenerational Ringers ~ 5:30-6:00 pm (Read page 7)
- \* Little Christians for children PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grade join together for lots of fun ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* “Route 56” Specially developed class for our 5th & 6th grade youth ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* Confirmation with Pastor Kit ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* Adult Bible Study Book Group lead by Edie Dietzen & Linda Marousek ~ 6:00-7:00 pm.
- \* Chancel Choir Rehearsals ~ 6:30-8:00 pm.
- \* Board/card/dice games will be available for high school youth and adults that wish to focus on fellowship



*Remember to  
turn your  
clocks back one  
hour before  
you go to bed  
Saturday  
November 1st*

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**Adult Education At Family**

**Sunday at 9:45**—join Pastor Kit in the Library as we explore the writings of the Great Reformer, Martin Luther. Did you know that Luther is one of the most prolific writers in history and that his writings sparked religious, social, and cultural reforms, some of which continue today? In fact, many of the topics Luther wrote on are reemerging as key issues for conversation today. During November we’ll be looking at Luther’s Large Catechism and the Book of Concord. Many of Luther’s works are available for free online. Pastor Kit will provide some copies and links where you can find them.

**4 Small Group Bible Studies gather for study fun and fellowship!**

**Tuesday Morning at 10:00-11:30**—Join Pastor Kit for an in depth conversation around the texts for the coming Sunday’s worship. We laugh, share, and explore the depths of interpretation and meaning that help to connect the scriptures to our lives and time. Pastor says this group helps her in the sermon department too! Come Join Us!

**Wednesday Night at 6:00**—*The Book of Faith Bible Study* led by Edie Dietzen and Linda Marousek is a thought provoking look at scripture in its context connecting it to our faith tradition and daily lives. Using *The Book of Faith* series of bible study materials by Augsburg Fortress (our ELCA publisher) the discussions are rich bringing lots of information about historical context, language, genre, and tradition that allows us to not only learn but to grow in understanding, community and faith.

**In Home Small Groups—Monday evenings** a mixed small group meets hosted by Jerre and Sharon Crisp. This group is using a wonderful study authored by Max Lucado. On **Wednesday afternoon** a women’s small group is hosted by Donna Lucky using various materials and resources. Both groups have been meeting for a long time, but there is always room for one more. If the meeting in the comfort of a home environment is what you’re looking for, give one of these great groups a try!



**Opportunities Abound!**

It's November we're in high gear here at FOC! We're working on a very special Christmas program this year that will be presented on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM followed by a Spaghetti feed! Proceeds will support our youth. We're staffing the Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) November 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, so save those dates! It's time to clean out those closets and gather coats, turkeys, canned foods, and gifts for the Angel Tree and The Christmas Round Up! During Advent we'll do Holden Evening Prayers on Wednesday nights! Food boxes will be distributed the Sunday before Christmas. Please consider signing up. It takes everyone being connected and involved to keep the ministry of Family moving strong. So, if you have not connected to a ministry yet there's no time like the present! Get involved. You will be blessed.



**The Advent Soup Suppers are fast approaching!**

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday Soup Suppers are on December 3, 10, and 17! On Wednesday evenings during Advent, our Family Night @ Family cooks will be turning the kitchen over to the congregation for our annual Potluck Soup Suppers. A signup sheet will be posted in the Family Room to bring soup.

During Advent our normal Family Night activities will continue in a somewhat abbreviated form to allow for us to share in the **Holden Evening Worship** that features the beauty of Mary's prayer of joy upon hearing she is to be the mother of God's own son.

**Christ the King Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we rededicate ourselves to the ministry of God through Family of Christ, as we place our pledges for 2015 on the altar!**

**It's that time** when we are invited to prayerfully consider our financial support for 2015 for the ministry we share. Soon each of us will receive a letter along with a 2015 pledge card in the mail. Please complete the card and bring it with you on Christ the King Sunday on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be invited to place the cards on the altar during the offering, dedicating them to the glory of God.



For some of us, pledging is either new or something we have never done, and so you may ask, *Why do we pledge?* The answer is both spiritual and practical. On the practical side, by pledging your intent, you assist our leadership in planning for our mission for the coming year. Just as a family needs to know the income they anticipate to budget for a family's known and unknown expenses, so it is for the Church. With a vibrant and healthy FOC in mind, we pledge individually for the sake of the ministry of the whole. **More importantly**, our giving and the act of pledging are matters of faith.

We pledge in faith, trusting that God will provide for our needs. We give in gratitude for the abundance and blessings that God has placed into our hands. In a sense these simple acts are both a reflection and testimony of God's touch upon our lives. If you've never pledged before, we invite you to consider taking this step in faith as we all pull together to assure the work of Christ at Family continues to bless our community for a long time to come.



**Friends of the Carpenter Craft Sale December 7<sup>th</sup>!**

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> Friends of the Carpenter will be here at Family offering crafts for sale just in time to for Christmas! Items will range from small Christmas ornaments for just a few dollars to toys and wood artwork to major items like garden benches and nesting tables. Our purchases will help support the day shelter and caring ministries at Friends of the Carpenter. Tome Iberle, the new Director of Friends of the Carpenter will be with us at each service to share a greeting. Be sure to visit with Tom between services and learn more about what's happening at the other FOC!

# Preschool

## Trike-A-Thon

Bikes, trikes, and scooters oh my, see all the children whizzing by...

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our Annual Trike A Thon this year. The children brought their bikes, trikes and scooters and pedaled and pushed their little legs round and round the makeshift racetrack in the back parking lot. Our race track came complete with a "Cheering Stadium" and "Pit Stop Area" for quick refreshment. Miss Jackie and Miss Julie logged over 70 laps between them. This event serves as one of our major fundraisers to help supplement our general budget, professional development for our staff and to help with our scholarship program for families in need of financial assistance. Our goal this year was to raise \$ 3800.00. So far we have collected just over \$ 4000.00. Thank you to the congregation members who contributed.



## Chapel Time

We have started Chapel Time with Pastor Kit. The children join her once a week in the sanctuary for songs, a bible story and caring conversations. It is always exciting to see what take home trinkets Pastor has for the preschoolers to help them remember the story. These trinkets help them to share the stories at home with their families as well. Chapel Time days are Wednesday morning at 11:00 and Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 as well as Thursday morning at 11:00. We really appreciate you, Pastor Kit, for sharing your stories and time with us.



## Pumpkin Patch

All of our classes visited BiZi Farms this past month. We all had an enjoyable time finding our way out of the hay maze, feeding the animals, and climbing to the top of the hay pyramid. It was fun watching the children search for the perfect pumpkin. One little girl was a little sad though because she really wanted to find a pink or purple pumpkin to match her new rain boots.



## November Preschool Events

November 19<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Pie and Popcorn Feast for 4 year old classes

Happy November--Jackie Ochsner ~ Preschool Director



**Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Gher Rd, November 9-16**

The second week of the WHO season this year will find Family of Christ and Bethel Lutheran volunteering with single women, women with children, and families. We'll be scurrying around putting out sleeping supplies, monitoring shower lists, feeding light snacks and breakfast, making lunches for the folks to take with them, and visiting with guests.

This is the 13th year St. Andrew has hosted the WHO and we've been a part of this worthwhile ministry since its inception. The guests are so appreciative to get out of sleeping in cars or on the ground to come into a warm, safe gym floor for 5 rainy months. We always need more volunteers. Won't you help? You'll be glad you did!

[Donations of new bed pillows are needed at WHO this year, Drop them off here and Jackie Ochsner can take them to WHO.]

**Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) St. Paul Lutheran Church downtown Sunday evening Dec. 28-Wednesday morning Dec. 31**

The end of the year will find Family of Christ and Bethel Lutheran volunteering with single men at St. Paul Lutheran. This is a very easy service since the men do all the chores and all we do is monitor shower lists, serve snacks and breakfast and visit with guests. Since the work space is very small, it's a good place for someone to volunteer who can't do a lot of walking. If you have questions, call Judy at 573-5120. Thanks in advance.



**Winter Clothing Give-Away**

Each year in late autumn we at FOC begin gearing up for what has been called, The Great Winter Coat Give-Away. Our tradition is to bring coats, sweaters, gloves, hats, and boots we no longer need, in large plastic or paper bags to the church prior to the first weekend in December. Beginning November 23, these gifts may be placed around the altar. On Friday, December 5, volunteers will organize, sort, and set out the warm clothing in the Family Room. On Dec 6 at 9 a.m. we hope many of our neighbors and friends from across the city will come to the church and select whatever they or their families might need.

Social Ministries invites you to find things you would like to share in this way. And of course, anyone who would like to help set out the clothing for the taking will be most welcome. Check with Judy Enders for details on times!



**Christmas Boxes**

Beginning now, Social Ministries will gladly receive your gifts of turkeys and groceries for the Christmas Food Boxes, to be delivered to our neighbors in need. Notice the storage shelves on the south wall of the Family Room, where you can drop off items or discover what has already been purchased, and what is still needed for the boxes. There you will also see a sample box, to inspire you to *shop*, and/or to inform you about the project!

When you bring your turkeys in, please be sure to check with Traci about where to store them. There are two freezers for this project, but in order to keep track of the number of turkeys collected, donations need to go through a central individual.

This year our goal is to provide 100 Christmas boxes! As we have been reminded so often, the problems associated with "food insecurity" are continuing in Clark County.

On December 21, the church will *rock* with activity as the boxes are packed and loaded into vehicles for teams from our congregation and pre-school to deliver them to Vancouver households in need.

We hope you will join us for this joyful effort to share with our neighbors.

***Head Um Up and Move Um Out~~It's time to plan for The Christmas Roundup!***

This will be the second year Family will participate in The Christmas Roundup that brings Christmas Cheer and lots of fun to children in need in our community.



The Christmas Round Up is on December 13 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Clark County Saddle Club. This event is hosted by the Saddle Club, sponsored by the Clark County Fence Riders and contributing volunteers include Cowboy Church, Rodeo and Fair Royalty from Oregon and Washington, and Royal Ridges to serve Open House Ministry families at Christmas.

They need gifts to send home for parents to give(unwrapped), stuffed animals for Santa to give, new undies and socks in kid sizes, AND adult volunteers! Adults are needed to assist kids with crafts, riding horses, roping, painting ponies, and making and wrapping gifts. A collection box for the gifts is in the Family Room!

Anyone who wants to volunteer for the event should contact Kim Koon by phone 721-8500 or email [ke59@hotmail.com](mailto:ke59@hotmail.com).

## Sunday School News

We have been busy "Walking with Jesus," these past few weeks, and soon, we'll be celebrating His birth!



On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be gathering together in the Family Room during a portion of our Sunday school hour to learn a little more about Heifer International.

Our collected Sunday School offerings will go to Heifer at the end of the Sunday school season. At this first gathering, we'll be learning how Heifer Dairy Cows are important to a family and helps them to provide an income through the sale of their milk, cheese, butter, yogurt and offspring. Games & activities will also take place. Everyone is welcome to join us! Take a look on our bulletin board for more information and to see how fast our offerings are filling up!

(There will be no Sunday School classes on Thanksgiving weekend, November 30<sup>th</sup>.)



## Coming Up.....



This year, our Christmas program will be held on **December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm with a Spaghetti Feed following.** It is a cute musical called "An out-of-the-Box Christmas! It's all about telling the Christmas Story with \_\_\_\_\_, well.... ....you'll just have to come and watch!! We know you will enjoy it! Pam Ausman and Teare Caton have been working together with our Sunday school children so that they

will be ready to give a wonderful performance!

On behalf of our awesome teaching staff, we wish you and your families an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.

~Cheri Herzog

Sunday School Coordinator

## Ring Of Joy Bell Choir



"Ring of Joy" intergenerational bell choir has 3 youth, 1 adult, and two Ensemble ringers and there's room for more! Everyone 1st grade through adults are invited to learn handbells. Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 P.M. **No music knowledge is needed.** You will learn all you need to know about ringing handbells at the Wednesday night rehearsal.

Tuesday evening "Exultation Ensemble" has 5 ringers but could use at least 1 more for the ensemble of 3 more for a full 2 octave choir. A good knowledge of reading music is preferred to be in the ensemble. I now have a 5 octave set of handbells I would like very much to have ringing. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to me, Sue Lincoln. (contact info. below)



### Get to Know Sue Lincoln!

Did you know that Sue's been the Church Musician at Family of Christ since Oct. 2001, with a year and a half off in the middle? We are blessed by Sue's musical gifts every Sunday in worship, as she accompanies the choir or plays for special services. But did you know there's a lot more to Sue than music? Sue is a mother of four, with a musical daughter in Boise, a son-firefighter/EMT in Olympia, and a son-missionary to Refugees from places from Afghanistan to Russia, and a son-missionary now serving in the United Kingdom planting churches. Sue has grand and great grandchildren, loves to garden, sew, teaches bells at local schools, piano in her home and here at Family, and is an avid fan of Law & Order, NCIS, TCM Classics, and OPB English sitcoms.

If you've been around Family for any length of time, you already know that Sue's big passion is Bell Ministry! Sue says there is little better than leading bell groups of every age and ability. From the experienced ringer in our "Exultation Ensemble" to our new "Ring of Joy intergenerational choir for folks of all experience levels, the sounds of bell music brings wonder and spark to worship here at Family. If you ask Sue what her hopes and dreams are she will be quick to tell you. "We have many musicians at FOC and I would really like the opportunity to teach bells to many more. It is the opportunity for someone who has never played an instrument, to be a part of a musical group, learn music theory, play an instrument and give Glory to God with this gift." In addition to all that, Sue works with other musicians as they share their gifts in worship and Sue is eager to add even more. So if you would like to share your musical gift give Sue a call at 687-4411; [hopmusic38@gmail.com](mailto:hopmusic38@gmail.com)

# THE REORGANIZED FOC LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!!!

On November 1, 2014, the FOC library will reopen for parishioners to check out books and videos. Over the last year, a group of volunteers have been organizing the library with the goal of providing better access to the books and videos. As the Pastor indicated previously, this library is destined to become an important ministry in our church.

The library now contains 762 books and 100 videos (VHS and DVD). The process to get us to these totals involved several reviews for relevancy in our library by Pastor Kit. Those items that did not pass the review were put up for sale at our Church May sale, donated to Friends of the Carpenter or as a very last resort, recycled (usually physically damaged books).

The library is now organized like any library in the US. The elementary, pre-school and youth books and videos have their own sections to the right of the entry door. They are organized by author. The adult books and videos are on the far wall. The adult books are organized by a 3 digit Dewey number system. The adult videos are organized by author. There is a new bookcase added to the library that is exclusively Pastor Kit's Bible bookcase and these items can only be taken with her permission.

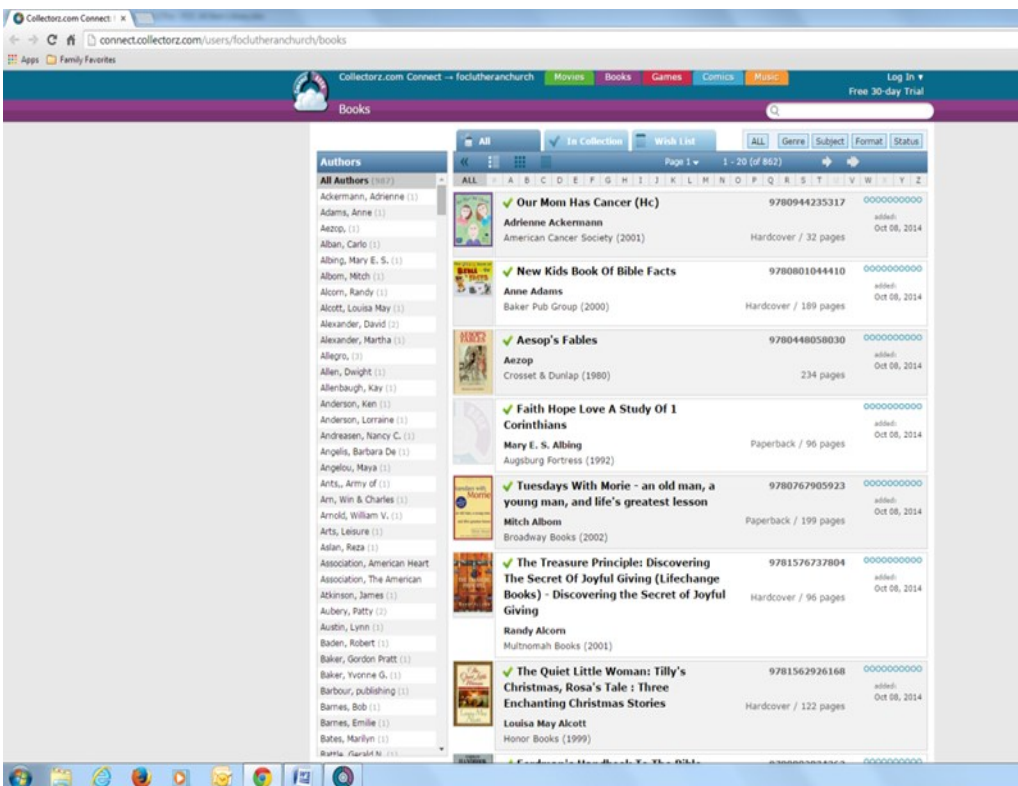
As in any library, there is a Table on the wall of the Dewey numbers with their associated topics. There is also a note book with various lists of the library books/videos sorted by author, title, Dewey, etc. to assist in finding an item. Think of it as an advanced card catalog in note book form.

***Since this is a small library, it was decided to keep it simple with a checkout card in every book and video. Fill out the card, leave the card at the designed spot in the library and take the book/video for 21 days or less. To return an item, just put it in the designated spot in the library.***

You do not have to do anything with a computer to use the FOC library. But if you are comfortable using computers, the entire library database is available on-line at:

[connect.collectorz.com/users/foclutheranchurch/books/view](http://connect.collectorz.com/users/foclutheranchurch/books/view)

Or you can click on this link via the FOC web site. Here is screen capture of what you will see:



The web page allows you to look at all the books in the library by a specific author. You can also search the author's name and the book title for a specific word such as "Bible" or "Paul". This search can be done by using the white search area located in the purple stripe near the top of the page. If the book is newer, it may be in the software vendor's database. If that is the case, when you click on the cover image of the book, you will get further information on the book:

*Submitted by Don Martin*





### Public comments invited for Gender-Based Violence Message

Are you concerned about epidemic of gender-based violence in the United States and around the world? The ELCA churchwide organization is seeking your input.

The draft of an ELCA Social Message on Gender-based Violence, written in consultation with experts in the field, is now posted at [ELCA.org/socialmessages](http://ELCA.org/socialmessages).

At the same address you will find an online survey form inviting your comment and response.

Social messages are documents adopted by the ELCA Church Council on behalf of the ELCA that

draw attention to particular pressing matters of social concern.

Your participation in responding to the draft message encouraged and welcomed. An online form is available on [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) Sept. 15 – Nov. 15, 2014.

This social message was requested by the ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ and authorized by ELCA Church Council in October 2013.


The proposed message, revised in light of received public comments, will be submitted to the Church Council for their approval in the spring of 2015.

It is possible to share questions and concerns about this work at any time.

Emails can be addressed [towomenandjustice@elca.org](mailto:towomenandjustice@elca.org) and regular mail to "Gender-Based Violence Writing Team" c/o Office of the Presiding Bishop, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. All communications will be kept, read and considered.

Find more information online at [ELCA.org/socialmessages](http://ELCA.org/socialmessages).

"Reprinted from Seeds for the Parish."



**Coming in Mid-November**

**"Giving Tree"**

The Giving Tree will be up with gift tags with suggestions and ages of recipient. These gifts will be distributed to families in need through "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". Suggested gift total is around \$30.

If you chose to participate in our Giving Tree program, please take a tag off the giving tree (you may take more than one) and **return** it/them attached to the **unwrapped gift(s)**.


Watch for specific details and instructions to be posted when the tree is up.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes during my recent recovery. As your cards poured in, my family read them all to me and I saved the cards; they filled a large basket! Recently I looked through them again and I was able to read them on my own now. I was so moved by how many of you reached out to me during this difficult time. I was touched by your show of support. Your cards and prayers mean so much. Thank you. *Louise Chissus*

**Advent Festival**

Mark your calendars for December 3<sup>rd</sup> for a new Advent Festival which will take place during Wednesday Family night, 6-7 pm. If you would like to be a part of planning this new activity, please talk to Susan Dollinger, 360/573-5031.




### Subscribe to the Lutheran Magazine

Would you like to get a reduced rate for "The Lutheran"? Order your subscription through the church and you pay only \$11.95 per year, instead of the annual price of \$19.99.

Send a note or email to Traci if you want to subscribe. Send your check through the offering plate and clearly mark "The Lutheran" in the memo line.

Folks that signed up last year, it is time to send in your annual payment now, thank you!

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

*Thank you very much for your donation of quilts and food to support our families in need.*



### Around the ELCA and Our Shared Mission

Earlier this year the ELCA announced a bold initiative to raise funds to support the existing and new ministries of the larger Church. Each year, we participate through our Mission Partner giving. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be speaking in Tacoma November 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Kit will be there to hear her message about the current situation in the ELCA and the vision for our shared future. Below is a Message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.



Dear friends in Christ, Through God’s grace we are made new each day to proclaim Jesus Christ — and to boldly participate in God’s work. Our faith, Martin Luther said, is a “living, busy, active, mighty thing.” Through faith, we can do mighty things together; indeed, we are called by God to do so. During the first quarter-century of our existence as the ELCA, and through your weekly offerings and designated gifts, we have done much together. We have been blessed to lay a solid foundation of generosity and service. Your faithful, consistent and sustaining support for the mission we

share has had great impact. And as we look forward to our next 25 years together, we have the chance to do even more. It’s not often that such an opportunity to make a real and lasting difference comes along — to start or renew a congregation, to identify and prepare leaders in our church and among our global companion churches, to feed people and equip them to break out of the cycle of hunger and poverty. That’s what we can do together through this campaign. And we get to do this in Jesus’ name. Thanks be to God!

In God’s grace, *Elizabeth A. Eaton*  
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### November Serving Schedule

	November 2		November 9		November 16		November 23		November 30	
	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00	8:30	11AM	8:30	11AM
Greeters	Hazel Olson	Tom & Sandi Sandeen	Cliff & Betty Benjamin	Jerry & Edie Dietzen	Edie Dietzen	Dale & Marilyn Wilken	Randy & Randi Osborn	Teare Caton	Edie Dietzen	Dan Neeley Sr.
Ushers	George & Carol Hoffman	Kim Koon	Rick & Jackie Ochsner	Gary Endresen	Les & Beth Stark	Jerry Dietzen	Don & Barbara Martin	Chris Connolley	Cliff Benjamin	Al & Janet Jaffe
Acolytes	Piper Cameron	Christien Born	Kylie Terry	James Hastings	Dylan Terry	Diedrich Eisenbarth	Charlie Cameron	Valerie Patterson	Piper Cameron	Christien Born
Assisting Ministers	Don Nelson	Linda Marousek	Neal Adolf	Neal Adolf	Susie Caton	Linda Marousek	Ian Caton	Pam Ausman	Gail Seickman	Don Nelson
Cantors	Don Nelson	Neal Adolf	Neal Adolf	Neal Adolf	Susie Caton	Brian Hanneman	Ian Caton	Pam Ausman	Jeanne Downing	Don Nelson
Readers	Dale Perry	Meaghan Connolly	Cecilia Shepard	Jerry Dietzen	Barbara Sobocinski	Kim Koon	Dylan & Stephanie Terry	Teresa Marble	Karen Yankee	Tim Nelson
Communion Hosts	Randy & Randi Osborn	Harold & Debbie Broers	Connie Marshall	Brian & Laura Harris	Sandie Beems	Dale & Marilyn Wilken	Jennifer Beems	Sandra Farrell	Rick & Jackie Ochsner	Cliff & Debra Jones
Coffee Hour	Hazel Olson	Debbie Broers & Evelyn Kinder	Jennifer Beems	Andrew & Carolyn Ness	Lew & Bobbie Lardie	Rachel Nelson	Dale & Betty Perry	Kathy Jans & Family	Randy & Randi Osborn	Jim & Carol Collell
Altar							Dale & Betty Perry			