

## **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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*November 22, 2017*

*5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve*

*Worship Service*

*"Lift up Your Hearts!"*



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Lift up Your Hearts! Happy Thanksgiving!**

**SOTG will hold a worship service of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22, including soup supper after the service in Hanson Hall . See page 6 for details.**

### **NEW BISHOP OF THE FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD**

**Nadine Kelly, Lynn #1, and I enjoyed Synod Assembly on October 12-14. Below is a letter from Marcus Lohrmann, Interim Bishop:**

**“October 16, 2017**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Florida-Bahamas Synod, It is with joy and thanksgiving that I share with you that the Rev. Pedro Manuel Suarez was elected Oct. 13 to a six-year term as bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election was held during the Synod Assembly Oct. 12-14 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Kissimmee.**

**Pr. Suarez was elected on the 6th ballot with 334 votes. A total of 230 votes was needed for election. I give thanks to God for all the pastors who were open and available to the call of the Spirit, and for the prayerful discernment of the Assembly. What a gift it was to hear the candidates witness to their faith and vision for the Gospel in their addresses to the assembly, in their answers to questions, and in their overall presence in the Assembly. Additionally, I give thanks for ELCA Secretary Rev. Chris Boerger for his careful oversight of the election, for those serving on the elections committee, and for all involved in the election in any way.**

**Pr. Suarez currently serves as lead pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach, FL since 2015, as well as recently agreeing to serve as the Interim Director for Evangelical Mission for the south region of this synod. Pr. Suarez earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology of Chicago in 1992. His previous experience includes serving on the synod staff of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, the South Central Synod of Wisconsin, and several congregations in both Illinois and Wisconsin. Pr. Suarez serves on the Latino Strategy Team for the ELCA and is the leader of the Latino Lay Academy of the ELCA.**

**Pastor Suarez will be installed as bishop at noon on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Tampa, FL.**

**These next weeks will be full of holy conversation and a broad range of emotions for Pr. Suarez, his family, his congregation, and others. Thank you for keeping Pr. Suarez and his family in your prayers. I will be walking with Pr. Suarez, along with the rest of the synod staff and the synod council, through these weeks of transition.**

**A prayer for Bishop-elect Suarez: Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain pastors and bishops, especially Bishop-elect Suarez, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people. Guide Pr. Suarez and all involved in**



## **PASTOR'S PAGES. . .**

transition at this time. Grace Pr. Suarez and his family with strength, courage and clarity in the days ahead. Equip him and all whom you have called for the work of ministry and for the building up of the body of Christ. With your Holy Spirit, empower him in this new calling, and grant that together we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Together with you in Christ,  
+Marcus Lohrmann  
Interim Bishop”

### **IRMA RECOVERY**

Your Council is working hard toward the most appropriate roof repairs which should begin soon. GSSS (Good Shepherd Stills Storms) fund has risen to \$24,335. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, so worship will be in the morning, as usual, at 9:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Sunday night will be Christmas Eve worship with candles and communion.

Thank you for your partnership in the Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Peace!

Pastor Doug

## **AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP . . .**

SOTG's Fellowship Committee has planned events for fellowship for this season.

Listed below is the schedule of events:

- † Friday, November 10, 2017 - Veteran's Day Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall. Bring your favorite meal to share. We'll trust the Lord for variety!
- † Sunday, December 3, 2017 - Bake Sale after worship at 10:30 a.m. Stay tuned for details.
- † Sunday, January 14, 2018 - Welcome Back Luncheon with Teen Challenge at 12:00 noon in Hanson Hall
- † Sunday, February 11, 2018 - Strawberry Sundae Festival after each service
- † Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and continues with soup supper in Hanson Hall prepared by the Fellowship Committee
- † Friday, March 16, 2018 - Welcome, Spring! Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall

For more information or to help with any of these events, please contact Jeanne Jones, Chair of the Fellowship Committee at 239.970.0322.

# COUNCIL CORNER. . .

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Marty Roddy, at 5:32 p.m. Members in attendance: Tom Dunlop, Joanne Hogan, Chuck Keller, Ron Modjeska, Marty Roddy, Linda Tidmore, and Tony Zeman. By phone: Carole Graesser and Judy Kobs. Also in attendance: Pastor Wahlberg. Absent: John Burgbacher and Pat Cumor.

A representative from Crown Exteriors presented a proposal for repairing the roof of the main building and Hanson Hall. The estimated cost for both buildings would be \$66,265. The Council agreed other bids should be sought.

Devotions were given by Tony Zeman. In a motion by Tom Dunlop and seconded by Linda Tidmore, the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting were adopted. The agenda was changed to include Web site under New Business.

Pastor's report: Pastor Wahlberg is planning to have a Thanksgiving Eve service. It will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by a soup supper. An ad will be put in the newspaper publicizing this. In a motion by Carole Graesser and seconded by Tom Dunlop the Council approved this plan. Pastor read a note from Jane Cristian, Catherine Kleppinger's daughter, which said her mother was doing well for a 94 year old person and wants to be remembered to the congregation. An email has been received from Wagner College Choir. They will not be coming to Florida this year. Teen Challenge will be here January 14, 2018. The Welcome Back Luncheon will be the same day. ENCompass Magazine will have an ad about the Thanksgiving Eve service. Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year. The regular service on Sunday morning will be at 9:30 a.m., and there will be only one evening service at 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve service will be at 9:30 a.m. Synod Assembly will be October 12, 13, and 14. Lynn Wahlberg and Nadine Kelly will be voting members and will be attending with Pastor Wahlberg. A Florida Bahamas Synod Bishop will be elected. There are seven candidates for this office.

### Team Reports:

Accounting-Tony Zeman reported that there is a deficit for September, but for year to date we are at or below budget for expenses. The budget worksheets are to be completed by the various committees and returned at the November Council meeting.

Endowment – Marty Roddy reported a balance of \$109, 520 in the fund.

Property – Bids for repairing the roof are being received. Poole's Roofing and Repair has been asked to make a proposal. Debris from the hurricane has been cleared and paid for by a loan from LOL. The driveway and parking lot will have nothing done on the advice of a paving contractor.

Education – Judy Kobs said Rally Day and Halloween would be celebrated on Reformation Sunday. Bonny Dery is collecting candy for Halloween. She is also selling calendars to pay for Sunday School materials.

Evangelism – The Giving Tree is planned again for this year. The receiving agency will be determined soon.

Worship and Music – Carole Graesser will have back surgery on October 17. Iann Butterman and others will fill in with ushers and assistants.

### New Business:

Website – On September 30 the website received 57 hits, and on October 1, 52 hits.

The next Council meeting will be November 14, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. Devotions will be given by Judy Kobs.

In a motion by Tom Dunlop and seconded by Ron Modjeska, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. and closed with a prayer by Pastor Wahlberg.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Hogan, Secretary



## **ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .**

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

One Sunday worship service time at 9:30 a.m.

### **A CALL FOR ACTION:**

Every week, Shepherd of the Glades collects and donates canned and boxed food to help persons in need at St. Matthew's House, Grace Place, and Immokalee Friendship House. Suggested items are canned food of all kinds, powdered milk, peanut butter, jellies/ jams, cereals, soups, rice, pasta, etc. Items need to be within code date and unopened. Just bring your donations to the church and give to the ushers every Sunday morning. All items are delivered the end of each month. We extend our thanks to all who faithfully give food items for our local need organizations. The last donations were just delivered to St. Matthew's House .



### **SEW-SEW GROUP**

The Sew-Sews are meeting again. If you enjoy sewing and fellowship, come join in, making quilts for those who need them. Questions? Please contact Marjean Cossette at 239-353-6786.

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

The Women's Bible Study will be starting up again on Friday, November 10, 2017, the second Friday of the month, at 10:00 a.m. in Hanson Hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** We continue our study in the women's magazine of the ELCA on "The Apostles' Creed. Copies of the study are available the Sunday prior in the Narthex. Join us for fellowship, study, and prayer.

### **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

A great time was had at our late Rally Day/All Hallow's Eve fest. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. Our class time continues during the sermon time. On occasion, we are blessed to have Megan Cianflone to direct our "SINGSPIRATION", a fun time of music and song. "This Little Light of Mine" is just one song with which our kids are praising Him.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Usually for Christmas, poinsettias are ordered that people donate in memory or in honor of a loved one. This year, because of the damage caused by Hurricane Irma, there are no poinsettias available in bulk. In lieu of donating poinsettias this year, perhaps you would consider making a gift to "Good Shepherd Stills Storms" dedicated in the name of a loved one?

## **REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .**

Lt. Col. Paula Behrens  
Staff Sergeant Adam Crown  
Warrant Officer, Christopher Farnsworth  
Airman Corey Malinowski  
Enlisted Army, Kendra Schwenneker  
Capt. Michael Scott



**THANKSGIVING IS ALMOST HERE . . .**

**5:30 p.m., Nov. 22**

**Thanksgiving Eve**

**Worship**



**Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church will host a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. with a soup supper to follow in the fellowship hall. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends to lift up your hearts in Thanksgiving.**

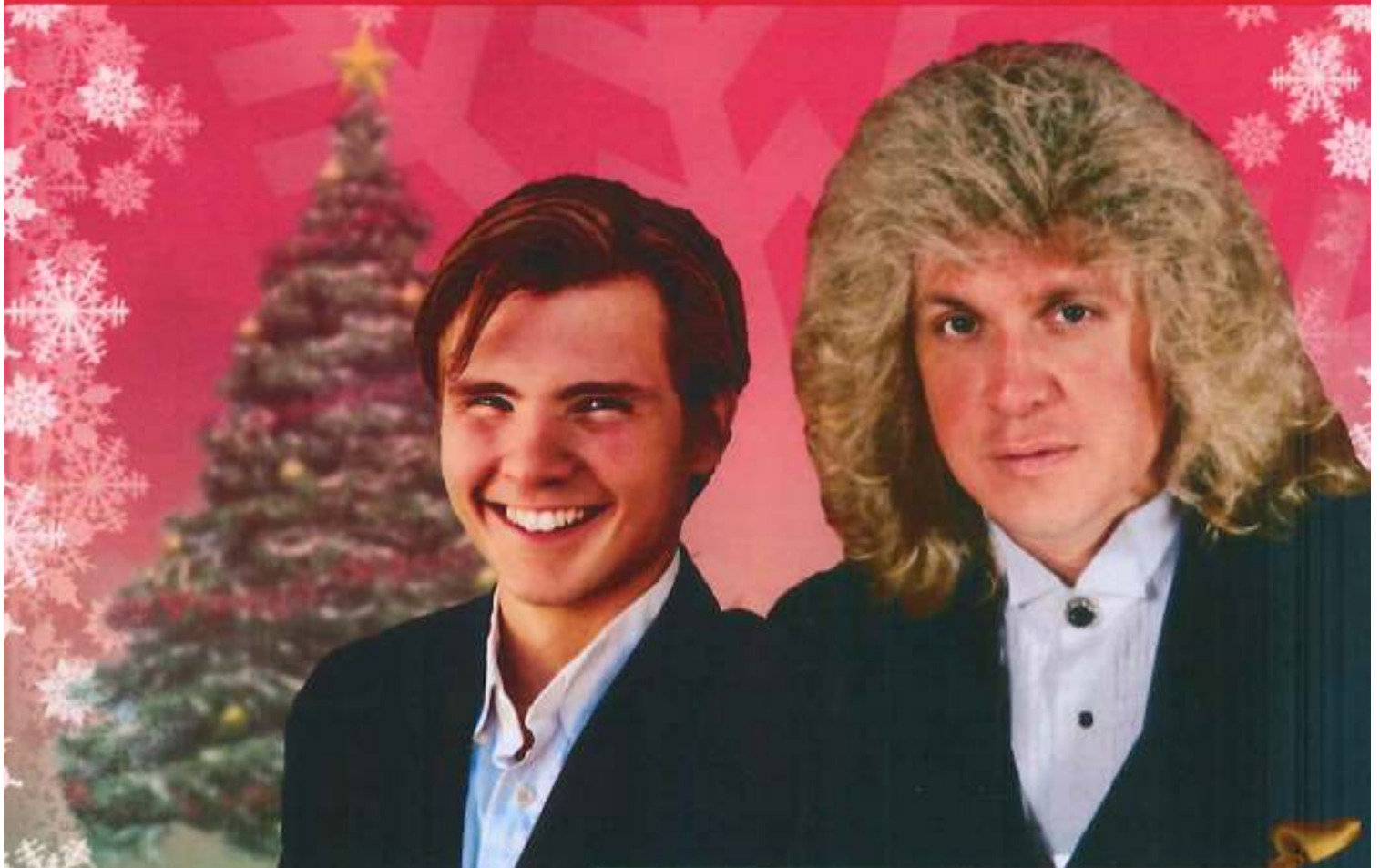
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**CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . .**

**21ST ANNUAL PAUL TODD CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT**

*Christmas with*  
**PAUL TODD  
& PAUL TODD JR.**



**WHERE**

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**WHEN**

Monday, December 4, 2017  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Concert starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each. For tickets call:

Church - 239.775.0696    Lyberg's - 239.774.5822    Barikmo's - 239.775.3932

Sew Sews will be raffling a Christmas quilt at the Paul Todd concert to benefit the GSSS fund. Tickets will be for sale after church: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See Maryann Buettner.

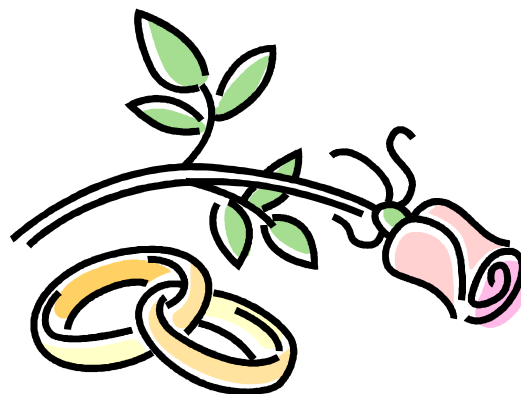


If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

## HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

November 3 Carol Lyberg  
November 3 Linda Tidmore  
November 5 Saul Gamez-Perez  
November 7 Pam Edlund  
November 8 George Sibley  
November 8 Alexa Turino  
November 9 Patricia Cumor  
November 9 Merle Sellman  
November 10 Gary Mart  
November 10 Steven Wrubel  
November 11 Carys Bettridge  
November 11 Jerry Thomas  
November 12 Vi Bohler  
November 13 Nazmiye Akyuz  
November 13 Charlie Bjerken  
November 13 Lori Borman  
November 14 Helen Rasmussen  
November 14 Angelina Soto  
November 17 Julio Soto  
November 18 James Oppermann  
November 19 Douglas MacKenzie  
November 21 Rosemarie Holcomb  
November 21 Bernie Schmidt  
November 21 Elaine Sima  
November 22 Bonnie Dahl  
November 22 Lynn Wahlberg  
November 23 Clay Baker  
November 24 Ron Sherod  
November 25 Marcella Montgomery  
November 25 Sherri Nelson

November 26 Sharon Eickhoff  
November 26 Helene Rossler  
November 27 Fayann Valk  
November 27 Maria Elena Yates  
November 28 Francisco Manzur  
November 29 Charlotte Buettner  
November 29 Lauren Buettner  
November 29 Ashley Buettner  
November 29 LeAnn Granato  
November 29 Albertina Salvo



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

November 7 Jeremiah & Stephanie Eliason  
November 7 Phil & Lisa Willman  
November 8 Ted & Corinne Roscoe  
November 20 Rick & Lori Borman  
November 21 Donald & Alice Bassett  
November 22 Carl & Penny Morken  
November 26 Doug & Dorothy MacKenzie  
November 27 Gary & Annette Larson  
November 28 Diane & David Roforth-Smith



# CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Janet Anderson	Mike Feldman	Debbie McWaters
Tom Archard	Yamilla Frederick	Nancy Moran
Anthony	Jonathan Gance	Morgan
Lee Arendt	Adele Giacometti's Family	Carol Nauert
Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Annette Gjesdahl	Susan O'Neil
Zoey Berger	Carole Graesser	Michael O'Donald
Corrine Besee	Sally Guerra	Family of P.J. Read
Betty	Judy & Ron H.	Robert
Mary Ann Blair	Sue Haberkorn	Laura Robertson
Merlyn Bowers	Dave Hedges	Neva Marie Rucci & Sons
Luke Bradley	Ann Marie Hill	Connor & Linda Ruisz
Braun Family	Carl Hydes	Sally
Bonnie Brisky	Jeannie	Hermann Schamberger, Jr.
Ernie Burch	Family of Ardent Jensen	Joe Schamberger
Anne & John Burgbacher	Family of Arly Jeppson	Kathie Schmidt
Josh Cane	Judy & Rich	Larry Segerlind
Velma Carasco	Lily & Billy Kelly	Shannon
Jerry Carson	Reina Klassen	Elaine Sima
Casey	Al Lane	Gordon Skrede & Family
Mia Cervoni	Barb & Dave Lees	Patrick Smith
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Family of Jim Lipe	Ruth Spears
Jill Coulthard	Carl Lohmann	Annette Stamburger
Emily Davies	Martha Mahon	Todd Strausser
"Debbie"	Rose Maki	Susan Sweet
Lena Deter	Douglas & Dorothy MacKenzie	Tommy's Family
Frances Dise	Matthew Marderosian	Family of Sharon Varn
Family of Annie Doara	Mary & Drew	Shirley Watson
Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Doris Marshall	Patricia Wiley
Jimmy F.	Mary R.	Tony Zeman
Freathestone Family	Maryanne	

Please let us know when someone should be added or removed from the Prayer List.

## RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES IN THE LORD . . .

Ardent Jensen received his victory in the Lord on September 25, 2017. His victory service was scheduled for Friday, October 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in White Oakes Congregational Church in Williamstown, MA.



Jim Lipe received his victory in the Lord on Monday, October 16, 2017. His service was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Christ Victorious Lutheran Church, Chaska, MN.

## CALENDAR CUES . . .

### CALENDAR NOTES:

Friday, November 3, 2017, 9:00 a.m. November Newsletter mailing

Friday, November 10, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study; 6:00 p.m. Veteran's Day Potluck Supper

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

Monday, November 13, 2017, Deadline for December newsletter submissions

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Life Line Screening

Wednesday, November 22, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service with Soup Supper following in Hanson Hall

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Bake Sale after worship

Monday, December 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Paul Todd Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2017, 10:40 a.m. SOTG Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 24, 2017, Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 p.m.

## THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN . . .

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Wednesday, **November 15, 2017** at Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease**(hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Ann Crowell will be at SOTG worship on Sunday, November 5th, to take sign-ups with a special discount. Register online **TODAY** at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

## FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Nine Months Ended October, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$298,813	\$282,865	\$15,948
Operating Expense	\$294,756	\$308,216	\$13460
Net Income (Deficit)	\$4,057	(\$25,351)	\$29,408

# NOVEMBER, 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> (SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR)
<b>5</b> ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>6</b> 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>7</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEW & PROPERTY CREW	<b>8</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M. VETERAN'S DAY POT LUCK SUPPER	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>13</b> 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED) DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	<b>14</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEW & PROPERTY CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL	<b>15</b> 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.-LIFELINE SCREENING 7:00 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>20</b> 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>21</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEW & PROPERTY CREW	<b>22</b> 5:30 P.M. THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & SOUP SUPPER NO CHOIR REHEARSAL	<b>23</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (OFFICE UNAVAILABLE)	<b>24</b> (OFFICE UNAVAILABLE)	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>27</b> 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>28</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEW & PROPERTY CREW	<b>29</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL	<b>30</b>		

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