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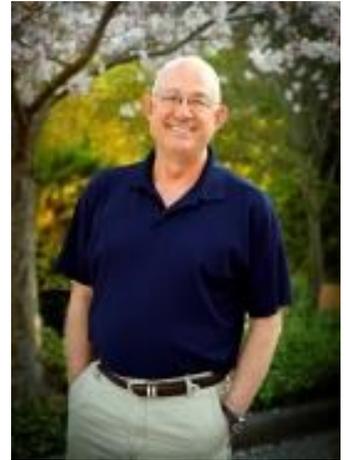
CLC Connections

Dear Friends,

The children's song goes like this (feel free to sing and use hand motions!)-

*I am the church
You are the church
We are the church together.
All of God's people
All around the world,
Yes! We're the church together.*

*The church is not a building,
The church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place,
The church is the people!*



The COVID-19 pandemic has made the words of this song more true than ever. Even though we have found it impossible to worship together for much of this pandemic, and a challenge to be together for some of it, we've all been reminded that the church is the people, not a place.

Still, a place is important! For much of the time it's been our parking lot, and since July 4 it's been our patio. Starting on Reformation Day (October 31) that place will be back in our sanctuary. And even that will be a little different than "normal."

From the beginning of the pandemic I'd always imagined the ending would involve a big, festive gathering back in our beautiful worship space, followed by a grand meal together! Well, that won't be possible, at least not for some time. However, I do look forward to worship together indoors.

I hope you can come, and we all understand if that's not possible for you. We know that children are still quite vulnerable, as are people with significant health conditions. We all have our varying comfort levels. Rest assured that we will do everything we can to make our indoor worship as safe as we can, trusting that everyone will make good decisions about participating.

We have special worship services planned every Sunday, described in this newsletter. Our online audio worship will continue every week.

I would especially like to thank all those who have helped so significantly during our outdoor worship services: sound technicians, set-up and take-down crews, traffic ushers, the altar guild, and all those who have contributed so generously of their time and skill. We really ARE the church together!

Your Pastor,

Dale Sollom-Brotherton

Coming up in Worship



October 31 - Reformation Day (everyone wear red!). This will be our first worship service in our sanctuary since March 8, 2020. Safety precautions will be in place, including facemasks and socially distant seating. Come and enjoy this celebration!

November 7 - All Saints Sunday. Every year on this Sunday we remember those who entered into eternal rest during the past year. This year we will especially remember those who have gone before us during the pandemic:

- Flo Blake
- Hannah-Lyn Edwards
- Jim Ketterer
- Gene Sanden



If the weather permits we will have our worship service in the Prayer Garden.



November 14 - The baptism of Helen Tobar, the daughter of Karla and Ronal, during the worship service. The family will supply goodies for our fellowship time.

November 21 - The Sunday before Thanksgiving, so our worship will be about practicing gratitude as a part of our walk of faith.



November 28 - The season of Advent begins, the four Sundays leading up to the festival of Christmas.

Lutheran World Relief Coffee Hour Project

We recently had a "test run" of using special LWR coffee during our fellowship hour. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive! This coffee will be offered every Sunday beginning on November 7.

The purpose is not only to provide excellent coffee, but also to make sure those who grow the coffee are compensated fairly for their work. You can read more at <https://www.lwrfarmersmarket.org/>

- LWR connects THRIVE Farmers Coffee to coffee farmers we support. THRIVE partners directly with farmers and roasts their beans into delicious coffee for you.
- Farmers are paid a more than fair, stable, and predictable price and receive additional profits after the coffee is sold so they can provide for their families while continuing to invest in the quality of their coffee crops.
- Just as a local farmers market creates a connection to the people who grow our food, LWR Farmers Market Coffee connects you to coffee farmers.



From Farmers To You

José Martínez Flores

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
FARMERS MARKET
COFFEE

LWR Farmers Market Coffee is sourced directly from coffee farmers participating in Lutheran World Relief projects.

Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities that depend on their coffee crop to feed their families. Farmers are given a stable, predictable, and higher price upfront for their beans. With LWR Farmers Market Coffee, farmers aren't just suppliers of coffee beans, they are partners in the coffee business.

#SIPBOLDLY





Meat Free Monday Recipe

Butternut Squash Casserole

Ingredients

For Butternut Squash Filling:

- 2 Tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large (3 lbs. or so) butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced into $\frac{3}{4}$ in cubes
- 3 teaspoons of fresh thyme or rosemary (your choice)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of kosher salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of black pepper
- 1 bunch of kale, chopped with the stems removed
- 1 medium yellow onion
- 1 cup of vegetable stock

For the topping:

- 1 cup of fresh breadcrumbs (or $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of panko)
- 1 tablespoon of fresh minced sage
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of kosher salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter (or vegan butter)
- 1 cup of parmesan cheese
(or vegan parmesan cheese, see recipe below)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375 and generously grease a shallow 9x13 casserole dish or 3 qt baking dish
- Prepare the filling in two batches: heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil in a large, deep skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add half of the butternut squash, half the rosemary, half the salt, and half the pepper. Sauté until the squash is beginning to brown, about 3 minutes. The squash will still be too firm to eat.
- Add half the kale, half of the onions, and half of the garlic. Cook until the kale and onions begin to soften, about 4 minutes.
- Add half of the vegetable stock, stir, and let cook a minute or two so that stock reduces slightly.
- Heat the remaining tablespoon olive oil in the skillet, then repeat the above steps with the remaining half of each of the ingredients. Transfer the rest of the filling to the casserole dish. ----Cover the dish with aluminum foil and bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until the squash is soft when pierced with a sharp knife.
- While the squash bakes, prepare the topping: In a small bowl, combine the breadcrumbs, Parmesan, sage, nutmeg, and salt. Pour the melted butter over the top. Stir to combine
- Remove the casserole from the oven, remove the foil, then sprinkle the top evenly with the breadcrumb mixture.
- Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F, return the dish to the oven, then bake uncovered, until the bread crumbs are golden, about 20 minutes. Serve warm.

For vegan parmesan cheese (if you prefer to substitute the dairy version)

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of raw cashews
- 2 tbsp nutritional yeast
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp of garlic powder

Add all ingredients to a food processor and mix/pulse until a fine meal is achieved. This makes about a cup and can be stored for 3 weeks in refrigerator

This recipe was borrowed by Well Plated

Submitted by Erin Busch

COVID-19 Update

Worship:

Worship is now indoors in the sanctuary beginning October 31. Safety precautions include facemasks, social distancing, and air filtration. Almost all the members of the congregation have been vaccinated.

Audio worship is also offered online every week. These audios and monthly newsletters are also on the church website at www.aptoschurch.org

Audio worship is also available on personal audio MP3 players provided by the church. If you'd like one delivered to you every week, contact Pastor Dale.

Periodic Midweek Email Newsletter:

If you aren't receiving these emails and would like to, send an email to Pastor Dale at pastor@aptoschurch.org and we'll add you to the list.

Monthly Newsletter:

The monthly newsletter is emailed to everyone in the church around the first of each month, and U.S. Mailed to those who need or request it. It is also posted on the church website at www.aptoschurch.org.

Stewardship of the Earth Film Discussion Sunday, November 21 5:00 p.m.

The group has been learning about the ominous and increasing presence of plastics everywhere, now even in the food we eat. On November 21 the group will present two short videos for discussion, learning, and action.

Here's the Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81217136672?
pwd=NzYxcWgySVJWdWVycy5EbG9IRUJzUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81217136672?pwd=NzYxcWgySVJWdWVycy5EbG9IRUJzUT09)

Meeting ID: 812 1713 6672 Passcode: 607351



On Sunday afternoon, October 17, eight people went to the beach to enjoy a picnic lunch together and spend some time cleaning up the beach. The beach seemed pretty clean – until the group inspected more closely. Here are the results.

(Organized by Stewardship of the Earth)



In The Lord's Service

November 2021

	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28
Assisting Minister	Matt Love	Austin Pruitt	Donna Kaelin	Donna Kaelin
Reader	Jon Covello	Christina Robert	Donna Swedberg	Karen Scharff
Counters				

Bible Readings for November

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
All Saints Day November 7, 2021	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
25 th Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 2021	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Reign of Christ November 21, 2021	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021	Jeremiah 33:14- 16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thess. 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

Thanksgiving for November Birthdays



	NOVEMBER
1	Autumn Espino
5	Orion Pascover
7	Maureen Perkinson
8	Mark Zabel
9	Jane Amaral
12	Doug Pascover
25	Barbara Brocchini
29	Jan Sollom-Brotherton



Council Corner

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior,

As the shorter, wetter and colder days arrive, Christ Lutheran is preparing to move our Sunday service back indoors. Based on our surveys, we have a high level of immunity to the virus causing COVID-19. To keep everyone as safe and comfortable as possible, we'll take several steps to protect one another: We will require masks to attend indoors, limit singing, socially distance, deploy air purifiers and continue our weekly online worship experience for those who aren't comfortable with those limitations.

Marilyn Minke, our excellent sister and Treasurer has been meeting with the budget and finance committee to prepare next year's budget for the congregation. We are grateful for her service and look forward to passing a full year budget in January.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to you, if you have questions or concerns, please know that you are always invited to be in touch.

God's Peace on you all,

Doug

Treasurer's Report September, 2021

INCOME

<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>Actual to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
\$11,520.41	\$131,801.25	\$174,577.48	\$175,735.00

EXPENSES

<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>Actual to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
\$16,462.62	\$148,641.00	\$142,104.21	\$198,188.00

GENERAL FUND INCOME/(LOSS) WITH LOAN FORGIVENESS

<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>Actual to Date</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
(\$4,942.21)	(\$16,839.75)	\$32,473.62	(\$22,453.00)

GENERAL FUND INCOME/(LOSS) WITHOUT LOAN FORGIVENESS

(\$4,942.21)	(\$16,839.75)	(\$15,393.38)	(\$22,453.00)
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Both PPP loans have now been forgiven for a total of \$47,867.00.

This month we received \$72.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Thank you for continuing to support our ministries so faithfully.

If you have any questions about this report, please call me at 831-566-4557.

Marilyn Minke, Treasurer



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 This newsletter was mailed on **October 28, 2021**

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