

Newsletter of
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November

Ushers

Kellie Lee – Captain
Justin Lee
Rita Grijalva
Cathy Gardner

Greeters

5 Pam Romano, Heidi Weszely
12 Chuck & Marcia Lellos
19 Norm & Diana Nilsson
26 John & Joyce Gorney

Nursery

5 Desiree Hall, Kari Devine
12 Joyce Gorney, Janice Goetz
19 Cathy Gardner, Lorraine Weszely
26 Ginny Almer, Carol Byland

Counters

John Weszely
Brian Crotty
Lois Flaws

Birthdays

1 Clarence Rosengren
7 Norman Nilsson
8 Tom Dori
9 Steven McShane
9 Richard Swanson
12 Rich Hood
13 Cameron Goetz
18 Allison Cavallone
21 Grace Persson
22 Andrew Snow
23 Diane Panush
23 Kurt Keller
26 Lorraine Beechick
26 Laura Suddoth
29 Diane Manthey

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know so that it will be listed in the future.

The Messenger November 2017

Sharing “Argentine Mate” with Pastor Mark

A thought has come to me as of late. How novel, you exclaim! Ha! The title of my “Messenger Newsletter” says, “Sharing Argentine Mate with Pastor Mark.” My thought was, what if many of you have no idea what I am talking about, or what in the world that means! So, I thought I should share with all of you a bit.

Part of our 29 years overseas saw us serving in ministry for three years in Argentina. There is a custom amongst the Argentine people to drink an organic tea from trees in the northern part of the country. It was used by the Native South American Indians in Southern Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile and, of course, Argentina. The custom was adopted by the Gaucho (the “cowboy” of the pampas in South America; the gaucho still tends to the steers in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina.).

This tea is consumed in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. A small amount of tea called “Yerba Mate” is placed into a receptacle called a “Mate.” This is sometimes an elaborate container that is made from sterling silver or even porcelain. Usually, however, it is either carved from wood or a hollowed gourd from the branches of the same Mate (tea) tree. Since the tea is loose leaf in the gourd, a straw with a strainer on the end is introduced to the mix. This metal straw is called a “bombilla.” A small thermos of hot water is carried to continually add to the tea. One must be careful to place the water stream into only one side of the gourd keeping a portion of the tea always dry so that the tea is only slowly saturated. This tea is usually an acquired taste. I have met folks who love it instantly, but more often than not, there is a quizzical look on the face of the sampler as a reaction to this strong tea.

Yerba Mate, breakfast of champions!



Now the main part: One can drink yerba mate alone, but the best way is to drink it in a group. This is part of the Argentine culture. It is not going out to have coffee, although that seems to be an international event which takes place everywhere! You will often hear people shout out to each other on the street: “Nos veremos pronto y tomaremos unos ricos mates!” “We will see each other soon and drink some delicious mates!” It is part of their culture. It is in the sharing. The mate and ingredients are brought out on a platter and prepared in front of everyone AND there is ONLY ONE. Each person will share it and drink from the same straw. It is a form of intimate friendship. A group of 4 or 5 people sits snacking on crackers or cookies and drinking yerba mate for an hour or two. The conversation is rich and profound. Life slows and you enjoy what is important. This is important. Work at the office still gets done, even if you have to work until 930pm. This time of sharing yerba mate is sacred to the Argentine.

This draws me to scriptural musings. Acts 4:32 speaks of the early Christians.

“And the congregations of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.” (NAS).

When these early Christians saw someone in need, they took care of that person. How do we know of the needs of others unless we know them? We must get to know people on a more than superficial basis. This is our call and our mandate. I look at the sharing of mate by the Argentine people as a means by which we take a "time out" in our day and sit with

Pastor Mark's Argentine Dogo "Gaucho" enjoying a delicious Mate!



each other. We matter to each other and we share our lives together. In each culture, we have different ways of getting close to each other. Let's get to know each other and in so doing share and care for one another. This will make us a community that is a beacon of the love of Christ.

Blessings to All!
Pastor Mark

WITH SYMPATHY



As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Tracy and Rich Hood on the death of Tracy's mother Pauline Guadagno who entered the life eternal on Tuesday, September 26. A funeral service

was held on Thursday, September 28 at Overman-Jones Funeral Home in Plainfield, IL. Peace be to the memory of Pauline.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Hazel Carlson who entered the life eternal on Monday, October 16. A funeral service was held at Trinity on Saturday, October 21. Peace be to the memory of Hazel.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or honor someone on a given special date, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Flowers are \$40 and you are invited to take them home following morning worship.

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers that were sent to our mother's memorial service.



They were lovely! Trinity was a big part of mom's life and we all spent many wonderful years here. Thank you again.

Natalie Hjelmberg's daughters,
Laurel Vlcek and Lynne Mazzukelly

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of Pauline Guadagno
(Tracy Hood's mother)

Adult Sunday School

On November 5, 12, and 19 the class will be lead by Rev. Dr. Paul O. Bischoff on the topic "The Reformation Wasn't Protestant", a 3-week forum on the life of Martin Luther and the impact of his Reformation theology on the church. Dr. Bischoff studied theology and received his doctorate in Bonhoeffer from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the University of Chicago and Oxford.

It's a Kingdom Thing

Pastor Mark invites you to join him on Wednesday evenings now through December 6 for his class that looks deeply into what the Gospel means for our lives.

We will meet at 6 PM for a light dinner; class begins at 6:30 P.M. and concludes at 8 P.M. Please call the church office at 708-422-5111 if you would like to attend.

REMINDER

Daylight Savings Time

Ends

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Move clocks BACK

One Hour



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

November – the month noted for giving and sharing thanks expressed in a myriad of meaningful ways.

This column is a personal expression of thanks for being a child of the King, an active member of His family and a committed citizen of Heaven.

As you are welcomed into my home you are greeted by my five year British crème Lab and introduced to a picture/statement, "Always believe that something good is about to happen."

And so it goes as you recognize blessings and gifts that are my life. I visually enjoy Heaven One, delight in Heaven Two and anticipate Heaven Three. Surprises coupled with contentment and purpose are ever-present assurances planned and orchestrated by the Head Shepherd who delights in caring for His sheep.

On any given day as I approach church and enter Holy Ground I am confident good things are about to happen. A full menu of thankfulness and service is offered and allowed to happen. And so – the very best is always given and found when respect and obedience is evident.

In review:

Our continuing Autumn study based upon praise, joy and thanks led to more than 10,000 blessings as we un-folded areas often missed, forgotten or un-touched – spiritual past, present and future.

Our mind-set will always allow time for interaction concerning praise, joy and thanks as we gather to discuss situations, storms and consequences. Looking ahead is what we are about. Listening for His guiding words will always be that something good is about to happen within His time-frame for His children. He is never too early or never too late.

Looking ahead:

Our winter study is an invitation, based upon scripture, with a lead-in by Matthew Kelly, dynamic Catholic best selling author/speaker.

Topic/Theme:

Rediscover Jesus. Just knowing of Jesus is not enough – in-complete.

Our plans and hope are to meet every Tuesday as weather permits.

Our plans are not perfect.

His plan is perfect. Bewildering, puzzling, but perfect.

"Time slips, days pass, years fade and life ends.

And what we came to do must be done while there is time.

Do not waste time"

Michelangelo

I am not alone in my never ending quest to know more about the Creator, Messenger and Enabler. My good things happen every Tuesday morning as we greet one another and approach learning as a necessary part of the Christian life.

We are thankful for another.

We are thankful for privilege and responsibility.

We are family.

We have much to be thankful for.

Find us in the Fireside Room.

Bakery, study, lunch

9:30 – 10:45

An all-together morning!

Barbara Johnson

November 11

PLOWS Council on Aging

Drivers Needed: Plows, a non-profit senior agency in Suburban Cook County, has an immediate need for dependable drivers to deliver meals to the homebound senior citizens in the south suburban area. Driver commitment is only 2-2 ½ hours per week, no nights or weekends. To volunteer to help with this great need, please call PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

Respite for Family Caregivers: The Respite Program coordinated by PLOWS, offers caregivers the opportunity to take time for themselves while their loved one is cared for by a licensed and insured professional. The program provides supervision, companion care, basic personal care assistance and meal preparation. To register for this service contact PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

Pryme Tymers

Join us in November for the fall program (*note: only one program in November*)

November 9, 11 A.M.

Program: All Saints Remembered – Pryme Tymers & Military.

A patriotic program with organist Betty Aardema that will include candles for our own recently deceased members, and honors for all service men and women present. Sing We a Song of Thanksgiving and Praise!

Entrée: Roasted Turkey Breast

Make your reservation by the *Friday BEFORE* the program. The cost per meeting is \$7. Remember to bring two canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Pantry; there is always a great need.



CHIC 2018 NEWS

Calling all High School Students...CHIC is coming! *July 15-20 in Knoxville, TN.* CHIC is a triennial conference for high school students sponsored by Make and Deepen Disciples, the Evangelical Covenant Church. CHIC is a worship, transformational and fun week of Christ! If you have completed grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 in the 2017-2018 school year and are 15 years old by Dec. 31, 2017 then you are eligible to go. If you are a senior and already went to CHIC you are welcome, too!

Registration forms are available in the church office or see Kellie Lee. **Deposits and registration sheets are due by Dec. 15, 2017.** Please pay \$100 early bird registration deposit by Dec. 15, 2017. Final payments of \$499 are due May 15, 2018.

Extra fees include: optional excursions from \$10 to \$75 and transportation fees. We are looking into airfare and bus costs.

Questions? See Kellie Lee or email: pglkl199@comcast.net

Color the World Orange Day

Wear the color **Orange** on Monday, November 6, in support of MaryFaith West who was diagnosed 4 years ago with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, a very painful disease. Help raise awareness by attending the awareness party on Saturday, November 4, 12-4 P.M., at Hometown School, 8870 S. Duffy. Proceeds benefit The Ferocious Fighters. Contact Michelle West for further information.

New Email Address

Kelly Bradbury
goldenlilygrace@gmail.com



November 23



JulFest - December 2, 2017

All ladies are invited to attend our annual JulFest on Saturday, December 2, at 11 A.M in Peterson Hall. Our JulFest theme will be "God is Love", and will be presented by The Heavenly Harps, a mother and her 4 exceptionally talented daughters.

To reserve your tickets, fill out the form below and deliver to the church office or call the office at 708-422-5111. Tables will accommodate 8 to 9 people maximum.

Tickets will be available for pick up and sale after worship in Peterson Hall on Sunday, November 12, 19 and 26. Full payment is required when picking up your tickets. The cost is Adults \$20, Children age 5-12 \$5, and under age 5 are free. Contact Kay Shannon, Carol Strickland or the church office with any questions.



JulFest Craft Tables and Decorations

The Craft Room will open at 10 A.M. and after the luncheon. If you have items to donate, please deliver to the church by Thursday, November 30, 2017. Contact Lorraine Weszely if you want to reserve a table to sell items.

The Family Winter Weekend committee will have a table selling Bond Ost, Lingonberries and coffee cakes.

Miriam Ladies are asked to bake 3 dozen homemade cookies for the dessert table. If possible, please bring cookies on Thursday, November 30, when we will be setting up decorations in Peterson Hall at 1 P.M.

We appreciate all the volunteer help which will make this annual tradition continue.

10:15 A.M. Doors open for craft shopping
 11:00 A.M. JulFest program
 12:00 P.M. Swedish Smorgasbord



RSVP – JulFest December 2, 2017:

Name _____

Phone _____

I wish to purchase tickets:

of Adults (\$20) _____

of Children age 5-12 (\$5) _____

of Children under age 5 (Free) _____

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, December 16: Greg Athnos, Professor of Music for 32 years at North Park University, will present a class on *A New View of Handel's Messiah*. Mr. Athnos has done research and has an entirely new view of Handel's spiritual commitment to the text used in the masterpiece. Class starts at 10 A.M., with a break for lunch, and resumes following lunch. Look for sign up information in future bulletins.

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	6	7	8	9	10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22		24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Notes:

- 1: All Saints Day
Light supper before Pastor Mark's class (6 PM)
"It's A Kingdom Thing" class with Pastor Mark (6:30 PM)
- 5: Daylight Savings Time Ends – turn clocks **BACK** one hour
- 6: **Color the World Orange Day**
- 7: Women's Bible Study resumes, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Ronald McDonald House "Meals from the Heart" (4:30 PM)
- 8: Light supper before Pastor Mark's class (6 PM)
"It's A Kingdom Thing" class with Pastor Mark (6:30 PM)
- 9: Pryme Tymers (11 AM)
- 11: **Veterans Day**
- 14: Women's Bible Study resumes, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
Deacons meeting (6:30 PM)
Trustees & CE Board meetings (7 PM)
- 15: Light supper before Pastor Mark's class (6 PM)
"It's A Kingdom Thing" class with Pastor Mark (6:30 PM)
- 19: Budget/Election Meeting (time???)
Let's Do Lunch – CE Board fundraiser
Articles for December Messenger' due
- 21: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
- 22: Light supper before Pastor Mark's class (6 PM)
"It's A Kingdom Thing" class with Pastor Mark (6:30 PM)
- 23: *Happy Thanksgiving*
- 28: Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room (9:30 AM)
- 29: Light supper before Pastor Mark's class (6 PM)
"It's A Kingdom Thing" class with Pastor Mark (6:30 PM)
- 30: JulFest setup (1 PM)

On-going Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM Worship

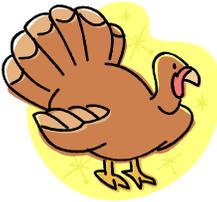
10:00 AM Nursery for Infants/ Sunday School for Pre-K up to 6th grade.

Noah's Ark Preschool – Mon – Fri, 9 AM – 12 PM

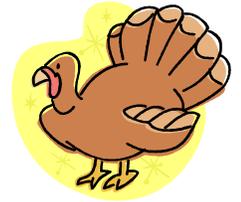
Women's Bible Study – Tuesday, 9:30 AM, Fireside Room

Pryme Tymers – 2nd Thursday, 11 AM

SAVE THE DATE
JULFEST
Saturday, December 2



November News



Please Do The Family Crafts We Send Home! They Are An Important Part In Your Child's Portfolio!

Reminders

Thanksgiving Break-
November 21st - November 24th
NO SCHOOL
MONDAY November 27th
Parent Teacher Conferences
Please Sign Up

A Peek at Our Weeks

Thanksgiving Projects
Learning about FALL!
How the trees are
changing!

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Feast!
Monday November 20th
More info will come!!!!

Please send in \$5.00 for your child's Thanksgiving Craft

Little Room News!

Letters Gh, Hh, Ii, and Review
Numbers 5 & 6

We will continue Shapes and Colors
Throughout the year!

Color: Orange and Black

Please help your child learn to hold a
pencil

Please Feel Free To Contact Me At Any time!

Ms. Amanda -708-969-3481

Mrs. Dryier

Mrs. Theo

Big Room News!

Letters Mm, and Hh
Numbers 10, 11, 12, 13

Color- Brown

Working on printing first name

Review short vowels sounds

A, e, I, o, u

Blending sounds for reading

Mrs. M

Email anytime

Msmarcheschi@hotmail.com

Mrs. Wojcik

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Articles for the
December Messenger
are due November 19