



Our Savior Lutheran Church Newsletter

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FROM PASTOR ANNE

To God's Holy People at Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Just before Thanksgiving in 2012, Christian author Anne Lamott published a book called Help.Thanks.Wow!, which *Publishers Weekly* described as "[a] prayer manual for people who wouldn't be caught dead reading prayer manuals..."

How many of us feel inhibited in our prayers, especially when we are called upon to pray out loud? How many of us imagine that prayer must include pronouns from the King James era, such as 'thee, thou, thy, and thine', or that we need to frame our prayers with conditional and formal language like "...so that we might...."? Do we imagine that our prayers are not valid unless we address them to "Father God" and conclude them "in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord?" Make no mistake: It's fine to pray this way if you wish, but it's not necessary. God hears our prayers no matter what kind of language we use. It is more important to pray than to pray in any particular style.

Anne Lamott's book suggests that three primary prayers can be raised to God using these words: *Help. Thanks. Wow!* It's as simple as that. Wow! prayers are prayers of praise: you might even just pray the word "Wow!" when you see a sunrise, or hold a newborn, or rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. (You could also say "Alleluia!" – God likes both expressions of praise.) Help prayers are the easiest, because they come from our needs and the needs of others: "Please help" Or "Please help me....." The Lord's prayer is full of help petitions: Send your kingdom. Give us our daily bread. Forgive us. Save us."

Thanks prayers are particularly highlighted during this month as the harvest concludes and we give thanks to God for all God's good gifts to us and to the world. On November 3, will give thanks to God for all the saints who have gone before us. We will give thanks to God for the service and sacrifice of military veterans on November 10, and on that afternoon we will gather in the City Park to give thanks for the blessings of liberty and community. Our prayers of thanksgiving will be lived out in our actions as our quilters continue their ministry, as our members and friends serve at St. Edward's soup kitchen, and as the last of us each considers how to return to God a portion of God's bounty by making a financial commitment to the congregation as our stewardship drive concludes.

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thess 5:17). Pray with your heart, and also with your hands and feet! Pray with the words that are already inside of you. Pray like this: **Help. Thanks. Wow!**

Your servant, and His, Pastor Anne Palma

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 3

“Baptism marks our entry into the life of Christ, just as death, by virtue of the baptismal promise, becomes the gate and doorway to the eternal union promised in the sacrament.” (from *Sundays and Seasons*, © 2018 Augsburg Fortress). Festival worship on November 3 will include an opportunity to celebrate in prayer the lives of all the saints, including the lives of the saints we most cherish. You will be invited to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have died and in thanksgiving for those who have been baptized this year.

CALLING ALL COOKIE DECORATORS!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. and come to a cookie decorating party!

Bring your grandchildren, teen-agers, spouse, friends!

We will be frosting Christmas sugar cookies.

If you can please bring a couple dozen unfrosted cookies! You can even take some of your creations home!

Watch for more information as we get closer to December. Any questions, contact Margie Rahr.

FAITH AND JUSTICE IN FILM SERIES CONTINUES NOVEMBER 3

Faith and Justice in Film: How can justice be served when the truth is in doubt? Join us at 4 PM today to view a 2008 film in which a school principal questions a priest's ambiguous relationship with a troubled young student. (Though rated PG-13, this film's mature themes may not be appropriate for younger teens). Popcorn and cold drinks will be provided.



LUTHER HEIGHTS BIBLE CAMP ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 16



OSLC will again host the annual meeting of the Luther Heights Bible Camp on Saturday, November 16. You are invited to attend! Gather for coffee at 9:30 AM and the meeting will start at 10 AM. Plan to stay for lunch after the meeting. Join other ELCA Lutherans from all over the southern portion of our Northwest Intermountain Synod in supporting the camp with your prayers and presence! The camp's annual report and fall newsletter will be available at the church soon.

ANNUAL MEETING – CALL FOR REPORTS

The congregation's Annual Meeting will be held on January 26, 2020.

If any congregation member is the leader or contact person for a ministry or program within the church, we would love to include your annual report for this upcoming Annual Meeting in January. All those whom have submitted reports in the past are requested to submit a report for the Annual Meeting.

If you are unsure whether or not to submit a report, those ministries that are specifically requested will be reached out to by the OSL Church Council. The Church Council will be reaching out to ministry leaders in mid-to-late November to begin their annual reports. Please submit your Annual Reports to Matthew Anderson (OSL Church Council Secretary) or the OSL office by:

January 7, 2020

Reports received after January 7th will not be included at the Annual Meeting. Special exceptions may be made for different due dates upon request.

CHURCH TRIVIA

1. What do B.C. and A.D. stand for?
2. Which borough of New York City is named for a Lutheran?
3. According to the book of Acts, why did Herod die, and what did Peter and Paul do to avoid the same fate?



“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.” –

Martin Luther

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thanks are due again to the many quilters who work throughout the year to craft warm quilts for neighbors in need. Thanks to you also for your generosity in supporting this ministry. On October 13, when we dedicated the quilts for their intended purpose, worshipers donated a total of \$1097 for the purchase of more quilting supplies.

The Hearts and Hands ministry is a showcase of stewardship in all three dimensions: Time, Talent, and Treasure!

NEW MEMBER PROFILE – HAL MILLER

There is a season for everything, a few months ago I was listening to the Byrds' song "Turn, Turn, Turn" and I can't get it out of my mind. I also found, "Turn, Turn, Turn," in the Bible. Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." I was thinking that there is a time for Peace and a time of War, well we did the time of War (Vietnam) and I thought what I should go for is peace and do something for my Vietnam Brothers. I'm writing this note to show you what I have done as Marine Corps League (MCL) Chaplain, Magic Valley, Idaho. (Turn, Turn, Turn, a time to remember and not forget).

One of the things I would like to do as MCL Chaplain is to find those Vietnam Tankers and or Veterans that have not received their parade or THANKS from their community! (turn, turn, tis the season). I would like to acknowledge at least three (not the complete list) of Brothers that after Vietnam became first responders – Dirty Jack Arena, Frenchy Pat Canulette, Armando Moreno – to thank them for services and God Bless, Semper Fi. I said this is just a short list, as your MCL Chaplain Magic Valley, I would like to acknowledge ALL ... CPL Spud (Hal Miller).

A little history: Twin Falls, Idaho, 1966.

It was a cold March day back in 1966 when there was a knock at the door, being a Saturday and no school till Monday I was sitting around the house not doing a lot. Went to the door and there was a guy that I worked with at Albertson's (a food store here in Twin Falls). I said "hi, Ron" (Ron being Ron Wilson, 1st Battalion Ontos), and asked what's up. He replied that he was on his way down to see the Marine Corps Recruiters and I was talking to your Dad (manager of the food store) and he said to stop by and get you, so we were off to see the Marine Corps recruiter. Being under age to sign we had to get our parents to sign. My dad took only a second to sign; Mom wanted some time to think about it, but – what can I say? – Semper Fi.

In June of 1966, we were off to see the Wizard. There was a Montana Platoon heading to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. They needed some bodies to fill the plane. Before getting on the plane there was the usual paperwork to fill out. Standing in line, the guy before me was looking over his paperwork, question, "what is this number six here in this block, Sergeant?" "That's the number of years you're in the Corps." "No, I'm in for two." "No, you're in for six!" You don't think I was looking over my paperwork. Within a few hours, welcome to the yellow footprints. But before boarding the plane, a reporter stopped the last in line (that being Ron Wilson), and "What do you think about being part of the Montana Platoon?" Ron said "I don't know, I'm from IDAHO!"

In August of '66 we were sent to Intense Recruit Training (ITR) . Before that we received our Military Occupational Specialties (MOS's). Myself and Ron received a MOS of 0353 – "What the is 0353?" ITR Drill Instructors (DI's) had the same question. The DI's looked up 0353 and found Ontos, a small tracked vehicle with six 106's. "What the is a Ontos?" So, we ran the hills of Camp Pendleton for the next three weeks. September we were shipped to Schools Bn, Ontos. That's where I met Armando Moreno, and we were introduced to the Ontos. I think it was October of 1966 that we were sent home for about 20 days. Upon our return to Camp Pendleton we were sent to Staging BN.

Staging BN was the better part of Nov. 1966. We attended classes in jungle training, then medical exams, one of test where the Doc had the battalion lined up in front of the Hospital, where he had us flex our index finger. With that he said "You all pass!" Then it was off to the land God Forgot! That is a story for another Time which I hope to do! (but as you can see, not much of a writer). Dec. 1967 I returned to the

States, and Twin Falls, ID, where Connie Backus and I were to be married, Dec 30, 1967 at First Christian Church.

With that bit of history, I will get back to the duties of MCL Chaplain, Magic Valley, ID, looking for Marines that not only served but went on to be first responders, and acknowledge them for their additional service! And to those who did not get a THANK YOU! God Bless..... Semper Fi..... Cpl. Spud 3rd AT's and 1st Tanks '66 to '74.

Hal Miller, Twin Falls, ID

0353 "'66-67" 3rd AT's, 1811 "'72-74" 1st Tanks (M48A3)

IT'A A SCAM

Unfortunately, one of the costs of the convenience of technology are email scams that can occur. With breaches in Facebook, Microsoft, Google, etc. your email address can get into the wrong hands. Church members receive what appears to be an email or text message from their Pastor asking them to make contributions through gift cards. Recently one of our fellow ELCA congregations in Boise was affected by this scam; a member received an e-mail that appeared to be from the pastor. If you receive something like this, please do not respond.



CHURCH TRIVIA ANSWERS

B.C. is an abbreviation of the English phrase "Before Christ." A.D. is an abbreviation of the Latin phrase "Anno Domini," which means "in the year of the Lord," referencing the year Jesus was born.

The first permanent settlement of Lutherans in the Western Hemisphere was a group of Dutch settlers in Manhattan in 1611. One of these settlers was named Jonas Bronck; the New York borough of the Bronx is named after him!

According to the book of Acts, King Herod died because he accepted worship from the people, who said he was a god. (Acts 12:20-23). When God performed wondrous signs through Peter (Acts 10:24-26) and Paul (Acts 14:8-15), and the people tried to worship them, the apostles replied that they were mere mortals, and that worship should be directed to God alone.

Thank You Section:

Hello Pastor Anne,

Thank you so much for sharing your welcoming place of Our Savior for Luther Heights Board Meetings. Many thanks also for allowing LH to store items over the winter and spring in the basement.

As I step off the board after 7+ years, I have always appreciated Our Savior's hospitality for the Luther Heights Board and of course ongoing support of the ministry.

Blessings, Sonia Daley

Youth News



The YG will participate in the craft fair held on Nov. 2nd to raise funds for our summer 2020 retreat to Rocky Boy Camp in Montana. Come visit our booth and support the youth of OSL!

OSL Youth Group participated in Faith Formation with Pastor Anne on Sunday discussing Reformation then and now. All are welcome to the next Faith Formation on November 24th.

There will be confirmation class on Sunday, November 3rd at 11am.

Save the date: Nov. 13th 5:30pm. OSL YG will meet at Pizza Pie Cafe to finalize our 2019/2020 calendar and start planning our Christmas program.

Council Highlights

Your council met on October 16th, and will meet again on November 24th following worship. All meetings are public, and you are welcome to attend. Full minutes of each council meeting are available in the church office after they are approved. In October, the council:

- Affirmed that a stewardship drive will be held this fall for the year 2020, with pledge cards being accepted from October 27th through November 10th.
 - Approved the Land Committee as nominated by the congregation at the October 13th congregational meeting.
 - Heard activity suggestions for God's Work, Our Hands in 2020.
 - Confirmed that the annual Potato Bar Auction will be held on April 18th, 2020.
 - Scheduled a special council meeting on January 5th, 2020 to review the annual budget.
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Remember In Prayer.....

Donna Erickson, Noel Erickson, Steven Erickson, Jack Harding, Tamra Helms, Dorothy Kerbs, The Family of Del McNary, Pattie Mattlin, Marge Mayer, Connie Miller, Joan Stokesberry, Julie Allen, Marilyn Backstrom, Cathy and Raymond Dey, Gen Wolff, Wayne Hawkins, Sandra Soran, Brian Conrad, Henry Ortmann, the family of Walt Dunlop and the family of Donna Kleinkopf

11TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 2nd

9 am - 4 pm

Featuring Handmade Christmas Gifts
from Local Crafters, Artisans,
and CSLC Members

Our Savior Lutheran Church,

464 Carriage Lane N, Twin Falls

Admission: Non-Perishable Food or Donation

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN

HEARTS
& HANDS
FUNDRAISER



Secretary's Space: Yikes, it's November already and the holidays are getting here fast! During this busy season, we all have other things on our minds with a list of "to do's" that seem never ending. If you could possibly add one more "to do" to the list, it would be ever so helpful. We need Saints for *Reading, Assisting Ministers, Greeters* and providing *Refreshments for Fellowship Hour* for a few Sundays in November and all of December. Please call the church office if you can help, or sign up on the sign up sheets in the back of the church. The clipboards are available on Sunday's on the tables in the back. Thank you.

Tomorrow's forecast: God reigns and the Son shines!

SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR NOVEMBER

	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	Nov 28
	All Saints Sunday			Christ the King Sunday	Thanksgiving
First Reading	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Job 19:23-27a	Malachi 4:1-2a	Jerimiah 23:1-6	Deut 26:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 149	Psalm 17:1-9	Psalm 98	Psalm 46	Psalm 100
Second Reading	Ephesians 1: 11-23	2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thess 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20	Phil 4:4-9
Gospel	Luke 6:20-31	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43	John 6:25-35
Liturgical Color	White	Green	Green	White	Green

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saint's Day 2:00 pm—7:00 pm Set up for Craft Fair	2 9:00 am—4:00 pm Holiday Craft Fair 
3 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 am Confirmation 11:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Faith & Justice in Film	4 5:30 pm OSL Serves @ St. Ed's	5 ELECTION DAY 10:30 am Calendar Planning	6 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Shari's 9:15 am Bible Study	7 1:30 pm Clergy Text Study	8	9 9:00 am to 12 noon Indoor Fall Church Clean Up
10 9:30 am Worship/ Veteran's Observance 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Celebration of Thanks & Gratitude @ City Park	11 Veteran's Day  5:30 pm Youth & Adults Serve @ St. Ed's 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands Set Up	12 9:00 am Hearts & Hands 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands Tear Down	13 6:30 pm Men's Breakfast @ Shari's 9:15 am Bible Study	14 10:30 am Worship Committee Meeting 1:30 pm Clergy Text Study	15 Church in use by Corrine for Event	16 10:00 am Luther Heights Annual Meeting
17 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 am Confirmation 11:00 am Bible Study Pastor Leaves for Washington	18 5:30 pm St. Ed's Hearts & Hands Set Up	19 9:00 am Hearts & Hands 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands Tear Down	20 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Shari's 9:15 am Bible Study	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! No Clergy Text Study	22	23
24 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:45 Faith Formation 10:45 am Council Meeting	25 5:30 pm OSL Serves @ St. Ed's	26 No Hearts & Hands	27 6:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Shari's	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	29	30 9:00 am Decorate Church for Christmas



Worship with Holy Communion is Celebrated

Every Sunday

At

9:30 AM

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