
November 2019

Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

This month we're going to try something new at Grace... **Socks for the Flocks!** It's a winter collection for the less fortunate in Cleveland. Items will be collected from November 1st through January 31st in the narthex at Grace. A special table and box will be set up. All items collected will be taken down to the **Redeemer Crisis Center** in Cleveland – a Lutheran social service agency that works the poor, hungry, needy, unloved, and homeless. You can help them too.

What are they collecting?

- SOCKS! Any sizes... especially warm ones.
- Plastic grocery bags (since the stores in Cleveland won't use them during the winter months – which puts them in high demand)
- Paper bags (for the same reason as above)
- Coats

You probably have some of those items laying around at home. Here's your chance to not only unclutter your house, but more importantly to help care for those in need. During this time of year when we reflect on all we have to be THANKFUL for, we can also take the time to care for others.

To be clear, this is not the same thing as the **Mitten Tree**. That is a collection of hats, gloves, etc. to donate to the Oberlin Community Services Center to give to the people in our own community. Both are worthy causes. I would encourage you to participate in both.

Recall Jesus' **Parable of the 10 Minas** in Luke 19:11-27 and how Christ commends his servants who use what they've been given in His service. This is a very small way for us to use what God has bestowed upon us to help others who are in need.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

October Official Pastoral Acts:

- 3 sick/shut-in visits
- 3 private communions
- 1 circuit visitor activity
- 3 evangelism contacts
- 2 family visitations
- 5 pastoral care visits
- 2 hospital visits
- 2 funerals (*Bob Fraunfelder & Glenn Waltz*)

Upcoming Sermon Texts	
Nov. 3	Luke 6:20-26
Nov. 10	Luke 20:27-40
Nov. 17	Luke 21:5-28
Nov. 24	Luke 23:27-43
Dec. 1	Romans 13:11-14

This month Pastor's Sunday morning **Adult Bible Class** continues working through the book "God Space" by Doug Pollock. It's a simple, easy to read book that leads us through a **Relational Evangelism Training Course**, about how everyone can become a light for Jesus in their everyday lives without any super nerve-wracking or difficult conversations. Just preparation, purpose, and the Holy Spirit's guidance. Join us to learn more!

Message from the President:

The upcoming November Voter's meeting will bring in some new members to our council. I would like everyone to take this opportunity step forward and volunteer for one of the positions to serve Grace and the congregation. If you don't feel you can do that at this time, please remember that there are plenty of opportunities to serve that don't require as big of a commitment.

As always, I encourage all to come to the Voter's meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Worship News:

November is the month for THANKSGIVING – and we have PLENTY to be grateful for on account of our good and gracious God. On Wednesday, November 21st we'll have our annual **Thanksgiving Eve service** at 7 pm at Grace, which affords us the opportunity to sing some familiar songs of praise and mark the annual holiday by praising Him from whom all blessings flow. Again this year during the service we will be taking a free-will offering of canned food items to be donated to the local Oberlin Community Services Center for those in need.

Looking ahead... **Advent** begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving. In December we will have 3 midweek Advent services (with a supper beforehand) and a 7 pm Christmas Eve worship service.

Evangelism News:

The Mission of the Month for NOVEMBER is **Socks for the Flocks**. Check out Pastor's article on page 1 for details.

Coming this month... brand-new **Grace Lutheran Church PENS!!!** As part of our church outreach effort the pens are yours to share with others, offering an opportunity to talk about our church and invite people to learn more.

We have two new congregations to support with 1-1-1!

Since last fall our congregation was encouraged to take part in the English District's 1-1-1 program, which means all members are encouraged to give \$ 1 per Sunday (above and beyond their regular offering) that will go directly to 2 different missions. Our donations from last year through this August went toward Concordia Lutheran Mission in Lebanon, Pennsylvania and the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission. However, starting in September 2019 we are supporting two new and different congregations. Wonder who and what they are?!? Read on...

Meet Holy Cross Lutheran Mission

Holy Cross Lutheran Mission is located in Hazelwood, a neighborhood of Pittsburgh. This community has gone through significant economic hardship but is preparing to see growth and expansion, and Holy Cross is excellently placed in the community to be part of that growth.

They are in need of a building to call their own, Holy Cross intends to offer members of the community catechesis, daily prayer offices, and weekly church services. The people in the community are hungry for the Gospel and eager for a church home, and Holy Cross is eager to start serving them, as well, with a clothing and food bank. Holy Cross is served by Rev. Doug Spittel and Vicar Timothy Kern. They are looking forward to being able to better serve their growing flock and the people around them.

Meet Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Tree of Life is a congregation in Inverness, Florida. They began meeting in a member's home with four families who gathered for Bible studies, music, and singing. The church has grown and now needs a larger meeting place and a permanent location. They have a new pastor, Rev. Mark Steinke.

Tree of Life is a wonderful example of how God can work in a community of people to grow a church and serve a community through that church.

This congregation is very community focused, with a "Kids in Care" program where they serve local foster parents and children in foster care by giving them fun, safe activities and respite. They also help support a dental clinic for the community where veterans and people experiencing homelessness can receive free dental care. Tree of Life is excited to grow and share their love with others around them!

Buildings & Grounds Items:

- A newer **lawnmower** has been donated to the church, fixed up, and is now operational. The key is in the utility shed as is the instruction manual.

- Some end of the year small jobs (like cleaning the gutters, weeding, and trimming/clearing branches) still need to be taken care of around the outside of the church. Let Dale Rider know if you would be able to help with these.

Altar Guild News

Altar Guild will be offering to purchase poinsettias again this year. Details will be in the December newsletter as well as the bulletin later this month.

We will be decorating the chancel area in preparation for the Advent/Christmas season the Saturday following Thanksgiving as the first Sunday in Advent is December 1. Anyone interested in helping is welcome!

We are still looking to add a few new members to our team. If you are interested in serving on Altar Guild please contact Robin Turnbull.

Serving in November:

3 – Carolyn Husted
10 & 17 – Kathy Knipper
24 & Dec. 1 – Karen Houston

~Thank you for serving~

~ Robin

Lutheran Women's League News

The LWL will hold their fall meeting on Nov. 5th at 6pm. We will be deciding on which Missions to support with our profits from the rummage sale this year. All women are encouraged to attend. I would like to thank everyone who helped set-up, clean-up and donate for the recent funerals at church.

~ Bonnie

Coffee fellowship in November:

3 Donna Perron
10 Lori Izold
17 Karen Fridenstine
24 Giovanna Bremke

Hosting the **Free Hot Meal:**

Wayne & Donna Perron
on Saturday, Nov. 16th

THE MITTEN TREE IS COMING

Every year Grace Lutheran Church (LWML) gathers outer winter-wear for the needy children in the Oberlin/Wellington area. Mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, stocking caps of all sizes are needed. Please bring them to church before Sunday, December 1 and hang them on the Christmas mitten tree located in the narthex. They will then be taken to Oberlin Community Center to be distributed to the children the first week in December. All are greatly appreciated.

Church Classifieds

The large wooden entertainment center just inside the main church entrance is FREE and looking for a good home. If interested, please take it soon!

CPH News

Portals of Prayer has been a favorite devotional of generations of CPH readers, a timeless daily source of strength and comfort since 1937. In addition to the *Portals of Prayer* quarterly print publication, we also offer it as a digital app. A new resource we're introducing this fall is the *Portals of Prayer Devotional Bible*, which weaves more than 700 devotions into the entire ESV translation of Scripture. Learn more at cph.org/portalsbible

November Birthdays

James Feddeck 11/10
Cole Sklarek 11/13
Verna Bremke 11/17
Harriett Thomas 11/21
Fred Feddeck 11/22

November Anniversaries

Tom & Barb Hadaway 11/13
Myron & Verna Bremke 11/15

* If we accidentally forgot your birthday or anniversary, please tell Pastor and we'll add it to our list.

ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COUNT SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN 2020

Mrs. Abicht (Bonnie) and I would like to have a “Counters’ Schedule” ready by the second Sunday in December (8th) for 2020. Accordingly, listed below are those members of Grace Lutheran Church who have volunteered this past year to contribution their time and effect for this necessary and confidential service to the support of GLC. It is deeply appreciated by pastor and the members of the church council.

Should you wish to serve again in 2020, please let either Bonnie or Fred know your flexibility for the upcoming year. If there’s a particular month---or months--- you will NOT be available, so indicate same to one of us. If you have no objection, we will try to keep the same 2-person teams together---provided you decide to continue to count Sunday collections in 2020. As you know, we work in 1-month increments. E.g. if you are scheduled for May, you count all Sundays in May.

You will be responsible for making that Sunday’s collection deposit. Please also remember that our primary bank is Huntington in Oberlin, NOT Northwest in Oberlin. There is a “night” depository we use alongside the front entrance to the bank. It’s very simple!

For anyone interested who hasn’t counted collections before, it takes c. 20-25 minutes each Sunday immediately after the service. Bonnie or I will assist you and your counting partner the first 2 weeks. After that, you won’t need us. Please think about joining us.

Fred C. Feddeck

Cell phone: (914) 419-5316 OR Use Church mailbox

CURRENT COUNTERS:

Bonnie Abicht, Fred C. Feddeck, Glen Fridenstine, Barbara Hadaway, Colleen Karp, Lisa Lalonde, Kert Limpert, Jan Limpert, Ron Mertz, Marcia Metzger and...YOU?

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 All Saints Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Best Funeral 11 am • Council Meeting 7 pm 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elders Meeting 3:30 pm 	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voters' Meeting packet info due 	9
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	11	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Breakfast 9:30 am 	14	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Hot Meal 5 pm
17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Voters' Meeting 11:40 am 	18	19 - OCS Food Box Delivery 2 pm	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm 	22	23
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am 	25	26 December newsletter items due	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm 	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Dec. 4, 11, 18: Midweek Advent Supper (6 pm) & Services (7 pm)
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 pm