OUR

Redeemer's Voice

NOVEMBER 2026



THANKFULNESS AND OTHER RANDOM THOUGHTS



First, it's November, and you probably know what that means. I try to be grateful 24/7/365 but I am not always successful. Sometimes I get distracted by all the working and living that I forget to remember Ps. 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God." It's good for me to stop, inhale, and breathe out a word of thanksgiving to the Lord. I am thankful for the opportunity we have to minister to one another, to try and figure out how we can connect people to Jesus. I am thankful that you receive my service as you do. I know that we have a unique relationship with my other job and my family situation, but I am grateful to have a place where I can serve the Lord and you His people. It is unique that I sometimes have to interrupt my work with you to go work my other job. But the Lord is good and gracious and continues to provide in all ways. I am grateful that you allow me time for work outside of the congregation, chiefly with the Chesapeake District of the LWML. It's fun and it is very encouraging for me to be involved with one of the strongest mission supporters in our church body. In the 1960s ORLC received a $5000 mission grant from the Chesapeake District. The coins in those mite boxes add up! The Lord has given us opportunities to receive His gifts and to share them with the household of God and with all the people we meet on a daily basis.

Second, during this month we are going to have a Stewardship emphasis. It's been a while since we have spent some time exploring this important aspect of our life as one of Jesus' disciples. During this time I hope that we can reflect on our identity as a steward of the Lord and what that means as we live in His Church and in His world. This will take place November 8th and 15th.

Third, Rev. John Denninger (President emeritus of our Southeastern District) will be with us Saturday Nov. 14th at 11am and will be present for worship on the 15th. Rev. Denninger works for the LCMS Foundation which helps establish estate plans and trusts and charitable gift planning for individuals and churches. My parents worked with the LCMS Foundation in establishing their trust that funds their retirement years and has plans for charitable gifts for grandchildren, congregations, schools, and ministries and it has made things easier for my brother and I as we oversee things for our parents. Concordia Wilmington and Faith Bear have been invited to join us for this informative session.

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Reverend Jeremy Loesch

Fourth (and it sort of relates back to the first point), I have silently taken on the position of 'family preacher.' In October, my dad's older brother Ivan died. Ivan was about 90 and had the health issues of a person that age. His memorial service will be in mid-November in Huron SD, and he will be buried next to his wife Elaine in that small South Dakota town. I've been asked to conduct the service and preach at the funeral, which will now be the second uncle I have done this for. On a happier note I preached for a cousin's wedding seven or eight years ago. So whenever a family member needs a service done, I get the call…which I don't mind. My plans are that I will fly to KC and see everyone there for a few days then drive to South Dakota for the weekend before I return back here. I'm hoping it's just cold and windy and that the snow stays away while I am there. I am grateful that I can play a role in these significant family events and that travel is relatively easy in these days.

But 'my heart overflows with a pleasing theme' (Ps. 45:1). I am grateful to be with you, to be a part of your lives, to equip you in your life of discipleship. Thank you for all that you do in our congregation. May God continue to grant us all good things necessary for our life and work in this part of His kingdom.

Blessings, Pastor



NOVEMBER BEGINS – All SAINTS DAY

From November 2017 ORLC Archives By Arlen Besel, Worship Chair

The Gospel for All-Saints Day is based on the Beatitudes that Jesus shared with the multitudes. These familiar words are a reminder of what our Christian lives should reflect. Even the reading from Revelation and 1 John are a reminder of the expected lives we are to lead. It is a fitting start to this conclusion of Pentecost. Moving on the Old Testament takes us to a reflection on the Day of the Lord, while Thessalonians outlines Jesus coming at the end of time. A reminder of our need to be prepared for this day is reflected in the Parable of the ten virgins. This period clearly provides a focus on our duties to the Lord in the Parable of the talents. Jesus now tells His disciples that the time of His return is not known so they must remain alert and ready for the day. Even Zephaniah warns of the coming days. An interruption in this train of thought is the November 23rd reflection on Thanksgiving. The Gospel records the healing of ten lepers; only one returns to thank Jesus. Both the Old and New Testament readings reflect on our need to continually thank the Lord for all His blessings. This is clearly appropriate as we near the end of the Church year. The final day of the Pentecost season tells us in the Gospel message about the separation of the believers and the condemned on the last day. While the Epistle records the Lord's resurrection which guarantees our own rising in those final days. Our faith and eternal assurances are made clear by His rising after paying the price for our sins.

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SERVING LIKE JESUS

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the Gospel of God … For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others … But we were gentle among you, like *(next page)* *(from page 2) a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you,*

*we were ready to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the Gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the Word of God, which is at work in you believers. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-2a, 5-6a, 7-*13)

I remember several times when young men in our congregation approached my husband and said, "I would like to become a pastor like you. What should I do to take the first step?"
Chau would smile at them and say, "Come with me." They would follow him, right into the restrooms. There he would hand them a toilet brush and say, "Let's get you started. You can work alongside me."
What a shock that was to some of them! They saw only the glory—the man standing in the pulpit on Sundays, the times people greeted him in the street or in a restaurant. They never saw the less glorious bits—the toilet cleaning, the counseling and comforting, the endless paperwork.
But that too is normal for Christian leadership. Because Christ's servants must behave like Christ. Paul describes his own attitude: "For we never came with words of flattery [or] greed … But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children … like a father with his children."

We know how Jesus behaved. He washed His disciples' feet. He cooked breakfast for them. He thought about their welfare all the time, and taught them to do the same for the people He sent them to. And in the end, He suffered, died, and rose again for the people He loved—so that they could be made new, children of God forever.

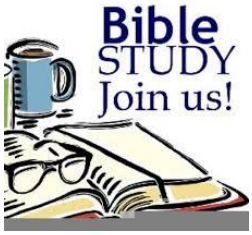
Now, Jesus' Holy Spirit lives in every Christian and makes us like Him, no matter how we serve others. What we do is marked by love—because God loved us and gave us Jesus as our Savior.

WE PRAY: Dear Lord, use me to care for people the way You did. Thank You for loving me! Amen.

OUR REDEEMER NEWS & NOTES

PRAYER LIST—The Johnston family, Conner, Karin, Fred, Nancy, Mimi, Beth, Libby, Ginny, Bill, Charlu, Jessie, Betty, Sandy, and Arlen. Please keep the Stenner family in prayer during their time of sorrow.

SERVICES FOR JANET—Friends may call at on November 3rd from 5- 7 p.m. at Spicer Mulligan (Park Place) and on November 4th at the church10:30 a.m. Service begins at 11:30 A committal the Delaware Veterans Cemetery will follow. Bill and his family invites everyone back to the church at 2 p.m**.** for a light luncheon



OFFICE CLOSED—Office will be closed Wednesday Nov. 11 for the federal holiday.

PASTOR AWAY—Pastor will be traveling to visit family and conduct the services for the funeral of his uncle from November 17th, returning on the 23rd.

BIBLE STUDY—Each Sunday at 8:45 a.m.



L – Right, Elizbeth, Marybeth, Paul, Ruth, Lina, missing Chestnut Hill volunteer, Theresa

BUILD A BAG—Come join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Our sleeping bag project helps to keep homeless warm this winter. If you cannot join us, we can use items such as hats, gloves, razors, toothbrushes, dental floss, and small travel items that can be included in the bags. At the time of this picture, we had completed seven bags which were blessed on October 11.

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICE EMERGENCY FALL FOOD DRIVE—We have begun collecting canned and boxed goods once again. A list of needed items will be on the collection table in the overflow room. Remember, hunger knows no season. Items will be collected through November 22nd. Thank you in advance to helping us to touch lives with food and friendship.—Ruth

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP HOUR—All fellowship gatherings are held after service on the 2nd Sun. of the month. Stay with us today after service for a cup of coffee and some conversation. Stay with us on October 11th for food and fellowship.

MEN'S BREAKFAST –-October's breakfast is 8 a.m. on the 24th. Bring a friend or a neighbor to join us.

GARDEN CLEANUP—Saturday November 7th from 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to come help weed the perimeter, turn compost, clean tools organize the shed and more. There is something for everyone to do. Rain date will be the following Saturday.—Robin

CHURCH YARD CLEANUP—Saturday November 7th join us, starting at 4:30 p.m. (with a rain date of Nov 14). After the cleanup we will have an open pit fire. Hotdogs and buns are being donated. You are welcome to bring marshmallows and roast sticks, or whatever you'd like to cook on an open pit fire. A shared dish or dessert are welcomed but not necessary. The Church will provide water, soda, & condiments. —Bob

NEWSLETTER & ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE— News to be included in Sunday's bulletin is due Tue. morning each week; newsletter deadline is 20th of the month

GIFT PLANING AND STEWEARDSHIP PLEDGE SUNDAY – On Saturday **November 14,** John Denninger will hold a gift planning presentation. The time will be announced. Stewardship Pledge Sunday will be held the following day, **November 15**. Pledge forms will be available with the bulletins that day. There will also be a PDF form that will be sent with that week's bulletin that you can print out and bring with you.

Philippians 1:3, 5 – "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you…because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." God doesn't need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become "partners in the Gospel." This is a gift of His grace. He invites us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings.

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PLEDGE FORM 2026 - BETWEEN YOU & GOD

Since we are called to serve in faith, areas of service where you can use your God-given talents are listed below. Check all areas in which you wish to serve this year, then sign at the bottom, and seal in the provided envelope. Write your first and last name on the outside of the envelope and deposit it into the Pledge box in the Narthex where it will be stored near the altar until next year.

PRAYER

- ☐ Pray for the Pastor, the congregation and friends and family

EVANGELISM

- ☐ Invite family, friends and coworkers to church
- ☐ Donate book to Free Little Library
- ☐ Attend Men's Breakfast (bring your food)
- ☐ Volunteer to work at the O.R.C.H.A.R.D. garden
- ☐ Visit or Call a Shut-In just to talk
- ☐ Participate in Church neighborhood activities

PROPERTY (Bob Cooley)

- ☐ Fall window washing & pew cleaning inside
- ☐ Fall outside clean up, raking, weeding

EDUCATION

- ☐ Teach children's Sunday School once every 3 weeks

SOCIAL MINISTRY (Ruth Hewlett)

- ☐ Build A Bag -sleeping bag making on Tuesdays
- ☐ Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)
- ☐ Frozen Meal Project - meals stored in freezer for emergencies

WORSHIP

- ☐ Attend church regularly
- ☐ Attend Bible Class before worship
- ☐ Acolytes - assist by lighting candles
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Readers during service
- ☐ Stream Team - broadcast service online
- ☐ Ushers - greet & assist with communion
- ☐ Play an instrument during service
- ☐ Sing a solo/duet/group song during service

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (Lina Besteder)

- ☐ Bring snacks/desserts/finger foods to Monthly Fellowship Hour second Sunday of the month
- ☐ Clean up after Monthly Fellowship Hour
- ☐ Help set up and clean up after annual church picnic in September

FINANCES

- ☐ Pledge regular offering of $_____or _____% of income per week/month/year
- ☐ Special gifts to this church, our community, and the world at large

SIGNED

COUNCIL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026—*Council meetings* are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next *Voters' Assembly (Annual meeting)* Will be held on **Sunday, November 15th** following the service. At this meeting, the congregation shall elect officers of the Board of Trustees and shall be elected to take office on January 1st for two-year terms. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years and the Vice President and Financial Secretary in odd numbered years.

THE PRESIDENT shall: be the chief executive officer of the congregation; preside at all meetings of the Voters' Assembly, the Church Council, and the Board of Trustees; sign the minutes of the Voters' Assembly after they have been approved; and may cast the deciding vote in case of a tie vote.

THE SECRETARY shall keep a written record of all meetings of the Voters' Assembly, Church Council, and Board of Trustees; conduct and preserve the correspondence of the Voters' Assembly; maintain files of all business documents of the congregation as they are released by various officers, Boards, Committees and organizations of the congregation and keep an up-to-date list of all voting members and their attendance at meetings.

THE TREASURER shall: be the custodian of the funds of the congregation; keep account of all receipts and disbursements; render reports at each regular meeting of the Church Council and the Voters' Assembly; and pay all fixed and regular expenses without order. All purchases and expenditures must be authorized in the annual budget approved by the Voters' Assembly or by special resolution of the Voter's Assembly. Authorized purchases and expenditures made under the jurisdiction of various officers, Boards and Committees, shall require the written approval of such officers before payment is made. All other disbursements shall be made only on order of the Voters' Assembly.

The Treasurer shall: maintain bank accounts as authorized by the Voters' Assembly and in the name of the congregation; keep all books and records current which remain the property of the congregation while in the Treasurer's custody and submit such books and records for auditing at least bi-annually.

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Ravioli, spaghetti, meatballs in sauce
Tuna/chicken/salmon/ham
Beef stew/corned beef hash
Canned vegetables
Soups
Beans
Pasta
Snacks
Canned fruits
Dried Meats; Crackers; Macaroni and Cheese; Peanut butter, jams, syrups; ; Cereal/oatmeal/grits; Evaporated/dry milk; Fruit juices; Baking mixes for breakfast; Spices; Condiments; and Baby formula

CHRISTMAS PAJAMA DRIVE—After Thanksgiving we will begin collecting new pajama items for Hope on Deck. They will supply foster children in the area. Items requested include pajamas in all sizes, including some adult. Some of the teens in foster care wear adult sizes. They would also appreciate small toys, puzzles, and books. –*Ruth*

IN TIMES OF NEED, WHO CAN BE TRUSTED

LWML Lutheran Women in Mission
Mustard Seed Daily Devotions

IN THE WORD

Peter said, … "Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." … And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things (Acts 5:4b, 11).

OF THE WORD

It happens all too often. Public officials get elected, promoting squeaky-clean images and touting honorable lives. Then they get caught in a scandal. They try to cover it up. They deny any knowledge or involvement, but evidence proves otherwise. They have lied to the people. They have lied to God. The community has been betrayed. The people are left wondering, "What is the truth? Who can be trusted?"

In Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira tried to deceive their faith community. But God handled the problem. Death instantly came upon them. While such swift judgment may not come upon all who publicly betray or deceive, do not fear. God will bring about justice. *He* [God] *will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity* (Psalm 98:9b). Hold to the words of the psalmist, *Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation* (Psalm 146:3). Who can be trusted? God! *Fret not yourself because of evildoers; trust in him* [God] *and he will act* (Psalm 37:1a, 5b). God can be trusted! (next page)

WALKING WITH MY LORD

O Lord, sometimes it is hard to know who can be trusted. Leaders have betrayed and deceived. I am glad I can trust You, Lord, to bring forth truth and justice in this world. In Your holy name. Amen.

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LUTHERANS AROUND US

Warm thanks from Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD!!

A **huge thank you** to everyone who supported the fall fundraiser for LCM at UD on Saturday, October 17! We're deeply grateful to those who donated beautiful and creative baskets and auction items, to those who attended, and to all who gave generously in support of this ministry with and among amazing, gifted, and Christ-seeking young adults. Your support helps this ministry to thrive! Thank you also to our many thoughtful dinner providers throughout the fall semester. We're thankful for your tasty meals, generous portions, and attentiveness to student dietary concerns. May God bless all of you with a bountiful harvest this fall, and may your Thanksgiving celebrations be filled with joyful moments, sweet fellowship, and strengthened faith. You are precious and beloved in God's sight! *In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD 302-368-3078; chaplain@lcmde.org*

Orphan Grain Train



Any familiar faces? Our Redeemer lets it light shine around the world, making a difference… one person at a time.

On September 16, 2026, Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch sent its first-ever container to Romania – and only the sixth shipment from OGT! A dedicated team of nine people, neatly packed 1,230 boxes, 990 of which were clothing, plus additional boxes of bedding, hygiene items, medical equipment and school supplies and toys for children. The container's contents will go to Charity Foundation for the Blind in Suceava and Bucharest, serving the visually impaired and vulnerable families. Each distribution includes prayer and community outreach, a beautiful testimony to OGT's faith-centered partnership with Romania. We are so glad to be part of this mission! *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24–26 NIV*

2027 CALANDERS AVAILABLE **--**You can pick up a 2027 Lutheran Calendar in the Narthex, or in the reading area of the overflow room

WHY WERE THE SAINTS, SAINTS?

Why were the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all.

It was quite simple and always will be.

2026 NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SERVING Pastor Jeremy Loesch Organist Julie Hockersmith	**LECTORS** 11/1 Stephen D 11/8 Paul 11/15 Mike 1122 Bob 11/29 Emily	**USHERS** 11/1 Denny 11/8 Alex 11/15 StephenS 11/22 Bob 11/29 Denny				
1 Bible Study 8:45 am Communion DS1 10 a.m.	2	3 Build A Bag 10 a.m.	4 Visitation Janet Stenner 10:30 a.m. Service 11:30 a.m.	5 Pastir Circuit Meeting	6	7
8 Bible Study 8:45 am Worship DS1 10 a.m. Fellowship	9 CHECA 7 p.m.	10 Build A Bag 10 a.m.	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12	13	14 Gift Planning John Denniger
15 Bible Study 8:45 am Communion DS1 10 a.m. Congregational Meeting	16	17 Build A Bag 10 a.m.	18 Council Zoom 7 p.m.	19 PASTOR AWAY	20 December Newsletter Deadline	21
22 Bible Study 8:45 am Worship DS1 10 a.m. Fellowship PASTOR AWAY	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 p.m. Julie	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
29 Bible Study 8:45 am Communion DS2 10 a.m. ADVENT BEGINS	30	DECEMBER 1	2 Advent Service	3	4	5

NOVEMBER BIBLE READINGS

1	Exodus 15:1-18 Hosea 8-10
2	Psalm 122 Hosea 11-14
3	Psalm 123 Joel
4	Psalm 124 Amos 1-5
5	Psalm 125 Amos 6-9
6	Psalm 126 Obadiah, Jonah
7	Psalm 127 Micah 1-3
8	Psalm 128 Micah 4-7
9	Psalm 129 Nahum
10	Psalm 130 Habakkuk
11	Psalm 131 Zephaniah
12	Psalm 132 Haggai
13	Psalm 133 Zechariah 1-5
14	Psalm 134 Zechariah 6-10
15	Psalm 135 Zechariah 11-14 Matthew 13-14



16	Psalm 136 Malachi
17	Psalm 137 Matthew 1-2
18	Psalm 138 Matthew 3-4
19	Psalm 139 Matthew 5-6
20	Psalm 140 Matthew 7-8
21	Psalm 141 Matthew 9-10
22	Psalm 142 Matthew 11-12
23	Psalm 143
24	Psalm 144 Matthew 15-16
25	Psalm 145 Matthew 17-18
26	Psalm 146 Matthew 19-20
27	Psalm 147 Matthew 21-22
28	Psalm 148 Matthew 23-24
29	Psalm 149-150 Matthew 25-26
30	Exodus 15:1-18 Matthew 27-28