

# Our Family

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## *Pastor's Message*

The month of November begins with All Saints Day on the first. Halloween also gets its name from All Saints Day. "Hallow" means "holy" or "saint" and "e'en" is a shortened form of "evening". Halloween was All Hallows' Eve, that is, the evening before All Saints Day.

All Saints is the occasion on the Church calendar when we remember those who have gone to heaven and recognize that we remain united with them in Christ. Christ gives life to those who are in the body and out of the body. United by faith in him, those in heaven and earth await the triumphant resurrection when we will all be found in risen flesh in the paradise to come. All saints in heaven and earth receive the same life, holiness, righteousness, love, salvation, etc. that is found in Christ, which is supplied by the Holy Spirit through faith. The Christian Church is not divided between heaven and earth for we share in the same Spirit.

I brought up this truth a couple of months ago in another newsletter article and I feel it is important to note this fact again. There have been more deaths in and surrounding our congregation since. Relatives, a former vacancy pastor, and a member of our church have died within the last two months. They have departed from their bodies and are home with the Lord.

Right now, we are united by the Spirit with the saints in heaven, but apart from them with

respect to the body. But "to live is Christ but to die is gain." (Php 1:21). When we depart from our flesh, we will be with Christ. While away from this world we will groan for an earthly body once more, although one freed from sin (2 Cor 5:2-5). Yet, even though we groan, we will have the consolation of Christ's presence. He will be leading us to the waters of life in the new heavens and new earth where we will have every tear wiped from our eyes (Rev 7:17). This is only a matter of time.

Therefore, we are not divided from the saints only by the body but by time. The day is coming when all the faithful will be raised from death and called to account for our deeds. Our Judge will then see that

each and every one of us is cleansed by His own blood, and then usher us into His heavenly city. There we will see all the saints—those we have known in this world, those we have only heard about, and those who are yet to be born—and will join together with them for all time. For now, we have All Saints Day reminding us that we are united with them through Christ. But there is coming a day when we get to see them face to face.



God bless,  
Pastor Adam Chandler

## Music Notes



There is a verse in Romans (10:14) that constantly reminds me of our task here at Hope Lutheran as a witness to our Lord:

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

Our music program here at Hope Lutheran has but one goal...to spread God's word. In creating the Repose Recitals, my singular goal is to "bring the outside in, and the inside out". This also needs to be the goal of our entire congregation. We must all take it upon ourselves to embrace opportunities such as the Repose Recitals and other such events, to be a witness of our Christian faith by making it a priority to not just attend, but to bring a neighbor or friend, to bring a fellow member who needs a ride, to be a 'host' and to reach out to those seated around you whom you may not know.



The October 26th recital was titled 'Songs and Psalms' and was a testament to the incredible selflessness of all those who helped to make this event possible: the musicians, the set-up and take-down helpers, the LWML ladies who hosted. Thank you to all of you.

Our next Repose Recital is Saturday Nov 30th, 3 pm, and will feature our Chime Choir and the Belle Voci Choir. Make this your goal to attend, to host, to bring a friend, to be that witness in Romans to help spread our Lord's work, to help 'bring the outside in, and the inside out'.

Blessings  
Barb

## LWML-C News

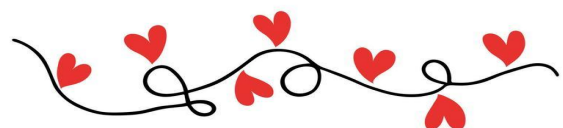


On Sunday October the 6<sup>th</sup>, the ladies pictured below pledged to recommit themselves to God's Mission work. Sixty years ago, a different group of women pledged the same commitment, to hold a promise of service. We are honoured to intentionally follow in their footsteps. As people of God, we consecrate our whole selves to the spreading of His Gospel message through Bible study, service, and supporting Missions. We don't make this commitment alone. Along with our sisters and brothers in Christ we are making this pledge to God, and to one another, promising to work in partnership and harmony as we serve the Lord.



### Backpacks of Love: Our Pledge in Action

The packs are made and it's now time to fill them! Please join us in our goal to assemble 30 plus backpacks of love. A list of items is posted on the bulletin board and included in our Sunday bulletin. All donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex marked Comforting God's People. God uses many people to share his love, to sow the seeds of faith.



## A Season for Everything (Eccl. 3:1-8)

Fall is the season of shortened days moving us into winter—the darkest season of all—especially here on the West Coast where tall trees, gray skies, and low clouds contribute significantly to the darkness.

In life we too experience seasons. Recently, LWMLC members throughout the Zone and District as well as locally have experienced loss of loved ones, health challenges, changes in home addresses and other things that make us realize life in this world is hard. God's light, however, shines through, reflected in the service provided to one another during these times, the generosity of donations to the food bank, the thanksgiving display, and the faithful behind-the-scenes service (flowers, altar guild, lectors, ushers, acolytes', etc.) we experience each Sunday. Take a moment to praise God and give thanks to Him for bringing us together.

## An Opportunity to Serve

All of us are connected in the work of sharing God's love, so please join us for LUNCH and LEARN the last Thursday of the month. The next one is November 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. All ladies are welcome to share ideas, help, and friendship. Sharing is essential to Christian living; let it be for us here at Hope.

In His Service  
Deborah



## A Note of Thanks

David and Laura, April and Ron Gibson would like to thank our brothers and sisters at Hope Lutheran and our Pastor Adam Chandler for all the Love and Support, the flowers and cards, and the wonderful food served at Robert's Reception. We are so very grateful to you all. May God Richly bless you for your Love and Kindness.

## Photos from Memory Beck's Celebration of Life





Honouring Theodora at the Oct. 26 Repose Recital for her contributions to the Chime and Belle Voci Choirs, the LWML, and to the church administration.

### Newsletter Submissions Wanted!

Please send your articles, updates, photos, stories, memories, artwork... any and every thing to do with Hope Lutheran (and our faith) to [helcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:helcnewsletter@gmail.com)

Hard copy submissions can be left in the designated mailbox right of the members' mailboxes.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Nicole



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## Children's Corner and For Those Young at Heart

### *What is the "processional cross"?*

The processional cross is the cross attached to a long pole that is carried into the sanctuary during a processional hymn. During the Entrance Hymn on festival Sundays, a crucifer will carry the processional cross followed by the acolyte and pastor. Maybe you have seen this happen in your church. When the processional cross is not being used in a procession, it sits in a stand in the front of the sanctuary. **See if you can find it right now.**

### *Why do we use a processional cross?*

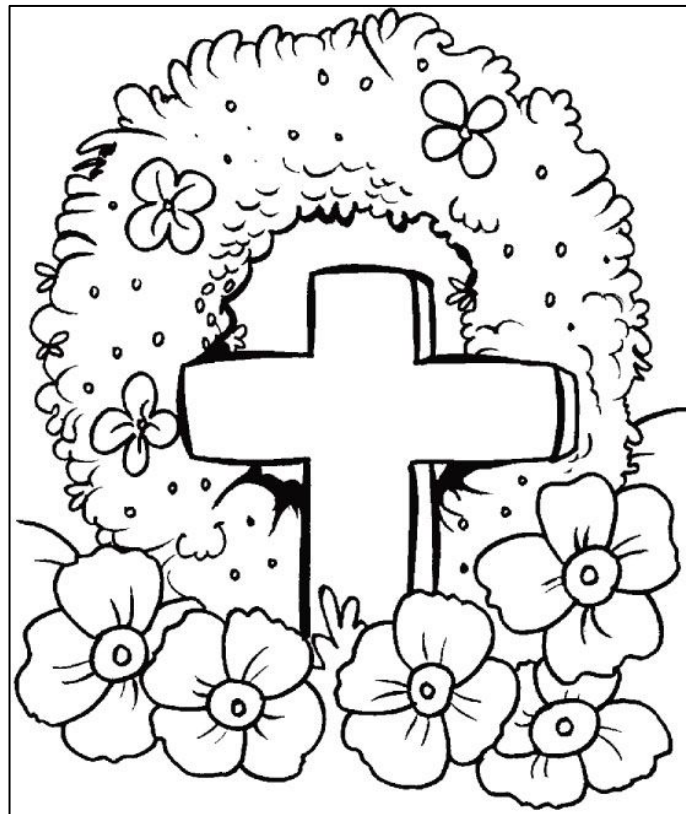
When the processional cross enters the sanctuary, we stand to honor our risen Lord and remember that He comes to be with His Church. We especially remember, during festival times in the Church, the reason we are celebrating: Jesus' death on the cross to save us from our sins, and His resurrection to prove it! **So, when that cross comes marching in, keep your eye on it.** Remember that Christ has come to be with us in His Word and Sacraments. What a wonderful way to begin the Divine Service!



Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the processional cross to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, when the cross is being carried in, remind them that

our Lord actually comes to be with us every Sunday in His Word and Sacraments. He is really here!

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### All Saints Day Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to solve the puzzle!

1. LWOHNAELE \_\_\_\_\_
2. OHUORN \_\_\_\_\_
3. TNCAJKRLOENA \_\_\_\_\_
4. GOEYRMOTMN \_\_\_\_\_
5. OLHY YAD \_\_\_\_\_
6. LLA SATSIN AYD \_\_\_\_\_
7. LAL OLUSS AYD \_\_\_\_\_
8. SLLWMOAAH \_\_\_\_\_
9. LAL AHL SOWL VEE \_\_\_\_\_
10. SATEF \_\_\_\_\_
11. IISHTANRITC \_\_\_\_\_
12. NTLYMEISO \_\_\_\_\_
13. UOSL CEASK \_\_\_\_\_
14. TS RSHEET \_\_\_\_\_
15. PIPNMSKU \_\_\_\_\_
16. CCUHRH \_\_\_\_\_

*God's Blessings to Everyone  
with November Birthdays!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> Reformation Day 10:30am Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 2:00pm Extra Rehearsal Time 3:00pm Belle Voci	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:30pm Worship Comm. Mtg. 2:00pm Organ Practice 3:00pm Chimes Practice
<b>3</b> All Saints' Day 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Lunch with Pastor  Julia Theim	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>6</b>  Shane Johnson	<b>7</b> 2:00pm Extra Rehearsal Time 3:00pm Belle Voci	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 2:00pm Remembrance Day Prayer Service 2:00pm Organ Practice 3:00pm Chimes Practice
<b>10</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday a. Pentecost 10:30am Worship	<b>11</b> REMEMBRANCE DAY 	<b>12</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2:00pm Extra Rehearsal 3:00pm Belle Voci 6:00pm PPC Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 2:00pm Organ Practice 3:00pm Chimes Practice 4:00pm Games Day
<b>17</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday a. Pentecost 10:30am Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>20</b>  Ken Dill	<b>21</b> 1:00pm Sewing Group (Heart Pillows) 2:00pm Extra Rehearsal Time 3:00pm Belle Voci	<b>22</b>  Ashley Marie Fitterer	<b>23</b> 2:00pm Organ Practice 2:30pm Amica Prayer Service 3:00pm Chimes Practice
<b>24</b> Last Sunday of the Church Year 10:30am Worship Congregation Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 2:00pm Extra Rehearsal Time 3:00pm Belle Voci  Mark Russell	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 2:00pm Organ Practice 3:00pm Repose Recital
<b>Notes</b>	<b>ELDER:</b> Michael Rumsch (250-588-0776)		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Deborah Gruben Theodora Henry Eleanor Murdoch Louise Rushton		