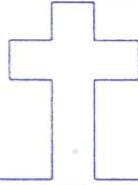


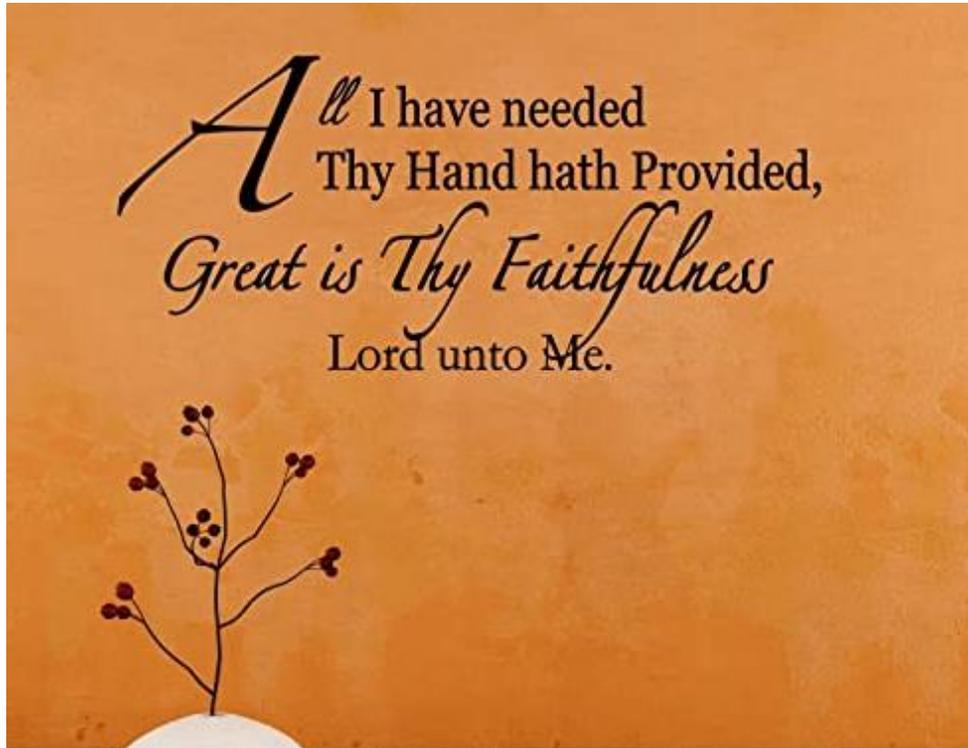
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CLINTON HEIGHTS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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- November 1, 22, 29** **Sunday INDOOR Worship Services** **10:00 a.m.**
- November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** **Sunday Morning Worship** **10:00 a.m.**
 Live stream at 10:00 a.m.
 Emailed with vimeo link at 11:00 a.m.
 Via church home page: www.clintonheights.net
- November 4, 10, 24** **Lesson Study via zoom** **11:00 a.m.**
- November 13** **LSS Thankfull Holiday Meal Bags due at church**
- November 14** **WELCA Bible Study in Parish Hall** **10:00 a.m.**
- November 22** **Congregational Meeting (also on zoom)** **10:45 a.m.**

***F**rom the Pastor*

November is a time for giving thanks to God for all of the blessings that we receive from the boundless love and grace of Jesus Christ. This year is a little bit different on account of the pandemic. Our family Thanksgiving will be very different this year. I anticipate it will be four of us in our home in Columbus enjoying smoked turkey and all of the sides. Lucy's parents might join us, but there will not be in-laws, grandchildren or cousins running through the house. We often forget about all of the good things that God has given us – family and friends, shelter, clothing, nourishment, and the freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of this nation. We are not a perfect nation or a perfect people, but at our best, we can work together to love each other as much as God has first loved us. A simple thanksgiving meal seems appropriate as we near the end of 2020.

Our seasonal in-kind collections are about to kick-in. I encourage you to pick up an extra turkey and put it in the big freezer in the entry to the basement for the CRC Thanksgiving project. The LSS Thanksgiving Bags are always an important drive that we partner with other area Lutheran churches. We will be collecting socks on the sock tree, and gift cards for Oesterlen. In addition to our regular offerings and benevolence, these are just a few ways that we live lives of gratitude to God because of his bounteous grace.

I know that worshiping in person will also be very different. I think that we can do it safely, out of love and concern for all of our church family, especially those who are older or have conditions which make them susceptible to serious illness. Like slices of Swiss cheese, the different guidelines work together to help to prevent us from passing on any virus to each other – masks, distancing, limiting exposure time, closing off areas, limiting singing, etc. Each one has holes, but stacked together they can help us to have some semblance of normalcy as we seek to “be the church” together again.

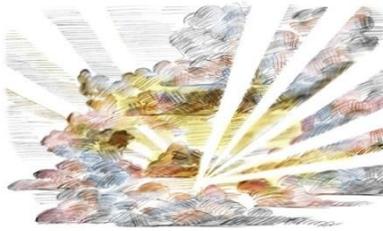
I thank God every day for such a generous and supportive Church family. I pray for you every day and hope that you pray for me and my family. Thanks be to God for the blessings of life, joy, and peace in the presence of Christ our Lord!

Pastor Ralph Wolfe

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On **Sunday, November 22**, we will have a meeting of the congregation to consider and vote on the budget for 2021, and to approve or elect a slate of candidates for church council. This will be in the sanctuary immediately following worship that day, and there will be an option to join the meeting virtually, either by telephone or computer. The first week of November, you will receive information on joining the meeting for those not willing to come in person. One will be a link that you can click on with your computer to join through Zoom. Another will be a phone number to call, also through Zoom. In addition to the phone number you will receive a Meeting Number, and a Passcode Number. When you call, just enter these two numbers as you are prompted. Meeting time will be shared as well. When you join the meeting, council member Holly Lorton will help you to identify yourself and the names of all confirmed members of Clinton Heights who are with you. You can follow along and vote as you are instructed. We intend to make it easy enough for everyone to participate.





All Saints' Day

On All Saints Day, November 1, we remember, during our first indoor worship service, those in our parish who since last All Saints Day have received their promised rest's fulfillment: Thomas Clouse, David McKean, Matthew Davies, Dan Spivey, James Spruance, Nancy Davies, Marline Kelley, Eda Jane Spivey.

LSS THANKFULL HOLIDAY MEAL BAGS

Are we doing Thanksgiving bags for the LSS Pantry this year? ABSOLUTELY! You can pick up nice, reusable bags for filling beginning on **November 1**, our first indoor church service, or bring the needed items in your own grocery bags and we'll transfer them to the LSS cloth bags here at the church. Can't get your Thanksgiving groceries to church? Just call the office and someone will come and pick them up. We need your donations at the church by **November 13**. The church office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30-2:30.

In lieu of groceries, monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate on November 1 or sent to the church office; designate *LSS Thanksgiving* on your envelope or check.



Each bag needs to contain the following items:

- 2 pouches or 1 box of mashed potatoes**
- 2 cans fruit (peaches, applesauce, etc.)**
- 3 cans green beans**
- 2 cans corn**
- 2 cans pumpkin**

- 1 can cranberry sauce**
- 1 box or bag stuffing mix**
- 1 turkey gravy packet**
- 1 box yellow cake mix**

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS FOR CRC



Once again, we hope to provide ten turkeys to the Clintonville Community Resources Center for their Thanksgiving Basket project. Please bring turkeys (any size) to the church by Sunday, November 22, and put them in the freezer at the door to the basement.

SOCK TREE

Due to changing needs our Advent Mitten tree has become our **Advent Sock Tree!** We will collect socks of all sizes, colors and styles for adults and children. These will be distributed throughout local service agencies. (If, by chance, you have been saving up hats or mittens or scarves, these can be placed under the tree also.) Stuffed animals are always appreciated, too. Look for the **Sock Tree** in the church narthex, beginning **November 1**. You may bring your donations to our in-person services through December 13 or drop them off at the church office during the week.



SEEKING COUNCIL CANDIDATES

We need congregation members to serve on church council for a three-year term beginning in January 2021. With the changing landscape of in-person gatherings, council has adopted a hybrid virtual meeting model, making it more convenient to attend monthly meetings. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to church council. If you have questions about the commitment and/or would like to join the council, contact Hillary Lorton by email (hillary.lorton@gmail.com) or phone (419.944.0621).



CHLC 100TH ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE

Clinton Heights Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary is in 2021. We are seeking congregation members to coordinate and facilitate events and activities to commemorate this incredible milestone. If you have ideas and would like to be involved, please contact Hillary Lorton by email (hillary.lorton@gmail.com) or phone (419.944.0621).

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dottie Frashier
- 2 Nicholas Bates Stephen Hainen
- 7 Deborah Mak
- 10 Barbara Enderle Elinor Webbe
- 15 Madeline Hainen
- 16 Joan Mossman
- 17 Bill Borghese Kenn Cahill
- 21 Charlie Berndt
- 23 Jean Windesheim
- 24 Dalton King
- 25 Shirley Hangen
- 29 Katie Bates Elizabeth Zander

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 4 Kevin & Kaz Kelley

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COME, YOU THANKFUL
PEOPLE, COME;
RAISE THE SONG OF
HARVEST HOME.





Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
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IN AMERICA**

WELCOME TO WELCA!

November Bible Study:

Mary Martha Circle and Lydia Ruth Circle will meet together on **Saturday, November 14, at 10:00 a.m.** We will meet inside in the Parish Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat after the study during our conversation time. Drinks will be provided. **All women are welcome. Bring a friend!**

Our November Bible Study is Session Three of *Holy Time*, Holy future – reimagining the time to come, on page 18 of our *Gather Magazine*. During this study “we turn toward the times to come and God’s promise to be with us always, leading us into the holy future.”

Advent Sock Tree: When you come to church on November 1st be sure to look for the tree in the narthex. This is the new version of our former hat and mitten tree. Everybody needs socks, and we will be collecting all sizes, styles and colors to keep the feet of children and adults toasty warm this winter. Be on the lookout for good bargains and maybe even begin “decorating” our tree on the 1st.

Lutheran World Relief: Thank you to all who participated in providing 71 personal care kits and 105 bars of soap for LWR. Our offerings were delivered to St. Luke Lutheran Church on October 2nd, and we were even able to provide \$230 to help pay for truck rental (for transport to Dayton) and shipping (to a warehouse in Maryland for distribution). These are the seeds we scatter in Christ’s name.

Gift Cards for Oesterlen Services for Youth: Pastor Wolfe is on the board of this very worthy organization which deals with the most difficult youths in our state. Read more about the good work they do at oesterlen.org. The gift cards we collect help pay for craft items, woodworking supplies and dinner-out as rewards, incentives and learning experiences. Cards from these stores are most useful: Walmart, Meijer, Kroger, Hobby Lobby, Home Depot, Lowe’s, McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Burger King, Donato’s and Domino’s. Drop the gift cards into the collection plate or bring them to church during the week. Your gifts will be much appreciated.

Mark Your Calendars: December 12th is the date of our annual Christmas gathering for all women. We will enjoy a Bible study together and a box lunch. Stay tuned for more details!

Thankoffering Sunday, November 22nd: Do you put a coin in a box every time you are aware of a special blessing, or do you write a check remembering all the blessings during the year? No matter how you gather your thank offerings, we will receive them gladly for the benefit of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church organization. The money is used for publications (our *Gather Magazine!*), web resources (see womenoftheelca.org),

scholarships for women pursuing careers in the church, grants for nonprofits that support women and conventions that inspire. Please bring your offerings on the 22nd.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Each year members and friends of the congregation help to celebrate the festival of Christmas by providing poinsettias for the sanctuary. Red, pink or white plants are available for \$8.00 each. You may take your plants following the December 20 or Christmas Eve services.

To order, please complete the form below or your own note with the necessary information. Place the order and payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Checks are payable to *Clinton Heights Lutheran Church*.

Deadline is November 30.



Name _____

In memory of/ celebration of/ thanksgiving for _____

_____ Red

_____ Pink

_____ White

_____ plants @ \$8.00 = _____

Place form, with payment, in offering plate or return it to the church office.