



# THE GOOD NEWS

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## Giving Thanks

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### International Dinner

All Saints Lutheran Church is planning quarterly cooking classes that will teach us how to cook an international themed dinner and then enjoy a evening of fellowship and great food. Our first dinner is coming on November 5<sup>th</sup> Space is limited and the cost is \$15.00 per person. Here are the details:



Date: November 5 (Saturday)  
Time: 3:00pm-6:00pm  
Guest Chefs: John & Eunice Herro  
Deadline to sign up: Nov 1  
Menu: Salad, Grape Leaves, Meat Pies, Dessert  
Sign up sheet in the Entrance

### 2011 Survey Results

Thank you so much to those who took the time to complete our most recent survey. Over 80 responded to the survey either online or in written format. The results will help the future planning committee of council determine some things for the future of the Church. Some of the results are:

- 72% are in favor of one service during the summer months and over 53% want it at 9:30 a.m.
- Many great ideas for congregational outings including – Christian concerts, going to the theater, sporting events, game night, working in a soup kitchen, camping and many others!

Thanks so much for the input and we might be calling upon you for more of your ideas in future surveys.

### Congregational Meeting

We heard reports from several program leaders about things the church is undertaking in the next year and some of the things we did in 2011. The 2011-2012 Budget was adopted. Thank you for your love and support of All Saints. May the spirit of Christ lead us in everything we do and are!

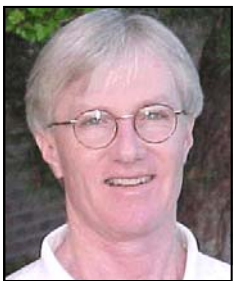
### Advent Calendar

- Nov 26 Hi School and Middle School  
Decorate Church for Christmas
- Nov 27 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec 4 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 11 3rd Sunday of Advent, Christmas Program
- Dec 18 4th Sunday of Advent, Caroling
- Dec 18 Youth Progressive Dinner, 5pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship,  
5:00, 6:30 and 10:30
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship, 10:00  
(one combined service)
- Jan 1 New Year's Day Worship, 10:00  
(one combined service)



#### *All Saints is*

*a Lutheran community  
open and affirming to all  
celebrating the love and  
grace of Christ through  
Worship  
Sacrament  
Fellowship  
and Service*



## From the desk of Pr John

### On the lectionary...

We use a three-year lectionary. We are currently in Year A, which means that most of our gospel readings this year have been from Matthew. On the first Sunday in Advent (last Sunday in November) we will be switching to Year B, which is the year of Mark. In Year C, they're mostly from Luke. Then, when you're through with the three year cycle, you start over again with year one. John does not have his own year, but is worked in here and there in the other years.

I used to think that John should have his own year. It seemed only fair for each one of the four gospels to have their own year. A friend of mine then pointed out to me, however, that if John had its own year, we'd probably have weeks of readings from the Last Discourses (John 14-17). This changed my mind. (It's hard enough to preach on those readings once in awhile, let alone for week after week.)

That's on the one hand. On the other hand, is it fair to Matthew, Mark, and Luke to have some of their "time" taken over by John? Take the Easter season in the year of Mark (year B), for example. On Easter Sunday, the assigned reading is from Mark, but the rest of the readings for the Easter season are from John.

This disguises what could be an unsettling, and therefore, interesting fact: there isn't much of a narrative about Easter in Mark. You get eight verses in which the resurrected Jesus does not actually appear to anyone. You get a young man in the tomb who tells the women to tell the disciples to meet Jesus in Galilee, which they don't do, again underlining the failure of Jesus' disciples throughout the book of Mark. To top it off, the book of Mark closes with the women being afraid (and ends with a preposition to boot).

This is not what people typically think of when they think about Easter. By jamming John into the Easter season in the year of Mark, we miss out on this. We ditch the intriguingly minimalist Mark, and switch to the triumphal John. It would be interesting to have no gospel reading at all during the Easter season in the year of Mark. People would be surprised that Mark tells us so little about the resurrection. This might prompt actual thought, such as "what might this mean?" or "why were the women afraid?" or "why do the disciples fail to understand anything?" or "why didn't he write more?" Mark has his own integrity, as do Matthew and Luke. It does a disservice to these synoptic gospels (as they are called) to have them "interrupted" by John.

During the year of Mark, we could read Mark 16: 1-8 on Easter Sunday—Mark's account of the resurrection—and in the following six weeks of the Easter season that year, since Mark has no other resurrection accounts, we could have a period of silence. Perhaps some people would use that time to examine the meaning of the resurrection in their own heart.

In my opinion, that was at least partly Mark's intent in the first place. Mark fully intended to leave his story "up in the air." You'll remember that the opening verse of Mark says that his story is "the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." The whole story—chapter one verse one, to chapter sixteen, verse eight—is "the

beginning." That the gospel ends "up in the air" is a way of saying that the resurrection is on-going in the hearts of believers, and that God's story is yet unfinished. The final chapters are being written in the lives of believers in the present time. This would not be a bad thing upon which to reflect during the Easter season.

The occasional gripe aside, using the lectionary is a good idea. It's certainly been around awhile. My seminary advisor, Dean Priebe, once said that the lectionary system has been in use ever since the time of Charlemagne.

A preacher doesn't absolutely have to preach on the assigned texts, of course. Some preachers preach "topical sermons," which is just fine. I like using the lectionary, however. What I most appreciate about the lectionary is the discipline of it. Will Willimon, the Methodist preacher, says that using the lectionary is like having the church say, "Here, preach this."

Which is a good corrective for preachers. I'm always struck by the so-called "Bible churches" who, in point of fact, don't read the Bible all that much during the church service, and whose preachers seem to preach on their personal favorite passages more often than is a good idea. You miss a lot that way. There are quite a few Bible passages that I, personally, don't care for all that much, but I have to preach on them anyway. I'd probably never do it if I didn't feel I had to. Plus, through study and thought regarding such passages, I've more often than not come to appreciate them in ways I likely would not have otherwise. It has made me a better textual interpreter.

About 95% of the time, as you know, I preach on the gospel text for the day. I used to feel that I really should try to spread it around a bit and preach on the Old Testament reading or the Epistle reading more often. But then one day, I was listening to a lecture by Dr. Fred Meuser, a Luther scholar at Trinity Seminary, and he mentioned that Martin Luther preached about 2500 sermons during his life, and 2000 of them were on Matthew, Mark, or Luke! Then I figured that if preaching on the gospel text just about every Sunday was good enough for Martin Luther, it was good enough for me.

Praised be Jesus Christ.

John Petty.

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### Pastor's Classes

Pr John hosts a discussion class each Sunday between services. It meets in the choir room about 9:40. Share a cup of coffee with new friends, then join us in the choir room.

Pr John's Wednesday Bible Study will start meeting Sep 7 at 6:00 in the choir room. Communion is shared and the discussions are always thought-provoking.

If you are looking for an adult open discussion study, these classes are for you! You are urged to give them a try.

## Outreach Ministry

All Saints is a **take action congregation** as we continually strive to be God's hands as we reach out to others in need—in our own family, those in our local community and our world. The following is an overview of the many ministries that are part of our Outreach. Many people who are looking for a church home are looking for a place that impacts the lives of others in various ways. This is information that can help us share with others what we are about. If any of these programs speak to your heart, you can become involved at any level you choose.

### Outreach that touches our local community:

**Blood Drives** We currently have 4-5 drives a year and provide Bonfils 25 units at each drive. Giving blood has a tremendous impact on the lives of those in need of the life-saving substance. If you or someone you know would like to donate blood or bone marrow contact Rebecca Weiner, 303-472-8068. Our last drive for this year is Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful for our loyal donors and are looking for new donors. Bonfils needs 4,350 blood donors each week to meet the needs of our community. Donating blood is safe and simple.

**Aurora Interchurch Taskforce** We contribute each year to help this organization provide food, rent, clothing, utilities assistance, bus tokens and medications to those in our community that need help. Our church gives \$1,200 to this worthy community outreach program. In addition we have given food and clothing. If you feel the call to offer additional help or donate in any way, contact Charlie in the church office.

The **Quilting** group is amazing group of women (but men are not excluded) who gather each week in fellowship, fun and work, making beautiful quilts to donate to the Urban Servant Corps. Their latest creations were on display in the sanctuary a few Sundays ago. If you would like to learn more about this group, call LeAnna Skogen at 303-755-7969. The group can use donations of material, batting, thread, money or time.

**Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity** has been a part of All Saints for 15 years. JoAnn Beckman is our Holy Hammers coordinator. Many of our members contribute either with money, labor or both. We raise money through contributions and fund raisers like the dinner/auction and the pumpkin patch. If this ministry speaks to you, please contact JoAnn at 303-745-5710 for more information.

**Lutheran Family Services** is located in west Denver and supplies help to the needy in our communities. Many of the people who come to them for help are refugees who are fleeing their home countries and trying to make a better life for themselves and their families. One of the ways we contribute to their many causes is through the annual school supplies drive. Churches in our areas have provided hundreds of backpacks filled with necessary supplies and money to help foster and refugee children have a great start to their school year.

**Gateway Battered Women's Services** is another outreach group to which we give supplies. Darlene Locke 303-363-7500 coordinates this outreach. The shelter has needs throughout the year. They can always use personal care items, gift certificates, baby and children supplies, etc. If you would like more information on how you can help call Darlene or go to [www.gatewayshelter.org](http://www.gatewayshelter.org).

**English as a Second Language** is offered here at All Saints and has helped many internationals in our local community—not just in learning conversational English, but opening our hearts and doors to them. Some come also for help with food from our Food Pantry, some have become members. All are grateful for the help they have received from the volunteers who work with them. We are blessed to have Dot Olson and Andee Elvert coordinate this program and all the wonderful people who volunteer their time and love to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our **Food Pantry** supplies approximately 15 boxes of food per week. Jan and Sam Winter coordinate the work in the pantry with the assistance of Joy Springer, Rudy Rauh, and all those who contribute food items. We can always use contributions to the pantry. The first Sunday of each month is the "official" Stock the Pantry day. We are grateful for our Boy Scout Troop 839 lead by Kathy Hodak who each year do a Scouts for Food Drive and Gerry Perelez who coordinates organizing the collected food. The pantry can always use help in packing boxes to be ready for distribution during office hours of the church. If you have medium size boxes or a few minutes to pack a box, let Jan know at 303-690-2930. We also have needs for baby formula and food and personal care items.

**Clothes Closet** provides clothing for needing in our community. Marsha Henry coordinates the closet. If you have things to donate please bring them to the church office. Call Marsha at 720-949-1580 for information or items needed.

**Gleaning** comes but once a year when the ancient custom of farmers leaving some of their crops in the fields for the needy is continued by some of our local farmers and coordinated by the Colorado FoodWorks. We have been an active participant in this program for years. To see all the things that FoodWorks of Colorado does, visit their website at [www.FoodWorksColorado.org](http://www.FoodWorksColorado.org).

**Thanksgiving and Christmas** are just around the corner and we are making plans for:

- Thanksgiving food baskets
- Giving Tree (Christmas presents for needy families)
- Mitten, scarves and hat tree (Providing warmth to the homeless and
- Christmas food baskets

These are **outreach ministries** that we have done for several years. If you can help with the food baskets by donating food items or helping put them together, call the church office and talk with Kate. This year for our giving tree, we would like to help some families in need that are either members of our congregation, or someone you might know who is struggling. Contact Rebecca at 303-472-8068 or Kate at 303-752-4083 as soon as possible with the information.

The **Crop Walk** is an annual event that raises monies for the Aurora InterChurch Task Force. Gerry Perelez coordinates walkers and contributions from our church. The event is in October each year. Call Gerry at 303-306-0282 if you want to contribute to this year's walk.



## Small Groups

### Lunch Bunch Bible Study Group

The Lunch Bunch Bible Study will meet on Wed, Nov 9, at the Church for Bible Study. LeAnna will lead us in a Bible study. Then we will carpool to a local restaurant for great food and fellowship! For the **December study** on the 14th, Andee Elvert will host a Christmas potluck at her house at 10am. We hope to see you there. Questions? call Andee Elvert or Marian. All are welcome to join us!!!!

Put this date on your calendar—Sat, Nov 19 from 10a - 12:30. The **Metro East Cluster of Lutheran Women** will gather at Joy LC in Parker for their next meeting. There will be great food and devotions, special music from Simply Grace and an exciting program. All women are invited. Watch the bulletin for more details.



### Quilters

When you see Jan and Sam Winter thank them for delivering 33 more quilts to Urban Servant for shipment to Lutheran World Relief. Quilters doubled the production of warm quilts in the past year by taking some of the work home during the week. Thanks to Linda Jackson, Martha

Birely and Rose Jacobs who sometimes sew quilt tops at home. Jan Winter has been cutting all the squares at home. A total of 136 quilts were given to charities from September 2010 to October 2011. **If you would like to help in this project** we can always use cotton/polyester fabric including your old sheets, as well as yarn which you are not using. We have been buying quilt batting and would gladly accept a donation for that. Make your check out to All Saints and designate it for quilting.



### Book Club

meets the 4th Tues of each month from 7:00-8:30 in rm 12. The next gathering will be Nov 22. More info? Jeannie Lantz at 303-306-6695.



### Men's Ministry

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will be no Men's Breakfast during November and December. We'll resume our normal monthly breakfasts Jan 28. However, **we'll continue to meet for Coffee at Carino's** (Smoky Hill and Piccadilly) on Thurs, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 9a. As this is the day before Veteran's Day, we're asking our vets to join us and bring a friend.



### Crochet Group

Do you crochet? Tired of doing it by yourself? Wanna crochet with others so you can giggle and tell tales? Join us at the church every Thursday at 6:30. Contact Lesa Larsen at lesajl@yahoo.com and let's get started. We can make caps, mittens & scarves for the mitten tree.

## Welcome New Saints

**Bill Doe**, 24101 E Iowa Pl, Aurora 80018, 303-726-6496. Bill is a wine consultant and his hobbies are wine, cooking, and home improvement projects. He and his wife enjoy watching movies, taking day trips and cooking. Bill started attending All Saints to re-establish his relationship with God. He's been coming a few weeks and likes the sense of family here. He has felt very welcomed and appreciates Pr John's sermons. Bill was raised Baptist and you'll normally find him at the early service.



**Bob and Joyce Nichols**, 18225 E Powers Pl, Centennial 80015, 303-699-5702. Bob is an electrical engineer and enjoys running, biking and ATV. Joyce is a Special Education teacher at Thunder Ridge. They enjoy biking and camping together. They like the pastor's sermons, the members and you'll find them at the late service.

**Norman and Audrey Kair**, 475 Joliet St, Aurora 80010, 303-344-2256. Norm and Audrey are both retired and normally attend the early service. They enjoy the pastor's sermons, and the laid back and not so formal style of worship and "doing church."



We welcome these new members!

## Xeroscape Fundraising

### CarsforCharity.net

You're buying a new vehicle and the dealer isn't offering much for your old trade-in? Then donate your vehicle to All Saints through the Cars for Charity internet site. There is a minimal administrative fee of \$158 and the church gets the rest. You'll get a nice tax-deduction. Questions? See Nancy Anderson or Jim Degner at 303-881-7920.

**Car Wash update:** 100 Tickets were sold and we made \$500.00 that will go to our landscape project for next year. Thank you everyone

### Village Inn Pie Gift Cards

Buy a gift card for \$12.50 and purchase a pie through the month of November and the church will receive \$4.00 per gift card purchased. Proceeds to benefit our landscape project.

### Recycling Program

All Saints is Going Green-er! We have started recycling not only aluminum cans, but all types of metal. We are building a large container behind the dumpster so you can drop off your cans and metals 24/7. We are working with Action Recycling Center that will pay a great price for aluminum cans and even steel. If you need help getting your cans/metals to the church, call the office. Here is a list of items that they will purchase: Aluminum, Copper, Brass, insulated Wire, Stainless Steel, Precious Metals and Aluminum Cans. Questions? Contact Mrs Charlie Neumann at neumann-charlie@comcast.net or 303 766-9649; Thank you for your support!!!

Sun

Mon

Tues

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# November

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<b>27</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Blood Drive</i> 8:15, 10:45 NTF 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir rehearsal 9:40 Pastor's class 12:45 Korean Worship 7:00 Youth Group	<b>28</b> 12:30 ESL 5:30 ESL 6:30 WINGS 7:00 SAA	<b>29</b> 7:00 Scouts	<b>30</b> 5:45 Al Anon 6:00 Pastors Class 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 FA 7:00 Korean study			

### Coming Up in December

- 3 Kids Christmas Play Practice
- 4 Advent 2
- 10 Kids Christmas Play Practice
- 11 Kids Christmas Program, both services
- 18 Caroling Party, Youth Progressive Dinner
- 24 Christmas Eve Services 5, 6:30 & 10:30 pm
- 25 Combined Christmas Day service, 10am
- Jan 1 Combined New Years Day Service 10am

### Suppers Bunch

Enjoy going out to eat at some of Aurora's fine restaurants? Would you enjoy meeting some fun folks? Then join us at Mimi's Cafe (Abilene & Alameda) on Nov 1 at 6:15. Please sign up on the list in the entrance so we'll be able to tell them how many to prepare for.

Everyone's welcome!



## Helping Others

### CROP Walk

This year's CROP Walk collected \$12,000! 140 people walked and Aurora will be the beneficiary of this great fund-raising effort to feed the hungry. Thank you for supporting this cause.

Gerry Peralez

### Equal Exchange Coffee

By purchasing your coffee here you'll be helping small family farmers around the world provide excellent coffee. The cost is only \$8. Available in the narthex or church office.



### Outreach that has a global effect

Global outreach happens in several ways. All Saints tithes 10% each year to our Synod. A percentage of that money goes to Evangelical Lutheran Church and their many missions of support and caring, both in this country and abroad. We also do World Hunger Drives, God's Global Barnyard, donations to support the ELCA microloan program, food for orphans, clean water, disaster relief, to name just a few. For more information check out their website [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).



Why not do something about it? No ONE can do everything, but EVERYONE can do something. God's Global Barnyard and the ELCA World Hunger Relief can use our coins and cash donations to make a difference giving a means of income and food to many of those numbers. Take a ELCA box home with you and collect your change, or go to [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger) to make a donation, or write a check to ELCA World Hunger and put in the offering plate and make a difference. Even a few dollars make such a positive impact. Consider making a gift in honor or someone or in place of a Christmas gift or birthday gift. Watch for the God's Global Barnyard coin boxes as a way to provide a farm animal for a needy family in a third world country.

The church has a facebook account. It's filled with fun and informative info. Check it out at:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for **all saints lutheran**

Check out the church's **TWITTER** account to find out what events are happening this week at the church. Go to:

[www.twitter.com/allsaintslc](http://www.twitter.com/allsaintslc)

[www.forallthesaints.net](http://www.forallthesaints.net)

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## Caring For Our Members

**Stephen Ministry** multiplies Ministry: Pr John will always be on the front line of care, especially during times of crisis, but there are many times when needs are ongoing. Stephen Ministry provides trained lay Ministers who reach out to people who are facing tough times. If you or someone you know might have a need for a caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports and encourages, call Gerry Cosentino at 720-985-9185 for information.

**Shepherding Team:** goes and visits members who have been unable to attend services or other activities offering fellowship, a listening ear, devotions and information on All Saints activities. The Leadership for this vital ministry is Ingrid Waggoner, 303-690-9080. Call her if you would like to become involved as a member of the team, if you know someone who could use the service, or if you have needs yourself.

**Martha's Table:** helps to provides meals for the short term to members who have been hospitalized, ill, experienced a loss of a loved one, or just struggling with other life issues. We have volunteers who prepare the meals, and volunteers who deliver. We keep meals in our freezer for emergency calls. If you are interested in this ministry or know someone who would benefit from receiving meals, please call the church office or email them. 303-752-4083 or [info@allsaintsnet.org](mailto:info@allsaintsnet.org). **This ministry is in need of a coordinator.**

That's not as big a job at it may sound. You'll just keep track of how much food we have and if there is a need and no one has signed up to bring a dish, call someone who's volunteered to prepare a meal.

## etc.

### Confirmation

We have had a great start to our confirmation year. We expected to have no more than 10 kids, but surprisingly we have 12. Becoming a very fun and energetic year. We would love to have MORE. If you have any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your life please encourage them to attend every other Wednesday. Call Charlie or myself if you are interested. We are working on Pastor John's lessons of the world in which Jesus was born & his ministry.

Looking forward to some community service project inside our church & outside our congregation. Preparing our children to be active & vibrant adult members of our church & our community. Cindy

### Advent Wreath Craft Class

Nov 3 & 8

Make your own traditional purple and pink advent wreath. The charge will be \$20 which will include the wreath, candles & wire. Please bring your own hot glue gun & wire cutters. Classes will be on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am and Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Sign up no later than Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Connie at 303-360-0109 hm or 720-281-0545 cell.



## Happy Birthday

### Birthdays:

Nessler, Sandy 1	Miller, Rachel 20
Alison, Bruce 2	Swartley, Amber 20
Hoopman, Ally 3	Broschat, Susan 21
Hoopman, Kyle 3	Cook/Johnson, Nancy 21
Fletcher, Haley 5	Braun, Valerie 24
Martin, Sandra 7	Deines, Vi 24
Hirschboeck, Gary 8	Kair, Audrey 25
Holden, Sara 8	Paz, Kenneth 25
Sandlian, Ellen 8	Kair, Norman 26
Pederson, Doris 12	Wilks, Zoe 26
Lockwood, Donna 13	Linn, Delaney 27
McIntosh, Jason 13	O'Grady, Billy 28
Schwendemann, Travis 13	Bartow, Christopher 29
Cartmill, Madelyn 14	
Swanson, Julian 15	<i>If your B-day is not included</i>
Hodson, Beverly 16	<i>here call the office at</i>
Smith, Karen 16	<i>303-752-4083</i>
Linn, Ann 17	

- Is life more than you can handle alone right now?
- Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move – or just experiencing a lonely or difficult time in your life?
- Could you benefit from having someone who would listen and care and walk with you through this difficult time?

### There is no need to struggle alone!

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing. God does not intend for you to struggle alone. Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness. Contact Pr John or Gerry Cosentino – 303-699-7379.

### MAKING WORK WORK FOR YOU

Does your job come with benefits? Taking advantage of them may help you improve your financial situation. Here are a few ways:

- **Enroll in your 401(k):** Enrolling in this type of retirement account offers tax deductions and tax-deferred growth.
- **Get the match:** If your employer offers a 401(k) match, contribute enough to get the full match.
- **Review how your dollars are allocated:** Review your portfolio each year, and if necessary, rebalance. Be sure to keep in mind your risk tolerance, as well as how long you plan to keep your money invested. Review these assets and your other investments.
- **Take advantage of flexible spending accounts:** These accounts allow you to contribute pre-tax dollars to use during the year to pay eligible medical and child care expenses. Be sure to use wisely.
- **Add on insurance:** Many employers allow employees to buy additional life and disability insurance coverage at a low cost. For help maximizing your options and making sure work works for you, contact Robert (Bob) Apmann, CPA, FIC with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, at 303-690-8924 or [Robert.apmann@thrivent.com](mailto:Robert.apmann@thrivent.com) today.

## Just for Youth!

### High School

The end of the year is upon us and the month is full of fellowship, fun, and the Spirit! Dates to remember:

- Nov 6 Youth Group 7pm
- Nov 13 Youth Group 7pm
- Nov 18-20 RMS ELCA Youth Gathering in Estes (no youth group Sunday night)
- Nov 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov 26 High School and Middle School Decorate for Christmas at 9am. (Bring \$5 for pizza/soda and your favorite Xmas music!)
- Nov 27 Youth Group 7pm—look ahead to December
- Dec 4 Youth Group 7pm
- Dec 11 Youth Group 7pm Christmas movie night
- Dec 18 Progressive Dinner and Ugly Christmas Outfit Party 5pm
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas! No youth group
- Jan 1 Happy New Year! No youth group (Youth Group will resume January 8)

### Middle School

Join us on Nov 26th to help decorate the Church for Xmas at 9am. Please bring \$5 for pizza/soda and your favorite Xmas music!

We like to provide monthly fun activities for our middle schoolers and we're looking for people who will plan and sponsor one fun activity per month. No, you do not have to sponsor all the activities but as many as you like. Get someone to help you. If this sounds fun, contact Bruce Alison (303-356-0198) or Charlie (303-752-4083).



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The Sunday School is preparing for the Christmas Program. Children will be practicing music during Sunday School. Older students, 1-Middle School, will be staying in music from 10:15-10:45 on Sundays to learn new songs. Once speaking parts are determined, we will be announcing rehearsals with dates and times to families of those students with speaking parts. This will be announced in the church bulletins and in letters and notes sent home to families. Brenda Shepard



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### Hymn Notes by James Sucha

#### **In All Times and In All Places**

The phone rang at 4 a.m. telling me my Mom was found unresponsive in the hospital and I was to come at once. I got dressed quickly, a zillion thoughts were running through my head as I drove fervently from the motel to St. Mary's hospital at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. As they led me to ICU in the huge hospital, they asked if I wanted a chaplain, and I said "yes, and please make it an ELCA Lutheran if you can!" Little did I know help via a Colorado connection would soon be there to support my Mom and I.

Pastor Corinne Thul, (formerly from Boulder, CO) was my angel at that hour. She knew my pastor, Rev. John Petty, at All Saints Lutheran back in Denver, and knew about me through my hymnal work there. "Wow! God, you really listened this time!" I thought. We prayed together and then went into see my Mom, who was now dying from an intestinal abscess that had been missed by doctors for three months this summer in Green Bay. I was beside myself with worry as her weary caregiver of two years.

Pastor Corinne touched Mom's shoulder, and talked softly with her, who was now responsive with a breathing device. She asked her to think of herself as a baby being held in God's hands. Then, Pastor Corinne started singing "Children of the Heavenly Father" to my Mom right then and there. I couldn't help but lose it; it was a beautiful moment.

Just as soon as Pastor Corinne finished the first line, Mom garbed "Don't you know Precious Lord?" Tears turned into a smile, and the doctors were happy she was responding. Corinne anointed Mom on the forehead and said a prayer for healing and God's will as we held hands and Mom's. Just before leaving, Corinne sat me down in the waiting room to offer some hope with a prayer and we had breakfast with Holy Communion at 4:30 am. I found myself supported by a servant of the Lord who came when we needed help.

Time ran out for Mom, as the Mayo doctors did all they could to save her. She died the next day with my brother, sister and I holding onto her. As she passed, I said to my siblings "she gave us birth, now we are giving her birth into heaven." We sang "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Precious Lord" at her funeral at Grace Lutheran here in Green Bay a few days later. She now rests with Dad who passed last year.

Hymns can be sung in all times and in all places, as I found in ICU that morning. They offer comfort, hope and keep us in the faith during good times and those of terrible distress. Our ELCA chaplains are in the trenches daily in hospitals, nursing homes, and on battlefields in the military supporting others of all faiths and those to whom death draws near. God is with us through all of this, and he sends his servants to help us when we ask Him for help— even pastors who know you from afar when you least expect it. Thanks be to God!

