



Bethesda Outlook

November 2013

Autumn is upon us an Advent is coming.

As I write this my hands are cold as our nights have become longer and colder. Our long summer has been unusually warm and dry but they say the rains are soon to come. Autumn is upon us and Advent is coming. For many of us this year continues to be a challenging and difficult season of life, with many life changes that have put our faith and trust in God to the test.

November is like a season unto itself, one of transition, on the cusp of change. We frame this month with two Holy Days of the church year; November 3rd is All Saints Sunday and November 26th is Christ the King Sunday. Each Sunday has a different focus, and yet in these weeks we hear scripture texts that will challenge us and articulate ideas of "what is to come." As the weeks unfold there is a continuous theme spreading throughout the season. Discussions on sacrificial giving, death, endings, beginnings and the future, all show us what it is like to live as God's saints within God's reign in the past, present and future.

As a community of faith, and a family of faith, this past year we have walked with each other, listened and held each other; we have shed tears of sorrow and of joy with each other, in the midst of our many challenges, life changing news and life situations. As the people of God in this **Mission Outpost** named Bethesda Lutheran Church we have been faithful followers and have been people of joy, grace, hope and love as we now await the season of HOPE, **Advent!** The Church year will begin on December 1st with Advent, with expectant wondering and waiting, as we contemplate how God has come to us in the flesh in 2013, and will come to us and call us to new beginnings in 2014.

The future comes to us as a gift from God and will be revealed to us if we but listen and follow. God invites us

to listen, to think creatively with Him and to dream about the unimaginable possibilities which he has planned for us. God, who is already at work in our neighborhoods, now invites us into our world, beyond our physical and emotional walls to discover Jesus who is already here and at work in our lives and the lives of others all around us.

We know that God is faithful, is already present and ahead of us, will be with us, will lead us, and will call us into our future. We rest in hope because we know that endings with God are really new beginnings.

I thank God for each of you and for your love and grace as we walk journey together following and discovering Christ in our midst and in our world.

See you in church or over a cup of coffee or tea! God's grace peace and blessings be with you all,

All Saints Sunday November 3rd, 2013

All Saints' Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.

The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day (Nov. 3rd) celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

During the 10:15am worship service on Sunday November 3rd there will be a special reading of the names of those who have died since All Saints' Sunday last year. If there is a name you want to include on this list, please contact the church office:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon	2 Hospitality Comm. Mtg. 10:00am Richer Fuller Life Session - 9:00am
3 ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY Bible Study 9:00am Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	4 Ruth/Miriam Circle 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm WAM Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm Facilities Committee 6:30pm @ J. Minnis' Girl Scouts - 6:45pm	5 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	6 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	7 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	8 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon	9 Richer Fuller Life Session - 9:00am
10 Bible Study 9:00am Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	11 Care & Concern Ministry 10:00 am Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm Finance Committee 7:00pm	12	13 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	14 Life Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	15 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon	16 Richer Fuller Life Session - 9:00am Family Movie Night 5:00pm
17 Bible Study 9:00am Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	18 Community Dinner 5:30pm Council Meeting 7:00pm	19 Girl Scouts 6:30pm NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE	20 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	21 Girl Scouts 6:30pm	22 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon	23 Men's Fellowship 8:00am
24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Bible Study 9:00am Worship 10:15am Comm. Dinner prep. 3:00pm	25 Sue's Bible Study 2:00pm Community Dinner 5:30pm	26 P.I.P. Club 5:00pm Community Thanksgiving 6:00pm - dinner 7:00pm - service	27 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00pm	28 THANKSGIVING (office closed)	29 Mtlk. Terr. Sr's. lunch - Noon	30 BETHESDA AT SMOKEY POINT REST STOP

November



Birthdays

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| 2 - Kate Kurfess | 22 - Marti Harper |
| 3 - Donna Veveris | 23 - Merry Wick |
| 8 - Deanna Kehres | 24 - Wolfgang Lill |
| 15 - Trina Klingensmith
Karen Rasmussen | 25 - Betty Henderson |
| 18 - Larry Fischer | 27 - Lance Anstice |
| | 28 - Matthew Carrier |

From the Council President

The words that I have brought forward in the last two news letters are change and diversity. I would like to go one step farther with that and talk about family and how we treat each other as family. My sister and brother-in-law are the reason I joined this church back in 1959. They were members here at Bethesda when I came to relocate in Washington State, they invited me in. We had our difference over the years and did not always agree, but we were family and would work it out. We would sit down and talk it out; we were family. Separation will not provide anything.

We are a family group of people at Bethesda that make up the family of God here in MLT. The fact that very different people exist within a group or place and value the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of the group is a blessing. We need to celebrate our differences and rejoice in the Lord. That the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, we all suffer together; if one member is honored, we all rejoice together.

*We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know God's love.*

I invite you to read Ephesians 4:29-31

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SMOKEY POINT REST STOP

BETHESDA COMMUNITY SERVICES will be serving coffee, etc., at the ***Smokey Point Rest Stop*** (northbound I-5) from November 29th at 2pm through December 2nd at 1pm. We need lots of cookies and coffee, creamers, sugar, lemonade and many helpers to serve. Please call the church office for more information.