

The *Celebration!* Connection

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From the Pastor

Keeping you in the loop...

- Thank you for your response to the letter I sent out regarding our **Mission Investment Fund Loan!** We really appreciate your generous support toward retiring this financial burden. The Finance Team has decided that any money received will be used to go toward the loan principal verses the monthly loan payment. That will ultimately lessen the time required to complete this commitment (which is a good thing). Again, if you are able to help with this loan in addition to your regular offerings, it will go a long way toward eventually eliminating this ongoing financial stressor (which is also a good thing). If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to ask either our Financial Team chair, Tim Hoepner, or me. Again, thank you so much!
- Speaking of money, it's that time again to start thinking about your next years offerings so I wanted to remind those of you who are 73 and over that you can give to the church **up to \$100,000** of your IRA **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** without having to pay income tax on the money. Talk to your financial advisor to see how your IRA can "jump start" (or continue) your financial legacy here at Celebration!

- Oh, one more thing on contributions. There was recently an issue with **Thrivent Choice Dollars** not getting to us because somehow, Thrivent lost our banking information. That issue has been rectified and the money that was temporarily on hold to us has now been donated. So, if you are a Thrivent customer and wish to influence how their charitable dollars are distributed through Thrivent Choice, please contact your Thrivent Representative and choose Celebration!
- Speaking of building use, a **new A.A. group** is starting here at Celebration in our Gathering Space beginning on November 6th and will meet every Monday and Friday from 5-7pm. If you know of anyone that might have need of this great organization, please let them know of this opportunity.
- Finally, I've **made no secret of my concern** that there are a number of people in the congregation who had stopped attending in person during the Covid crisis, but once the crisis ended, their Sunday hunkering down continued. So, your council has begun the process of making telephone calls to those "missing sheep" that, to the best of our knowledge, are physically able to attend regular Sunday worship but have simply chosen not to for various and sundry reasons. Nevertheless, it would be **even more effective** if you, as a family member or friend would encourage those who haven't been among this family of faith to rejoin and celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord each and every Sunday in loving community. After all, as someone once said: "Showing up is 80% of life!"



- **Christmas Eve** is on a Sunday this year! The regular 10am worship will primarily be utilizing the Advent 4 readings and our 7pm worship will be our traditional Christmas Eve worship with our music being enhanced by our outstanding Vocal and Bell Choirs. Plan on attending both worships now!
- **I absolutely love how our beautiful building is being used** by so many different organizations in the community! However, with this popularity, if you or your organization wishes to hold a meeting or an event here, please be sure to plan ahead! So, if there's a birthday party, a baby shower, or something else coming up, please call the church office on either a Monday or a Thursday between 9am and 1pm to get your event on our church calendar. (BTW, you can always check the online calendar for openings through our website at www.celebrationlc.com)

So, as usual, I'll sign off this month with

See **YOU** in church!

Pastor Fogle



We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 5th. All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance for all members of Celebration who have died this year. During worship we will light candles and have a moment of silence to remember all loved ones who have died. This is also a time to give thanks for the lives of the saints who have modeled and gone before us in a life of faith.

This year we will remember:

Rich Alder

Pinky Bierbaum

Cheryl Williamson



Church Grounds Cleanup

The fall leaf clean up will be Saturday, November 18th from 9am to 1pm. (rain or shine, unless it is an all day down-pour)

The Scouts have volunteered to help again but we need adults to operate the leaf blowers and weed-eaters. Please come help if you can and bring leaf blowers and weed-eaters if you have them. "Many hands make for fast work".



The Social outreach team is again leading the drive to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. A sign-up sheet is posted on the communication board listing the items needed for this project. We will be providing the turkeys as well as all the fixings for 20 families and are asking for your help with this effort.

The deadline for donations will be Sunday, November 19th. Baskets (boxes) will be assembled Monday morning, November 20th, at 10am. Refrigerated items can be stored in the kitchen refrigerator and all other items can be left on the table in the Great Hall. We will also need sturdy boxes if you have any to share (Chewy Boxes are ideal for this!). Please join us Monday for fellowship and basket assembly.

If you would like to sign up for something and need assistance with shopping for your items, please contact Cindy Sweier for assistance at 248-408-7563 or email cynthi-asweier@yahoo.com.

Welcome to the Family!

Levi Yandura, infant son of Emily and Jeff Yandura, was baptized at Celebration in the name of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 22. Welcome to the church family Levi!



J.O.Y. on Joy on Hiatus after November 8th Gathering

Several years ago, Celebration started a ministry called J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) on Joy (road). Once a month, on the second Wednesday at noon, there was a brief worship service with communion, followed by a luncheon. It was hoped this service would be helpful those seniors who find it difficult to get up and ready for corporate worship by 10:00 on a Sunday, while providing fellowship afterwards with a luncheon.

It was also an opportunity for any other adults who worked every Sunday. Although everyone who attended enjoyed this additional opportunity for worship, our attendance at this event is not what we had hoped. It ranged from a high of about 18 in the beginning, to more recently a low of 7-9 people. Only one person (who attended a few times) met our initial target group, and she will soon be moving out-of-state to be closer to family. The rest of the group are regular Sunday morning worshipers. At our October lunch, we decided to put JOY on Joy on hold for now. We will have one more service and luncheon on November 8, and then we will wait and see what the future brings. -

Heather Fogle

*On
Hiatus*



As read on Facebook...

BRING THEM TO CHURCH



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running towards the Savior... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from? The world will teach them God's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to stay home from church, do what they want, and not ever pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "a good person" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job. Bring them to church.

Every Week We Lift Up Celebration Families In Prayer! During November we will be lifting up:

November 5

Carole Knapp
Steve, Andrea, and Christopher Kolhoff
Linda Krall
Amy Kramer

November 12

Justin, Michelle, Madeline, and Charlie Lair
Dale, Karen, and Alexander Lee
Dick and LaVerne Lieberknecht
Jeremiah, Julie, Anna, and Josh Livingston

November 19

Mary and Charlie Mahlow
Eva Miner
Judy Naumoff
Carol Noonan

November 26

Pat Patzer
Dave and Laureen Preston
Luan Purcell
Marian Pye

Crafty Connections

Having difficulty finding time to work on your craft projects? Bring them to Crafty Connections which meets on the second Monday of the month (November 13th) and the last Wednesday of each month (November 29th). This is the perfect place to work on those Christmas gifts, Warming Tree projects, or unfinished projects. We hope to see you there!



LIVE Stream Sponsors

Please consider sponsoring a week or more of live-streaming for \$15 per Sunday.

This month's live streaming has been sponsored by:

November 5: Jim and Susan Hardy
November 12: Steve and Andrea Kolhoff
November 19: Marge Ross
November 26: **Available For Sponsorship**

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

November 5: AVAILABLE

November 12

Rick and Jodi Reed in celebration of Elizabeth's 21st Birthday

November 19:

Vi Hakala in memory of Al Hakala and Anne Schilling

Tim and Debby Hoepner in celebration of Teddy Troncoso's birthday

November 26: AVAILABLE



The church office will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. The staff at Celebration Lutheran Church would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.



Poinsettia plants are available for purchase again this year. As in years past, we will use the plants to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas and

can be taken home after the Christmas Eve 7pm worship. We cannot guarantee how long they will live after Christmas if they are left at church.

Please consider sponsoring a plant in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special person or event. Order forms will be in with your weekly worship folder as well as the office. **The cost of a plant is \$7.50**, The deadline to purchase plants and wreaths is **November 12th**. Order forms are available in the Welcoming Area and the office. You may also call the office (734-582-4112) on a Monday or Thursday morning to order.

Remember: November 12, \$7.50

Feeding the Hungry

The next bring one Sunday will be, **Sunday, November 12**.

The Holidays will be here soon and especially in this part of metro-Detroit there are so many families in need at this time. Canned vegetables and fruits. Boxed sides, potatoes, boxed salads (suddenly salad), canned proteins (tuna, chicken, ham, peanut butter etc.). Any non-perishable items are greatly appreciated, as well as monetary donations. Checks need to be made payable to Good Hope Food Pantry. Any questions or concerns, contact Greg or Gloria Tapper Getapper@yahoo.com or call 734-427-1142.



Warming and Angel Trees

The **WARMING TREE** will be up **November 19th** in the Gathering Space. We are collecting new hats, gloves, scarves, or mittens for the Warming Tree. Donations from the Warming tree will go to the homeless veterans and the Wayne County Family Center. Please make sure your donated items are on the tree by **December 17th**.



The **Angel Tree** will also be up on **November 19th** in the Welcome Area. We are adopting five families again. Each tag on the tree has the name of the family member and their gift wish.

If you take a tag, please be sure to write your name on the correct list, which is next to the tree. The tags are color coded by family. Please be sure to wrap your gift and tape the colored tag on the outside of the box. **All gifts must be under the tree by December 17th**.

For information regarding either of the trees, contact Cindy Sweier 248-408-7563 or email her cynthiasweier@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your participation in these important projects!

Women's Bible Study

Holy places: Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage, a journey to a sacred place, is a spiritual practice with a long history in Christianity (and many other religions). In the Bible, pilgrimage is not only about the destination, but also about the “holy place” of the journey itself. Considering the journey of the Magi, the walk to Emmaus, and Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem, we’ll ponder how pilgrimage can inspire, challenge and transform our faith and our lives.

This group meets at the church on the third Wednesday at 1:00.

Celebration Christmas Dinner

December 9

Appetizers at 5.00pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Meal prepared by Ciro Troncoso

Entertainment by Silver Strings

Prayer List Restart ...

As is our custom, the prayer list will begin fresh starting on the **First Sunday of Advent** (the Sunday after Thanksgiving) If you or someone you care about needs prayers, please either write it on the back of your yellow welcome card or email the office and let us know if these need to be ongoing prayers.



Birthdays

5 Miriam Kleven

Isabela Gray

10 Jill Brown

Nolan Dent

11 Christine Snowden

15 Elizabeth Reed

18 Gary Fernyhough

20 Randy Brown

21 Jim Hardy

22 Steve Kolhoff

23 Teddy Troncoso

Anniversaries

3 Jim and Susan Hardy

9 Dave and Laureen Preston

26 Dan and Kristina Reid

November Daily Devotionals

Wednesday, November 1
Psalm 119:41-48
Proverbs 16:1-20
Matthew 19:16-22

Thursday, November 2
Psalm 43
1 Samuel 2:27-36
Romans 2:17-29

Friday, November 3
Psalm 43
Ezekiel 13:1-16
2 Peter 2:1-3

Saturday, November 4
Psalm 43
Malachi 1:6—2:9
Matthew 23:13-28

Sunday, November 5
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
2 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Monday, November 6
Psalm 5
Jeremiah 5:18-31
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Tuesday, November 7
Psalm 5
Lamentations 2:13-17
Acts 13:1-12

Wednesday, November 8
Psalm 5
Proverbs 16:21-33
Matthew 15:1-9

Thursday, November 9
Psalm 70
Amos 1:1—2:5
Revelation 8:6—9:12

Friday, November 10
Psalm 70
Amos 3:1-12
Revelation 9:13-21

Saturday, November 11
Psalm 70
Amos 4:6-13
Matthew 24:1-14

Sunday, November 12
Amos 5:18-24/ Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 70 or Wisdom 6:17-20
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Monday, November 13
Psalm 63
Amos 8:7-14
1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Tuesday, November 14
Psalm 63
Joel 1:1-14
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Wednesday, November 15
Psalm 63
Joel 3:9-21
Matthew 24:29-35

Thursday, November 16
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 6:1-14
Revelation 16:1-7

Friday, November 17
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 7:1-9
Revelation 16:8-21

Saturday, November 18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 7:10-27
Matthew 12:43-45

Sunday, November 19
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, November 20
Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 1:7-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, November 21
Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wednesday, November 22
Psalm 9:1-14
Job 16:1-21
Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday, November 23
Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Kings 22:13-23
Revelation 14:1-11

Friday, November 24
Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Chronicles 17:1-15
Revelation 22:1-9

Saturday, November 25
Psalm 95:1-7a
Isaiah 44:21-28
Matthew 12:46-50

Sunday, November 26
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, November 27
Psalm 7
Esther 2:1-18
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Tuesday, November 28
Psalm 7
Esther 8:3-17
Revelation 19:1-9

Wednesday, November 29
Psalm 7
Ezekiel 33:7-20
John 5:19-40

Thursday, November 30
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Zechariah 13:1-9
Revelation 14:6-13