

WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CANDLE



November 2022

CALLING ALL SAINTS!

I think Martin Luther was on to something when he wrote about the “priesthood of all believers” – meaning that we need no intermediary to come to God – no priests, pastors or saints required. We can just talk to God as our Father (like in the Lord’s Prayer!), BECAUSE through our baptism and Jesus’ death on the cross as sacrifice for our sins, we are a part of the Family of God.

In Luther’s time, the church taught that people could never be good enough on their own, so they were consigned to lengthy stays in “purgatory” (where their sins would be purged away) and that only saints were good enough to go directly to God. It was therefore reasoned that we should pray to the saints for help and for a share of their excess righteousness. One could, according to this reasoning, buy a relic of a saint and have access to power. Princes would purchase relics of saints or supposed pieces of Jesus’ cross, and people would come, pray and make an offering for a specified amount of time to be released from purgatory. It was a great moneymaker! But, as Luther wondered – who knows if it’s true?

It really is, for Lutherans especially, about reclaiming scripture as the one true authoritative source for figuring out how to live the Christian life. And we look especially to Jesus’ life and death as examples of how to live in a way that is pleasing to God. Saints can be examples of *how to live* – Luther didn’t so much have issues with that – but praying to them? Venerating their relics for release from punishment from God? Not so much. That’s WHY JESUS CAME!

So, on All Saints’ Sunday, we remember those “saints,” those people of faith, who came before us, and thank God for their lives and that He blessed us with them in our lives. We entrust them to God’s care, and look forward to the time when we are together with them again.

MOVIE NIGHT!

Jane Engler and the Youth Commission put together another successful movie night this past Friday night. A little chilly... but people were forewarned and came prepared. The movie chosen was *The Wizard of Oz* – especially projected on the 24’ inflatable screen. I hadn’t seen it in a number of years, and it was good to revisit it from my childhood. Several people, including Mrs. Engler, came dressed as Dorothy, and I think I saw one Flying Monkey costume (the scariest creatures in the movie for me!). We had over 90 people in attendance, and the middle school kids sold refreshments. It was a great night!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

A life lived with thanksgiving and praise to God in all circumstances – even the difficult and challenging ones – is a life that is at peace. This year we offer again our Thanksgiving Eve service – 7 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd.

AN EXTRA HOUR’S SLEEP?

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday morning at 2 am – so we get to “fall back” and recover a lost hour of sleep this weekend – or if you’re like me, you think you have an extra hour to stay up and do things and end up more tired than before. Oddly, I do the same thing in March when we lose an hour’s sleep, and end up much worse. I can’t seem to get into the rhythm of this. Anyway, set your clocks back an hour or you’ll be joining us at the end of worship!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Larry

All Saints' Day



Remembering before God
those who have passed in the
last 12 months:

Wayne Bartch
Richard Bradley
Mark Catron
Gaylene Gilmore
Arlene Hiller
Addie Hopkins
E.J. Ramsey
Ernie Reyes
Judy Robinson
Rayna Schultz
Alexander P. Shiffman
Anthony Stovall
Jackie Strecker
Kathy Tank

ThankOffering

Sunday, November 20th

Traditionally, the women of Westchester Lutheran Church give thanks to God each Thanksgiving time for the numerous blessings received during the year. This special ThankOffering is given the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day to assist the women in their ministry here at Westchester Lutheran Church as well as the Churchwide women of the ELCA with whom we share. We gratefully thank you for joining us in keeping this tradition that allows us continue our ministries.

Your check payable to WLCW
(Westchester Lutheran Church Women) on
November 20th or if you prefer on line mentioning for
ThankOffering or WLCW will be greatly appreciated.

*"He who sacrifices thank offerings honors Me and he prepares
the way so that I may show him the salvation of God."*

Psalms 50:23



-The Women of Westchester Lutheran

Special Services in November



*Sunday,
November 20th
10:00 am*

*Wednesday,
November 23rd
7:00 pm*



*Sunday,
November 27th
10:00 am*

Shoe Drive Results!



Thanks for being a big part of the Walking
Together Shoe Drive!!

The full results will be posted on our website soon but we think over 10,000 shoes and socks were donated. The next step is a sorting party Nov 6 at West LA College to get the donations ready for distribution...Info about that is on our website as well www.volunteer-collective.org,

Rick Stoff
Volunteer Collective

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes



PACK A SHOEBOX!



WHAT GOES INSIDE?

A "WOW" ITEM • PERSONAL CARE ITEM • CRAFT/ACTIVITIES
CLOTHING/ACCESORIES • PERSONAL NOTE

INDICATE GENDER:

BOY/GIRL

INDICATE AGE RANGE FOR EACH SHOEBOX:

2-4 YEARS • 5-9 YEARS • 10-14 YEARS

COLLECTION WEEK: NOVEMBER 14-21

Donna Anderson, a year-round volunteer for Operation Christmas Child (OCC), was at chapel on September 23, 2022 and explained to the students about the shoeboxes.

Please consider packing a shoebox or two. Go to the office to get a red/green shoebox and a "What Goes in My Shoebox?" packet to help you in packing your shoebox. You may also get a paper for writing a note to enclose in your shoebox. (You can also use your own shoebox, but go to the office to get a packet and paper for a note if you do.)



Donate \$10 to cover collecting, shipping, and processing of the shoebox, as well as the ministry partner training and materials in the country to which the shoebox will go. You can:

- put an envelope with \$10 (cash or check made out to "Samaritan's Purse")
- put inside of the shoebox,
- go online and purchase a shipping label to adhere to the top of your shoebox, and you can follow your shoebox.

Be sure to attach the label on the top of your shoebox and indicate the gender and the age group for whom it is intended: boy or girl/ 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years.

**Take your finished shoebox to the school office anytime between now and Nov. 18;
Ms. Anderson will pick it up and take it to the shoebox drop-off location.**

Thank you so much for your help in getting the Gospel out to children all of over the world.
Westchester Lutheran Church & School did 146 boxes in 2021.

Hopefully we can do more this year!

Christmas Poinsettias for Church Members



Poinsettia Orders

Donating poinsettias is a lovely way to beautify our sanctuary, as well as to remember friends and loved ones.

Plants are \$10.00 each

Pay by check or online.

You may take your plant after the Christmas Service, Dec. 25

Deadline to order is November 30.

If you would like to have one of more poinsettias fill out this form and turn it in with your offering or contact the secretary by phone or email, kmartinez@wlcs.org.

Name _____ Phone # _____

I would like to provide # _____ poinsettia plants at \$10.00 each for the Christmas season.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Other _____

Please make check payable to Westchester Lutheran Church or WLC

_____ check

_____ cash

_____ online

Join Us

WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Presents:

Handel Messiah



Sunday, December 4, 2022
at 4:00 P.M.

MARSHALL RAMIREZ, CONDUCTOR

SUZANNE LAWRENCE, SOPRANO • LAURA HARRISON, ALTO
EDDIE SAYLES, TENOR • RALPH CATO, BASS

Featuring: Soloists, Orchestra & Chorus

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Save the Date— December 11th

COST:
THERE IS A SMALL
CHARGE PER CRAFT
TO COVER
MATERIALS
(FREE- \$1.50)

JOIN US FOR ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP

11
DECEMBER
2-4 PM

**WOODEN
NATIVITY
\$10**

- ALL (AGE 1-100) ARE INVITED TO COME AND GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS BY MAKING FUN ORNAMENTS AND GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
- ENJOY CHRISTMAS COOKIES, HOT COCOA & HOT CIDER
- CREATE YOUR MASTERPIECES TO THE SOUND OF CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MUSIC.
- BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!



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Early Learning Center

It's Pumpkin Season!

The Early Learning Center is filled with pumpkins at this time of year. Not just orange pumpkins, but every color, size and shape you can imagine!

So what are we doing with them?

- ♦ We line them up by size—biggest to smallest.
- ♦ We measure them- how many cubes tall are they? Which one is bigger?
- ♦ We open them up and scoop out the seeds, and put the insides into a sensory table for play
- ♦ We draw faces on one or two of them and make jack-o-lanterns
- ♦ We pound golf tees into pumpkins using a toy hammer
- ♦ And most creative of all....we PAINT them!



On Halloween, our parents are invited to join us in the morning for a costume parade, followed by snack parties and games in the classrooms. This will be the first time we have invited parents to join us during the school day since Covid-19 struck. We are excited to welcome them!

School News

- Nov. 1st:** Donations for Christmas Home Made Cookies Starts Today! (On SignUpGenius-Talk to the office)
- Nov. 1st:** Donations for Christmas Poinsettias Start! (Check out the SignUpGenius-Talk to the office)
- Nov. 2nd:** Donations for Christmas Toy Drive Start! (Students bring to classroom on or before Dec. 16 for Chapel)
- Nov. 4th:** Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am
- Nov. 4th:** Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm
- Nov. 4th:** Movie Night- Wizard of Oz hosted by Church Youth Group, 6:30 pm on school lawn
- Nov. 7th:** End of 1st quarter
- Nov. 7th:** Marie Callender's Pie Sale Start! (Check out the flyer to place an order)
- Nov. 9th:** Staff Lunch (hosted by MS Parents), Fireside Room, 11:30am-1:30 pm
- Nov. 9th-10th:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 10th:** Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm
- Nov. 11th:** Veterans Day! No School-Office Closed
- Nov. 12th:** *Happy Birthday Mrs. Gerds!*
- Nov. 14th:** Thanksgiving Feast, 11:30am-1:30 pm
- Nov. 14th-18th:** Campus Christmas Decorations/Trees Set-Up (Check out the SignUpGenius- Talk to the office)
- Nov. 14th-21st:** Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Week- Drop off at the office
- Nov. 17th:** Coffee with the Principal, 8:15-9:00 am
- Nov. 18th:** Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am
- Nov. 18th:** 6th-8th grade 1st quarter awards after Chapel
- Nov. 18th:** Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm
- Nov. 21st-25th:** *Thanksgiving Break*
- Nov. 23rd:** Thanksgiving Pie pick up, 11:45 am-3:30pm
- Nov. 23rd:** Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 pm
- Nov. 24th-25th:** Office Closed- Happy Thanksgiving!



WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TK - 8TH GRADE

ADMISSIONS FOR 2022-2023

BEGIN FEBRUARY 1, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 22, 2023 • 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Meet the teachers • Hear about our curriculum
Visit the Classrooms • Tour our campus

STEAM Emphasis • Standard-Based Curriculum
Diverse Student Body • Athletics Program • Spanish
Outdoor Education • Music & Performing Arts
Fine Arts • Differentiated Instruction • Extended Care

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**Tours Available by Appt.
at www.wlcs.org**




CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

BRING A TOY AND GIVE JOY!

Help us reach our goal!

We need 100% participation to reach our goal!

November 3 - December 16



Toys will be going to
the children of Pueblo
de Dios Lutheran
Church in Compton.

Our goal is to collect 150 toys

In the spirit of Christmas, we are asking WLS students to bring a wrapped new toy to be given to a child less fortunate. Most children will have presents under the tree but there are many who may not have any without our help. Help us reach out in Christian love to these kids by donating a new wrapped toy this Christmas. Please tape a gift tag indicating "Boy" or "Girl" & age.

**Students should bring their gift to the classroom on or before
Friday, December 16th. The students will bring their toys to the Chapel service.**

**CHURCH MEMBERS MAY DROP OFF THE TOYS AT THE OFFICE OR DURING
SUNDAY SERVICE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Commissions Meetings & Other

Garden Crew

Saturday, November 5, 2022

9:00-11:00 am

All are welcome to join us in cleaning up our extensive landscaping! Bring your gardening gloves, pruners, etc.

Life & Growth Commission

November 6, 2022

11:30 am in the Fireside Room

Mary Circle

November 8, 2022

12:30 pm at Marie Schlager's House

Women's Board

November 13, 2022

11:30 am in the Fireside Room

Rebekah Circle

November 20, 2022

11:30 am in the Library

Council Meeting via Zoom

November 17, 2022

7:00 pm

Church Nursery & Sunday School

Infants and young toddlers are welcome! After the Children's Sermon children age 4 to 3rd grade are invited to the Library for a Sunday School lesson.

We are also in need 2 volunteers every Sunday, 1 for the nursery and 1 for Sunday School. If you are willing to help one or more Sundays a month, please contact Shirley Becker, sbecker@wlcs.org

Confirmation



Available to
6th- 8th grade students
Tuesdays at 7 pm
Pastor's Office

If you are interested in
participating send an email to
kmartinez@wlcs.org

Comforters

Meets Wednesday Mornings

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Masted Hall

All levels are welcome to join in making quilts

UPDATE: The Comforters delivered a lot of full-size comforters and baby blankets.

- ♦ 73 comforters to Lutheran World Relief in Bellflower
- ♦ 10 comforters for Harvest Home in Venice.
- ♦ 47 baby blankets for Harvest Home in Venice.
- ♦ And over the year have given hundreds of baby blankets to Centinela Hospital in Inglewood.

Operation Gratitude

No gathering in November

Next gathering on December 11th

2:30-4:00 pm

Anybody who likes to crochet or knit to make scarves & hats. Will have patterns and instructions regarding color, size, etc.



UPDATE: Donna Anderson recently made a delivery out to Chatsworth where Operation Gratitude is located and delivered;



- ♦ 433 knitted & crocheted scarves
- ♦ 7 hats

It was a small but determined group who contributed the scarves and hats. All are welcome to join in any of the gatherings. They meet every second Sunday of the month.

Flower Chart

Remember and honor loved ones past and present by donating flowers to beautify our sanctuary every Sunday.

The cost is **\$35**. You may pay online or mail a check to the office. If you would like to take one of the spots available please call the office (310) 670-5422 to get your announcement in the bulletin or email Karina, kmartinez@wlcs.org. Thank you!

November 6th

- ♦ Given by Karl Hurt in celebration of Cindy Hurt's birthday.
- ♦ Available!

November 13th

- ♦ Given by Ida Manuel-Stovall in celebration of the birthday on my friend Amelia Rigmaiden.
- ♦ Available!

November 20th

- ♦ Available!
- ♦ Available!

November 27th

- ♦ Given by Gloria Ward in loving memory of James on their anniversary.
- ♦ Available!

Available dates in December

December 4th (2 spots)
 December 11th (1 spot)
 December 18th (2 spots)
 December 25th (2 spots)

General Information



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Any questions about the Candle email Karina at

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WATCH SERVICES LIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING 10 am:



"Westchester Lutheran Church and School"

Anniversaries

***Congratulations & blessings
on your wedding anniversary!***

November 21st

Edward & Jeanne Gariel



Birthday Blessings

November 1 David Russo

November 6 Cindy Hurt

November 7 Marcia Herzog

November 11 Wes Widmer

November 16 Juliet Sanchez

November 17 Kitna Halim

November 19 Mary Lou Schnitzer

November 22 Lois Spann



Praying for Others



Members & friends hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery, or long-term illness: Todd Allen, Wanda Anckle, Sharon Bernard, Joe Brandt, Sandra Bray, Doris Brown, Rob Button, Ernie Cairns, Joseph Cohen, Ron Dell Craig, Tom Crotheis, Scott Crowley, Renee Davis, Chuck Duff, Margaret Eckberg, Ursula Fetzor, Sophia Gariel, Cynthia Green, Vera Green, Amy Gustafson, Karl Homan, Lewis Jackson, Carrie Jones, Helen Jones, Kathy Klein, Barbara Loftas, Jennifer Long, Reggie Lucero, Alex Malandrinos, Johnny Manuel, Ida Manuel-Stovall, Katie Meyer, Britt Olofsson, Shawn-Michele & Michele Penman, Angie Reichenberg, Annie Reynosa, Barbara Roamer, Mary Lou Schnitzer, Charles Seaberg, Jo Slee, Faith Smith, Bill Snyder, Tanya Squier, Diane Tallman, Teresa Upp, Ruby Williams, Steve Young..

Condolences to: The Stovall Family on Anthony's passing. The Thornton Family on the passing of Gregory.

Members & friends serving in the military: Richard Appelhans, David Flick, Jeremy Manning, Donald Moe, Deane Stewart, and Kimberly York.