

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving Day is a time to reflect and be thankful for all that God has given us. There are many great Bible verses for Thanksgiving to reflect on. Although we mostly consider Thanksgiving Day to be something that is celebrated only in the United States of America, did you know other countries celebrate similar holidays and feasts?

For example:

India celebrates harvest in various regions.

Canada celebrates thanksgiving in October,

The cornucopia is traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. It comes from Greek mythology and was said to be a "horn of plenty" that was given by the Greek god Zeus. The horn was believed to magically produce an endless supply of anything desired by the one who owns the horn.

The Chinese Festival of "Chung Ch'ui" — on this day many in China eat moon cakes (small yellow cakes) to celebrate the harvest moon.

The Jewish feast of Sukkot is observed during the harvest season.

Ancient Egyptians had a feast in honor of Min, the god of harvest and fertility,

Lamas Day, was celebrated in the British Isles. On this day people would take a loaf of bread to church. The loaf was baked from the first harvest.

Harvest Festival is celebrated in the UK and as time goes on many of the American traditions and foods are added to celebration dinners.

Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in Croatia on August 5th. But rather than a thanksgiving holiday it is really a memorial to the day that the city of Knin was seized by the Croatian Army during the War of Independence.

Other countries such as Germany, Brazil, Ghana, Nigeria and Korea also have thanksgiving and/or harvest festivals

Let us not only be thankful one day a year but celebrate the greatness of our God with thanks everyday!

Here is a collection of Thanksgiving Bible Verses that focus on reasons to praise our great God:

Psalm 28:7 - "The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him."

Psalm 34:1- "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 69:30 - "I will praise the name of God with song, And shall magnify Him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 95:1-6 - "O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods, In whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker."

Psalm 100:4 - "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name."

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Psalms 107:29-32 – “He caused the storm to be still, So that the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they were quiet; So He guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! Let them extol Him also in the congregation of the people, And praise Him at the seat of the elders.”

Hebrews 12:28-29 – “Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.”

1 Chronicles 16:8 – “Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.”
For His Power and Strength

Colossians 2:6-7 – “Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.”

1 Chronicles 16:34 – “O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Ephesians 5:3-4 – “But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.”

Colossians 3:15 – “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

1 Timothy 4:4-5 – “For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude; for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

How have you been blessed by the Lord? Have you told him recently?

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dan

P.S. See you in church on Sundays and on November 27th at 6:30 pm!

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Mission Statement

By grace, through faith,
we follow God’s word,
share gospel of Jesus Christ and bring hope
to others through
worship, education and outreach.





Grace Lutheran Church
 900 N. Mason St.
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November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9 am Bible Study	2 9 am Hmong Worship
3 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Christ. Ed. 6:00 pm Potter's House Worship	4 7:30 pm AA	5 8:30-11:30 Quilters 10:30 W& M Mtg	6 9 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship 6:45 pm AA	7 10:30 Grilled Cheese	8 9 am Bible Study	9 9 am Hmong Worship
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Thank you to all who supported our Ministry at the Pie & Ice Cream Social in October. Your donations of pies and silent auction items, cash donations as well as your time and talent volunteering to make this event a success is greatly appreciated. Our gratitude to those of you who joined us for an afternoon of great food and fellowship.

We would like to invite you to attend Advent worship services at 11:30 AM on Wednesdays, Dec 4, 11 and 18 followed by a luncheon in Linwood Commons, 425 N Linwood Ave. in Appleton. We are still in the planning process regarding the luncheons and asking our conference congregations if they would like to support us by providing and/or serving at one of the luncheons. Historically the luncheon has been a variety of soup but we are open to other menu ideas. While tasty food is important, the true value of these gatherings is to allow all of us an opportunity for Christian fellowship. Please contact Lynn Ann at 920-734-7225 or at lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com if you would like to help or have questions.

In His Service, Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch, Director

GRACE HAPPENINGS

Check out the **Grace Web Site** www.gracelutheranappleton.org for updated information about our congregation. We also have a feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

Ruby's Pantry is a faith based organization that is for everyone who eats. It is not government funded. You can receive one portion (this equals 2 laundry baskets full of food) for every \$20.00 spent and you can get more than one portion, just bring extra baskets for your food. You normally get pizza, frozen food, canned goods, meats, bread and other assorted items (could be toilet paper or napkins, etc). In the Appleton area Ruby's is located at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at N1615 Meadowview Drive in Greenville WI 54942. They distribute food the first Saturday of the month. There is some information available on the table in the narthex. Even if you don't need everything they offer, it can be shared with people who can use it like our **Faith In Action** bags or our **Blessing Box** for non-perishable items.

Cemetery Plots – Grace has several donated cemetery plots at Highlands Memorial Park. The council has voted to put them up for sale to members of Grace. The cost for each plot will be \$250 payable to Grace. In addition, there is a fee payable to Highlands Memorial Park in the amount of \$125 for transfer of the deeds. We have an infant and a child plot and are not being sold in case someone needs either of them. We are offering them to Grace members first. If you are interested or have questions, please see Cheryl Muggenthaler.

All Saints' Sunday: On Sunday, November 3, 2019 we will be celebrating All Saints' Day during worship. If you have a loved one who has passed away since the last All Saints' Day, please contact the office by email Grace54914@gmail.com or call the church office 733-9135. We need the correct spelling and the date of death. We will also include the names of those recently baptized in the last year, again we need correct spelling and dates. We will need these names and dates no later than **Monday October 28th**.

Blessing Box: Recently there have been several articles, in the newspaper, about the increasing number needing help with food. Although many have jobs, they still need some help. They talked about our local food pantries, Loaves & Fishes and The Salvation Army meals. Because of their size they are able to help many people.

In the summer of 2018, Grace's Blessing Box was built and installed by a local boy scout to earn his Eagle Scout Badge so we can help those in our neighborhood. It is filled 3-4 or more times a week by members of Grace. In addition to food we put in donated clothing items such as 20 pairs of new shoes that were bought on sale for \$1.00 a pair. We receive gently used clothing and newly knit afghans and other items that are so needed.

According to the principal at West, our grilled cheese lunch may be the only meal some of those students have that day. 40% of the families, whose children attend Lincoln, are single parent families.

Besides the wonderful members of Grace, the teachers at Lincoln, neighbors of Grace, and members of Trinity also donate. We receive oatmeal, drinks and other items from an unknown donor. Gratefully, a grant from the Appleton Conference gives us funds to buy larger quantities, when stores are having specials, and other items that are needed.

Those who cannot get to food pantries or free meals, if they do not have a car or the money to take the bus, can come to Grace's Blessing Box for help.

Our Blessing box is a true BLESSING to those living in the Grace Neighborhood.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!!!

Cheryl

Opportunities to Study God's Message for You

A combined Grace and Trinity bible study meets on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the kitchen at Grace and on Fridays another group meets at 9 a.m. in the narthex. Please consider joining to study God's message for us at one or both of these discussions.

Care List Prayers

*Please keep these
members in your
prayers:*

Marian Breitenfeldt
Dorothy Henke
Ellen Holz
Donny Kassube
Marie Mueller
Pastor Jim Seim
Marv Wrege



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Who Are We?

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasized the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of German church reformer, Martin Luther.

Giving

If you are not able to join us on Sunday mornings for worship, please remember as Grace Lutheran Church we still need to pay the bills. You can direct your bank, online (Pay Pal or Direct Banking) to send your payments, even if you aren't here. When you register, please list your envelope number as your account number so the counters can record your giving accurately. You can always send it in the mail also. Thank you for helping our church meet our obligations.

LOAVES & FISHES MEAL: 5:30-6:30pm, Mon., Wed. & Fri. nights at St. Therese Parish Activity Center. Dining room opens at 5pm. Parking off Summer Street. Entrance at East end of the building through the double glass doors. FREE meals are for anyone. Volunteers needed to help with this. Call 920-750-0964 or email staff@loavesandfishesfv.org.

Three agencies – **Homeless Connections, Fox Valley Warming Shelter, and Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities** – combined into one agency, **now called Pillars**

Pillars Resource Center serves an average of 20-30 individuals each day, most of whom are coming in off the streets or are spending their nights at Pillars Adult Shelter and are seeking support during the day. Individuals who seek services at Pillars Resource Center have access to:

- A place where they can stay cool in summer
 - One-on-one case management
 - Addiction Recovery Coaching
 - Mental health support from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) certified Peer Support Specialists
 - Financial literacy training from FISC (Financial Information & Service Center)
 - Rent Smart program through UW-Extension
 - Education opportunities through FVTC (Fox Valley Technical College)
 - Songwriting workshops offered by The Refuge Foundation for the Arts
- Other programs offered by community partners throughout the year

The quilters started on Tuesday Sept 10th. They meet downstairs from 8:30 am -11:30 am every Tuesday. If you have any extra yarn or cotton fabric, there is always a need. Most importantly, they need you!! Come and enjoy the fellowship. No Experience required.

On October 12, 2019 Grace's quilts shipped with the other churches in the area. This year we shipped **257** quilts from our congregation. **Thank you to all the quilters!**

October 6th some of our Sunday School students had the opportunity to quilt with the Quilters from Grace! This year **257** quilts were made just from our congregation! Imagine the people that are kept warm by these blankets! The quilts are also used to divide rooms, carry their belongings, provide a place to lie down on or make a pillow for their head! The quilts are sent all over the world. India and Angola are two places in the world where many of our quilts are sent. Some of the ladies sew the tops at home. The students worked at tying a quilt with assistance from the professionals!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1140 Tullar Rd, Neenah, will hold its **Annual Fall Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov 9th from 9 am -2 pm. We will be hosting multiple crafters, along with Attic Treasures from Gloria Dei, a Bake Sale, Luncheon and Raffle Baskets. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each.

Marriage, Infant & Child Loss Memorial will have their 27th Annual **"Wreath of Remembrance" Service** on Thurs Nov 7th 2019 at 6:30 pm at St Bernard Catholic Church 1617 W Pine St Appleton WI 54914. We gather for this memorial service to remember our loved ones, pray for their souls, and help heal through God's amazing love. A flyer is on the bulletin board by the parking lot entrance.

Sunday School theme this year:



The Family Radio Network asks for your prayers and support during their annual Fall Fundraiser, Nov. 4-8. A Northeast/Central Wisconsin radio ministry, they're non-denominational and listener-supported, featuring contemporary Christian music and programs. Their "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive supports more than 89 crisis programs annually in 15 communities, serving 70,000 people. To make a pledge of support, volunteer to help answer pledge phones, or pray for the prayer requests that are called in during the event please call 800-236-9364. Pledge or donate on-line at SupportTheFamily.net **Thank you!**

Advent bags for our home bound members: each Advent season the care team organizes the collection and distribution of small gifts to our less mobile members. A list of suggested items will be in the December newsletter, but you can get started now. We will be assembling about 15 bags this year. Choose items that fit in a small gift bag and that a senior member could use. A collection box will be available in the narthex right after Thanksgiving.

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Grace is having a **Thanksgiving Eve Service** Nov 27th at 6:30 pm. Please join us!



Congregation Boards

President Mark Balkman
Vice-President Susan Anderson
Secretary Laury Grow
Treasurer Cookie Regal
Christian Education:
Jon Seidl -Council Rep
(Lois Hilger -Chairman)
Property Robbie Johnson
Worship and Music Becky Luett
Director of Finance Dennis Pringnitz

November Worship Assistants

November Ushers

Robbie Johnson, Aaron Seidl, Jon Seidl

November 3

Greeters: Mason - Phyllis & Gary Schroeder
East - Mark Balkman

Asst. Minister: Mandie Klauer

Lector: Brian Klauer

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

November 10

Greeters: Mason - Joy & Dirk DeBraal
East - Millie, Joe & Lindsey Wilharms

Asst. Minister: Ron Williams

Lector: Ron Williams

Communion: Deb Werth

November 17

Greeters: Mason - Mary Kruckeberg/Mary Wheeler
East - Carol Patrick

Asst. Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Lois Hilger

Communion: Gene Krull

November 24

Greeter: Mason - Mary & Tom Jensen
East - Marty Grow

Asst. Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion: Marty Grow

Scripture Readings

Nov 3 All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Nov 10

Job 19:23-27a

2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Nov 17

Malachi 4:1-2a

2 Thess 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Nov 24 Christ The King

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sunday Worship At Grace

Communion is celebrated at most Services

November 3

9:30 am Worship

November 10

9:30 am Worship

November 17

9:30 am Worship

November 24

9:30 am Worship