

The Messenger



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THANKS!

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On Tuesday evening, November 21, the congregations of St. Matthew's and Ascension are invited to come together for a combined Thanksgiving Service at St. Matthew's at 6 pm. (If you are new to our community and are not sure where St. Matthew's is, they are at 3453 E Silver Springs Blvd, -about 6 miles from Ascension.) We will have joyful worship followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner. We are invited to bring a favorite dish to share at the meal.

Perhaps saying thank you is a forgotten character trait. Sometimes I allow a car to turn ahead of me on to the main road from a parking lot. My experience is that usually the person waves a thank you, but it seems fewer folks do that. At a store I have held a door open for someone. Usually, a person says, "thanks", but I'm somewhat surprised by some who simply say nothing.

I think in a very busy world, we are often pre-occupied, and we simply forget to say "thank you". I'm a bit embarrassed to say, I do not always thank God as much as I could. Yes, I'm pre-occupied, but, you know, that isn't a very good excuse.

The sun comes up and a new day begins. I wake up, (always a good start to the day!) and I think about making coffee, getting dressed, and preparing for my plans for the day. I feel thankful. Yet, I don't always tell God "thanks".

There are blessings that I take for granted. I expect lights to come on when I throw a switch. Surely Publix will be stocked with more food choices than I need. Gas prices



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YARD SALE



From the Pastor

(Cont. from pg. 1) have really come down recently, and I feel **good about that. I'm getting older, but so far my health is good. More important, my family is doing well in West Virginia and here in Ocala, not to mention extended family in Buffalo.**

I do not always thank God for what I take for granted. Yes, I can identify with the person who simply walks through a door opened for them and seems to expect someone to do that for them. I do that too often with God. So, for all the times Lord that I was too busy, pre-occupied with my stuff, or **actually "expected" you to bless, I'm sorry. Thank you for your grace and love!** Thank you Lord Jesus for being you! Thank you Holy Spirit for the gifts of hope, faith, and the ability to love beyond what I can do by myself! Life without you would be so different and so lacking in purpose and love.

Abraham Lincoln, on October 3, 1863, called for a national day of Thanksgiving for the last Thursday of November. States had observed their own days, but now Lincoln ordered federal offices closed and issued a national Thanksgiving Proclamation. He asked for prayers of thanksgiving for the mercy of God, and for the healing of the nation, torn by civil war. He was a very wise President.

I give thanks to God for you and our congregation. Another gracious blessing.

Wherever you are this Thanksgiving, I hope that you enjoy the day. May God richly bless, and among the blessings of the day, may we make use of God gives us, to thank God for blessings which are truly beyond measure.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Chuck









In observance of All Saints Day, we remember those who died in
Christ and went on to eternal life this past year...

Arthur Abrom
Ray Bartley
Trina Chinni
Jane Frist
Barb Fundark
Donald Hageny
Theodora M. Israel-Walters
Larry Keif
Biddie Kirk
Albert Peek
Ellan Schlinger Duke
Pat Schumacher
Don Smith
Jim Stoeker
Bo Williams
John Wilson

*We would like to thank Jane Kurtz for sponsoring
the bulletin and the videos on October 22
in memory of her husband Bill
for his birthday and their anniversary.*



Daily Scripture Readings for NOVEMBER

Wed – Nov 1	Proverbs 16:1-20	Matthew 19:16-22	Psalm 119:41-48	
Thu – Nov 2	1 Samuel 2:27-36	Romans 2:17-29	Psalm 43	
Fri – Nov 3	Ezekiel 13:1-16	2 Peter 2:1-3	Psalm 43	
Sat – Nov 4	Malachi 1:6–2:9	Matthew 23:13-28	Psalm 43	
Mon – Nov 6	Jeremiah 5:18-31	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20	Psalm 5	
Tue – Nov 7	Lamentations 2:13-17	Acts 13:1-12	Psalm 5	
Wed – Nov 8	Proverbs 16:21-33	Matthew 15:1-9	Psalm 5	
Thu – Nov 9	Amos 1:1–2:5	Revelation 8:6–9:12	Psalm 70	
Fri – Nov 10	Amos 3:1-12	Revelation 9:13-21	Psalm 70	
Sat – Nov 11	Amos 4:6-13	Matthew 24:1-14	Psalm 70	
Sunday Nov 12	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70 (5)	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Mon – Nov 13	Amos 8:7-14	1 Corinthians 14:20-25	Psalm 63	
Tue – Nov 14	Joel 1:1-14	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Psalm 63	
Wed – Nov 15	Joel 3:9-21	Matthew 24:29-35	Psalm 63	
Thu – Nov 16	Ezekiel 6:1-14	Revelation 16:1-7	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12	
Fri – Nov 17	Ezekiel 7:1-9	Revelation 16:8-21	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12	
Sat – Nov 18	Ezekiel 7:10-27	Matthew 12:43-45	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12	
Sunday Nov 19	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (12)	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Mon – Nov 20	Zechariah 1:7-17	Romans 2:1-11	Psalm 9:1-14	
Tue – Nov 21	Zechariah 2:1-5, 5:1-4	1 Thessalonians 5:12-18	Psalm 9:1-14	
Wed – Nov 22	Job 16:1-21	Matthew 24:45-51	Psalm 9:1-14	
Thu – Nov 23	1 Kings 22:13-23	Revelation 14:1-11	Psalm 85:1-7a	
Fri – Nov 24	1 Chronicles 17:1-15	Revelation 22:1-9	Psalm 95:1-7a	
Sat – Nov 25	Isaiah 44:21-28	Matthew 12:46-50	Psalm 95:1-7a	
Sunday Nov 26	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a (7)	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Mon – Nov 27	Esther 2:1-18	2 Timothy 2:8-13	Psalm 7	
Tue – Nov 28	Esther 8:3-17	Revelation 19:1-9	Psalm 7	
Wed – Nov 29	Ezekiel 33:7-20	John 5:19-40	Psalm 7	
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Thu – Nov 30	Zechariah 13:1-9	Revelation 14:6-13	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	



Celebrations for November

THE MESSENGER
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH



- 11/01 Anne Hauser
- 11/10 Ian Michael Tighe
- 11/16 Christopher Gay, Jr.
- 11/19 Lois Reedy
- 11/22 Bonny Pacetti
- 11/24 Reba Landschoot
- 11/25 Craig Phillips



NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 All Saints Sunday 10:30am—Worship with Holy Communion	6 5:30pm—AA	7	8 9:00 am—Quilting <i>WELCA Fall Pot Luck 6pm</i>	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>
12 Twenty-fourth Week After Pentecost 10:30am—Worship with Holy Communion <i>Council meeting after</i>	13 5:30pm—AA	14	15 9:00 am—Quilting	16	17	18
19 Twenty-fifth Week After Pentecost 10:30am—Worship with Holy Communion	20 5:30pm—AA	21 6:00 pm – Thanksgiving Wor-ship-St. Matthews; dinner follows	15 9:00 am—Quilting	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24	25
26 Christ The King Sunday 10:30am—Worship with Holy Communion	27 5:30pm—AA	28	29 9:00 am—Quilting	30		