

VOICE Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

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We have begun our Fall Stewardship Campaign: "The Grace of Giving." Stewardship Packets were distributed on Sunday, October 20, and mailed to those who were not in worship that Sunday. If you have not received your Stewardship Packet, extras are available on the counter in the Church Narthex or call the church office and one will be mailed to you.

The word steward means "caretaker" and stewardship means "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." As Christians we confess that all good things come from God's hands, not as gifts but as a sort of trusteeship. All that exists remains God's but God generously allows us access to what is His to use for our benefit and His purposes. There is no part of our lives where we can say, "This is mine. I'll do with it as I please." All of life is lived in response to the question, "What would God have me do?" Financial stewardship is the response to the question, "How would God have me use my money?"

In Eugene Peterson's translation of the Bible called *The Message*, he translates Matthew 5:48 this way: "You are kingdom (of God) subjects.



Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you." Living generously, sharing our gifts with others, is God's plan for our lives. This plan is called stewardship.

Consecration Sunday, November 10, this year will be a time when all congregation members will be given the opportunity to indicate their time and financial support for the ministry of Ebenezer for 2025. To consecrate means to set aside for sacred use. It is the recognition that while everything belongs to God there is a

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TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Special points of interest:

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Council President's Corner

We are fully into the fall season and moving into Advent. There is so much to be thankful for as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Our church has many activities planned in the celebration of the upcoming holidays. Just to highlight a few activities:

- Holiday Bazaar ~ November 23
- Social Ministry will support the "Christmas Toy Drive" for our local children

- Our youth will begin assisting in Sunday morning services.
- Christmas decorating at our church for everyone ~ November 30 and December 1

Please join your Ebenezer friends in the many fun and spiritually enriching activities.

—Gretchen

Education

GODLY PLAY

GRATITUDE FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

November always sneaks up on me. This Season of Gratitude is just what we need precisely when it arrives. After the mad dash of back to school, sports, friend activities, and more, I know all of the Ebenezer families feel like I do when I say it can be hard to remember the “why” for making Sunday morning at church a priority.

I once read a poem when I was a new mom. I don’t remember who wrote it or even a specific line in it, but I remember how I felt when I read it.

The gist of this feeling was that there is a magic happening in those chaotic Sundays. The Sundays when we didn’t gulp down enough coffee for the vibe our child gives off or the Sunday mornings when no one’s hair is brushed and somehow they have half pj’s on instead of their “Sunday best.” The Sunday mornings when we were late, but we made it.

Then you look and see your children singing proudly with the choir, showing their “smiling faces” broadly for Pastor Benson. Running down the aisle to head to Godly Play®.

They’re making meaning in this sacred place.

How lucky are we to give so much love to so many children and their caregivers who

work so hard week after week after week to get there when they can.

Parents/caregivers, you are so deeply loved. You are doing great!

—Joy

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, November 12, at 10 am

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 to discuss/plan our education opportunities.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

WATCH (Wednesday At The Church)

Confirmation students (7th-8th grades) will meet on the 6th, 13th, and 20th with Pastor Benson in Room 14 at 6 pm. Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.



6TH-12TH GRADE CLASS Sundays at 8:45 am in the Youth Room



We are using the *Gathering Remix* curriculum with lessons, discussion, video, and snacks. Registration forms will be available.

Virginia and Kristin are looking forward to seeing you November 3, 10, and 17.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

On October 27 during our Reformation service, nine students received Bibles from our congregation.



New this year, eight Lutheran Study Bibles were given to the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students and the older Sunday School morning class students. They were presented by Virginia Dutcher and Joy Studer to Abbi, Asher, Berit, Brigitta, Madison, Max, Miles, and Neil. Martin will receive a Sparks Bible for 3rd -6th grade Godly Play® children.

If your child would like to receive a Bible next year, please reach out to Joy or Virginia. Congratulations!

SERVICE PROJECT FOR LAKE STEVENS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

YOE will be bringing ideas for a monthly food drive, along with Godly Play’s red bags “Food on the Fourth.”



Our goal is to have Ebenezer working as a team and church family to gather food for Lake Stevens Community Food Bank.



Youth of Ebenezer Preschool

**6th-12th Grade Youth Contacts:
Virginia & Andi
Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory**

PUMPKINS, CORN, & SPICE!



We met at Swans Trail Farms for our yearly farm fun. Lovely, sunny weather was enjoyed by the seven

youth and four adults traversing the maze, while two more YOE folks found the baked goods area the best place to be.

2025 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS



We have signups for these beautiful calendars in the Fellowship Hall.

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST COMMUNITY SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16~ 7:30-10:30 AM

All 6th-12th grade youth will have an opportunity to help at the breakfast—a great community event. To help, contact Scott Sutton by November 10.

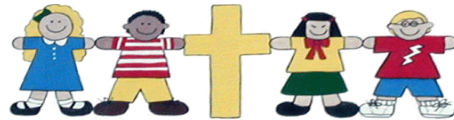


YOUTH COMMITTEE (EYC) MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 ~ 8:45 AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

Families and youth are welcome.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

- YOE Dinner & Show in Youth Room - Saturday, November 16, at 5 pm
- Christmas Decorating in the Fellowship Hall - November 30, at 5 pm



WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOM

After all the Halloween candy, the classes will begin November talking about dental care. We will start our unit on health/nutrition and the four food groups, which will lead nicely into Thanksgiving activities.

This month our Bible lessons will be about Noah's Ark and how God loves us and wants us to follow him and be brave, knowing he will always watch over us.

Each Preschool class will have a Thanksgiving party in their classroom. They will be giving thanks to God and enjoying the different tastes and textures of the food groups.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Preschool is kicking off the holidays with our Annual Evergreen Holiday Fun-raiser.



Orders are due by November 12. By purchasing a wreath, you are supporting the Preschool, a ministry of the church. Proceeds will go towards helping families in their time of need with scholarships and restocking Preschool supplies needed throughout the year. Our goal is to raise \$1,000.

Items available for purchase include mixed evergreen and noble fir wreaths. Each wreath is handcrafted by Sherwood Forest Farms located in Lacey, WA. To make your purchase, go to the Preschool easel in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or contact the Preschool, 425-397-6374 or preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org. Items will be delivered the week after Thanksgiving. Thanks for your support.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We are so thankful for all the children, all the parents, and the many things God provides for us daily. We wish everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Worship & Music

FAST MINISTRY

FAST Team Briske members will serve during November. Team Hoffmann will serve in December. Watch for your postcard in the mail in November.

FAST MINISTRY

Have you ever been asked to do an unending task? To work with strangers at a task you are unsure of? Our teams at Ebenezer remove those issues. We get to know people in our small groups and volunteer to do things that fit our own schedule and abilities. Each team serves one month out of seven.

FAST stands for Faith And Service Teams. This concept has been used at Ebenezer for the past 20 years. The congregation members are divided into seven small groups to assist with worship for an assigned month. Tasks include greeting, ushering, Worship Assistant, Communion Assistant, and Fellowship Host. Each task has detailed instructions to make it easy.

Thank you to our FAST leaders who help organize their teams every month and for JoAnn Cross who helps organize the teams.

WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)

Midweek Worship is from 7:00-7:30 pm. The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These services include:

- Contemplative Healing & Prayer
- *Holden Evening Prayer*
- *Unfailing Light Communion*
- Festival of Hymns

Join us to hear God's Word and receive His blessings. Holy Communion will be served at some of these services.



Events Page



HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 ~ 10 AM-3 PM

Our holiday bazaar is less than 3 weeks away! Many homemade crafts and delicious baked items will fill our Fellowship Hall for this annual event. Bring your friends and neighbors, spend time shopping for Christmas gifts, and enjoy a soup lunch.

Raffle tickets will be on sale Sundays beginning, November 3, as well as at the Bazaar. Raffle items include a painting in pastels by Fran, a 64 x 86 log cabin quilt by Jackie, a Diamond painting by Karen, and a Goodie Basket with a cookie jar. Small Christmas wreaths by Carolyn will be the hourly door prizes.

Many hands are still needed for setup on Friday, November 22, and at the Bazaar on Saturday, November 23. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin



Thanksgiving Baskets



board in the Fellowship Hall. Or, call Betty Bauer to add your name to the list of volunteers.

There is still time to create a theme basket. Ideas are endless for what you/friends can create. This is a new item at our Bazaar and will be great gifts for Christmas or other occasions.

Participate independently at home while supporting our church. Have a great time creating your baskets and remember to turn in your completed baskets to the church by November 22. Questions? Contact Linda Hurt or Lia Stuart.

“Let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song.” –Konrad von Gesner

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

Come to this delicious breakfast serving all-you-can-eat pancakes on the third Saturday of the month.



You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to enjoy the breakfast and to support the Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Program. The NPB team is partnering with Thrivent to raise funds.

The October benefit for the Lake Stevens Community Food Bank generated \$700. Thank you for your support.

PACKED WITH LOVE

The following items were blessed on Sunday, October 20:

- 38 Quilts: 12 sent to Lutheran World Relief and 26 for Lake Stevens Community Resource Center
- 50 School Backpacks sent to LWR
- 11 Personal Care kits sent to LWR
- 12 Baby Care kits sent to LWR
- 13 Prayer Shawls

Ten people packed boxes with quilts, school backpacks, personal care kits, and baby care kits on Tuesday, October 22.

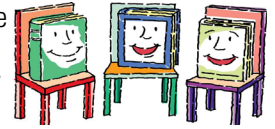
Thank you to Ken Cross and Lon Shultz who delivered the quilts and kits to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Seattle, for shipment to the warehouse in Maryland. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed items needed. We are so appreciative of your support. Questions? Contact Betty Bauer.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

• **Wits Workout ~ Monday, November 4, at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

This is a time to laugh, have fun with friends, and maybe even sharpen your thinking skills. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Jane Briske.

- **Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, November 4, at 4 pm.** If you have read or are interested in reading *My Old Man and the Mountain* by Lief Whittaker, join us for a short discussion of October's book.



During November we'll read *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.

If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, please contact Jane Briske.

- **Pinochle ~ Sunday, November 10, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.**

For those who love to play pinochle, we will meet at Ebenezer. Invite a friend. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross.



- **Hike to Trout Lake ~ Saturday, November 23, carpooling from church at 8 am.**

This is an easy hike of 3.2 miles round trip and 500 feet of elevation gain—equivalent to 50 flights of stairs. Bring lunch and plenty of water in your backpack. As usual, all of our hikes are weather dependent. Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross for details. Here is a link: <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/west-fork-foss-river-and-lakes>.



- **Give Thanks & Eat Pie ~ Wednesday, November 27, after worship.**

This year we will have our Pie Social following the Thanksgiving Eve service. We ask members to drop off a pie in the kitchen, go to worship, and then return for the Pie Social in the Fellowship Hall. The worship service begins at 7 pm.



Ministries of Ebenezer

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Tax Relief for Church Contributions

If you are at least 70½, you may qualify to donate to our church using a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution). It's tax free from an IRA to a qualified charity. Contact your financial advisor.

—JoAnn Cross, finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org

STEWARDSHIP

Why do I need to fill out these forms?

Time & Talent surveys allow each of us to get more information about areas of service we may want to explore. Each year the old data is discarded and new information is saved. Filling out a form is not a commitment but a communication tool.

Estimate of Giving cards are just an estimate and will be used to establish our budget for 2025. It's important that we each indicate our intentions so we can establish a realistic budget. If circumstances change, you can always submit a new Estimate of Giving card or talk to JoAnn Cross.

Please spend time prayerfully considering both forms before you submit them.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. No meal will be served on November 28.

Did you know? Community Supper receives some Government food for this meal program. During the month of September, we served 1,351 meals.

On October 3 we served 459 meals drive-thru style. Did you know? This meal used 90 pounds of pork, 4 gallons of BBQ sauce, buns, 50 pounds of coleslaw, 415 packages of Sun chips, and 918 sandwich cookies or 21 packages. We had 10 volunteers who put in 36 hours of service for the week.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what's happening. Thanks for your continued prayers and financial support. For more info, contact supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

PASTOR'S NEW MEMBER CLASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ~ 10:30 AM



Pastor's New Member Class begins on the 10th. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ebenezer, please talk to Pastor Benson after the 9:30 service or call the church office, 425-334-0421.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study begins at 10 am on Thursdays, November 7, 14, and 21. Join us in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the scripture lessons that will be read on the following Sunday.

MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 ~ 10:30 AM

You are invited to meet with other women for Bible study on the first Tuesday of each month. On November 5 our study will be "Faithful Repentance: Turning to the World." We gather at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room. Bring a lunch—dessert and coffee will be provided. For more information about Mar-Cilla Circle, contact Julia Moen or Marcella Bergerson.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 ~ 10 AM

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.



FACEBOOK



When you find Ebenezer Lutheran on Facebook, please comment or share it on your own page. This will cause our Facebook feed to be more widely shown in Lake Stevens and more visible to visitors.

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certain portion of my financial resources that I want to commit to sacred work through the church.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship so far this year!

Now, however, we need your help. Please prayerfully consider "catching up" in your tithes and offerings to the extent that you are able. If you are in a position to do so, please consider giving a gift over and above to the weekly General Offering. As we began the month of October, our year-to-date expenses have exceeded our income by \$19,541.

Again, I want to emphasize that each of you has been exceedingly generous in your gifts of time and money to Ebenezer Lutheran this past year. You are living out your God-created identity. I thank you for that. Let us now finish the year living out our Stewardship Theme: "The Grace of Giving."

Together in Ministry,
Pastor Benson

Spread Joy This Holiday Season!

READY, SET, GO ... shopping now for our Christmas Toy Drive. While doing your holiday shopping this month, don't forget to add a couple of toys to your basket! The Social Ministry Committee is encouraging the collection of new, unwrapped toys throughout November. Drop the toys off in the Narthex. From there, they will be transported to the Lake Stevens Community Resource Center for delivery to struggling families in our area. For more information and toy suggestions, pick up a flyer in the Narthex near the collection bins. You can make a difference in our community!



Our November Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Ballard, Olivia	11/4	Waclawik, Rick	11/20
Carpenter, Krysta	11/4	Flax, Jennifer	11/21
Coryell, Ethel	11/8	Martuch, Isabella	11/22
Hearidge, Betty	11/10	Hendrickson, Seth	11/24
Backstrom, Jeanette	11/13	Gross, Dave	11/25
Wilson, Sue	11/15	Tate, Malachi	11/27
Cooper, Erlene	11/16	Ren, Margaret	11/28
Wilson, Juniper	11/18	Stone, Savannah	11/28
Olson, Joe	11/19	Anderson, Brian	11/29



I know not what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future.

The Prayer Corner

Prayer Chain:

If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leader Ken Cross. He will contact Prayer Chain members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

Members of the Congregation:

Charlie Bucher Debbie May
 Jennifer Flax Joe Probst (hospice)
 Pam Hallanger Margaret Ren
 Sheldon Hendrickson Kathy Spade
 George Hughes Margene Squires
 Pat Jackson Leah Tate
 Colleen Kozak Alice Werner
 Terry Lambert Dee Anne Williams
 Carolyn Lund

Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Ethel Coryell Marlene McSherry
 Bob DeFrang Nancy Poremba

Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:

Ed Adrian (Carolyn Lund's nephew)
 Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus' friend)
 Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst's brother-in-law)
 Verlin Bass (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk's niece)
 Marin Drage (Betty Bauer's friend)
 LeRoy Ettlín (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Aaron Gay (Helen Hendrickson's nephew)
 Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen's great-nephew)
 Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson's friend)

Steve Himel (Cathee Himel's husband)
 Debra Hoskins (Robin Lindsay's friend)
 Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt's nephew)
 Timmy Johnson (Kay Caulfield's relative)
 Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay's cousin)
 Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert's sister)
 Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen's granddaughter)
 Dina Peterson (Phyllis Peterson's daughter-in-law)
 Mary Platz (Glenda Platz's cousin)
 Adrienne Shaffer (Kay Caulfield's great-niece)
 Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield's nephew)
 Lori Wight (Margaret Dildine's daughter)

Extended Family/Friends with Needs:

Helena (Kay Caulfield's granddaughter)
 Jean (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 John William (Sally Yates' grandson)
 Melissa (Sally Yates' daughter)
 Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad's grandchildren)
 Vicki (Glenda Platz's friend)
 Hans Bersas (Ellen Bersas' husband)
 Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson's godson)
 Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti's sister)
 Rose DiVittorio (J & P Olson's granddaughter)
 Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb's friend)
 Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Shirley Hicks (Russel Hick's grandmother)
 David Hopps (Fran Clapper's brother-in-law)
 LaVonne Hovland (Pam Shultz's aunt)
 Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's nephew)

Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer's brother)
 Steve Kriesel (Paul Brandstetter's friend)
 David Larsen (Kathleen Williams' father)
 Jim McGee (Pat Jackson's cousin)
 Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti's nephew)
 Ashley Negus (Kay Caulfield's cousin)
 Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Eric Ramsey (Margene Squires' nephew)
 Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)
 Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner's sister-in-law)
 Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling's daughter)
 Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)
 Bridget Campbell (M Ren's granddaughter)
 Cale Werner (Alice Werner's grandson)
 Fiona Werner (Alice Werner's granddaughter)
 Tom Wood (Ken Holmes' father)

Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

All Our Military and Their Families:

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Tyler Perry, Faith Poor, Ethan Stuart, Alec Zimmerman

Those Who Grieve:

Coryell Family – Ethell Coryell's daughter Shannon Howland passed away
 Hendrickson Family – Sid Hendrickson Sr's wife, Laurie Hendrickson, passed away
 Large & Fraser Families – Darra Large's pastor, Pastor Mick Fraser, passed away while preaching
 Shultz Family - Pam Shultz's friend, Jodi Sanders, passed away

Readings for Worship

November 3 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 24

2nd Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel: John 11:32-44

November 10

1st Lesson: I Kings 17:8-16

Psalm: Psalm 146

2nd Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

November 17 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 16

2nd Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

November 24

1st Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 93

2nd Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 3	9:30 am
November 6	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
November 10	9:30 am
November 13	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
November 17	9:30 am
November 20	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
November 24	9:30 am
November 27	7:00 pm
Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social	

Sundays:

- 8:45 am ~ 6th-12th Graders meet in the Youth Room
- 9:30 am ~ Godly Play® starts in Sanctuary



Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

Living Lutheran

Living Lutheran "Voting is an important first step in our faithful, civic engagement," according to our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. It is important for us to be involved in our community and country. She continues, "Civic engagement through political and nonpolitical processes is how we live into our baptism and share Christ's love as we work to make a difference in our communities and . . . across the globe."

Despite tension in our country, "we are called to be both a prophetic presence and a reconciling and healing presence in the world. . . . When Jesus commanded us to love our enemies, he made it clear that hate should have no place in the life of a Christian. . . . We pray for the future because the future is in God's hand." To listen to or to read Bishop Eaton's words from October 3, go to www.livinglutheran.org.

Special Thanks

Thanks for Your Help!

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with the lawn and weeding during the summer. Our building and grounds always look inviting. —Property Committee

In 2011 A Military Officer Said, "Thank You to the Senior Luncheon Committee."

Dear Caroline: Paul, Arnold, and I want to thank you for the quilts and memorial plates the Senior Luncheon Committee made for us. I want to thank you and the committee for the many little things that you do, especially the straws. —George (Senior Luncheon thank you card from 2011)

Veterans Day Salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country—or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.

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JESUS LOVES ...



In the News

Thank You for Your Service

It's important to us at Ebenezer that we honor our military members and families, thank them for their service, and pray for their health and safety and well-being.



This Veterans Day, let's remember to say thank you for your service to ...

Our veterans: Gary Briske, Bob DeFrang, Jeff Gust, George Hughes, Don Lundquist, Debbie May, Arden Olson, Joe Probst, Jana Rivera, Jose Rivera, Harold Ronnestad, Mike Shephard, Kole Sylte, Scott Viboch, and Don Wilson.

Our active duty military: Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Tyler Perry, Faith Poor, Ethan Stuart, and Alec Zimmerman.

God bless all our military and our country!

Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social

Read more about this special evening on page 4 under Fellowship Events. It's always fun to celebrate Thanksgiving together with worship and pie.



All Year Long

During this Thanksgiving time, what if we made a point to practice gratitude all year long?

In her book *Grateful*, theologian Diana Butler Bass writes: "As human beings, we possess an intuitive awareness that we depend on others to survive. We are safer and happier when we care for each other in community, when we do things for each other. ... How we live together in and with gratitude makes all the difference in the world. Indeed, living gratefully makes the world different."

Decorate for Christmas!

Check the Sunday announcements for more info. We would appreciate your help on November 30. —Jeanette Backstrom

New Members Class

Pastor Benson will hold this class in his office. See the article on page 5 for info.

Over-50 Anniversaries



Larry and Betty McDonald will celebrate their 67th anniversary on November 9. Congratulations, Larry and Betty!

Bob and Judy Powell will celebrate their 56th anniversary on November 9. Congratulations, Bob and Judy!

We pray God's rich blessings on the McDonald and Powell families.