

THE CHRONICLES

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How often do we find ourselves prompting our children to say “thank you?” Whenever they’re offered a treat from a friend or an adult helps them out, we find ourselves asking, “Now, what do you say?” We want our children to be respectful and use good manners, which is why we teach them to say “Thank you,” but I wonder if in our attempt to produce properly mannered children, we actually overlook the thankfulness within “Thank you.” Do we bring our children to a place where thankfulness is more than polite, but a recognizable part of their personhood? Do we recognize thankfulness as a part of our personhood?

Thankfulness is so much more than having enough food to eat, a nice, warm home to live in, good health, or financial security, because each of those circumstances can be taken from us in an instant. Thankfulness is a state of being and a way of life.

Do our lives, represent a spirit of thankfulness? I can think of folks and I’m sure that you each know people who have an expression, an attitude, an aura that exudes happiness and thankfulness for life. Are you one of those people who exude thankfulness? Being thankful is so much more than a private prayer or public proclamation. Being thankful is expressed through our attitude in living life.

Thanksgiving is so much more than food and football. Even though thanksgiving is a national holiday originally sanctioned by the federal government, its main purpose is to offer thanks to God.

George Washington issued a proclamation establishing the holiday over 200 years ago. Let’s not lose sight of what this Day is about: Being thankful is an attitude for living life. Thankfulness is a part of being a child of God. Thankfulness is recognizing life as a gift from God.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.
Pastor Jeff



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 4th. Move your clocks back an hour on that day.

November Birthdays



- 5 Savannah Cargill
- 8 Anna Lou Thurman
- 10 Betty Spickler
- 12 Jason Valentine
- 17 Bella Raska
- 20 Chris Weaver
- 27 Jenny Durkin
- 30 Enid Isler

From the Interim Team:

- The church's anniversary meal has been scheduled for Sunday, November 18. It looks like it will be a true Lutheran style potluck--YUM!
- Also on November 18 (preceding the meal) is the annual congregational meeting. The two agenda items will be to vote on the annual budget for 2019 and to elect our church council per the guidelines of our new constitution.
- Please consider and pray about any role you would consider taking on as part of the church council. A nominating committee has been formed (Shirley Schliessmann, Doris King, and Joan Mohr) and may approach you about serving. You are also welcome to let them know of your interest in serving!

November Anniversaries



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- 30 Tamela Jarvis-Flores & Art Flores

LCR Financial Report
September and Year-To-Date Totals

These figures are subject to revision.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			<u>BUILDING FUND</u>		
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Sept.	\$6,901	\$6,000	115%	\$875	\$1,450	60.3%
YTD	\$62,698	\$51,035	123%	\$8,590	\$13,050	65.8%

November Worship Helpers

Assistant Ministers

4 Doris King
11 Lois Hickman
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Autry Burns

Eucharistic Ministers

11 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Doris King

Acolytes

4 Abigail Burttschell
11 Claire Valentine
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Aiden Boger

Readers

4 Chris Weaver
11 Dianne Kilpatrick
18 Tamela Jarvais-Flores
25 Kay McBrayer

Ushers

4 David Johnson
11 Josie/Jason Valentine
18 Al Strobel
25 Brandon Merkord/Don Isler

Altar Guild

4 Pat Ehrhart
11 Dianne Kilpatrick
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Ann Fox

Greeters

4 Lynn Raska
11 Shirley Schliessmann
18 Don & Enid Isler
25 Arturo Flores

Counters

4 Brandon Merkord
11 Jason Valentine
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Don Isler

Bulletin Folders

4 Pat Ehrhart
11 Enid Isler
18 Shirley Schliessmann
25 Paula Johnson



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We are invited to participate in the Wimberley Community Thanksgiving Service. It will take place on Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 P.M. at the Chapel in the Hills. **Pastor Jeff** will have a small part in the service.

Singers are needed for the choir. If you are interested in participating in the service in that way, please call the Chapel in the Hills at (512) 847-9762. Practice will be at 2:15 on the 18th.

In the spirit of “feed them and they will come” there will be pumpkin pie served after the service.

New LCR Membership Directory to Come

A new congregational membership directory will be prepared for distribution the 2nd week of Feb. 2019. To be sure your listing is current and correct, a form for each member/member family has been placed in your church mailbox. Please complete that form and place it in the 2019

Directory box on the table by the member photo display in the narthex.

If you'd like to have a new photo taken, please arrange with Shirley Schliessmann to have that done on a Sunday morning before or after worship no later than Monday, December 31, 2018. (Tel: 605-695-3168; E-mail: shirleyschliess8572@gmail.com. If you have a recent photo of your own (one that's fairly close-up) that you'd like to use, please contact Shirley about sending it to her electronically.

Both the directory and the narthex photo display are invaluable resources for all of us in the congregation and the Pastors, and we greatly appreciate your help with this project. If you have questions, please contact Shirley (info listed above) or LCR's Office Admin, Maureen Mele (Tel: 512-847-3386; E-mail: office@welcometonewlife.org). **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**



Gladys, you really must update your directory photo.

Spine Crackers News



Well.....if you look closely, I have a lesson to learn. Never be tempted to eat a chocolate spud bite while getting a group picture taken. It's obvious I couldn't help myself. Spine Crackers completed *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Annie Shaffer & Annie Barrows. Following the novel, Spine Crackers celebrated by gathering with potato themed yummys and watching the movie.

Both the book and movie are HIGHLY recommended!

Stay tuned to find out what our next AMAZING book will be.

Emily Merkord

FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

Remember, if you do your shopping on Amazon, [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=ast_holiday) gives 0.5% of the eligible prices to LCR if you select it as your charity. It has the same merchandise as Amazon and is good for LCR!

LCR has a few copies of the ELCA Good Gifts catalog available in the narthex. Purchases from this catalog help ELCA projects. You can also shop for this at [ELCA.org/goodgifts](https://www.elca.org/goodgifts).



Thank you to David Johnson for organizing and rescheduling the "God's Work, Our Hands" road cleanup project. Thanks to all who participated: Autry Burns, Whitney Cargill, Dianne Kilpatrick, Maureen Mele, Brandon Merkord, Lynn Raska, Ben Raska, Bella Raska, Benjamin Raska, Shirley Schliessmann, Al Strobel, Dorothy Tasian, Gerry Tasian, and Jason Valentine.



*Thank you to **Pastor Jeff Thompson** for leading the Deer Creek Devotions. Thank you to **William Grear** and **Jeanette Nelson** for providing the musical celebration.*

*Thank you to **Pastor John Fox** for providing the Pet Blessing to all our other family members.*

*Thank you to **David Johnson** for continuing to check the rodent traps.*

*Thank you to **Lois Hickman** and **Chris Weaver** and the **Sunday School kids** for quickly clearing out the library for our renter.*



*And lo, I am with you
always, to the end of the
ages.
Matthew 28:20b*