

# THE CHRONICLES

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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Although Halloween is not a religious holiday it is derived from a religious holiday and can speak to our faith. On November the 1st all liturgical Christians celebrate All Saints Day, which previously was called All Hallowed's Day for the hallowed (holy, as in "Hallowed be thy name" in The Lord's Prayer, which in modern translation is "Holy is your name"). So, the night before All Hallowed's Day would be All Hallowed's Eve (or evening), then it was All Hallowed's E'en, and after time Halloween.

All Saints Day does reference the Biblical Saints such as St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mary, etc., however its primary reference is to all the saints (Capital 'S' means the Biblical folks, small 's' means all Christian folks, especially those who have died). In the Creed we talk about the communion of saints which has nothing to do with having the Eucharist with the Saints. It means that we believe it is important that Christian believers (saints – small 's') should live in communion (community) with one another, and should gather together regularly, especially for worship.

All Saints Day (capital 's' only because it is the name of a special day on the church calendar) is a special day set aside to specifically remember our beloved dead brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who have died over the past year, but additionally all who have gone before us. That day is always November 1st, but we also celebrate it on the first Sunday in November. (Lutherans aren't good at keeping "Saints" days, unless they happen to fall on a Sunday, and even then, we have a choice between the regular calendar or the Saint's day.)

The day before All Saints Day (Reformation Day to us Lutherans), is Halloween. It is meant to be a way to mock all those things that "go bump in the night," – scary things. By mocking these things, they frighten us less. As Christians we show that these things have no real power in our lives.

Two significantly different traditions developed around Halloween. Northern Europeans celebrated it more as a harvest festival with scary pumpkins, witches, and ghosts added on to mock things that might frighten us or things unknown to show that people of faith have nothing to fear. Southern Europeans celebrated it more as mocking death itself to show that Christians do not fear death. They celebrated more with skeletons, bones, skulls, etc. Because a portion of the US was settled by Northern Europeans and another portion of the US (and everything south of the US) was settled by Southern Europeans the two different traditions have developed differently. Some try to claim their way is good and the other is bad. Some even say that it is all bad and forbid any participation at all.

Personally, I see a psychological, sociological, and pastoral benefit to face those things that might frighten us. Many things frighten us, but I observe that the thing that seems to fright us most is death. As a Christian I know that "neither death nor life . . . nor anything else can separate us from the love of God that is ours in Jesus Christ."

Pastor John

October Birthdays



- 4 Whitney Cargill
- 6 Estelle Hill
- 8 Natalie Merkord
- 9 Susan Hohmann
- 20 Kay McBrayer
- 22 Holley Hickman
- 24 Dalene Pearson
- 25 Beverly Ladzinski

October Anniversaries



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- 5 Dorothy & Gerry Tasian

**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!



God's Work, Our Hands

The **God's Work, Our Hands Project for 2018** is the LCR **Road Clean-up**. This has been rescheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> to start right after worship. Wear your comfortable clothes and walking shoes to worship that day. All supplies will be provided except for gloves.

Bring gloves. Any questions, call Tamela or Dianne.

LCR Financial Report  
August 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>
Aug.	\$6,412	\$4,950	130%	\$790	\$1,450	54.5%
YTD	\$55,796	\$45,035	124%	\$7,715	\$11,600	66.5%

## October Worship Helpers

### Assistant Ministers

7 Lois Hickman  
14 Shirley Schliessmann  
21 Chris Weaver  
28 Autry Burns

### Eucharistic Ministers

14 Autry Burns  
28 Lois Hickman

### Acolytes

7 Bella Raska  
14 Aiden Boger  
21 Claire Valentine  
28 Savannah Cargill

### Readers

7 Danny Hickman  
14 Kay McBrayer  
21 Patti Gibson  
28 Whitney Cargill

### Ushers

7 David Johnson  
14 Merkord Family  
21 Claire/Josie/Jason Valentine  
28 Al Strobel

### Altar Guild

7 Pat Ehrhart  
14 Shirley Schliessmann  
21 Ann Fox  
28 Dianne Kilpatrick

### Greeters

7 Autry Burns  
14 Joan Mohr  
21 Al Strobel  
28 Benjamin Raska

### Counters

7 Tamela Jarvais-Flores  
14 Shirley Schliessmann  
21 Jason Valentine  
28 Brandon Merkord

### Bulletin Folders

7 Pat Ehrhart  
14 Shirley Schliessmann  
21 Paula Johnson  
28 Ann Fox



## Pet Blessing

A Pet Blessing will be held at LCR on Wed. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

3-5pm - There will be “drive-by” blessings for all animals that don’t mix well. Can just drive thru parking lot.

6pm - There will be a “group” blessing. A Memorial will be included in this group blessing for all pets that have died this year.

*Just a recommendation: if you’re bringing a cat to the group blessing, you may want to have it in a carrier for protection. Pastor John asks the same for snakes ☺.*

## Spine Crackers News



Finishing *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*, *Spine Crackers* will gather to end our story with the movies and potato related snacks.

**When?** Oct. 25th @ 5:30.

**Where?** Merkord's home (14 Longbow Ln. Wimberley, Tx. 78676 to google).

**What to bring?** Something potato related.

**Who's invited?** All are welcome, even if you’re just coming for the snacks!

**What to do before you come?** Your homework (as a teacher would say)! Open the link below.

<https://www.visitguernsey.com/blog/guernsey-movie-true-story>

Emily Merkord



## DEER CREEK DEVOTIONS

LCR is returning to Deer Creek Devotions on Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. This will be a half-hour of: singing (with Jeanette Nelson playing

the piano), a short devotional message related to the Sunday gospel reading, prayer, and visiting with the residents. Please mark your calendar for this day and try to come out and participate. If you would like more info, contact the office.

## **CORRIDOR INTERFAITH ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES**

CIAF is a coalition of Institutions including faith communities (Roman Catholic, Lutheran Methodist, etc.), schools, neighborhood groups and social service organizations. They are a non-profit funded primarily through the giving of member institutions. It is nonpartisan and does not support any party or candidate.

In recent years the I-35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio has been rapidly growing and is expected to continue to do so. Along with more people, this growth brings increasing concerns about the cost of living, available affordable housing, infrastructure, neighborhood safety, childcare, education, and more.

The work of CIAF includes holding meetings throughout Hays County to discover the needs of its citizens, and then organize those citizens to take those needs to elected officials and develop effective solutions.

If you would like to know more about CIAF, please contact Pastor Jeff Thompson at [revjtrt13@gmail.com](mailto:revjtrt13@gmail.com) or (361) 876-1727.



### *Helping Our Neighbors in Need* **Operation Good Shepherd** **LCR's MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER**

**Operation Good Shepherd** is the Wimberley Ministerial Alliance's financial assistance fund. It provides assistance for Wimberley Valley residents who may come to our churches seeking occasional help with rent, utility bills, medical and transportation needs. Support comes from donations by the Ministerial Alliance's participating churches: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Cypress Creek Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wimberley United Methodist Church, Unity Church of Wimberley, Wimberley Presbyterian Church, Chapel in the Hills, Wimberley Christian Church, and Wimberley Church of Christ.

Please consider giving a monetary gift of any amount to support the good work of **Operation Good Shepherd**. You will find donation envelopes on the welcome table in the narthex, or you may use your weekly offering envelope, indicating the amount of your gift for **Operation Good Shepherd** as "Other."

*And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it for one of the least of these my brethren, you did it for me.'* (Matthew 25:40)



*Thank you to Lois & Danny Hickman and Don Isler for getting the well pump and piping replaced so quickly and cost effectively; and for trimming the trees near the well pump so that it was able to be replaced.*

*Thank you to **David Johnson** for volunteering to head up the Road Cleanup crew and for working with the Texas DOT to keep the LCR signage on highway 12.*

*Thank you to **Don Isler** for supervising the repairs to the building and grounds to make LCR rodent-proof.*

*Thank you to **David Johnson** for setting the rodent traps and checking them every 2 days; fyi, no rodents were found still in the building.*

*Thank you to **Danny Hickman** for cleaning the side patio, it is much appreciated by the tenants.*

*Thank you to **David Johnson** for cleaning the sludge in the area near the sanctuary. It was a nasty job.*

*Thank you to the **IT Team members** for their hard work and dedication.*



Joyce & John Bradshaw  
Michael Thurman  
Estelle Hill  
Lill Grant  
Marvin Bowen  
Beverly Pugsley  
Rob Schultz  
Gini Bouzzard  
Emma Benda  
Doug Groth  
Jack the Policeman  
Carolyn and Dick Devlin  
Keith Lauderdale  
Kern Tilley

*Our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we await a  
Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Philippians 3:20*