



## November 2020 Newsletter



With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, **be on the alert** with all **perseverance** and **petition** for all the saints... Ephesians 6:18

**Alert**, with all perseverance and petition... does this describe your posture when it comes to prayer? Being alert - literally, to stay awake, attentive, ready. Prayer too often becomes an act of last resort. Paul asserts that prayer is of first and continual resort. We are to remain attentive and ready with our prayers.

**Persevere** - with continued effort despite difficulties, failure, or opposition. If you have been a person of prayer for very long you know the seasons of difficulties, seeming failure, and opposition - pray any way.

**Petition**: keep asking God. There is the P.U.S.H. acronym re prayer: **Pray Until Something Happens**. Something - the consequence or outcome of our praying is in God's hands. Yet we pray not for what we may get but that we indeed get God as we pray.

I spent four days last month hunting elk. I hunted until something happened. The 'something' was not an elk this time, but it was four glorious days and nights - all kinds of weather, all kinds of terrain - hiking, exploring, enjoying the beauty of God's creation with one of my best friends. The conversations and times of prayer throughout the day and each evening warming up and drying out at the wood-burning stove are precious and priceless 'somethings' that I would not trade for anything. If I had not been alert - I would have missed this and thought the hunt was all about getting an elk. If we had not persevered we would have cut our trip short. If we had not spent time in prayer we would have left God out of the journey.

We are in a season of this world and of our nation where we must remain alert, persevere, and pray. Apart from being **alert** we will misread what is *really* going on - we will vilify people and justify labeling them as enemies or fools, rather than loving them. If we do not **persevere** with keeping our eyes fixed on the kingdom of God, we will believe we are not only in this world but of it, rather than being ambassadors of heaven. If we do not bring our **petitions** to God, we will settle for protesting on facebook or other forms of arm-chair critique from our palaces of self-importance, rather than being generous with the grace of God.

We can easily forget that our struggle as believers is not against flesh and blood. We are citizens of heaven we have God's mighty armor given to us for the purpose - the powerful and most profound purpose - of being alert, persevering, and petitioning the Lord of lords and the King of kings to gain His perspective, His purpose, and His power which will overcome the world forces of this darkness, the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

*Finally be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.*

*Pastor Jon*

### All Saints Remembrance

Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Sunday. On this day we remember PLC partners who have died this past year, lifting their names and their families in the prayers of the congregation. In addition, white ribbons will be available that Sun. You are invited to place a ribbon on the cross in remembrance of any loved ones and friends during worship. Our new memorial plaque, given by the Dorcas Quilting group, will be next to the cross. Thank you ladies, for this loving gift!

*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

### OCC Shoebox Gifts & Raffle Drawing Nov 15!

The annual OCC Shoebox Gift & raffle sales continue through Nov 15! On that Sunday, we'll bless the boxes, load them up to be taken to the distribution center, then celebrate with a special party in the hall after worship. It's not too late to pack some boxes and many are available. You may pick up your boxes on the display table and purchase raffle tickets to win two incredible baskets full of great items and gift cards valued together at **\$350!** Tickets are \$5 each/\$20 for five tickets. The raffle supports the shipping cost of ALL our boxes! The raffle drawing is also Nov 15, at fellowship time. Please be present to win for this number drawing. Many thanks go to Joann Carlson as our OCC Shoebox Team Leader for this global outreach!

### PLC Uganda Medical Mission in November

It is with disappointment that the decision has been made to postpone the Uganda mission once again. We have been in contact with the US Embassy in Uganda as well as our counterparts in country and all have agreed that we would be immobilized upon our arrival. The Ministry of Health is not allowing any medical outreaches in the country due to the inability to control the mass gatherings that always occur at such outreaches. If we attempted such, we would be in violation of several current rules, subject to being arrested, and risk the future of Next Generation Ministry's privilege of bringing medical teams to Uganda. At the forefront of all our efforts, is to always bring the peace and hope of Jesus, not chaos and hurt.

We will again wait and watch for the next opportunity to be sent. Thank you for all the daily and weekly prayers that have been sent heavenward on our behalf. In His Peace,

Maren Snyder

### Family Promise

Thanks to all for donating and delivering food or gift cards to support a family in our care during the final hosting week in Oct. Yes, it has been more challenging due to the virus situation this year, but we were grateful to serve our guests. Our PLC Family Promise team will be meeting with the Family Promise organization soon to coordinate next year.

### Fall Cleanup Day

Razzle dazzle! That's what our P&M Team continues to do in their effort to maintain our church building and grounds. Kudos to all those that mowed during the season, weed whacked, fixed sprinklers and drip lines, planted new landscaping, trimmed bushes, pruned trees, installed snow markers and fencing, and a myriad of other tasks that sometimes go unseen.

### Orchard Ridge Christmas Gift Basket Ideas

It's that time of year! Build a basket to support our beloved residents at Orchard Ridge. Here are some ideas:



- socks with traction on bottom
- full size lotions, shampoo and conditioner, and liquid body wash
- toothpaste and toothbrush
- nail polish or nail files (large as they are easier to handle)
- word find books (preferably large print)
- goodies: breads, cookies, nuts, chocolates, etc.

(Please, no home baked goods!)

- haircut certificates from our salon: \$12 for men, \$14 for woman's haircut

**\*Please have your baskets back to Orchard Ridge by December 15 for distribution to the residents.**

Thank you for your heartfelt gifts!!

Call Holly at 664-8119 or email at [hjohnson@theorchardcda.org](mailto:hjohnson@theorchardcda.org) for questions.

## Financial Report for Sep 2020 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Oct 13, 2020

### Balance Sheet: 9-30-20

Ministry & Facility Fund	\$ 33,631
All Designated Funds	\$ 80,472
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Total US Bank Checking	\$114,103

**Thrivent Mortgage Balance**      \$307,702              \$308,664 (Aug)

### Income & Expense: 9-30-20

Actual Giving	\$ 17,793	(Plan for Giving \$19,707)
Actual Expense	\$ 17,647	

### YTD Income & Expense: (Jan-Sep 2020)

Actual Giving	\$183,246	(Plan for Giving \$177,361)
Actual Expense	\$152,382	

<b>Sep Designated Funds:</b>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
Memorial Fund	0	62	\$ 307
Emergency Fund	0	0	\$10,000 (Capped at goal)
Property Fund	0	0	\$ 963
Refresh Team	0	518	\$13,623 (Under budget)
Good Samaritan Fund	0	45	\$ 1,556
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 2,100
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 1,060
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 2,950
Dorcas Fund	0	0	\$ 2,553
Youth Fund	0	0	\$ 3,801
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	300	0	\$30,946
Other Misc Designated	35	0	\$ 3,372
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 1,050
Call Committee	0	0	\$ 6,193

### Stewardship Sunday – Gather. Grow. Go.

Our stewardship event has begun, and every member household has received an inspiring packet. You may return your pledge at any time in person on Sunday morning, during the week, by mail or special offering on **Nov 8**. If you contribute using Simply Giving and are making a change, please indicate that on your pledge card or call our Financial Secretary, Amy Birge. The Budget Team will begin working on a proposed 2021 budget mid-Nov to present to council at their Dec meeting.

*Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness!*

### Sharing Tree for Safe Passage

This holiday season we are supporting our ministry partner, Safe Passage, a shelter for abused women and children with some extra love. About mid-Nov, you will see our white tree up in the entryway with labeled tags to take to provide gifts this Christmas for those living at the shelter. You may take one or more tags that describe the many needs, sizes, genders, that will serve a cross section of clients over time. Please return your gift(s) unwrapped with the tag attached. All gifts are to be returned by Sunday, **Dec 6**. A Thrivent Action Team card has been applied for to support this effort further with gift cards for families that often leave with only the clothes on their backs. Domestic abuse has risen since the on start of covid. In Sep alone, Safe Passage served an astounding 35 clients and the numbers continue to grow. Thank you to Annette Nolting, Development Director, for her assistance. Let's empty that tree of tags! – Lynn Affeldt



## Christian Education

**Sunday:** Karen Robison continues leading an incredible study of *The Armor of God*. Find out more at 8:30 am!

**Tue Talk:** Online with Pastor Jon.

**Wed Bible Study:** Pastor Gail has concluded the Exodus study. The group will now be spending some time reviewing Leviticus in November, and then move into completing the Exodus journey in the book of Numbers where the rest (about 39 years) of the 40 years of wandering takes place!! The study begins at 10 am, but you may arrive early at 9:45 am to share prayer concerns. Pastors Jon & Gail invite you to a quiet Service of Communion at that time.

**Thu Thoughts:** Online with Pastor Jon.

**Thu Study:** Jim Wardlow leads an awesome study at 11 am, *The Divine Call*, focusing on the Minor Prophets.

**PLC's YouTube Channel** contain all services & videos and may be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKINKnU8Rdkx3WrJtTNEfRA/>

## Ministry Team News

### Security Team News

The security team held its quarterly team meeting on 10/20/20. Seven members were in attendance. Pastor Jon spoke briefly from John 8 about, "The Truth Shall Set You Free," and then opened with a prayer.

Rick spoke about his attendance at the church council meeting where he spoke about the roles and responsibilities of the team members as well as the draft rules and regulations to eventually be included in the church by-laws. He also requested that the council consider a budget line being opened for the team. Items that could be considered would include surveillance cameras, upgrade to the first aid kit as well as stop the bleeding training.

The team discussed potential scenarios the duty safety members may experience. It was decided that such a discussion would be beneficial at each meeting. Rod went over the upcoming schedule and requested volunteers for open slots. With the current list of volunteers, members may be expected to catch the "duty" monthly. We will try to get the word out to the congregation to seek additional volunteers.

Team training requirements were discussed. We will continue to require that members have a Conceal Carry permit. A couple of members currently do not. The church will provide financial assistance toward that training. We will also emphasize that team members periodically practice at a gun range. Dave had previously offered his property for such practice.

Pastor Jon showed a copy of the church exit map he created. It will be displayed on the screens prior to service.

Rick Straub, Security Team

### Refresh Team:

Mary Cockerham, Lee Ely, Suzie English, and JoAnn Solberg  
Team members continue to meet together at various times to wind up some loose ends and complete tasks. The focus lately has been the purchase of new lighting for the entryway. It is going to be beautiful, closely match the sanctuary style lighting, and provide much improved up-lighting than the current fixtures we've had since we moved in reducing glare. The final big project, installation of rockface behind the cross, is in progress. Karle Nimke has volunteered to provide the labor saving the church significant cost.

Pastor Gail has been busy sorting through our library and adult study room books and made impressive progress. Books on the table are up for grabs for you, friends, family members or to donate. Get them soon before they're gone! A new library will be created in the Adult Study room in the fellowship hall.

### Fellowship Team

We are grateful to our fellowship team who has tried to hold things together during these long months of the covid challenge! The team is looking for a new fellowship list scheduler for 2021 – *many thanks* to Becky Elleflood who coordinated this for us the last few years. If you would like to volunteer for this new opportunity, please let Margret Nagel or the church office know.

The task is a straightforward one with minimal time requirement. For instance, Becky created the whole year in one sitting – one and done! Or others have provided it on a quarterly basis. Church staff can let you know who currently is willing to serve fellowship after worship.



**Special Note:**

The ever evolving covid situation has required us to make changes again to our communion distribution. We are returning to the previous method of self-serving of bread and wine by congregants. Only two assistants are present.

<b>November 10 AM Sunday Ministry Servants</b>		
<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service, Nov 25, 6 pm</b>		
<b>USHERS</b>		
Date	Name	Phone No.
11/01/2020	Karle & Barbara Nimke	
11/08/2020	Lee, Heidi & Lance Ely	
11/15/2020	Woody & Debbie Clouse	
11/22/2020	Jon & Georgiann Davis	
11/25/2020	Thanksgiving Eve	Rod & Marge Freligh
11/29/2020	Brett & Pam Kirking	
<b>COMMUNION SERVER</b>		
Date	Name	Phone No.
11/01/2020	Chris Anderson	
11/08/2020	Gail Schoonmaker	
11/15/2020	Mary Cockerham	
11/22/2020	Lynn Affeldt	
11/25/2020	Jennifer Murray	
11/29/2020	Betty Nomanson	
<b>Communion Set Up</b>	Todd & Suzie English	
<b>Baking Bread</b>	Suzie English	
<b>READERS</b>		
Date	Name	First/ Second Readings
11/01/2020	Karen Jones	Rev 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3
11/08/2020	Maren Snyders	Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thes 4:13-18
11/15/2020	Mike Hill	Zeph 1:7-16; 1 Thes 5:1-11
11/22/2020	Karen Robison	Ezek 34: 1-16, 20-24; 1 Cor 15:20-28
11/25/2020	David Pollard	Deut 8:1-10; Phil 4:6-20
11/29/2020	Candance Dyson	Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Cor 1:3-9
<b>ACOLYTES</b>		
Date	Name	Phone No.
11/01/2020	Kira Newman	
11/08/2020	Kaylee Hite	
11/15/2020	Sam Rangel	
11/22/2020	Kira Newman	
11/25/2020	Keegan Rangel	
11/29/2020	Kaylee Hite	

Need to switch with someone? Please call someone on the list then kindly inform the church office of the change. Communion is served with masked assistants for safety. Please social distance.

## Fellowship List

Safeguards for fellowship serving and visiting have been going well! Many of you have indicated you are ready to resume gathering. Masked and gloved servers provide food at the window and tables are reconfigured for improved distancing. Simple food may be served, and disposables used to reduce handling and clean up.

*We can do this!*

### NOVEMBER

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| 1-Nov  | Darryl & Tanya Frey<br>Cinda Fueller         |
| 8-Nov  | Kristin Gorman<br>Jan Johnson                |
| 15-Nov | Bill & Becky Elleflood<br>Verna Hamner       |
| 22-Nov | Jim & Roxanne Helgeson<br>Mike & Margie Hill |
| 29-Nov | Stephanie Hite<br>Karen Holm                 |

### DECEMBER

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| 6-Dec  | Karen & Brian Jones<br>Brett & Pam Kirking              |
| 13-Dec | Rebecca Kirkpatrick<br>Carolyn MacPhee                  |
| 20-Dec | Paul & Shelly Matthews<br>Andrew & Catherine McClintock |
| 27-Dec | Kevin & Diana Melin<br>Mona Ley                         |



- |                                  | <b>KidZone</b> | <b>SafetyTeam</b> | <b>Counters</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Nov 1</b>                     | Volunteer      | David & Colby     | Maren & Debbie  |
| <b>Nov 8</b>                     | Stephanie      | Wayne & Karle     | Rozanne & Lee   |
| <b>Nov 15</b>                    | Karen          | Rod & Rick        | Suzie & Rebecca |
| <b>Nov 22</b>                    | Pam            | Ken & David       | Valda & Amy     |
| <b>Nov 25 (Thanksgiving Eve)</b> |                | Brian & Ron       | Volunteers      |
| <b>Nov 29</b>                    | Shelly         | Rick & Gordon     | Connie & Amy    |

## News & Events

**Oct Gifts:** Thanks to Lee Ely for wrangling new file cabinets for the sacristy music storage – Ruth is elated! Chris Clark provided the muscle to remove old file cabinets. Kudos to P&M Team and volunteers for Fall Cleanup Day!! Refresh Team hung up some more items – recent visitors are remarking about our warm paint colors and décor! Warm thanks to Brett & Pam Kirking and Cinda Fueller for serving at Frank Dailey’s memorial reception. Thanks to Gordon Schoonmaker for researching a snow plowing contract and to Ken Birge for playground proposals.

Please join us in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall for worship as you are comfortable. We’re broadcasting to our parking lot (front row) on 88.5 FM, and also providing a video of the service uploaded by Sunday afternoon online at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKINKnU8Rdk3WRJtTNEfRA/>

**FELLOWSHIP is on!** Everything is clean, ready, and set up for good distancing. Thank you to our servers for wearing gloves, masks, and providing individual treats at the window. The coffee’s on so *let’s visit together!*

Thanks go to Becky Elleflood who has scheduled our fellowship list for us the last few years! She is stepping down at the end of the year. If you would like to become our next fellowship coordinator, please let the team or church office know!

**PLAYGROUND UPDATE:** We have spent the month of October in contact with three possible Playground Equipment Co. working on their recommendations for Peace Lutheran. The Playground Team is meeting on Oct 28, with the hope of identifying one company to recommend to Council. We want to have a Plan, Playground, and Costs for the congregation to review, and hopefully, recommend at the Annual Meeting in Jan. Thank You, Ken Birge, Shelly Matthews, and Brett Kirking

**2021 God’s Creation Calendars are on sale to support youth ministry. Grab one today for only \$10/Notepads \$2**

WOW! Thanks go to Joyce Beghtel who delivered **145 lbs** of our food bank donations to CDA in Sep/Oct. Personal care items and pet food are always very welcome. The holidays are coming! Think canned goods, stuffing, baking ingredients, holiday treats, etc. Please bring in your recycled **dozen** egg cartons only – *thanks!*

### PLC Quick Calendar

Dorcas Quilting gathers the first & third Monday, 9 am – noon

The staff meets each Mon at 10 am; Music rehearsal is every Wed at 6 pm

The TOPS group meets every Thu morning for 8 am weigh-in and meeting from 9-10 am – *join up!*

**In Nov:** Look for the Safe Passage Sharing Tree in the entryway with gift tags to take!

**Nov 8:** Stewardship Sunday – Gathering of pledges on the altar

**Nov 15:** OCC Shoebox celebration Sunday & raffle drawing! Get your raffle tickets today!!

**Nov 25:** Thanksgiving Eve service, 6 pm

**Nov 26-27:** Church Office closed for the holiday

*Extra copies of the November newsletter are available in the wall rack.*

*PLC Contact Directories are also available there and updated – please grab a new one!*

*The new devotionals are out on the table in the fellowship hall.*



**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
Please join us on **Wednesday, November 25,**  
at **6 pm,** for a time of giving thanks  
for all of God’s blessings.

**Our offering will be divided equally  
between our local food banks.**

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**We're Praying for...**

Joann Carlson in the passing of husband, Darrel; Anna Dailey in the passing of husband, Frank; Kit Carey, hip replacement Nov 2; Ken Johnston, rehab; Candy Dyson, Steve Hagler, & Brian Snyders, continued healing; Caren Woods, health issues.

Tom Carlson, healing, shoulder surgery; Marilyn (Becky Elleflood's mom) hospital, rehab, PT; Paul Johnston, home, recovering; Julie Johnston, strength; Gina (Margie Hill) tonsil cancer surgery; Dennis Warren (Joyce Beghtel) healing, burst appendix; Sherry Mathews (Joyce Beghtel's sister) healing, spinal neck surgery; Darlene (Dot Hertling) healing, back surgery; Mary Andersen (Betty Nomanson) breast cancer; Justin Platt (Becky Elleflood) recovery; Wanda Gillespie (Pastor Jon) breast cancer; David Brooks, (Mona Ley's friend) cancer; Joey DeYoung (Arthurs' son-in-law) chemo; Jay Kernen (friend of Burges) cancer; Mike Kroetch (Heidi Ely's cousin) cancer treatments; Dolly Neely (Pam Kirking's friend) metastatic breast cancer; Gloria Coulter (Candy Dyson's daughter) kidney cancer; Wilbert Fueller (Tanya Frey) cancer.

**Our Ministry Partners:**

Lutherhaven, Summit Christian Academy, Family Promise, Orchard Ridge, Champ's Heart, Food Banks, UGM, Safe Passage, EFK, Open Arms, Uganda Medical Mission, Voice of the Martyrs, Good Samaritan Rehab, OCC Shoebox Gifts, and LCMC.

*Prayer requests will be revised periodically. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you.*

Have a **Prayer Tree** request? Please email the Church Office at [office@peace-lutheran.com](mailto:office@peace-lutheran.com)



**Lutherhaven Ministries**

*Dear Friends,*

All of us at your camps pray you, your family, your friends, and your community are safe, healthy, and hope-filled this season of re-formation and remembrance.

**Thank you for being such a vital part of the Lutherhaven community!** I cannot say this enough: I truly, highly value your commitment and comments, questions and concerns, idea sharing, storytelling, trust, partnership.

One thing's for sure—summer camp 2020 at Lutherhaven looked different than camp has ever before. **82% of summer camps nationwide either closed completely or pivoted**, like we did, away for the summer from traditional youth camp to alternative programming for families and groups.

October is the time at your camps when we really begin to prepare and plan for next summer...and that's just what we're doing. We know the pandemic that has so defined us all these last 7 months shall pass, but we also know still, for a time, COVID will change how we move forward. Take this fall at Lutherhaven, for instance: definitely different. Yes, we're open, and yes, we're busy hosting guests and groups. Between September and December, we'll host around 675 "campers" of all ages, from families to school kids to quilter ladies to sports teams. Compare that to 2019's numbers, when 3,755 guests walked our paths—an **82% drop in campers**. Last fall camp and retreat fees brought in nearly \$235,000, to sail us through the lean months of winter. **This fall that's less than \$40,000, 16% of "normal."**

***(All that to say, again, thank you for your financial partnership. God is truly using you to see us through 2020)***

Staff is hard at work to bridge Lutherhaven to next summer and beyond, to the day we return to everything Lutherhaven is about: getting campers of every age unplugged and outdoors; into meaningful relationships; leaving forever, life-changing tracks of Christian faith on the lives of thousands of young people, for generations to come.

Here are some of the ways we are doing that:

**Expanding our decision-making process.** What will "camp success" mean for Lutherhaven in 2021? What opportunities are there to expand our definition of success? I'd love your ideas!

**Growing our community.** Lutherhaven is built on 75 years of community. We're working hard to maintain that, to sustain relationships, to nurture new connections as vital to our planning. Every camper, parent/guardian, staff member, volunteer, and donor is vital to us. Help us to not take anyone for granted as we move toward 2021.

**Ensuring collaboration — We know we are not alone.** The Lutherhaven community excels in togetherness, idea sharing, and partnership. Don't hesitate to contact me when some clever scheme comes to mind.

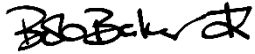
**Prioritizing financial planning and sustainability** — We're working and re-working the numbers to assess and re-assess our financial picture, to develop options to sustain Lutherhaven Ministries financially through summer 2021 and beyond. You are our kingpin here.



**Remembering the power of camp** — Lutherhaven plays such an important role in the emotional and physical development of kids of every age. People are our mission, and we're convinced people need us now more than ever. Words to remember when days get dark!

**Expanding our communication** and marketing — Lutherhaven's best foot forward is our mission. Always. Encounter creation...create community...commune with Christ is what Lutherhaven is all about—for, in, and with our community. Thanks for your critical role in that!

Your servant in Jesus,

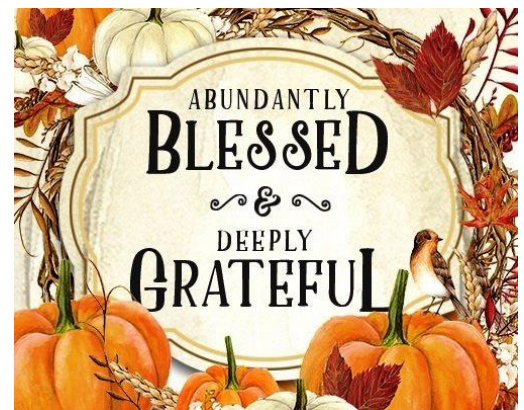


Bob Baker, Executive Director

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**Sun Adult Study 8:30 AM**  
**Sun Worship at 10 AM**  
**Tue Talks / Thu Thoughts Online**  
**Wed & Thu Bible Studies**  
Pastor Jon Anderson  
Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud