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Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior

### Pastoral Perspectives for November 2018

Grace and peace to you from God the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:12-16

***“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”***

On November 4<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Holy Day of All Saints Sunday (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> is actually All Saints Day) where we will light a candle and a bell will toll in memory of all the saints that have gone before us this past year. As a pastor the call to be with those dying and their families is an honor and a holy time, but the pastor cannot do it alone. At this time I am remembering all the saints that work behind the scenes to make sure that First Lutheran Church continues to move forward from the financial crisis we were once in. By church members stepping up and caring for the church grounds, fund raising and watching our spending we are doing better. We have men and women stepping up to help out before, during and after the services, staying late and cleaning up, assisting with youth group, singing and ringing, attending theological classes from children to adults, this church is alive and growing more and more. I feel blessed in having another secretary who keeps me in the know and a council that supports the work of the church for the glory of God. The President and several council members who pop in daily to assist the pastor in work of the church building; we are truly blessed! But there is always room for more saints to step up and to help out here at First Lutheran!

This church and the services don't happen by magic, many hours of planning and preparation take place before all can experience the wonders of the services and the beauty of the church being decorated for the high feast days of the church year. Please pray on how God may use you and your skills and talents to glorify Him in your life both in and outside First Lutheran.

Peace in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

# 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Evangelism Report November 2018

These were fun reads, this month, but have great theme's and messages. The blessed holidays are approaching fast, it has seemed to have been a short summer, now we prepare ourselves for Holy Season.

## Putting the POW back into powerful:

Who do you think lives at 135 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street in New York, just a block from Radio City Music Hall? That's Spider-Man's address, but he doesn't live alone. Wolverine occupies the same building, and so does the Hulk, Thor, Iron Man, Captain America, Daredevil, Black Panther, the X-Men, and the Guardians of the Galaxy. All these superheroes crowd into the 60,000-square-foot corporate headquarters of Marvel Comics on West 50<sup>th</sup>.

It started with Martin Goodman, who grew up in a home of Jewish immigrants in 'Brooklyn. As a young man, Martin bummed around the country living in hobo camps during the Great Depression. He eventually meandered back to New York and got into publishing. In 1939, Goodman started Timely Publications and published Marvel Comics #1, which featured a superhero known as the Human Torch. In 1941, just as World War II was engulfing the planet, Marvel introduced Captain America. (I had no idea Captain American was that old, I thought my grandkids were seeing him on the recent movies, and he was fairly a new superhero.) The Fantastic Four came along in 1961, and Spider-Man in 1962. Superheroes grew beyond the lore of children's comic books and became a source of entertainment for people of all ages –kids, teens, parents, and grandparents.

Goodman died in Palm Beach in 1992, and Marvel Comics is now owned by Disney. So far in 2018, Marvel has dominated movie theaters with a number of blockbusters including *Avengers: Infinity War*, and *Black Panther*. But stay tuned. As this article is being published, we're getting ready for *Ant-Man and the Wasp*.

There's something more than our culture being drawn to superheroes than just fun stuff. Somewhere within us, we long for a good, powerful and supernatural person who can step into our world and help us with our problems, someone like us yet different from us, who is ready, willing and able to absorb our pain, conquer our enemies, and with supernatural force advocate for us and rescue us from distress.

According to the Bible, such a Person does exist. He is not a fictional superhero, but a supernatural Savior and the Hero of the ages. He is the true marvel of history.

Matthew 8:27 says, “So the men **marveled**, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Matthew 9:8 says, “Now when the multitudes saw it, they **marveled** and glorified God, who had given such power to men.”

Matthew 9:33 says, “The multitudes **marveled**, saying, ‘It was never seen like this in Israel!’”

Luke 4:22 says, “So all bore witness to Him, and **marveled** at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.”

Luke 9:43 says, “Everyone **marveled** at all the things which Jesus did.”

Everything Jesus did was marvelous, because Jesus is the ultimate expression of the omnipotence of God. When He lives within us, He brings His power along. This is one of the most underappreciated aspects of our Christian experience, which is why Paul wrote passionately about “His incomparable great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead”

(Ephesians 1:19 – 20, NIV).

#### **Christ’s Power Gives Stability to Our Lives:**

Only the indwelling of Jesus Christ can bring us personal stability. Romans 15:13 says, “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the *Holy Spirit*.”

#### **Christ’s Power Gives Serenity to Our Minds:**

Isaiah 40:29 – 31: “He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength ....Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.”

“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit....For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” (Colossians 2:8 – 10).

God will keep in perfect peace the mind that is fixed on Him.

### **Christ's Power Gives Self-Control to Our Habits:**

According to 2 Timothy 1:7, "The Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (NIV). We need the power of the indwelling Christ giving us supernatural aid in withstanding the pressures of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

### **Christ's Power Gives Significance to Our Service:**

Finally, Christ's power gives significance to our service. Acts 1:8 says, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me."

God wants us to be people of strength and courage. He wants to build into our lives a spirit of power, and He has told us to be strong in the power of His might. He wants His energy behind our efforts. We must act fast to put the POW back into powerful. Only then will we begin living as He intends, overcoming weakness with unstoppable strength.

Let's suit up. Let's be people who make the world marvel as we point to Him who is marvelous in every way.

God Bless

George Salvucci

# 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Thoughts and Tidbits November 2018

Here we are heading into November already, with the Holy Season ahead. Remember this is Your newsletter, and are welcome to contribute your thoughts and additions.

Sister Joanne Reck has given us a nice assortment of blessed thoughts and sayings:

## **God Sent Us a Saviour:**

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, So God sent us a Saviour. ---Roy Lessin

“What you are is, God’s Gift to you .....

What you make of yourself is your gift to God.”

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“Never go out to meet trouble. If you sit still,  
Nine times out of ten, someone will  
Intercept it before it reaches you.”

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“Always so true, unselfish and kind.  
Few in this world are equal to find;

A beautiful life that came to an end.  
They died and they lived Everyone’s friend.”

“God does not give you what you can handle, God helps you handle what you are given.”

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

GOD DOES NOT NEED YOUR GOOD WORKS, BUT YOUR NEIGHBOR DOES

What are good works?

The world thinks good works are doing good deeds. Good works are often perceived as random acts of kindness or doing things for charity, but the prophet Isaiah says, "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment." (Isaiah 64:6)

Ephesians 2:8-10, Paul wrote, "For by the grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." We are created to do good works, but good works cannot save, we are saved only by grace through faith alone.

How do we prepare to do good works?

In our theme verse, Paul spoke about honorable and dishonorable vessels. Honorable vessels can be used for anything, while dishonorable vessels have limited uses. Paul was very clear, a dishonorable vessel can make the choice to be an honorable vessel. For this to take place, a dishonorable vessel requires cleansing, a change needs to take place. After accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior, cleansing is a daily decision. God gives us freedom to choose him or chose our own way. John 1:9 reads: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us, our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This is a choice that we have to make.

Dennis

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**Constitution and By-Law Amendments**

**Constitution**

**Chapter 8 Membership**

Delete all of the existing paragraph 8.02.

Add "8.02 Membership classifications are Active (voting) and Inactive (non-voting).  
Voting privileges require communion and financial contribution within the prior twelve month period."

**Chapter 12 Church Council**

Add "No church employee and the Treasurer are eligible for Church Council membership. The Pastor and the Treasurer shall have the right to attend any and all meetings of the Church Council and any committees thereof with voice but without vote."

Delete "...The Pastor (s)..." Add "...and Treasurer..."

**By-Laws**

Add "Membership Committee. This committee shall facilitate new member introductions."

Add "Personnel Committee. This committee shall write employee job descriptions and conduct annual employee performance reviews."

Add "Audit Committee. This committee shall conduct annual financial and any other Council requested audits."

Robert R. Tracht

These will be acted upon at the November congregational meeting.

## THE STORY AND THE SONG

God wrote. "I love you"- he wrote it in the sky, and on the earth, and under the sea. He wrote his message everywhere! Because God created everything in his world to reflect him like a mirror – to show us what he is like, to help us know him, to make our hearts sing. And God put it into words, too, and wrote it in a book called "the Bible".

Some people think the Bible is a book of rules, telling you what you should and shouldn't do. The Bible certainly does have some rules in it. They show you how life works best. But the Bible isn't mainly about you and what you should be doing. It's about God and what he has done.

Other people think the Bible is a book of heroes, showing people you should copy. The Bible does have some heroes in it, but (as you'll soon find out) most of the people in the Bible aren't heroes at all. They make some big mistakes. They get afraid and run away. At times they are downright mean.

No, the Bible isn't a book of rules, or a book of heroes. It's most of all a Story. It's an adventure story about a young hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne - everything – to rescue the one he loves. It's like the most wonderful of fairy tales that has come true in real life! You see, the best thing about this Story is –it's true.

There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves his children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there's a baby. Every Story in the Bible whispers his name. He is like the missing piece that makes all the other pieces fit together, and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture.

And this is no ordinary baby. This is the Child upon whom everything would depend. This is the Child who would one day – but wait. Our Story starts where all good stories start - Right at the very beginning....

This year in Sunday School and Children's Sermons, Miss Amy, Jill, and I will be sharing the stories of the Bible. Sometimes we will talk about the Sunday readings. Other times we will dive into the stories of the children in the Bible, who are just like you and me! Come, and bring your family and friends! And.... if God is knocking on the door of your heart, calling you to help us to help in any way – big or small - we would love to have you be a part of our team!

Dear God,

Today if we hear your voice calling us to do your work in this area, let us be open to your will and not harden our heart.

AMEN

Donna Bassi

\*The Story and The Song is an excerpt of **The Jesus Storybook Bible** written by Sally Lloyd-Jones

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **VENDOR & CRAFT EVENT**

We will be hosting a Vendor and Craft Event on November 3, 2018 from 9-2pm. We would love to have a HUGE turnout for all of the wonderful Vendors that will be supporting our Church. We have had a lot of fun at our previous Events, come see what it is all about! We have invited 18 incredible Vendors joining us. Please invite your friends, family and co-workers to this event, you could also post it on your Facebook page. The more, the merrier!! Stop by and pick up some amazing Christmas presents. The Ladies of the Church will be preparing a tasty lunch for all of us to enjoy for a small fee. We also will be having a Basket Raffle, with items donated by the Vendors. If you cannot attend the event

### **SARRIS CANDY FUNDRAISER~CHRISTMAS**

We are participating in a Sarris Candy fundraiser for Christmas! Please ask your family and friends if they would like to order delicious candy for Christmas. Orders and payment (checks to First Lutheran Church) are due by November 11, 2018. [Delivery is scheduled for December 16, 2018 after Church service.](#) Note: **both** copies of the order form need to be returned to me. Please see the Chadwick's for a brochure!

### **GIFT CARD ORDER**

This is a perfect time of year to order gift cards from our Church! These cards can be used for your own personal use or for gift giving. We have a large selection of merchants and restaurants our list on our list- - including Wal-Mart and Amazon. Please see the Chadwick's if you have any questions.

### **GIFT CARD - - ON HAND SUPPLY**

We purchased gift cards to have on-hand, if someone needs a card-on-the-go! We have Bob Evans cards, Lowe's, Staples, Giant Eagle, Darden (Olive Garden, Longhorn etc), Texas Roadhouse, Wal-Mart and Home Depot. All card values are \$25, except Bob Evans which are \$10 each. If you are interested, please see the Chadwick's.

### **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COOKBOOK VOLUME 2**

We are ready to begin taking pre-sale orders for our 2nd cookbook, for only \$15.00 each! The

The cookbook should be delivered after the beginning of December. We have ordered 200 books, first come, first serve...order early. We were blessed to have over 400 recipes contributed! Excellent present for family and friends!

A special Thank You to the wonderful ladies that offered to type the recipes! Heather, Vickie, Caitlyn, Judy and Cristina, you did an amazing job!

And on a personal note....

We would like to thank everyone for the kind acts shown to us during the recent illness and passing of our Father and Grandfather, Robert Chadwick. There are no words to describe our gratitude for your prayers, love, visits, phone calls, cards, food and flowers. We are simply humbled. Please know that your prayers and love were felt by us during the past few weeks. The support of our Church family means so much to us. Thank you for being there for us.

Sincerely,

Kim Chadwick

## **WNALC—November 2018**

WNALC will have a bake sale table at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Vendor Sale. Bakers please donate your favorite baked items.

We will once again offer a \$5 meal deal. We will also serve our famous vegetable soup. We invite everyone to come and shop for the holidays and eat.

Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Lounge.

Circle Meeting will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Lounge. Please note the change of date. Leader will be Linda Nickles. Hostesses will be Kathy Black and Sonie Rea.

November 18<sup>th</sup> is Thankoffering Sunday.

WNALC wishes everyone a blessed, healthy Thanksgiving.

God Bless,

Sonie

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### **Give Thanks to the Lord!**

“Thankoffering Sunday” is November 18<sup>th</sup>. The women of the church ask all of you to join them in giving thanks with your offering to “Proclaim God’s Peace” and make a difference for women and children in poverty.

You may give by using an envelope marked “Thankoffering” or by putting a loose offering in the plates as loose will be used for Thankoffering that Sunday.

Thanks to each and every person for your generous offerings now and in the past years.

Sincerely & God Bless

Betty Mancinelli

Guest speaker will be Firefighter and EMT, Ms. Tori Bober.

## **EMBRACING HOPE ETHIOPIA**

Our church mission of supporting Hope for Ethiopia has fallen behind severely. All it takes is a dollar a week to keep up our commitment to this important mission.

Please remember this worthy cause that we decided as a church to support in love of neighbor.

Pastor Rob

**\$1 a week!**

**\$1 in the Love Envelope**

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### **Thank You's**

The Tom Wright Family would like to thank our First Lutheran Family for the love and kindness shown during the past months. All of the prayers, cards, words of encouragement, food and flowers were greatly appreciated. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

God Bless You!

Carolyn Wright

Carl, Vickie, Cara, Caitlyn & C.R. Group

Rick & Terri Newton & Family

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A special thank you to all who have given much time in caring for the yard that surrounds our beautiful church. All of your work is greatly appreciated.

Many Thanks,

Carl, Vickie, Caitlyn & C.R. Group

## A MUSICAL NOTE

While sitting at home one night, a question came to my mind. "WHAT MAKES A CHURCH GROW?" What makes people come to church services? Is it to worship God, see their friends, hear the word of God, hear the music, or to be entertained. Only you can answer this question.

Martin Luther said "music in the church is only second to the Gospel. To me this means music is a major part of our worship and not to be taken lightly. Pastor Rob always gives a good sermon because he believes in what he is saying. It's not just words to him. We need a strong music ministry as well. We need help in both adult and bell choirs at this time.

People who think music is not important in a church, look at these other churches and you will see this is not true. Looking at the Crystal Cathedral, Dr. Robert Schuller was the pastor and they were the largest watched, top rated TV church service in the world (the Hour of Power).

After his retirement his son took over as senior pastor, but Dr. Schuller stayed on as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The younger Schuller wanted to make changes in the church, but Dr. Schuller wouldn't allow it. Pastor Schuller stayed until he quit on his own to start a new church. Dr. Schuller's daughter took over as senior pastor and Dr. Schuller stepped down as Chairman of the Board due to his health. His daughter moved the church to a new style of worship, did away with the large choir, large orchestra, musical director and organist and brought in guitars and drums. Within a few years the Crystal Cathedral went bankrupt and had to sell.

At this time Dr. Schuller's daughter left and Bobby Schuller (Dr. Schuller's grandson) took over senior pastor and brought back the choirs, organist, choir director and orchestra. The worship in a smaller building but their membership is once again growing.

The Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church was a high rated TV church service. They have a large choir of over a hundred voices. They have an orchestra, organist (Diane Bish), Musical Director and a large membership. Most likely they are one of the largest Presbyterian churches. Their Pastor was Dr. D. James Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy was there until his death. After his death, ratings of the TV church service dropped and was taken off the air.

Let's take a look at a church closer to home. Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh, PA. About 1975 my mother and I got done early on Christmas Eve night. We both had early Christmas Eve services. We went down to Trinity Cathedral for their midnight service. When we got there, the church was almost filled. This was approximately 1/2 hour early. By the time they started, there was over 1,000 people there. Mr. Schell had 35 men and 25 boys in his Men and Boy's Choir. It was a night I will always remember.

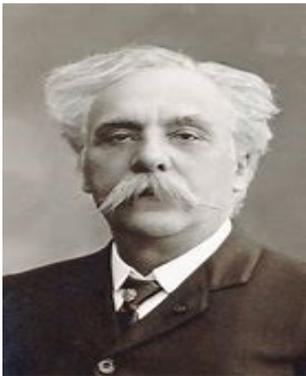
Around 2000, because of money being tight, they did away with their paid choir and full time organist. They went only to a part time organist.

About 16 years ago I went back for a Christmas Eve service. They only had approximately 150 people there and 5 in the choir. This is the mother church. What happened to these three churches? All three churches had the best in music and ministers.

Some people today want to be entertained at church. I believe this is wrong, but there is nothing anyone could do about it. It is just the way things are today. If people don't get what they want here, they go somewhere where they will get what they want.

I ask you again, HOW IMPORTANT IS THE MUSIC IN THE CHURCH. Was Martin Luther right?

In Christ,  
Your organist and Musical Director  
Jerry



Gabriel Faure

May 12, 1845—November 4, 1924

Gabriel Urbain Fauré (French: 12 May 1845 – 4 November 1924) was a French composer, organist, pianist and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. Among his best-known works are his [Pavane](#), [Requiem](#), [nocturnes](#) for piano and the songs "[Après un rêve](#)" and "[Clair de lune](#)". Although his best-known and most accessible compositions are generally his earlier ones, Fauré composed many of his most highly regarded works in his later years, in a more [harmonically](#) and [melodically](#) complex style.

Gabriel Fauré was born on May 12, 1845, in Pamiers, France into a minor aristocratic family. At eight, he entered a Paris music school and studied there for 11 years. He served as an organist at the churches of Saint-Sulpice and the Madeleine. He served as director of the Paris Conservatory from 1905 to 1920.

## **Nov. Lay Readers**

- 4 Kris Briggs
- 11 Kyle Glozier
- 18 Dennis Schmidt
- 25 Lisa Hager

## **Nov. Altar Flowers**

- 4 Lisa Hager
- 11 Quedenfeld's
- 18 Chadwick's
- 25 Klaus & Mel Behrens

## **Nov. Acolytes**

- 4 Alexander Chadwick, Andrew Serbak, Emily Buel
- 11 Lyndsay Berry, Collin Berry
- 18 Maria Sobocinski, Lillah Clark
- 25 Brice Berry, Rexanna Quedenfeld, Caroline Quedenfeld

## **Nov. Ushers**

- 4 N. Bassi, R. Phillips, J. Sakerka, D. Wheeler
- 11 K. Carl, C. Group, C.R. Group
- 18 A.J. Chadwick, M. Mazzotti, G. Salvucci, J. Sarver
- 25 K. Behrens, D. Looman, E. Oliver, H. Snyder

## **Nov. Altar Team**

Lisa Hager & Kathy Black

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1. Jennifer Cottrill
2. Carl Group, Jr.  
Joyce Schrader
3. Matthew Walsh  
Kimberly Grewe
4. Julie Tracht
5. Chad Collin  
Lucy Sten
8. Ryan Bittner
9. Susan McNiff
10. Lisa Hager
11. Lauren Sakerka
13. Jay Chadwick
16. Bridget Ringer
17. Byron Schrader
18. Anne Davis
19. Diana Berry  
Wayne Streater  
Nikolai Williams  
Bailey De Walt
21. Erik Maust
23. Irene Franz  
Alexander Chadwick
27. Kathleen Black
29. George Salvucci
30. Linda Harvilla  
Kyle Glozier