



The Messenger

Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....

THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for

"The Presidential Election and You"

From Pastor Bruce Greutz

November 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
- 11/7 8AM (F. HALL)
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
- 11/08 OPEN HAND 2ND SUNDAY OFFERING
- 11/11 VETERAN'S DAY
- 11/17 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY MIDNIGHT
- 11/22 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
- 11/26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**November
Hospitality
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Now, that Reformation Sunday is behind us, the presidential election is before us. On November 3, we will decide who will be the POTUS for the next four years. But do we really decide? In a way, *yes*. But in another way, *no*. Daniel tells us in 2:21, "He, (God), changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." Ultimately, God puts people in positions of authority. We might not like his choices but in some sense, he uses our votes to affect his purposes. As King Nebuchadnezzar said in Daniel 4:37, after he came back to his senses, "for all his (God's) works are right and his ways are just."

Around this time of year, I always pray that people vote their consciences. However, there is something inherently shaky about my prayer. Some of us who were born B.C. – Before Computers – might remember the 1940's Disney hit, "Pinocchio." Jiminy Cricket sang this to Pinocchio: "Take the straight and narrow path; and if you start to slide -give a little whistle, give a little whistle and always let your conscience be your guide."

But our consciences are fallen and

must be informed and transformed by God's Word.

Unfortunately, many politicians have started to slide and let their consciences be their guide, not God's Word. Now, abortion on demand up until birth and even after birth is acceptable, and sexual anarchy is championed as well under the guise of self-expression and individual rights. And worse than that, if you don't agree with this and other progressive perspectives, you ain't woke. You're living in a land far, far away.

But what troubles me is that Scripture tells us in 1 Timothy 4:1-2 that our consciences can be seared. I believe many in politics have seared consciences because many are calling evil, like abortion and sexual anarchy, good, while Scripture clearly calls these actions evil.

Exodus 20:13 tells us, "You shall not murder." And Proverbs 6:16, says, "There are six things the Lord hates ... hands that shed innocent blood is one of them. And if he hates the hands of those who shed the innocent blood of children, he hates abortion as well.

Isaiah pronounced woes on those who call evil good and good, evil, who put darkness for light, and light for

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darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter (Isaiah 5:20). Politicians who are calling abortion and sexual anarchy good are clearly calling evil, good.

Grayson Gilbert in his blog, *Chorus in the Chaos*, on October 16 commented on Christians simply accepting different views about abortion and sexual anarchy. He said, "Yet there are also matters where making room for differences is simply giving Satan a foothold.... Scripture does not give room for the murder of babies. Scripture does not give room for unbridled sexual anarchy." He's right, it doesn't.

In the October 19, 2020 edition of *National Review*, authors Ramesh Ponnuru and Robert George in an article entitled, "Voting for Life" contend the victims of slavery and abortion have something in common. In their article they said, "The reason to be against slavery — its radical denial of the equal dignity of the victim and thus its grave in justice — is the reason for prohibiting it. It is precisely the same with abortion."

As Lutherans we believe, teach, and confess that abortion is a violation of the fifth commandment (Exodus 20:13), **You shall not murder**. One million children each year in America, many of them African-American babies, are aborted. These children have no rights. Seems ironic that those progressives who supposedly are about social justice could care less about the in justice innocent children suffer through abortion.

And aren't we glad a teenage mother didn't abort her baby boy, when it would have been expedient to do so to protect her reputation, and to not risk being divorced by Joseph? Aren't we glad our sins are forgiven because he lived a sinless life and died on the cross to pay for all our sins?

I am not telling you whom to vote for. On November 3, vote your conscience but may your conscience and mine be informed and transformed by God's Word.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

**** FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT ****

I love this time of year, the days and nights are cooler but the earth still retains the warm of the summer. I can relate this to our church in that our circumstances change but we still have a God that doesn't change. We see people come and go but the message we put out is God is constant and His love for us never changes. He is our rock and the founder of our faith.

We have been in a stewardship campaign for the last month and I pray you have looked in your heart for the purpose you are attending OSLC. We have many opportunities to serve at OSLC and we should all be in this together. Whether it be a leadership role or a support roll, it is up to you to decide what God has called you to do. Annie Coyle has done a great job of putting together a list describing spiritual gifts along with a Bible reference to give an example of the gift. God has bestowed on His followers these gifts to put to use in a way where one person doesn't have to do it all. Please review these gifts and pray for the Lord to show you what spiritual gift He has blessed you with. In chapter 12 of 1 Corinthians, Paul tells us about these gifts and explains we are one body with many parts. We encourage everyone to do a part.

Your brother in Christ, Elton



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ *Vickie Duncan*



FELLOWSHIP/Connect ~ *Rena Schmid - Kathleen Tisdale Council Rep.*



GROW-BIBLE HOUR ~ *- Peggy Tackett Council Rep.*

We are in need of a new Director for next year. It is a WONDERFUL blessing to lead the program and coordinate activities for children. We are hoping to have a Sunday School program beginning in the spring!

In the mean time, children are given a Bible Verse and a “treat” each week. Parents are encouraged to read the verse with children. Small booklets will be the “treat” in some of the upcoming weeks. Parents can read the stories with their child/ren and encourage discussion. We would love to have feedback and encourage you to share your thoughts about what we are doing and how we can serve your child/grandchild better until a Sunday School program leader is found. Peg and Kathy S.



MEN'S MINISTRY ~ *Elton Sutherland - Alan Huss Council Rep.*

Bible Study

We are meeting for breakfast and Bible study at the Black Bear Dinner in Layton at 6AM on Fridays. We will be studying ACTS though John Stott's study guide. This is an account of the early church and will give us some insight on what they faced in the beginning of the Christian faith. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Men's Network

Paul Louis Cole of the CMN is doing a series on the book, “Never Quit” by Ed Cole, where you will get tools you need to trust God in these times of uncertainty, and not just survive but thrive. Paul can be seen on YouTube at the ChristianMensNetwork YouTube channel or followed on Facebook at CMN MONDAY NIGHT MEN. Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you have questions.

Prayer Time

We encourage everyone to tune in to Facebook Live at 7PM on Wednesday nights to take part in prayers for whomever needs them as led by our pastor. This is an awesome time and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you pastor for leading our church in a way that honors God.

Security Team

We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of the church. If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share please contact Alan Huss.

Building and Grounds

The Committee is getting pricing to replace the single pane windows located around the top of big room in the fellowship hall. We will update everyone when we have a number and a plan. We always have task that need doing and John would love to hear from you. Contact John Crossfield if you are willing to tackle a project.

Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on November 7th. It will be held in the fellowship hall at 8:00 AM. No one has signed up to host this month. If you are willing to host, let me know. The breakfasts will be held on the first Saturdays of the month from September through May. If you have questions, please contact Dan Kartak.



MISSION & SERVICE ~ *Kathy Sutherland - Josh Ashcraft Council Rep.*

Our second Sunday offering for November is **Open Hand Food Pantry**. Janet Tow has been our liaison for this wonderful ministry for years. People's needs (food and faith) are filled with donations from faithful like you! Thank you for supporting the OSLC ministries with your continued financial support. When many ministries are closing with Covid concerns and lack of funding, our ministries are still going strong, thanks to you!



MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ *Wendy Nelson ~ Trent Schmid Council Rep.*



WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ *Mary Kartak - Terry Schmid Council*

By the time you receive this newsletter, the DISTANCING TOGETHER event scheduled for Saturday, October 24 will be history. We mailed invitations to 25 families reaching out to 47 + youth and young adults who have connected with Our Savior's in recent years. Primarily because of restrictions imposed by COVID-19, this group has had little recent opportunity to get together and enjoy each other. Entire families were invited to join in an afternoon of outdoor activities—games, hiking, food and friendly competitions.

The church council will be meeting on November 12 to approve several individuals and families that have chosen to become members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Please contact Pastor Bruce (972-743-5129) if you would like further information regarding this step. On November 22, the names of those who so desire membership will be presented to the congregation during our worship service. Given the concerns that are created by the pandemic, some may elect not to be physically present even though they desire to join the congregation. Others may prefer to retain the status of "associate" or "friend" rather than "member" for a variety of reasons. The distinctions are the right to vote and the eligibility to serve on the council of Our Savior's. It seems important that we mark this action toward connectedness--some by welcoming, some by being welcomed, and some by experiencing togetherness as God directs their path.

Have you been pondering and praying regarding who in your sphere of influence might truly benefit from the generosity of the Alpha Food Drive? Name and family size to the office, please.

During the month of November, we will be laying further groundwork for the Alpha Food Drive. Depending on the month on which you are serving as a member of a hospitality team, you can expect a contact from one of the following individuals:

Please find your month and co-ordinator on the next page. If you do not answer your phones they will leave you a message. Please respond if you have questions or cannot participate.

January	Carol Williams	February	Kim Sparkman
March	Carol Williams	April	Joan Underwood
May	Annie Coyle	June	Mary Kartak
July	Lucie Smith	August	Andrea Anopol
September	Kim Fasig	October	Kathy Tisdale
November	Lisa Schmid	December	Gail Campbell

These ladies will remind you of the items that your team is asked to contribute. For the most part, you will be asked to donate the same items as last year. However, if you have not been contacted by Thanksgiving, please call/send a text message to Mary Kartak at 801-540-2396 to verify what specifics are in your piece of this generous puzzle.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Happy Thanksgiving



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ PLEASE VOLUNTEER - Nancy Gerry Council Rep



WINDOWS FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL— Dan Kartak Spokesman

Have you ever tried to see the sky out of the upper main hall windows, try it. With the new flooring and upcoming paint in the Fellowship Hall, some members have suggested it would help to allow more light in, to not only showcase the upgrade but further improve the dated Fellowship Hall. John has gotten a bid for the 10 windows at the top of the Fellowship Hall. New windows and frames would be \$6,000.00. These windows would not only allow more light but help with heating & cooling. This will do away with storm windows and screens and allow more efficient cleaning. It was suggested that with Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, that to show our gratitude to the Lord, a family or combinations of families join to sponsor a window. This would be \$600.00 per window. If you can adopt a window or add something to go toward this improvement please donate to the Enhancement Fund please EARMARK it as Windows. If you have further thoughts or questions please contact me.


Is Your Spiritual Gift
The Gift Of Service?

HOW CAN I USE MY GIFTS TO SERVE?

God gave me the Gift of teaching. I have taught Sunday School, First Communion, Confirmation, Bible Studies, and (most recently) a weekly study of the Lectionary. I have used my Gift secularly for 33 years, but I am retiring next year. I believe God gives us Gifts so we can use them to His glory.

What can I do for OSLC Roy? May I lead a Bible Study or a Book Study? I am eager to serve however it works best for our Congregation and Community. I am available after 4:00 every weekday but Tuesday. I can teach/lead on Zoom or in a small group until Covid moves on. What are your needs, desires to learn/study? Talk with friends, or just give me a call. Let's get started, serving and growing to God's Glory! - Kathy Sutherland 801-540-1720

Worship Assistants

	Communion Assistant	Acolytes Pastor Bruce	Altar Guild B. Spring	Greeters	Ushers Pat Simonson	Projector Antonio Ramirez	Counters B. Spring	Nursery Pat Simonson
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9AM	Nov 01			Ed & Nancy Gerry				
9AM	Nov 08			Sheila Courtney				
9AM	Nov 15			Pat Simonson				
9AM	Nov 22			Bobbi Spring				
9AM	Nov 20			open				



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11/03 Sandee Isaacson	11/12 Kim Howe	11/18 Gail Melycher
11/05 Anita Morgan	11/15 Jay Mister	11/20 John Crossfield
11/05 Marilyn Gour	11/15 Wyatt Colvell	11/20 Weston Lowry
11/08 Brady Howe	11/16 Ken Mickelson (98) Congrats Ken	11/20 Liam Nourse
11/09 Mark Nourse	11/16 Dawn Scholtec	11/21 Jeffrey Graves
11/10 Shirley Cooper-Aguilar	11/17 Andrea Anopol	11/21 John Showman
11/10 Ashley Washington	11/17 Mary Leschke	11/22 Carson Ames
11/11 Everly Nourse	11/17 Katie Colvell	11/27 Barbara Mickelson
11/12 Wendy Nelson	11/18 Harold Brereton	11/27 Rob Brown



2020 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 <i>Time Change</i> 9:00a Service 	02 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	03 6:00p Girl Scouts	04	05	06 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton	07 8:00a Mn's Fellowship Breakfast
08 9:00a Service	09 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	10 6:00p Girl Scouts	 THANK YOU ! <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 9-11 Charity Quilting 6:00p Committee Mtgs 7:00p Church Council	13 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	14 8:30a Open Hand Food Pantry Help
15 9:00a Service 2nd Sunday Offering Helps Open Hands Food Pantry 	16 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	17 6:00p Girl Scouts NO NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ACCEPTED PAST MIDNIGHT TONIGHT	18	19 6:00p Girl Scouts	20 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton	21
22 9:00a Service	23 Office Closed 6:00p Boy Scouts	24 6:00p Girl Scouts	25	 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27 Office Closed 6:00a Men's Bible Study @ Blk Bear Diner Layton 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	28 8:30a Open Hand Food Pantry Help
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***December Newsletter Articles
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November Lectionary

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Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
11/01	Revelation 7:2-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
11/08	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
11/15	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-15	Matthew 25:14-30
11/22	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46
11/26	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Philippians 4:6-20	Luke 17:11-19



Thank You

