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THANK YOU, LORD, FOR AUTUMN DAYS, FOR GRATEFUL HEARTS, FOR PSALMS OF PRAISE — THANK YOU, LORD, FOR FOOD TO SHARE, FOR FAMILY TIMES OF FAITH AND PRAYER — THANK YOU, LORD, FOR ALL THESE THINGS, AND EVERY JOY THANKSGIVING BRINGS.

Happy Thanksgiving

GOING ON NOW

Confirmation Classes

This instructional course on the basic tenants of the Christian faith is made available for any child ages 11-14. If you have a child or know of a child that would like to enter into Confirmation, contact the Pastor.

Praise Team

The Praise Team rehearses on **Mondays at 6pm** and currently provides most of the instrumental preservice music for our Sunday services. If you have any questions regarding the Praise Team, please contact Ken Young or Dan Morrison.

Lutherans Women's Mission League (LWML)

We meets Each Month, dates change per the event. Look on Calendar to this month's date. Come contribute to Lutheran Missions Worldwide! All women are welcome! <u>Altar Guild</u>

Since the morning of Christ's resurrection, as the women approached to prepare the body of Christ for burial, ladies have gathered before the Sunday service to prepare the body of Christ for communion. If you are interested in helping with this sacred task, contact Lillian Holttum.

Free Community Dinner!

Community free dinner served every **Wednesday at 5pm.** If you are interested in joining this ministry contact our Human Care Chairman, Kay Hermann.

<u>Choir</u>

Practice will be **Tuesday's nights @ 7-8 PM**. Contact Rod Larson, if interested in joining.

New Member's Class

Anyone interested in becoming a new member, please contact Lynn Vernon or the church office.

360-457-4122.

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Nov 6th All Saints' Day Matt. 5:1-12
- Nov 13th Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost Luke 20:27-40
- Nov 20th Last Sunday of Church Year Luke 23:27-43
- Nov 23rd Thanksgiving Eve Luke 17-11-19
- Nov 27th First Sunday of Advent Matt. 21:1-11
- Nov 30th First Wednesday of Advent
- Dec 4th Second Sunday of Advent Matt. 3:1-12
- Dec 7th Second Wednesday of Advent
- Dec 11th Third Sunday of Advent Matt. 11:2-15
- Dec 14th Third Wednesday of Advent
- Dec 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent Matt. 1:18-25
- Dec 21st Fourth Wednesday of Advent





to Everyone on the service. **Thank You** for always protecting the country and the people.



November Lillian Holttum & Marcy Hoglund

THANKSGIVING

Q.1. What is the day after Thanksgiving known as?
Q.2. When did the first national Thanksgiving Day take place?
Q.3. Which German holiday closely resembles Thanksgiving?
Q.4. When was the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade?
Q.5. Who is the Greek goddess of the harvest?
Q.6 When is Thanksgiving celebrated in Canada?
Q.7. How many days did the first Thanksgiving last?
Q.8. Which U.S state consumes the most Turkey?
Q.9. How many pilgrim's traveled to America in Mayflower?
Q.10. Which Indian tribe helped the pilgrims?
Q.11. What product owes its existence to Thanksgiving?
Q.13. What is the weight of the largest Turkey?
Q.14. How many NFL games are played on Thanksgiving?
Q.15. How many different varieties of pumpkins are there?

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November Servers

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St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

August 11th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by President Steven Schlaffmann.

Pastor Sonnenberg opened with prayer and his report.

Roll call was taken.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

REPORTS

Pastor

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mega Sale. Pastor greatly appreciates the time off to take care of personal business in California.

Elders

The serving schedule is set for September. There will be 2 elders up front for communion in Sept when the common cup is offered again. Remembering with Thanksgiving will honor Lynda Williamson. Pastor would like to install the preschool teachers on a Sunday during the service.

Trustee

Bob S found where to dispose of paint. Do we want to keep any of the paint we have stored or dispose of all of it? Angeles Electric will give us a quote for our electrical needs.

Our fire extinguishers will be inspected.

Education

A big thank you to everyone for all their help with the Mega Sale. There were at least 40 people involved and probably more.

We are up to 9 students!

The fair starts next Thursday. We need help blowing up balloons.

The preschool board would like to thank the church for all their help by having a Thank You Dinner for the congregation.

CHURCH

Fellowship

Julie was thankful to those who helped out while she was gone. She would like to have a cake once each month to celebrate members in the congregation who are having birthdays.

COUNCE

Treasurer

The Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Report, and Income vs expenses were presented.

The preschool is quite healthy financially right now.

Mary pointed out that both rentals are well below market averages as far as the rent goes. We should consider increasing the rents.

Financial Chair

Kudos to Mary for keeping us running smoothly. The counter's schedule for Aug and Sept are up.

I.T.

The video camera system meets government standards and is scheduled to be installed at the end of the month. A 16 terabyte hard drive was purchased for use in the office.

Current Business:

High Tech will install outside electrical for the janitor's storage space.

Cindy presented the final draft of the Facility Use and Guidelines for input. We will vote to accept the guidelines at the Sept meeting.

Kathy Smith will work with the elders regarding her workload. There is a need for and assistant.

The church picnic will be Aug 28th.

A tri-fold handout for the preschool and church was printed to hand out at the fair.

A suggestion for a dinner fundraiser to help buy pipes for the organ was made.

The currents rent for both rental houses were discussed. A motion to increase the rent of the 118 house by \$300 over the current full amount was seconded and carried.

It was proposed to increase the rent of the 116 house by \$100. Steve would like to discuss this with the current tenants before we vote on it.

A motion to give 10% of the net proceeds of the Mega Sale into the youth fund was seconded and carried.

Future Business for next month: Constitution and bylaws

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17, followed by a closing prayer by Pastor Sonnenberg.



Hello Congregation,

Fall has arrived! The weather has gotten chilly and the students are learning about fall and all the wonderful creatures. From Bats to Spiders and all of God's gifts such as pumpkins and fall leaves.

Bible Study: 10 Commandments, Hannah/Samuel, Lord's Prayer, King David. Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good…" Plasms 118.1

Chapel Time has resumed now that Pastor Sonnenberg is back. Our adventures in Chapel was a hike thru the church to different lands with Abraham & Sarah, down the Nile with Baby Moses in the basket and hearing God speak to us through the burning bush with Adult Moses.

Upcoming events include going on a field trip to "Hunny Hounds Rescue" Farm on November 18th and Pajama day with hunting for pumpkins in our "pumpkin patch" in our playground.

Please continue to pray for our teachers, students, and families. Your support is very appreciated.

The Preschool











Pastor Sonnenberg will be teaching a Parenting Class series starting in December in the Fellowship Hall . No fee for class. The 1st class will be Saturday, December 3rd, 3:00–5:00pm.

Perhaps some of you have identified your love language, but what about your child's language? No one, including the parents, just aren't speaking his/her love language. So come learn all about the **5 love languages**.



Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving or day of generosity.

•What does Giving Tuesday mean?

It is an opportunity to extend our thanks to God from a single feast day on Thanksgiving, to a more expansive expression of thanks and generosity.



•How can I observe Giving Tuesday?

Any gift of charity or act of kindness will fulfill the spirit of this designated day, and bring glory to our God. We might choose to make someone smile; help a family member, neighbor, or stranger in need; support a person or issue we care about; or give a financial gift.

•Who can participate in Giving Tuesday?

Everyone can participate! We each have received blessings from God which can be shared with others.

•When is **Giving Tuesday**?

It is held every year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, this year falling on Tuesday, November 29.

I encourage each one of us to reflect upon how we can take part in

Giving Tuesday, especially giving to our family of faith at St. Matthew.

To God be the Glory! Mary Heller, Treasurer

THANK YOU HERMANN FAMILY

For hosting an amazing church picnic and the

donation of the salmon for the Salmon Bake



Fundraiser to benefit the

Senior Scholarship Fund





November 10th

9am—11am



Packing and Wrapping

donations gathered from Annual Seafarer Hat and Sock Collection. After working, Lunch at Peninsula Golf Club.



We have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Albert Haller Foundation for our Wednesday night community dinners. Thank you to all the many helpers that

prepare, package and serve allowing this amazing outreach to our community happen.

Grief Support Group

With Karen Marsaw & Sondya Rose

In Fellowship Hall

"Loss of a Spouse" November 6th, 2-4pm "Surviving the Holidays" November 19th, 1-3pm

Please RSVP to Kathy at **stmatthewpa@gmail.com** if you are interested in participating. We need to order workbooks for the event.



Grief Recovery

Support Group

Thursdays 10 a.m.—11:30 am

September 1—December 1

Week 1-5: Help-Comfort

Week 6-9: Why-Answers

Week 10-13: Healing-Hope

Independent Bible Church

116 E Ahlvers Road Port Angeles WA

Register at indbible.org



Our annual Holiday Bazaar has been changed to Saturday, November 12th at 9am.

We are still needing donations of hand crafted items to sell. They don't have to be holiday themed, any crafty or homemade item will be appreciate. We are also requesting donations of gently used or new items that can be regifted and purchased as gifts.

Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. Please let us know if are bring craft items, gifts or can help out at the sale. Any questions contact Jan Edmunds or Kathy Smith.





INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT December 18th, 10 am

During worship service

We are looking for actors of all ages to help

Celebrate—the Birthday of Jesus

in our Christmas Pageant. Talk with Pastor Sonnenberg or Kathy Smith by calling 360-457-4122 or email

stmatthewpa@gmail.com if you are wanting to participate.



November & December's Book Club dates

have been canceled. Next meeting is

January 9th at 5pm

in the Fellowship Hall. Books being discussed are

Rose Code by Kate Quinn & *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

All are welcome to come and participate. If you have questions

contact Jan Edmunds.



All Time is God's Time

T. M. Moore

The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun. You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter. Psalm 74.16, 17

Never knew what they had

Susie and I enjoy watching "Antiques Road Show" on our local PBS station. I'm always impressed at the knowledge of the appraisers, their understanding of the provenance and peculiar details and beauty of the item they're considering, and their advice about conserving and ensuring these precious treasures.

I may look at a cabinet, for example, and think it's interesting or even beautiful, but I'm sure I wouldn't know why, or whether my judgment was reliable beyond an expression of my own taste. But what I particularly enjoy about this program is watching the faces of people who learn, through the detailed explanations given by their appraiser, that this old piece of junk they've stacked books on for years is really a precious and quite valuable artifact. They never knew what they had because they didn't understand what it was. However, the resolve of every one of them, from that moment on, is to treat this discovered treasure with the respect it deserves.

What is time?

The time of our lives is like that. We take our time for granted, which is not to say that we don't value it. We do, and we try to use it well for all the things we consider to be most important. But I suspect that most of us don't think of time as a precious gift from God, bestowed by our Creator, one moment at a time, with a specific use and purpose in mind. We have not directed our consciences to serve as guardians of time, so that we determine to make the best use of every moment for our Kingdom-and-glory calling. For us, time is just something out there, something everybody has, that we use up as the moments pass for whatever matters most, in the confident belief that we'll always have more time to do more of the same.

But what is time, really? Can you go down to the local grocery and purchase a box of it? Can you swap some of your time with a friend so that you get better time, or, at least, time you consider to be more valuable? And what about the time you had yesterday? Where is it? And the time for tomorrow? Why are we so certain it will be here when we need it? The question of time has captured the attention of physicists, cosmologists, philosophers, poets, and theologians from time immemorial.

Time is not only a gift of God, but also a *creation* of His as well. God does not exist within time; He is eternal and does not experience anything like the succession of moments we know as time. God makes time, and He gives time to His creatures, one moment at a time, every day of our lives. Time exists somehow within God (Acts 17.27, 28) and is dependent, like everything else, upon His upholding Word (Heb. 1.3). God defines the nature of time and its proper use, and as we are being formed into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, *concern* for the right use of time will feature large in our daily lives.

Measuring time

We measure time, from the human perspective, in various ways – seconds, minutes, days, weeks, months, years, and so forth. But these are not true quantitative measurements of some material quantity – like a half gallon jug measures a certain amount of milk. Our measures of time are more on the order of estimates (as we think of the future), experiences (with respect to the present), and records (as we think about the time that is gone by). All time comes from the Word of God (Jn. 1.1-3), is sustained by the Word of God (Heb. 1.3), and returns – like the talents in Jesus' parable – to its Creator and true Owner (Rom. 11.34-36). There is as yet no future time, and the time we've used up is gone forever; we cannot return to it. The only time we ever have is the present moment, which is supplied for us, as an act of free grace, by the eternal God. He has a precious purpose for the time He gives us – that we might know Him, enjoy His blessings, express His glory, and demonstrate His love – but, for the most part, people squander the time God gives them for merely personal and pragmatic ends. And I suspect this is so because we do not appreciate time as the unique commodity and precious gift that it is.

Our time is not our own, just as we who know Jesus Christ are not our own (1 Cor. 6.19, 20). What we hardly think of as more than passing moments for temporal endeavors, are creations of God which He bestows as investments of eternal glory, to be used and enjoyed by creatures destined to live with Him forever. And He has set the conscience in the soul to guard this precious treasure and see that it is properly employed.

For reflection

1. What does someone mean who says, "I'm just wasting time"? Is time the sort of thing we ought to *waste*?

Here's a challenge for you. Review in prayer the way you spent the time allotted to you yesterday. What percentage of that time was consciously spent and consciously invested for Jesus our King and His glory? What can you do to begin improving that percentage?

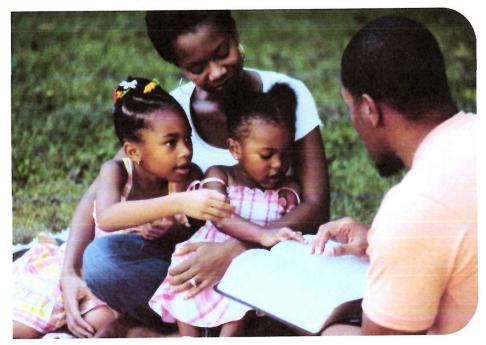
All things happen in God's perfect time



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HOME: Where Stewardship Begins



here is ample anecdotal evidence that the prime source for stewardship education and formation is the home. The most faithful stewards of all of life and life's resources for God's purposes will tell of how parents and grandparents modeled faithful stewardship for them in formative years. This stewardship influence within home and family even outpaces the influence of pastors and congregational steward leaders. The converse is also true. Those stewards who are less than faithful or even have an open aversion to faithful stewardship will recount their negative formation. Family members who grumble

when the pastor "preached about money," or pastors reluctant to bring up the topic for fear of making people upset, are often the source of the malformed stewardship of their children and parishioners. Please understand that this is not an attempt to deify the good stewardship leaders or shame the less than faithful ones, but to highlight a very key factor in the formation of stewards. It all starts at home.

It starts at home

This is made clear in the "words of institution" of the office of steward. Genesis 1:26–28 highlights the reality that human beings

were created in the image of God for the purpose of stewardship of creation for the Creator's purposes. Adam and Eve, male and female, were created in that image to be a reflection of the Creator within creation. This highlights the incarnational nature of stewardship. But it also locates stewardship in its most fundamental place: the home!

Look closely at the way the Lord sets up stewardship within the home: "And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (GEN. 1:28). The subduing and dominion follows the injunction to be fruitful and multiply. That is the family. Husband and wife carrying out the procreative task, raising up those who will carry out stewardship of creation. This was God's plan for stewards. One dares not simply reduce this stewardship to the granting of physical life to the next generations of stewards. It also carries with it the admonition to reflect faithful stewardship of all of life and life's resources in such a way that the subsequent generations reflect the Creator and the stewards that have come before them.

Fatherhood and stewardship

Last month, Hallmark and many others pointed us to a day called Father's Day. This is a reminder that we need more than one Sunday in June to take seriously the formation of stewards in the home. There is



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But when a father models faithful stewardship of the Gospel by being in worship ... children will see the reflection of God in their father.

ample evidence that when fathers take their vocation as spiritual head of the household seriously and faithfully, the next generation is more likely to exhibit a faithful response. It has been said that children will often confess their mother's faith, but they will do it in the pattern shown by the father. A father-steward that takes the "do as I say, not as I do" approach often sets their children up for future failure as stewards of not only resources, but also the greatest treasure entrusted to humanity: the Gospel! But when a father models faithful stewardship of the Gospel by being in worship, regular study of God's Word and leading family devotion and prayers, children will see the reflection of God in their father. Then through the Word shared, they will also reflect their Heavenly Father through their greater stewardship.

A Scriptural example of a failed father/ steward is King David. As shocking as this assertion may seem, David illustrates what happens when a father doesn't attend primarily to the stewardship of his household. While it is true that King David was a great king in Israel, when we evaluate his family, we see all the cracks, wrinkles and warts present in the "man after God's own heart." Absalom and Adonijah are examples. Absalom staged a coup that had its roots in a sexual assault by Amnon of his sister Tamar (2 SAMUEL 13). The failed father overlooked the family crisis and it gave rise to both a murder and an insurrection. Adonijah followed in the imperfect reflection of ambition reflected in David to the point where he put himself forward to claim the kingdom in the later days of David's reign. Both failures led to the necessity of the death of David's sons to

quell the rebellion in their hearts and lives, one at the hands of Joab and the other at those of Solomon. These familial tragedies make one wonder about how a father's quest for greatness, even greatness as one after God's own heart, can take a toll on the stewardship of the family.

The servant leader

Pastors and steward leaders need to take seriously the need for raising up faithful stewards, especially those who will become fathers. This is critical especially in the modern world that often devalues the need for fatherhood and masculinity. The model of father/steward is not a lord of the house. It is a servant leader who sacrifices for and leads those entrusted to his care. Fathers who have regular connection to Word and Sacrament and make the necessary sacrifices to ensure that their family has regular connection to Word and Sacrament will then be able to reflect the heart of God that is revealed in Jesus Christ. Fathers who seek to forgive as they have been forgiven will have a greater opportunity to have children who will also be faithful stewards of the treasure that is the forgiveness of sins.

Steward leaders, this is not rocket science. Making the investment in the formation of homes that steward the Gospel of Jesus Christ faithfully and daily will have the greatest stewardship results. This will also lead to generations seeing the need for regular support for the local congregation both financially and in service. Take time every month to plan how the pastor and steward leaders can invest in their fathers. It will most certainly bring an increase in return in the near term and generationally.



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