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KEVIN'S KORNER

On November 24, most of us will sit down to a feast. Somewhere, at somebody's table, we'll enjoy the presence of family and friends, and the satisfaction of food in abundance. There will be no shortage of conversation, companionship, and casseroles. Our plates will be filled with food, and hopefully our hearts with gratitude. From there, the abundance flows into the days that follow, with leftovers distributed among all the guests.

This surplus of food seems like such a contrast to the "daily bread" that our Lord tells us to pray for. In the prayer he gave us, Jesus says that we should desire the coming of God's reign, on earth as it is in heaven. Then, after this petition for the coming of the kingdom, we begin to shift from focusing primarily on God in heaven to focusing on how we live on earth below. We ask for God's perfect justice to arrive and for his will to be fully enacted in this realm that we inhabit. This leads us into the prayer's next petition: "Give us today our daily bread."

In first-century Galilee, where Jesus lived and ministered, poverty was widespread and visible. Some scholars estimate that 90 percent of people lived close to the subsistence level or below it. So here was a Savior who lived in daily solidarity with the poor, and who brought the reality of the kingdom into their lives,

including provision for their physical needs. Through Jesus, it was clear that the Father in heaven was attentive to and responsive to their hunger.

Author Eugene Peterson tells about a couple named Fred and Cheryl who adopted a five-year-old child named Addie from Haiti. They already had two sons by birth, ages 15 and 13. After returning from Haiti to their home in Arizona, the family sat down for their first supper together. As Peterson puts it,

There was a platter of pork chops and a bowl of mashed potatoes on the table. After the first serving, the two teenage boys kept refilling their plates. Soon the pork chops had disappeared and the potatoes were gone. Addie had never seen so much food on one table in her whole life. Her eyes were big as she watched her new brothers, Thatcher and Graham, satisfy their ravenous teenage appetites.

Fred and Cheryl noticed that Addie had become very quiet and realized that something was wrong—agitation ... bewilderment ... insecurity? Cheryl guessed that it was the disappearing food. She suspected that because Addie had grown up hungry, when food was gone from the table she might be thinking that it would be a day or more before there was more to eat.

Having guessed right, Cheryl took Addie's hand and led her around to various spots in the kitchen—the bread drawer, the refrigerator, the freezer, the pantry—to help reassure her that there was plenty of food in the house, and that no matter how much her teenage brothers ate it, there was more where that came from. According to Peterson, "It was enough. Food was there, whether she could see it or not. Her brothers were no longer rivals at the table. She was home. She would never go hungry again."*

"Give us this day our daily bread." Having prayed for the coming of God's kingdom, we then express our complete reliance on him, and our responsibility for practicing his kingdom when it comes to something as basic as nourishment, especially the nourishment of others. Remember that like the other parts of the Lord's Prayer, this one is primarily about we, not simply me. "Give us this day *our* daily bread." There's no scarcity when it comes to God's resources. The shortage lies in our anxiety, our sense of self-sufficiency, our greed, and our excess. So praying for our daily bread helps move us away from competitiveness and toward community. It keeps us turned outward toward the Father and our fellow human beings, particularly those who hunger.

Don't let a full stomach lead you into complacency about the individuals in our community, our nation, and our world who struggle to get consistent access to enough food. Instead, use the holidays as a time to examine your own appetites and your patterns of consumption. Hunger, though often hidden, is widespread, and there are multiple ways that you can exhibit the kingdom by helping feed others, through donations, volunteer opportunities, and community action. So during this season of feasting, seize the opportunities you're given to help put food on somebody else's table.

May "Give us this day our daily bread" be both our prayer and our practice.

Faithfully,

Pastor Kevin

*Eugene Peterson, *Practice Resurrection* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010) 159-160.

FROM THE COMMUNICATOR STAFF

By Jenny Boswell

The Deacon of the Month for October was **Ayodele Warburton**.

The Deacon of the Month for November is **Linda Norbrey**.

The Deacon of the Month for December will be **Ronnie Strickland**.

On Sunday, November 6, 2022 Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks **Back One Hour** before you go to bed Saturday night.



November 8 is Election Day. Get Out and VOTE.

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11. A day set aside to honor those who served this country. Veterans Day was originally called "Armistice Day" celebrating the close of World War I. The name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 to broaden the significance of the day. In Canada, this is known as Remembrance Day.





Happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday, November 24 is Thanksgiving Day. The church office will be closed.

December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the day in our history when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, leading us into World War II.

Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 18.

Winter begins on December 21.

Saturday, December 24, we will have our annual Christmas Eve service starting at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, December 25 we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's not let the hustle and bustle of the holiday season cause us to lose sight of this...Jesus is the reason for the season.

MAY YOU AND YOURS HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



The January issue of the COMMUNICATOR will only be the pastor's letter. With this issue will also have the Birthdays and Anniversaries, Upcoming Events and the Calendar.

The articles for the February issue will be due the first Sunday in January. (January 1)

The rest of the year's COMMUNICATOR will be bimonthly; March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, November/December.

THE SCRIPTURES SAY...

About Praise and Thanksgiving

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:19-20 (NIV)

"Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise."
Psalm 47:6-7 (NIV)

"For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods."
1 Chronicles 16:25

THE SCRIPTURES SAY...
About the Birth of Jesus

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin will be with child and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’” Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)



*Praise His name
Embrace His Spirit
Accept His Word
Celebrate His birth
Enjoy His blessings*

DIRECTORY UPDATE

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DEACONS’ NEWS

The elections of deacons and chairpersons took place on Sunday, September 25.

The deacons that were rotated off were Jerry Coombs, Ken Heinbuch, and David Stouffer. We want to thank them for their service to the church and appreciate all that they did.

The elected deacons were Richard Gold, Cathy Rozar, and Ronnie Strickland. There will be a deacon ordination service for Cathy Rozar on November 13.

Chairman of Deacon: Ronnie Strickland
Vice Chairman: Ayodele Warburton

The Deacon List for 2022 – 2023:

Richard Gold Ronnie Strickland
Linda Norbrey Ayodele Warburton
Cathy Rozar

December Upcoming Parties and Programs:

Plans for the Ladies Christmas Party, as well as the children’s and adults’ Christmas programs will be announced in upcoming services.

MINDY'S PEACE

By Mindy Adams

It's November again. Turkey and gravy time. Even though I try to be thankful every day, Thanksgiving always reminds me to think about being even more thankful.

THANKS!

T is for the tender care He gives me.

H is for the hand of God that touched my heart.

A is for His acceptance, even though I was a sinner

N is for the nourishment, not just the kind you eat.

K is for the kindness shown to everyone.

S is for Savior, that is what He is to me.

By Mindy Adams



November 11th is Veterans Day. So to all who have served or are serving our country, **THANK YOU!**

December 2022 – Christmas is just around the corner. Decorations, lights, parties, and gifts; so much to do, so little time to do it in. I already know that the greatest gift God gave us was His Son. But did you know the second greatest gift is life itself?

God gave us a purpose and a reason for being here. He loves us one and all. The time we spend with our family and friends is precious. We never know when one life will end or another will begin. Loved ones can be taken from us in a blink of an eye or a new life enters

the world when least expected. So enjoy Christmas and don't forget to thank God for the greatest gift of all, Jesus.

Happy Birthday Jesus.

THE RECIPE BOX

Mom's Pumpkin Pie

¾ cup sugar

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ginger

¼ teaspoon ground cloves

2 large eggs

2 (15 oz.) cans of pumpkin

1 (12 oz.) can of evaporated milk

1 (24 oz.) jar of applesauce

3 unbaked 9-in. (4-cup volume) deep-dish pie shells

Mix sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger, and cloves in small bowl. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Stir in pumpkin, applesauce, and sugar spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk. Pour into pie shells. Bake in preheated 450° oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack for 2 hours. Refrigerate leftovers.

Crunchy Turkey Sandwich Melts

2 cups chopped cooked turkey

½ cup shredded mild cheddar cheese

1/3 cup light Mayonnaise

2 tablespoons finely chopped onions

2 tablespoons prepared mustard

¼ tsp. pepper

4 hamburger buns and pickle slices

Mix the first six ingredients together. Arrange 2 pickle slices on bottom half of each bun. Top each with ½ cup turkey mixture and top half of bun. Place sandwiches on ungreased cookie sheet; cover tightly with foil. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.



November

Amber Burgess	11/02
Sheri Cushman	11/03
Robert Taylor	11/07
Bethany Holder	11/07
Katherine "Katie" Baldwin	11/10
Karen Pulliam	11/15
James Hess	11/19
Darrell Linville	11/20
Ayodele Warburton	11/22



November

Anniversaries

Abe and Cassie Jenkins	11/20
Ken and Dora Heinbuch	11/25



December

Keishia Fells	12/02
Ken Heinbuch	12/02
Diane Bazzle	12/04
Gerti Wood	12/09
Willis Proper Jr.	12/15
Karen Lanier	12/22

Mark Fells	12/22
Ashley Strickland	12/30
Jacob Fells	12/31



December Anniversaries

James and Trish Sams	12/03
Lyle and Nita Elder	12/19

UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

November

- Nov. 4 Stampin' Up at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 5 Deacons Meeting at 8:00 a.m.
- Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 6 Lord's Supper
- Nov. 8 Election Day
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 12 Fellowship Hall Reserved 11:00 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Movie Night at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day – Closed
- Nov. 27 Church Council Meeting

December

- Dec. 2 Stampin' Up at 6:00 p.m.
 - Dec. 3 Deacons Meeting at 8:00 a.m.
 - Dec. 4 Lord's Supper
 - Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 - Dec. 10 Movie Night at 6:00 p.m.
 - Dec. 14 Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
 - Dec. 21 Winter Begins
 - Dec. 24 Christmas Eve. service at 6:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 25 Christmas Day
 - Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
- Sunday School start at 9:30 a.m.***
Morning Service starts at 11:00 a.m.



LOTTIE MOON
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**“I SAW A GREAT MULTITUDE”
REVELATION 7:9**

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week
of Prayer for International Missions
(December 4 – December 11)**

Our Church Goal Is: \$2,000



If you send cards to your friends here at Grace, there is no reason to attach postage and mail them. Simply bring them to church and place them in the “mail box” set up in the foyer. Don’t forget to pick up the cards addressed to you and your family.



CHRISTMAS BOX

As in the past, there will be a box in the foyer of the church for the collection of food items for the needy families. Please bring nonperishable items such as canned or boxed items to donate.



“And a Partridge in a Pear Tree”

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
Author unknown

Each day in the song refers to a gift, and the gift is a coded term for one of the church’s teaching.

The “*true love*” is God and “*me*” is every baptized person.

The *partridge* is Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens are the Trinity, (faith, hope, and charity).

Four calling birds are the four Gospels

Five golden rings are the Pentateuch – the first five books of the Old Testament.

(Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy).

Six geese a-laying are the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. (see Romans 12:6-8)

Eight maids a-milking are the beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3-10)

Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirits (see Galatians 5:22-23).

Ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping are the 11 faithful apostles.

Twelve drummers drumming are the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed.