



THE COURIER

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AURORA, OREGON NOVEMBER 2025 EDITION

For Everything, a Season

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this, Halloween is just around the corner. In our neighborhood, it's hard to predict how many Trick or Treaters to expect. When we first moved into the area over 20 years ago, it was not uncommon to have 150-200 kids stop by for Reese's and Kit Kats. Parents would even drive kids from other parts of town to our neighborhood because it had good sidewalks, was well lit, and not too much traffic. Lately, the numbers have been much smaller. The demographics in our subdivision are growing older and there are fewer young families. In addition, COVID 19 wiped out Trick or Treating completely in 2020 and 2021. Since then, numbers have continued to shrink until now, we have only had 40-50 kids stop by. That has resulted in a lot of left over candy. This year, I have cut my supply to half of what it used to be. If there is a resurgence of kids, I will have to turn out the lights a little early and plan accordingly next year. If it dwindles, there will be extra candy at fellowship hour!

I had to turn the furnace on a couple of weeks ago. I have mixed feelings about this. I know it is not a moral failure to keep the temperature above 68 in my house, but there is a part of me that wants to see if I can have just one month where both my natural gas bill and my electric bill are below average. Here's hoping!

The beautiful maple tree outside my church office is just beyond peak color and the community garden in front of the church is pretty much done. Just a few stray peppers and tomatoes, and a last gasp zucchini or two. The Zinnias and Marigolds are fading, but there is still a beauty about the garden this time of year. It looks like a "job well done" if that makes any sense.

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Daily Bible Readings

November 1

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149 (1)
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 2

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7 (6)
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 3

Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31
1 Corinthians 5:9-13
Psalm 50

November 4

Zechariah 7:1-14
Jude 5-21
Psalm 50

November 5

Amos 5:12-24
Luke 19:11-27
Psalm 50

November 6

Deuteronomy 25:5-10
Acts 22:22-23:11
Psalm 17:1-9

November 7

Genesis 38:1-26
Acts 24:10-23
Psalm 17:1-9

November 8

Exodus 3:13-20
Luke 20:1-8
Psalm 17:1-9

November 9

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9 (8)
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

For Everything, a Season

I am now in my early sixties. It feels like I spend more and more time looking back over phases of my life than eagerly anticipating the next thing. It doesn't mean that there aren't great things to look forward to, but with an empty nest and retirement on the horizon, I'm looking more to "downsize" than to accumulate. What to keep, what to give away, what to donate, and what to throw away. It feels like a never-ending process.

At a recent trip to Disneyland with my Grandkids, I noticed that each time I visit the Magic Kingdom, I am more interested in watching my daughters and their families enjoy the park and less interested in what experiences I have. In 2024 with Kate and her two boys, then 7 and 9, it was a rush from ride to ride, each one a little more exciting than the last. This past month, it was Alex and Dan with their two kids, 5 and almost 3. With them, it was different. Meeting characters and rides that were slower and lower were the agenda and it was wonderful too. Magical. Also, with Grayson, it was all about the Princesses and her "Bippity, Boppity, Boo" makeover.

What is your favorite season? Sure, there is something great about each of them. The snugness of Winter, the hopefulness of Spring, the bright possibilities of Summer, the mutual exhalation (Summer is over) and preparation (how many days until Christmas?) of Fall. I like to ask people the question about their favorite season as a "get to know you" exercise from time to time. It can be a great way to find out more about a person. It can also reveal something about where they are in their life. Try it some time.

"For everything, there is a season; and a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1. I first heard this phrase in the song, "Turn! Turn! Turn!" written by Pete Seeger and popularized by the Byrds when I was a young child in the 1960's. It was only later that I understood that most of the lyrics from that song were from the bible and over 2,500 years old. The older I get, the more true and profound those lyrics seem to me.

November 10

Job 20:1-11
2 Peter 1:16-21
Psalm 123

November 11

Job 21:1, 17-34
2 John 1-13
Psalm 123

November 12

Job 25:1—26:14
John 5:19-29
Psalm 123

November 13

1 Samuel 28:3-19
Romans 1:18-25
Psalm 98

November 14

2 Samuel 21:1-14
2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
Psalm 98

November 15

Ezekiel 10:1-19
Luke 17:20-37
Psalm 98

November 16

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98 (9)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 17

Ezekiel 11:14-25
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
Psalm 141

November 18

Ezekiel 43:1-12
Matthew 23:37—24:14
Psalm 141

November 19

Ezekiel 43:1-12
Matthew 23:37—24:14
Psalm 141

For Everything, a Season

A resource I use for worship planning is called, Sundays and Seasons. As Lutheran Christians, we follow the weekly practice of gathering every Sunday for worship as well as the liturgical calendar with its rhythms of reflection and celebration that correlate roughly with the seasons of the calendar year. Advent and Christmas. Lent and Easter. The Ordinary Time of Epiphany and the Sundays after Pentecost. Which of the seasons of the church year are your favorite? Do they occur at the same time as your favorite season of the calendar year? Why or why not?

No matter which season, calendar or liturgical, you like best, consider reflecting on why that is the case. How have your preferences changed over time? Or are they the same as always? How do you experience them differently as you age?

Even with the cyclical nature of the seasons, there are constants. God's faithfulness is constant. As another ancient biblical writer reminds us, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23.

May the constant and revealing love of God hold you close this season and always.

Peace!

Pastor Craig

Pastor Craig "Thank You"

I wanted to thank the congregation for their support and prayers this month. First, for your caring prayers and words of encouragement as Karen continues her ...medical tests regarding her recent falls and muscle weakness and my need to be available to drive her to medical appointments. We hope to have some more definitive answers soon. In the meantime, she remains on medical leave from work. Secondly, we want to thank you for updating the "Pastor Appreciation Journal" from last year with new notes and words of encouragement. We look forward to putting the generous gift certificate to a wonderful Chinese Restaurant to good use soon.

November Worship Helpers

November/2

Reader: Lance Lyon
Ushers: Lance Lyon
Donuts: Helen David

November/9

Reader: Marvis Gilnett
Ushers: Lynn Bloomfield & Ilene Marnella
Coffee Hosts:
Marie Gunther

November/16

Reader: Dan Harms
Ushers:
Dan & Lonnie Harms
Coffee Host: Joy Schulz

November/23

Reader: Kenton Wolfe
Ushers:
Kenton & Mary Wolfe
Coffee Hosts:
Doris Grider & Susan Williamson

November/30

Reader: Dean Pinto
Usher: George Will
Sweet & Savory Mini
Potluck Hosts:
Lynn Bloomfield & Lonnie Harms

Giving Tree Team Update

There have been a lot of changes with staff this fall at North Marion Intermediate School and with that, some delays in getting ready for this year's Giving Tree. Staff is working hard to get up to speed with names and needs of families and plans to have that all to us by November 7. They apologize for the delay. As soon as we have received that info from them, we will be able to get started on our end. We will let you know our updated schedule for Giving Tree Preparations as soon as we have the information from the school. Thank you for your patience and continued support.



Christ Lutheran Church Christmas Blood Drive

Tuesday 12/9/25 11am - 4pm

**Where: Christ Lutheran Church
15029 2nd St NE Aurora, OR 97002**

All are WELCOME to DONATE!

No previous donor experience required.

**You can also visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org)
to schedule your own appt.
or call the Red Cross at the number below:**

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Make. Difference!

**Donating is easy, and one pint of donated blood
can potentially help three patients.**

Please Save and Schedule to Donate

To schedule, please use this link and the sponsor code below:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org>

Use the sponsor code: CHRISTLUTHERANAURORA

**Thank you to you who have donated
and to future blood donors!**

November 20

Zechariah 12:1—13:1

Mark 13:9-23

Psalms 13

November 21

Ezekiel 28:1-10

Acts 7:54—8:1a

Psalms 93

November 22

Ezekiel 28:20-26

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Psalms 93

November 23

Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18

John 3:31-36

Psalms 93

November 24

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93 Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

November 25

Daniel 7:19-27

Revelation 11:1-14

Psalms 76

November 26

Ezekiel 29:1-12

Revelation 11:15-19

Psalms 76

November 27

Ezekiel 30:20-26

John 16:25-33

Psalms 76

November 28

Joel 2:21-27

Psalms 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

November 29

Nehemiah 9:16-25 1

Thessalonians 5:12-22

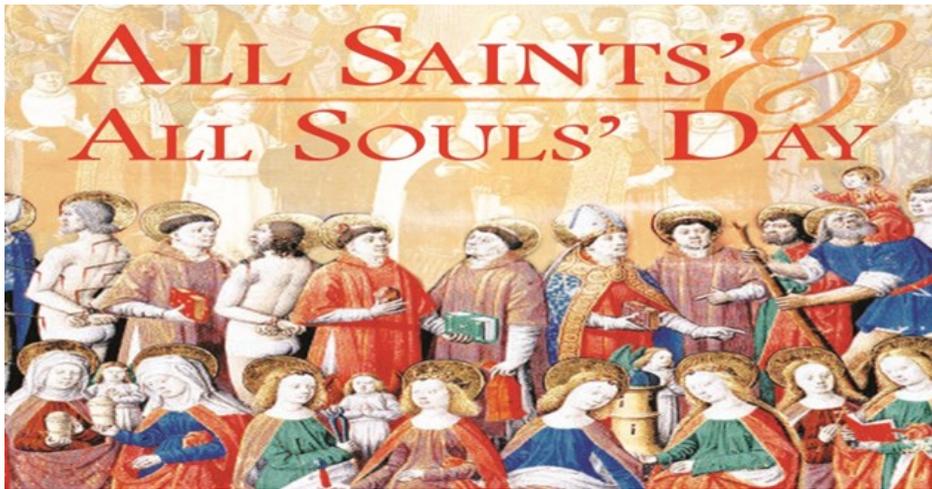
Psalms 25:1-10

November 30

Nehemiah 9:26-31

Luke 21:20-24 Psalms

25:1-10



All Saints' Day

To the saints who are in Aurora (and Canby, Donald and Woodburn)! Grace to you in peace.

By God's grace, and through the waters of baptism, we are made saints and a part of the whole company of heaven: past, present, and future.

On All Saints' Sunday we especially honor those who have died for the faith, those who have died in the faith, and all who through baptism have died to sin and death.

We lovingly remember those sisters and brothers of Christ Lutheran Church who have passed since the last All Saints Day:

- Lois Corwin
- Geraldine Jenson
- Dixie Harms
- Mike "Doc" Harms
- Robert "Bob" Boonstra
- Barbara Zurgatz
- Virgil Pettit



Sam Dyr Dahl	3	Larry & Ilene Marnella	17
Zach Eggert	18	Carey & Dan Pinto	26
John Ries	18		
Wyatt Akin	23		
Dillon Lockett	26		
Karen Johnson	27		

November 20
 2 Chronicles 18:12-22
 Hebrews 9:23-28
 Psalm 46

November 21
 Zechariah 11:1-17
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Psalm 46

November 22
 Jeremiah 22:18-30
 Luke 18:15-17
 Psalm 46

November 23
 Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm 46 (10)
 Colossians 1:11-20
 Luke 23:33-43

November 24
 Jeremiah 46:18-28
 Revelation 21:5-27
 Psalm 24

November 25
 Isaiah 33:17-22
 Revelation 22:8-21
 Psalm 24

November 26
 Isaiah 60:8-16
 Luke 1:1-4
 Psalm 24

November 27
 Daniel 9:15-19
 James 4:1-10
 Psalm 122

November 28
 Genesis 6:1-10
 Hebrews 11:1-7
 Psalm 122

November 29
 Genesis 6:11-22
 Matthew 24:1-22
 Psalm 122

November 30
 Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 122
 (1) Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Bankhead Family	Wyatt Akin
Belinda Kjensrud	Kim Mackiln
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe
Bishop Emeritus Paul	PC
Bob Boonstra Family	PC
Brenden Blum Family	PC
Brooke	Heather W
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker
Bud Richard and Family	Kimberly Macklin
Burt Aus	Judi Aus
Carol Smith	Helen D
Chad Roberson	PC
Charles G.	PC
Colin Brown	Heather W
Cindy Caufield	Susan W
Cindy Miles	PC
Cora	Jackie Kimbal
Dana St. Clair	Diane Schaber
Dennis Ormseth	Mary W.
Diane Schaber	PC
Dixie Scheehean	PC
Don Bassom Family	Dixie S.
Dyrdahl Family	PC
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Eric Wechter	PC
Ernie Peter	PC
Evie and Ron Berg	PC
Gary Erb	Barb B.
Heide Hendrick	PC
Helen David	Barb Bannister
Hollinger Family, Ellie	Kimberly Macklin
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.
Jan G	PC
Jean Ruter	Mary W.
Jeannine Brumley	PC
Jo Miller	Kimberly Macklin
Joanna Painter	Dixie

Prayers for	Requested by
John Schaber	PC
Joyce Colvin	PC
Judi Aus	PC
Keven Christiansen Fam-	PC
Kim	Lisa
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Laurie Boyce	PC
Linda Bradley	Lonnie Harms
Linda Fender	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Lorie Beyers	Kim Beyers
Lorrie D	PC
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan Harms
Mark Kynsi	Wyatt Akin
Marlene McDonald	Amy Elliott
Marsha's Family	Julie Parelli-Minetti
Mary Wolfe	PC
Matt H	PC
Melody Sledz	Mary W.
Micah Akin	Wyatt Akin
Misty Mann	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Nancy Bayer Family	Dixie S.
Noe Valenzuela Valles-	Kiera Will
Oscar D	Sam D
Phyllis Murray, family of	Marie G.
Piper	Heather W
Richard Dyrdahl	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Robert	Jordain
Roy Steven	Joyce
Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Tammara Davidson	PC
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi
Virgil Pettit Family	PC
William Wood	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Yvonne, Family of	Julie Parelli-Minetti

- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces, especially those serving overseas.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 All Saints 10 am Worship 11:15 am Endowment 7 pm AA	3	4 6 pm AA	5	6 6pm Wellbriety	7	8 5:15 pm AA Speaker Series
9 10 am Worship 11:15 am Council 7 pm AA	10	11 6 pm AA	12	13 10 am Backpack Buddies 6 pm Wellbriety	14	15
16 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	17	18 6 pm AA	19 3:30 to 5 Marion/Polk Food Share, Pythian Hall	20 6:pm Wellbriety	21	22
23 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	24	25 6 pm AA	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	29
30 1st Sunday in Advent 10 am Worship 7 pm AA						

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Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.