

# The *Ascent*

November 2007

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## A Note from Pastor Norm

In the Church's calendar, November 1 is observed as All Saints' Day. We will celebrate that day in our worship on the following Sunday, November 4.

All Saints' Day is a time during which we remember the lives of all the faithful who have already received the crown of life (Revelation 2:10). We intentionally lift up the names of those who have died during the past year. This year that list includes Kaden Malsam (November 13, 2006), Bill Burgess (December 10, 2006), Elois Woods (January 9, 2007), Fred Preston (April 10, 2007), Rosemary Ohde (April 14, 2007), and Arvis Taylor (July 26, 2007). We celebrate God's faithfulness to them, and their faithful witness to us. We are comforted by God's promise of eternal life to all of us who believe in Jesus, the resurrection and the life (John 11:25-26).

But one does not have to die before becoming a saint. Saints are not perfect people, merely forgiven ones. Saints are the baptized. Saints are believers. Saints are members of the Church, the Body of Christ. You and I are saints. We are living saints. We are saints alive.

To be living saints does not mean that we have ceased being sinners. Martin Luther liked to say that we are both saint and sinner at the same time (simul justus et peccator, for you Latin scholars). We are sinners because that is our nature. We are saints not because we

are so good, but because God is so good. We are saints because of the forgiveness and loving redemption offered to us through Jesus.

To be living saints means that we have a faith that lives. Faith is more than knowledge of God or intellectual assent to Biblical teachings. Faith is nothing less than trust in the promises of God—a promise never to leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) no matter what difficulties we may face in this life; a promise that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39), not even death; and a promise that in God's good time we will each receive our own crown of life.

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(“For All the Saints,”  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
#422, verses 3 & 6)

Peace & Blessings for All the Saints!

Pastor Norm

**Pastoral Care:** *If you are in need of pastoral care when dealing with health issues, life choices, or other personal challenges, please contact Pastor Norm.*

## Church Council Minutes - October 14, 2007

The October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order with Chris Falkensten presiding. In attendance were Roger Nielsen, Barbara James, Keith Khoo, Sandy Isakson, Eileen Imwalle, Lynn Jacobson and Pastor Dake.

Minutes were amended and approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by council. It is available for review and is posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

### **Pastors Report:**

We had a transfer of membership for Mark and Jeanne Benson. They have transferred to SonRise United Methodist Church in Pueblo West, Colorado. Pastor attended a seminar put on by St John's, "When Family and Caregivers Don't Agree." He will attend the Arkansas Oklahoma Synod Fall Theological Conference October 29-31. He will take his last week of vacation November 5-12.

### **Worship & Music**

The Committee has hired Colette Meyer as our new organist.

### **Evangelism**

Cathy Newsome attended the "Gracious Witnesses Conference" on Evangelism at Peace Lutheran Church in Edmond, OK on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Evangelism Committee will meet and discuss the program on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15.

### **Property**

The property committee is reviewing the performance of the cleaning company.

We had our first Second Saturday of the Month clean up day on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was light. We will be listing specific jobs to be done so that people can sign up for them.

### **Ministry:**

After the October 28<sup>th</sup> Thrivent meeting, food will be distributed from a local store provided

by Thrivent to the Lutheran churches for their food pantries. We will also be having the Helping Hands Brunch and Dessert Auction on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

We have executed a service contract with Airco for our HVAC.

The Secretary's benefit package was discussed and recommendations were made.

### **New Business:**

#### **Facility Usage Request:**

The following facility requests were approved by council:

Meeting for CCE on November 10.

Bill & Shirley Bryant's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity Ministry November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Life Line Screening February 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-5:00

Youth Band practice on Fridays 5:00-7:00

We will start to form the Nominating Committee for the coming year.

Opinions about changes for the budget to be discussed at November's meeting.

We authorized Mary to solicit funds for CCE. They will be having their annual Homing Pigeon Race on November 4. Each pigeon is \$250. A \$50 donation has been made. Sandy said that the women's group would look at making a contribution also.

Our next meeting will be November 18. Lynn will provide lunch and devotion.

Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully,  
Barbara James

*Coming to a window near you.*

*Becca Imwalle is selling stained glass items on Sundays between services to raise money for her trip to China in February with her school.*

## The President's Monthly

I have done enough.

Not a fulfilling statement and when we hear or read these words, we are able to immediately judge its merits.

How do you know? Who said so? Was it really enough? Do others agree?

I do not recall Our Lord asking us to do enough; rather I believe He asked us to do what is needed. Pastor may be able to provide specific references and biblical text but I generally believe that when He asks, we should do. Sometimes the need may appear before us as small items or things easily accomplished; other times the need will require great sacrifice, determination and perseverance. Our Congregation has a clear need ahead of us and I hope that all will recognize the need and answer with support – financially, with your time and with the talents He has provided to you.

At the beginning of the year, I introduced a simple pledge – I Will; no judgment implied but no limit set either.

So as we enter the holiday season (yes another year is nearly past) take stock of your life. If you make lists, set goals or just work on gut feel, look back and enjoy the accomplishments already achieved but also work to complete those overdue or lingering items so they are not disappointments at year's end. I cannot say that I am a strict goal

maker, but I do have and maintain activities in five areas of my life – self, family, work, church and community. No area goes without attention, but sometimes priorities get shifted to accommodate changing needs. And nothing gets done in any area of my life without support from all the others; to have more time for family, all other areas must surrender and give something – it's a constant balance.

I hope that all are able to provide more for our Church as each sees fit. A short list of upcoming items for Council's consideration and the Congregation's action is provided below:

- Successful completion of our Stewardship Campaign.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month Pam and Roger Nielsen will be coordinating the completion of items on our list.
- Pending Council discussions and approval, a secondary fundraising effort for select 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary projects.
- A completed 2008 budget for Congregation review in January.
- A new slate of Council Officers and members to lead us in fulfilling His needs.

A busy Season is ahead, one that we all should enjoy for the incredible lessons and sacrifice He has shown us. I think this will likely be a final message until after the Holidays, so I wish each and all best regards, safe travels and great joy.

Chris Falkensten

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## ASCENT NEWS ITEMS;

Please submit any news items by email to [norma-dreyer@utulsa.edu](mailto:norma-dreyer@utulsa.edu) or call me at my home phone, 583-3759 by the 21st of each month.

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## NOVEMBER READINGS:

### Nov. 4 – All Saints Sunday

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

### Nov. 11 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

### Nov. 18 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

### Nov. 25 – Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

# This and That

**BOOK OF FAITH:** How We Read and Interpret Holy Scripture. Please join us on Sundays at 9:45 AM in the adult classroom. Taught by Pastor Norm.

**DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** The new photo directories are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take only ONE copy per family.

**LUTHER PLACE YARD SALE:** There will be a yard sale on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 7:30 AM until 12:30 PM at Luther Place, 1304 S. Troost, to raise funds for the Community Room. For information, call Katherine Tooley.

**TRINITY MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Nov. 1** – 11:00 a.m. Gourmet buffet lunch at OSU Culinary School, Okmulgee. \$8.00 in advance. Contact Billie Lindburg for more information.

**CCE BLUE SKIES HOMING PIGEON RACE:** Ascension is again sponsoring a homing pigeon in this annual fundraiser to support counseling services at CCE. If you would like to donate to our pigeon fund, please make your check out to Ascension and mark it “CCE pigeon”. For more information about the event on **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, please contact Mary Faulkner.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** Our next gathering will be on Tues., **November 27<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM in the adult classroom. Please join us.

**SIMPLY GIVING:** If you are interested in learning about the Simply Giving program, please contact Mary in the church office. Simply Giving is a service for people who wish to have their offerings transferred electronically to the church’s account rather than having to write check

**REQUEST:** Katherine Tooley is looking for matching tea cup & saucer sets for a craft project. If you have any to spare (get rid of!) that are in good condition, large or small, please bring them to Church. All of them are needed by Thanksgiving. Also, if you have any Little Golden Books in good condition that need a home, bring those too! Thank you very much!!

**STEWARDSHIP WORK DAY:** We will have a work day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The next work day will be on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee, with input from the congregation, has identified a number of clean-up, fix-up, repair and replace chores that need to be addressed before our anniversary celebration. Please mark your calendars. The more who participate, the more we will be able to accomplish! For more information, please contact Pam & Roger Nielsen.

**6F:** Please join us for our next 6F night on Friday, **November 9<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in Jordan Hall. Please bring a dish to share. The activity will be announced later.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING:** Bethany Lutheran Church wishes to invite you to a joint service celebrating the common mission of Lutherans and Episcopalians at our annual Community Service of Thanksgiving on Wed., **November 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 7:00 PM.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** The 87<sup>th</sup> annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" by the Tulsa area Lutheran Churches will be Saturday and Sunday, **December 1 & 2, 2007**. Anyone interested in singing in the chorus should contact Pam Dake or the church office for information and rehearsal schedules. All singers are urged to attend all 5 rehearsals and all 4 presentations. We invite anyone who has sung in past years to join us again. We encourage everyone, especially teens and young adults, to come and learn this beautiful music and help us lead this unique worship service that approximately 1400 people attend each year. It is a great way to praise our great God during the Advent/Christmas season. **Rehearsals began on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 2:00-4:00 PM at First Lutheran Church, 13<sup>th</sup> & Utica.** We will meet each Sunday thereafter at the same time until the presentations on Dec. 1 & 2.

**THANK YOU!**

The Helping Hands committee wishes to thank everyone for their tremendous support at the annual dessert auction. We had a great brunch provided by Eileen Imwalle, Carol Anwar, Barbara James, Denise Khoo, Janice Engelke, and Cathy Newsome. Thanks to Ellen Harris for taking charge of the clean up!! Great fun was had by all, and we raised \$675 for the Helping Hands pantry!! This money will be matched by Thrivent, and will be used to buy perishable food items for the needy families that we feed each week. Thanks again to everyone for their wonderful desserts, and also for their great financial support!



**6F BINGO NIGHT**

# COMING EVENTS: November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship: 8:30 &amp; 11:00</b> <b>Sunday School: 9:45</b>				<b>1</b> Trinity ministries – OSU Culinary lunch 11:00 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Luther Place Yard Sale 7:30-12:30
<b>4</b> Evangelism Committee 12:15	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <i>Gerry Oltrogge</i>	<b>9</b> 6F 6-9 pm	<b>10</b> Stewardship Work Day 8-12 Oaks visit
<b>11</b> Verterans Day  <i>Eileen Imwalle</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Worship & Music Comm. 6:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Council 12:15  <i>Clinton Britsch</i>	<b>19</b>  <i>Nicole Ramirez</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Community Thanksgiving Service at Bethany Luth. 7:00 pm	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving  <i>Doris Britsch</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <i>L. T. Williams                      Janice Engelke</i>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <i>Shirley Bryant</i>	<b>27</b> Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>28</b>  <i>Aubrey Harris</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

**Birthdays honorees** are highlighted in italics on the calendar. If your birthday does not appear, please contact the church office at 743-5741 so we may update our records.

## VISIT TO OAKS INDIAN MISSION -

Saturday, November 10, 2007

There will be a group tour of the Oaks Indian Mission similar to the last one, so that those who missed can attend. We will have lunch, and then tour of the Oaks campus, visit the Sartain Youth center, the Craft center, a couple of dorms, etc..

If you would like to join us, we will car pool from Fellowship Lutheran Church, 6727 S. Sheridan Rd, leaving at 10:00 am, and then leave Oaks about 3:00 pm. It will be a fun and informative day for all. If interested, call Ed Gibeau at 455-0005, or e-mail Ed at [edgibeau@cox.net](mailto:edgibeau@cox.net) If you need a ride, let Ed know. If you are not able to contact Ed for some reason, you can call Jean Dearhamer at 258-0219, or call me at 252-1406.

Howard Seigfreid

## HABITAT Milestone reached!

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity has helped 500 families build affordable homes in 45 states, completing nearly one home per day in the last two years. A celebration commemorating this accomplishment was held in Pontiac, Michigan, site of the 500th home, on Saturday October 13, 2007. Photos and captions from the Michigan event are available at

[http://www.thriventbuilds.com/media/photogallery/montgomery\\_construction.html](http://www.thriventbuilds.com/media/photogallery/montgomery_construction.html).

# Serving our Lord, November 2007

11:00 am	Nursery Attendant	Ushers	Lectors	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Lay Assistant	Greeters	Counters
4	Preston Napier	Doug & Roberta Napier	Carroll Werling	Nathan Napier	Ron & Bonnie Peters	Linda Christy	Mary & Jerry Peterson	Merl Lindburg Mary Faulkner
11	Need volunteers	Clint Britsch Stan Lewis	Lillian Cantrell	Nicole Ramirez	Barbara James Karol Wagar	Chris Falkensten	Brenda Ramirez Katherine Tooley	Stan Lewis Bonnie Peters
18		Brenda Ramirez Karol Wagar	Brenda Ramirez	Alex James	Bill & Shirley Bryant	Ron Peters	Bill & Shirley Bryant	Ronda Falkensten / Denise Khoo
25		Ed & Norma Dreyer	Pam Dake	Elizabeth Balman	Donna Glocker Doyle Hill	Sandy Isakson	Linda Christy Ronda Falkensten	Gerry Oltrogge Jerry Peterson

**Alter Guild:** Mary Peterson, Helen Allen, Bonnie Peters, Linda Christy

8:30 a.m.	Communion Assistants	Lectors
4	Tom Williams	Tom Williams
11	Carol Anwar	Carol Anwar
18	Linda Christy	Linda Christy
25	Eileen Imwalle	Ellen Harris

*Please Help!*

**\*\* Nursery volunteers\*\* are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex. Plan on being in the Nursery at 10:30 AM to receive the children as they arrive.**

*Thank you for volunteering at Ascension!*

**Please mark your calendars for the dates you are assigned to serve.**

**If you cannot volunteer on your assigned date, please find a substitute and notify the church office (743-5741).**

## Altar Flowers Provided by:

Nov. 4	
Nov. 11	
Nov. 18	Doris Elliott in memory of Ed
Nov. 25	Sandy Isakson

# HELPING HANDS PIES & JARS

## Thanksgiving Pies

The Helping Hands committee will be selling Thanksgiving pies again this year. This fundraiser will support all our Helping Hands Holiday programs. The pies will be distributed the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 18th. Please give your orders to Eileen Imwalle or Carol Anwar or the church office no later than November 14th. The 9 inch pies are all made from scratch with hand-rolled crusts. This year we will make pecan and apple crunch pies for \$15, and pumpkin pies for \$12. Place your orders now so you don't forget!!!

## Holiday Jars

The Helping Hands Committee will be selling the ever popular Holiday Jars to raise money for the Adopt-a-Family program which benefits needy families picked by Family and Children's Services. We will make our first batch of jars the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This year, we are asking for pre-orders from those of you who like to order a lot of them to be given as gifts (or used for yourself). We will continue to have jars available through the first two weeks of December, but if you already know that you want certain jars, please go ahead and place a pre-order. This will help us tremendously!

The cost will be \$5 per jar. We will offer 12 varieties this year. Please remember that these make an excellent, inexpensive gift to give to friends, neighbors, teachers, coworkers, employees, etc. (\$5, no tax, what a great deal!!). The following will be the varieties we will offer this year:

- Jambalaya (in a bag)
- Meaty Spanish Rice (new--in a bag)
- Beefy Mexican Casserole
- Skillet Lasagna
- Skillet Stroganoff (new)
- Beef Barley Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Love Soup
- Snowball Cookie (in a bag)
- Double Chocolate Nutty Brownie (new--in a bag)
- Munchy Crunchy Cookie
- Cowboy Cookie

If you have any questions about the jars, please contact Carol Anwar. Please place your pre-orders by November 11th, as we will be making the first batch of jars on Nov. 17th.

# *Helping Hands*

## **THANKSGIVING DINNERS**

Over the past several years, we have supplied Thanksgiving meals to Family and Children's Services, and this year will be no exception. We all have so much to be thankful for that it is only natural that we share with those less fortunate than ourselves.

This year, we are asking you to consider providing dinner for a family. For a **\$25.00 donation, you can provide dinner for a family of 4 – 6 people** and provide a complete turkey dinner for them. You can donate as an individual, a family unit, or two or more families can split the cost to adopt a family or families. If you would like to take part in this program, please have your "adoption certificate" and appropriate amount of money turned in by **November 18<sup>th</sup>** so we can do our shopping and deliver the dinners to Family and Children's Services on the Monday of Thanksgiving week, in time for them to be delivered to the individual families by Thanksgiving.

Thank you so much for caring enough to share your blessings. If you have any questions, please contact the Ascension church office at 743-5741.



### *Helping Hands*

#### **THANKSGIVING DINNERS**

***I (WE) WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE DINNER FOR***

***\_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY(IES) AT THE COST OF \$25.00 PER FAMILY.***

***DONATED BY:***

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***AMOUNT ENCLOSED:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE MAIL YOUR CERTIFICATES AND MONEY TO:***  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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***OR PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE.***

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Celebrative Praise – 8:30am  
Traditional Liturgy – 11:00am

Sunday School – 9:45 am

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## Mission Statement:

- Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in all walks of life with every possible means, in accordance with the Work of God, Creeds and Confessions of the church.
- Worship our Lord through Word and Sacrament, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death as the hallmark of our faith
- Teach our members the relevancy of faith in life.
- Extend care and the call of Christ to each person in accordance with their needs
- Promote fellowship among our members.

*Glowing and Growing  
in the Light of the Lord*



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Remember to set your  
clocks back one hour  
on Sunday morning,  
November 4<sup>th</sup>.

