



*And Jesus said to them,
"Follow me and I will make
You fish for people."
Mark 1:17*

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Autumn Youth Bowling Party



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Jonathan	9	19	19	26	35	42	50	68	76	85	85



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Wyatt	9	18	26	39	45						45
Jack	0	6	15	32	39						39
Alivia	0	8	13	20	23						23
Drew	2	10	18	27	30						30
Waddo	18	31	37	44	53						53



Pastor's Ponderings

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
 Give thanks to the Holy One.
 Give thanks because God has given Jesus Christ, God's Son. 848

We focus on thanks in November although giving thanks is a year-round, all-the-time spiritual practice. We don't just give thanks for the good food that we share with family and friends, but this song reminds us that we give thanks because God has given Jesus Christ, God's son. Thanksgiving, a uniquely American holiday, ushers in Advent, a time of preparing to welcome the birth of the Messiah. Advent is celebrated throughout the world by Christian people. Advent unites us as we celebrate the coming King. That being said, I hope you'll join our Advent study with St. Paul Lutheran Church. It will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. If you are in Lake Charles, we will alternate churches each week. If you live elsewhere, we still hope you'll join us as we'll offer a Zoom link each week.

As your calendars begin to get full and you feel the pressures that accompany the holiday season, enjoy your time with friends, family, and church. Remember to pause and always "give thanks with a grateful heart"!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nanette



Prayers and Concerns

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who visited this past month.

Remember in your prayers the many members and friends in need of support during the trying times of their lives: Sue Bengé; Phyllis Cagney; Linda Cannon; Virginia Conrad; Nancy Crncic; Mary Davis; Jody Flanagan; Pauline Hurst; Collin Jacobs (Anita's brother-in-law); John Kaspar; David Laird; Liam Lewis; Laura Ludwick; Cullen Nolan; Cindy Richardson; Judy Robertson; Thomas Schwab; Alivia Shamsie; EJ Smith; Sue Long's mother; Lucille and Pat Marshall's grandson, Ryder; Carol Bell's son, Patrick.

Prayers for all those affected by COVID, RSV, and the flu.

Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past month. May the peace of the Lord be with them.

Prayers for those impacted by Hurricane Ian and as they struggle to recover.

Prayers for all educators/school administrators.

Prayers for our country and our leadership as midterm elections rapidly approach. May peace reign in our land.

Birthdays

11/02 Helen Lum Nji
 11/08 BrieAnna Ardito
 11/11 Ronnie Fountain
 11/15 Courtney Fountain
 11/25 Sue Long
 11/26 Mike Davidson
 11/27 Alex Aguillard

Anniversaries

11/02 Charlene & Robert Aguillard
 11/16 Katie & Ryan Keenan

Presbyterian Women's News

(Sent in by Mary Lou Burke)

Fall has begun and so has our annual Presbyterian Women's Bible Study. This year's study is entitled "Celebrating Sabbath " and is written by Carol M. Bechtel. God has given us a gift. The gift of Sabbath. How do we use and celebrate this gift? Let's discuss it. Lesson Two will be Friday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Richardson Room. The study is followed by a brown bag luncheon with dessert provided. A cookie exchange will be held. Bring two dozen of your favorite homemade cookies to exchange during the sack lunch.

Copies of the study books are available in the church office. A donation of \$10 would be welcome and can be given to Linda Latour at your convenience.

Want to sew? Join us after lunch for Mission Stitchers. We're trying to come up with some neat ideas for stocking stuffers and cool Christmas gifts. We would love for you to join us. Coffee and cookies available.

Special thanks to Diana Lewis for organizing the garage sale and to Linda Latour who assisted with distributing the leftovers. Lots of thanks to Jan Laird, Marilyn Dunn and Carol Bell for their wonderful help. And to all those who donated.....we couldn't have done it without you!

Advent Study

We will discover the meaning of the season with **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns."** Written by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle and Beverly Howard, this four-session adult study takes a look at the meaning of four popular Advent and Christmas hymns. Featured hymns include "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus;" "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence;" "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;" and "In the Bleak Midwinter."

We will discuss the importance of the hymns, explore the meaning of the featured text, and learn more about the hymn writers.

The Study location will alternate between St. Paul Lutheran and St. Andrew Presbyterian.

Tuesday, November 29, 6:30p.m.- St. Paul
 Tuesday, December 6, 6:30p.m.- St. Andrew
 Tuesday, December 13, 6:30p.m.- St. Paul
 Tuesday, December 20, 6:30p.m.- St. Andrew

Thanks GIVING; GIVING thanks



Congratulations to Faye Cooper for being named as Avail Hospital's September Hometown Hero! She is an integral member of the Greater St. Mary Missionary-Pauline Hurst Mercy Center! The Pauline Hurst Mercy Center opened after hurricane Rita in 2005 and has made a significant impact across SWLA ever since. Their goal is to provide the community with more nutritious food to decrease hunger in SWLA as well as provide clothes, furniture, cleaning and hygiene supplies, and much more! From March 2021 to September 2022 the Pauline Hurst Mercy Center has fed 4,738 children, 6,772 adults, and 2,500 seniors in Lake Charles and surrounding areas! We are so proud of Faye! This award is funded by Avail, **92.9 The Lake**, and **Gator 99.5!** We thank Faye for her dedication to this amazing organization and all she does for our community!

Remember this time of year about two years ago? Some of us were out of our homes, far away from Lake Charles, or grimly putting the pieces back together and noting the blue tarps and piles of storm debris still lining our streets. While things aren't back to 'normal,' whatever that might be, our St. Andrew family is together and able to worship in person and online. We are supporting one another and others in our community in so many ways. As Thanksgiving approaches and we plan our special celebrations with cherished traditions or bold new adventures please take a moment to help stock our Little Free Food Pantry with something special for this season. If the temperature moderates, please consider cooking oil and seasonings that help make meals special. Read the lists of ingredients needed if you're providing a mix. Many mixes do not require eggs or milk. Toilet paper, paper towels, diapers (adult diapers too!), feminine hygiene items, soaps of all kinds (dish, clothes, body, shampoo), Check around the house to see if you have an extra can opener, dishes, napkins, placemats.

As the Thanksgiving holiday gives way to Christmas please consider warm clothing, presents that children can give to parents or siblings (and put a little tag to let people know your intention!) Have some books you don't need (cookbooks!) or something that needs regifting? What about holiday decorations you no longer use? The pantry is a good choice. Please don't bring things you would not like in your home. We want this to be a special holiday season for our St. Andrew family as well as our friends who use our pantry. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have good ideas for the pantry, please share them!



Christmas Joy Offering

A **Presbyterian** tradition for almost 70 years, the **Christmas Joy Offering** is one of the four **special offerings** designated by the General Assembly of the **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. Fifty percent of the receipts to the **Christmas Joy Offering** are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families.

Eddie/North Lincoln Project



This rebuild project has been in the planning phase for months. St Andrew is working with the Fuller Center for Rebuilding to fix this home. A church in Austin, Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, has pledged \$10,000 from their Christmas offering to help with this project. They'll also be sending volunteers. Grant money from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Synod of the Sun, and the Presbytery of south Louisiana was received, plus local companies have donated materials for the rebuilding.

The foundation is being prepared for the Amish who will be working on the home rebuild in December.



Repairs continue. An anonymous person donated the funds to replace bulletin boards for the Community Meeting Room. *Parrish Breaux*

donated his time and talent to put them up. Other pictures and wall decorations that needed a professional touch were hung. A big "Thank You" to Parrish.





November Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg	3 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	4 12:30pm Mission Stitchers 6:30pm Choir Practice	5 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
6 11:00am Worship Service w/communion- (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM)	7	8 9:00am PEO Meeting Richardson Room	9 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	10 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	11 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	12 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
13 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM) 5:00pm Session Meeting	14	15	16 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	17 12:30pm-3pm Watercolor Techniques Art Class	18 12:30pm Mission Stitchers	19 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
20 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Also on ZOOM)	21	22	23 6:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 No Meetings Office Closed	26 12:00pm New Beginnings Al-Anon
27 11:00 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (Children stay in worship) (Also on ZOOM) 12:00pm Fellowship Luncheon	28 Office Closed	29 6:30pm Advent Study at St. Paul Lutheran	30 6:00 pm New Beginnings Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Choir Practice			

152nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana

Saturday, November 12, 2022, 9:00am

First Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula, Ponchatoula LA

Everyone is invited for this in person meeting. We will be considering a host of changes to our Book of Order, welcoming new members to our Presbytery, learning about ministries from the far west to the far east, and celebrating in worship together. Registration will be sent to all pastors and clerks, please let Nanette know if you have any troubles registering. And if you can, join us on Friday as we serve together and connect with one another. We are the presbytery together!