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The *Good News*

NOVEMBER 2020

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NEWSLETTER DEVOTION

Jesus said, "Keep watch for you do not know the day or the hour."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has awakened me from many a dream; it has summoned me many a times out of a warm bed; it has warned me again and again that yet another day is getting started; and because of all this it wins hands-down! The title of "it" being the least favorite thing that I own; and yes, it is my alarm clock! Actually, as someone who is definitely NOT a morning person, I would have to say that I even despise my alarm clock. When it goes off, there is nothing more I like to do than to silence it by hitting the snooze, which of course only means that I will hear that same annoying sound exactly 9 short minutes later. So no, I do not like my alarm clock! But you know, as much as I despise the thing, it obviously and especially serves a very good purpose and is a necessity to wake me from my sleep.

With Jesus words we have a call, a summons if you will, to wake up and to be ready. To wake up and to be ready!! "Keep watch," Jesus says, "for you do not know the day or the hour." ... "Keep watch for you do not know the day or the hour."

Of course, Jesus is speaking here of the Last Day - His return to "judge the living and the dead." But you know probably one of the greatest and deepest shifts that has occurred in the minds of Christians over the past couple of centuries is that we no longer seem to give much serious thought to the fact that there exists a judgment court that every person must someday stand before. I mean do we really give any serious thought or contemplation about that one day we will each stand before our Creator!! There, ALL will be revealed; all "hidden" sins exposed, all ugly thoughts and words revealed, and every lie uncovered? Do we show much concern for the fact that there will be a court in which we will have to give an accounting of how it was that that we spent our time, managed our resources, and used the gifts that the Lord blessed us with during our time on this earth? Do we? Or have we been sleeping?

Has the teaching that God will come again to judge the living and the dead become just an old, outdated doctrine of the church that doesn't affect our lives today? Do we confess it with our lips as we have done many a Sunday morning, but then ignore it with our lives? Are we sleeping? ...

Now certainly we are a blessed people, as citizens of these United States we are as blessed as any people in the history of this world. Yes, God certainly blesses us with family and friends, plentiful food and freedoms, the best highways and healthcare around. But you know, I've always kind of suspected that Satan doesn't mind all that. I've always kind of suspected that Satan wants us to have our nice home with our two-car garage, a retirement account and superstores filled with anything we could possibly ever need for this life. For how easily it is that Satan is able to use these things to turn our attention away from what it is that we truly need. How quickly he is able to distract us with all sorts of wanting

and buying, maintaining and accumulating. For slowly but surely, we become distracted; we lull off to sleep as our watchfulness for our Lord's return turns into indifference.

One way we can wake our community from its sleeping is by sharing our faith, sharing the good news about what Christ has done to take away our sins.

We at Our Redeemer have been looking for new ways to reach the lost with the grace of God. We made plans but God has changed most of them. We don't know how he will use us in the next year but we know that he has challenged us and will call us to be faithful.

As we celebrated the Reformation, where Martin Luther woke the church up to listen to the Word of God and instilled in our hearts, so we celebrate All Saints Day, we can be assured that He will wake all those who trust in His mercy on the last day.

I pray that God would give us the strength to turn off our alarm clocks, get out of bed and get to working for HIS kingdom.

Pastor Christian Rasmussen



PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH



***We continue to pray for those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic: for the unemployed, first responders, doctors and nurses; we pray for protection of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.**

***We pray for those affected by the wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington.**

We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness: Martha, Leo, Jose, Bill, Coralee, Luella, Kathy, Carl, Randy, Cal, Dotty, Gabi, Karen, Joyce, Linda, Trudy, Bill, Scarlett, Laurie, Vivian, Audrey, Monica, Dan, Linda, Heather, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy.

We pray for God's protection for all military personnel throughout the world, especially: Malcolm, Ricardo, Anthony, Phillip, Roger, Andrew, Dylan, Antonio, and Scott.

We pray for these and all our brothers and sisters in Christ!

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Luce Perez
Anastasia Casey
Andrew Casey
Randy Spangler
Anne Marie Brege

Phillip Rappe
Yolanda Schlechte
Jerry Heath
Samuel Krakowiak
Craig Baumgartner

ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Michael and Carol Riess
Hank and Francine Kuhn



WELCOME

We welcome Jerry Groth as our new Administrative Assistant. Jerry is not new to us, however, will be serving in a new position. Jerry has been serving on the Board of Property Management, as a worship assistant, chairperson of the Media and Technology Committee, Renovation committee, monitors the Zoom recording. As the Administrative Assistant, Jerry can be reached at the church office by phone 946-4223 or email: office@ourredeemerlutheran.us

BLESSING BOXES

During the five Sundays of November, Our Redeemer will be partnering with local non-profit organizations collecting Christmas gifts and food families across O'ahu. The need is particularly great due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Partnering Organizations:

Salvation Army Hawaii's Angel Tree
The Waianae Women & Children's Center
Helping Hands Hawaii
River of Life Mission
Waianae Lutheran Mission

What to Gift: (new & unwrapped only)

Canned goods/nonperishable food
Baby clothes and toys
Coloring supplies & art materials
Dolls and action figures
Toy cars and trucks
Sporting goods
Gift cards (Target, Ross, Walmart, etc.)
Check made out to your choice of listed partnering organizations

LOOK FOR THE LABELED "BLESSING BOXES" STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST.

Questions? Contact Lorine Pelletier @ 808-487-1194 or lpell2001@yahoo.com



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We don't know what Christmas will be like in 2020. But we do know that we will be putting up our nativity and the lights and the tree and all the trimming in our sanctuary. November 28, Saturday, is the day set-aside to put up our decorations. We will begin about 9 AM and hope to finish by 12. Lunch will be provided for all workers. Hope you can set aside this date. Thanks.

We will continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 9 am and 10:30 am. We will be offering Zoom live at the 9 am service. We need to keep a balance between the services as we have limited capacity at each service to follow the guidelines for Hawaii.

We are asking everyone to let us know which service you plan to attend.

This helps us as we prepare the worship space and also helps the Worship Care Committee prepare for communion. We truly appreciate your cooperation!

You will be sent a link by email. Please see the Administrative Assistant if you have not received the link.

Click on the link; select a time; click on button "Submit and sign up"; Enter your name; Quantity (number of persons); Click on button "Sign up now"

If you need assistance, please phone the office 946-4223 or send an email: office@ourredeemerlutheran.us

We are so pleased to see more people returning to "in-person" worship. Thank you for helping us follow the guidelines set for us.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Nov. 1	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov. 8	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 15	Zephaniah 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 22	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov. 26	Deuteonomy 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Philippians 4:6-20	Luke 17:11-19
Nov. 29	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary in Nov. 2021. Planning is already underway and one of the proposed items will be a "memory" booklet including submissions from congregation members. If you have any stories/anecdotes/memories about ORLC, you are asked to write about these in 100 words (or less).

Submissions should be sent/given to the church office and marked: attention Anniversary Committee. You are also encouraged to submit any photos related to church activities from the years 1996-2020.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2020

Worship Care: Nelda Peterson and Lorine Pelletier

November 1, 2020 – All Saints' Day

9:00 am

Assistant: Phillip Rappe
Usher: Matthew Schlechte
Lectors: Andrew Casey, Phillip Rappe

10:30 am

Assistant: Maxwell Hardoby
Usher: Marcy Reginelli
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Max Hardoby

November 8, 2020 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Usher: Anne Krakowiak
Lectors: Sherry Spangler, Joseph Krakowiak

10:30 am

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II
Usher: Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Iliana Dorazio, Henry Kuhn II

November 15, 2020 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II
Usher: Matthew Schlechte
Lectors: Andrew Casey, Henry Kuhn II

10:30 am

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Usher: Marcy Reginelli
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Joe Krakowiak

November 22, 2020 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 am

Assistant: Phillip Rappe
Usher: Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Sherry Spangler, Phillip Rappe

10:30 am

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Usher: Anne Krakowiak
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Joe Krakowiak

November 25, 2020 – Thanksgiving Day (observed)

7:00 pm

Assistant: Maxwell Hardoby
Usher: Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Tom Windsor, Maxwell Hardoby

November 29, 2020 – First Sunday in Advent

9:00 am

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II
Usher: Matthew Schlechte
Lectors: Andrew Casey, Henry Kuhn II

10:30 am

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak
Usher: Anne Krakowiak
Lectors: Iliana Dorazio, Joe Krakowiak

November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 4:00 Confirmation	2	3	4 10:00 Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 4:00 Confirmation	9 6:30 Board of Spiritual Life	10	11 10:00 Bible Study	12 10:00 Board of Property Management	13	14
15 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 12:00 Board of Directors 4:00 Confirmation	16	17	18 10:00 Bible Study	19	20	21
22 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 4:00 Confirmation	23	24	25 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Thanksgiving Service	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28 9:00 Christmas Decorating
29 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 4:00 Confirmation	30					



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor **The Rev. Christian J. Rasmussen**
Pastor to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church **The Rev. William Pierce**

Administrative Assistant: Jerry Groth
Director of Music: Karl Bachman
Trumpet: Roger Koopman
Jillian Madanay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Stuart Peace
Vice-President: Stephanie Spangler
Secretary: Bonnie Jo Alle
Treasurer: Roger Koopman
Board of Spiritual Life Director Joseph Krakowiak
Board of Community Life Director Stephen Okumura
Board of Finance Management Director Richard Lachmann
Board of Property Management Director Michael Riess

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