St. John Lutheran Church

"Christ's Family Reaching Out In Love"

"IN ALL THINGS BE THANKFUL"

Back during the dark days of 1929, a group of ministers in the Northeast United States, gathered to discuss how they should conduct their Thanksgiving Services for that year. You see, times were bad. Things were about as bad as they could get, with no sign of relief. The bread lines were depressingly long, the stock market had plummeted, and the term "Great Depression" seemed an appropriate description for the mood of the nation.

Many of the ministers thought they might cancel services or would only lightly touch upon the subject of Thanksgiving, in deference to the human misery all about them. After all, there was little to be thankful for. But it was Dr. William L. Stiger, pastor of a large congregation in Boston that rallied the group. This was not the time, he suggested, to give mere passing mention to Thanksgiving. Just the opposite; this was the time for the nation to get matters in perspective and thank God for His blessings which are always present…but perhaps suppressed due to intense hardship.

Dr. Stiger was onto something. The most intense moments of thankfulness aren't just found in times of plenty, but when difficulties and hardships abound. Think of the Pilgrims that first Thanksgiving. There they were in a strange land, half their number dead, and hardship a plenty. But still there was thanksgiving to God. Their gratitude was not for something…but in something.

It was this same sense of gratitude that lead Abraham Lincoln to formally establish the first Thanksgiving Day in the midst of the terrible Civil War; when the list of casualties seemed to have no end and the very nation struggled for survival.

In our nation this year, and perhaps in your own life, right now, there may be considerable hardship. Maybe you're experiencing your own personal "Great Depression". And you might well wonder: Why should I be thankful this Thanksgiving?

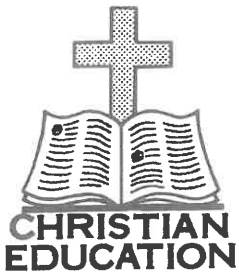
As Christians, our gratitude is not FOR something…FOR all the good things of life…but IN something. IN our faith IN God; IN our love for Christ; IN all of the blessings of our Savior and Lord Jesus, in which we have life and even life eternal… in this we can have gratitude. In this we can give thanks…this Thanksgiving Day.

"Rejoice in the Lord always…The Lord is near…Do not be anxious about anything, BUT IN EVERYTHING…WITH THANKSGIVING, present your requests to God. And the peace of God…will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4f)

Together with you IN THANKSGIVING UNTO OUR LORD,

Pastor Jeff

Pastor Jeff G Gavin



We hope you will come and join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM** for our **ADULT Sunday Bible Class** in the lower level of the school building . . . ***open question forum.***

Please join us for our **Mid-Week Bible Class** on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the school building.

PASTOR . . . has resumed taking Fridays as his "Day Off". Even though he may sometimes be in his office, he is scheduling no work; so Please do not Visit him, or Phone him on Fridays. If there is a true Emergency, call him on his Cell: (630) 776-2382. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS . . . ALTAR FLOWERS CAN COST AS LITTLE AS $20.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, ***(or confirm your "standing order")*** please contact please call the ***CHURCH OFFICE*** **at (847) 593-7670** ***or*** email Pastor at jeffgavin@sbcglobal.net ***NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE PRIOR TUESDAY!***

Please Note: When you donate flowers for our worship services, you are welcome to bring the flowers home after the 10:30 service.

VOTER'S MEETING . . .

The next Voters' Meeting will be on **Monday, November 23 at 7:30 PM** ***IN THE CHURCH***.

The Agenda for this Voters' Meeting will be:

1. Board and Committee Reports
2. 2027 Church "Spending Guide"

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all who remembered me throughout this past October (Pastors Appreciation Month) with cards, well-wishes, thank you's and gifts. It was all very much appreciated. Pastor Jeff

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Along with "Birthday Greetings", we also wish a "Happy Anniversary" to those couples who were married during each month by printing their marriage date.

If you are unsure if we might have a record of your wedding date . . . please contact the church office (847-593-7670, ext 1) with this information. We would like to include all of our married couples and wish to them . . . ***"Happy Anniversary"***:

James & Lynn Gajewski	November 5
Michael & Alyssa Jensen	November 15
Daniel & Lindsey Schubkegel	November 25
Leo & Henry Neggers	November 26

COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Perhaps we have not counted all our blessings one by one;
Perhaps we have not bothered to remember whence they come;
And maybe we have taken just for granted all the things
That the good Lord has created and the gifts that nature brings.

The autumn hills in glory robed, a golden field of grain,
A sunset's dazzling splendor or the Milky Way's great plain,
The starry sky's sublimity, the ocean's mighty power,
The wonder of creation in the petal of a flower.

And so if we have failed to show by word or act or deed
That we are thankful unto Him who fills our daily need,
May this day show we're grateful when we add up all the sum
Of the blessings we remember, as we count them one by one.

-Author Unknown

It's the Holiday Season again . . .
and time for Special Worship Services

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Thursday November 26 – 9:00 am

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT SPECIAL SERVICE
Sunday November 29 – 8:00 & 10:30 am

Poinsettias

If you would like to order a ***Poinsettia*** *to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, please fill in the order form below. These beautiful 6" potted plants have 4-5 large blooms each. They are available in* ***red only****, and sell for* **$20.00** ***each****, cash or check (payable to* ***"BUSSE FLOWERS"****). Please return your order sheet with payment to Pastor or to the Church Office no later than* ***Sunday, December 6th.*** *Thank You!*

*NAME:*_____

TELEPHONE # (_____) _____

How many Poinsettias?_____ ***x*** **$20.00 = $**_____

You may pick up your plants after the Christmas Day worship service. If you need to make other arrangements for picking up your plants, or if you have any questions, please contact the Church Office (847) 593-7670, extension 1.

I WILL BE taking my plant(s) home: YES_____ **NO**_____*

*As we only have a limited number of shut-in's, we ask that you **please contact the Church Office** if you wish to donate your plants! Thank You. *(If you do not check "Yes" or "No', we will assume that you ARE taking your plant(s) home and will not be donating it.)*

November

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Jason Schimka	November 4
Megan Schoo	November 5
Timothy Koeppen	November 6
George Lungu	November 7
Patti Imburgia	November 7
Christian Kallio	November 8
John Dyslin	November 9
Blake Ambrus	November 9
Brittney Pass	November 10
James Roy	November 11
Donald Pyde	November 12
Madelyn Hattenhauer	November 12
Dwayne Mueller	November 23
Michael Jensen	November 25
Eliana Fiorito	November 27
Lori Dewey-Soranno	November 28
Ashley Lutsch	November 28

If your birthday has not been listed, please contact the Church office for a correction...Thank You!

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

The Contact NEWSLETTER

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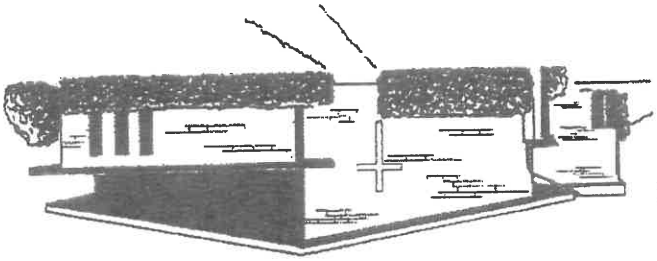
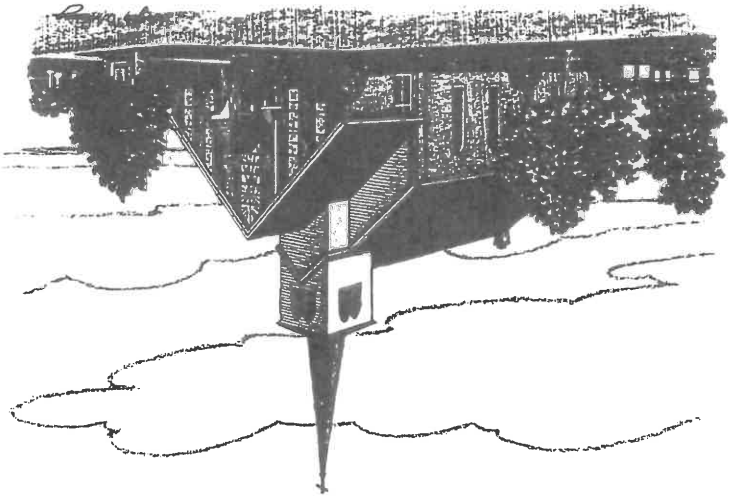
Sunday Bible Classes: 9:15 AM
Mid-Week Bible Class: Wed. at 10 AM





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