



## HAPPENINGS at the PALMS



# November 2019



### *From the Pastor's Desk--*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It never ceases to amaze me, to walk into the Home Depot or Lowe's this time of year, and be inundated with Christmas decorations. I just shake my head and think, "it's not even Halloween yet!" But before we turn our focus to Christmas, I want to invite you to pause and reflect on your blessings. And even though Thanksgiving may not be a "religious holiday" for the church, it is a great opportunity to give thanks for all the blessings we have received personally and as a church.

At our last Council Meeting, a couple of Thank You letters were shared from groups that were blessed by our gifts given to them. We were all touched and in turn was blessed by their thankfulness. And to think, we were only able to reach out because we had first been blessed ourselves. I am still awed by the fact, that the more we share our blessings, our love, the more we receive in return.

You'll find these thank you notes in this newsletter. I hope you will be touched and blessed as much as your Council was. And before we rush into Advent and the upcoming Christmas season, I hope you will first take time to reflect on all your blessings and praise God for all that you have and are able to do to help usher in the Kingdom of God. I think you will be amazed how focusing on God's blessings will change your whole outlook from self to other centered.

And as Kingdom people may we always know that we are blessed to be a blessing. That's what it means to be called by God, to partner with God, to reach out beyond ourselves and our building to be Christ's hands, feet, and voice here at this time. May we do it with joy in our hearts.

~ Pastor Marge

## DUNEDIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

[pcsb.org/dunedin-es](http://pcsb.org/dunedin-es)



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September 28, 2019

Lutheran Church of the Palms  
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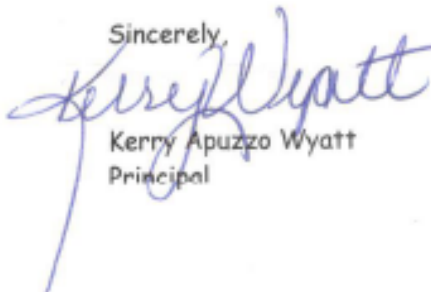
Dear Ms. Anderson,

We would like to thank you for your donation of 28 backpacks filled with assorted school supplies along with extra supplies and student underwear and socks.

Our school is fortunate to live in a community where people are here to support our students. The backpacks will be used for those students in need as well as distributing the supplies to the classrooms.

Thank you so much for your commitment to the students at Dunedin Elementary School!

Sincerely,



Kerry Apuzzo Wyatt  
*Principal*

### **DUNEDIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Dunedin Elementary School is to be responsive to the academic, emotional, and social needs of each child

# Resurrection House Mission, Inc.

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Serving the mind, body & spirit of the community



September 18, 2019

Lutheran Church of the Palms  
2250 Nebraska Ave  
Tampa, Fl 34683

Dear Friends:

The drama group "Dreamers Teatro Crew" went to the Straz, they had written and acted out their own play.

Their drama teacher took them to the Straz and after that we saved \$250.00 of the monies you've been sending and they went for the first time in their lives to a fancy restaurant.

Our drama director has been faithfully working with our youth for 5 years without ever asking for anything, so we chose to give him a check for \$200.00.

Not everyone that submits a play to the Straz gets admitted and this is the 4<sup>th</sup> time the plays our kids have written have been accepted, we're proud and wanted to share with you all that you have done to help our youth!

In Jesus,

Margarita Romo  
President Council

Resurrection House Mission | 37240 Calle de Milagros | Dade City, FL 33523



### **DID YOU KNOW???**

A FEW “FUN FACTS” &  
THOUGHTS FROM YOUR  
WORSHIP & MUSIC  
COMMITTEE

We just celebrated  
Reformation Day marking  
Martin Luther’s  
proclamation of salvation by  
grace alone --- a direct break  
with the Roman Catholic  
Church of which he was a  
respected Augustinian monk  
and scholar.

The hymn we sang, “A Mighty Fortress” is the battle cry of the Reformation although it was written 10-12 years after the break. Is it possible to sing the last verse of this hymn without seriously reflecting on one’s faith? (*Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse; Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The Kingdom’s ours forever!*) Luther was the “pop star” of Germany writing many hymns in addition to this and bringing about a new practice of congregational singing. (*Want to know WHO wrote a hymn and WHEN? Look at the bottom of the hymnal page and you’ll learn a lot.*) But, did you also know...

To protect him from a “wanted dead or alive sentence” Luther was kidnapped and spent 10 months in Wartburg Castle disguised as a knight. There he translated the Bible from Latin to German in just 11 weeks AND for relaxation invented BOWLING (or 9 pins). (His statue is in the Bowling Hall of Fame!)

Luther opposed the celibacy of priests and married Katarina, an escaped nun. They had 6 children. He applauded her intellect by having her participate in theological discussions held regularly at their Wittenberg home.

He believed it was senseless trying to live the perfect life because Christ had already won the battle against evil for us. He once said “I keep thinking what good wine and beer I have at home as well as a beautiful wife.” (Katarina was known for making the best beer in Germany.)

Baptist preacher and civil rights icon Martin King was so inspired by the story of the Reformation leader that he legally changed his name and then the name of his then 5-year-old son to include the name of Luther.



## AND, ANOTHER IMPORTANT CHURCH CELEBRATION...

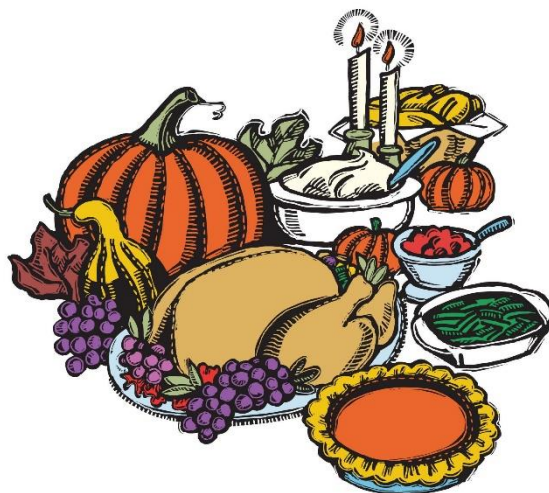
Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. Also known as All Soul's Day it is a holy day celebrated since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. On this day we remember the faithful who have gone before us to their eternal reward BUT we also remind ourselves that WE, the living, are saints. A saint is a baptized believer who struggles every day to be their best self. They are not sinless. They are faithful to the gospel.

A powerful hymn sung on this day is "For All the Saints." Coming from Anglican tradition it describes the life of all the saints giving credit to Christ for drawing us to him in one great communion of those who struggle and work for justice. Let your voices go when you sing *"we feebly struggle, they in glory shine. YET all are one in thee for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!"*



## THANKSGIVING DINNER

Lutheran Church of the Palms will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> following worship. This is a dinner to thank the congregation for your generosity throughout the year. You make such a difference in our community with the Backpacks, turkeys and the Christmas gifts. So, mark your calendar and plan to attend. Signup sheets will be in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall to insure we have enough meals for everyone.



### *Gulf Coast Conference Fall Gathering*

Dynamic & Inspirational Speaker, Pastor Rob Carlson, will speak on the topic of **CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY** at the upcoming Fall Gathering of the Gulf Coast Conference of Churches, ELCA. This Assistant to the Bishop for the FB Synod will guide attendees in how to renew congregations and become God's "difference-makers" in the world. All members of ELCA congregations in the conference are invited to attend. Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4 pm  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6193 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34606.

**Your articles, announcements, and meeting dates for the  
Month of December NEWSLETTER are due by Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Please email your articles / announcements to the church email address:  
[LCOPoffice@gmail.com](mailto:LCOPoffice@gmail.com)

**Webpages for our Church and Preschool:**

**See the latest information at:**

**[www.lutheranchurchofthepalms.org](http://www.lutheranchurchofthepalms.org) and [www.palmharborpreschool.com](http://www.palmharborpreschool.com)**





## **Men and Women in Action!!!**

**Mark your calendars!** On Saturday morning, **November 16<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.**, we would like to have as many congregation members (or friends) as possible to participate in a **pre-holiday clean-up day**.



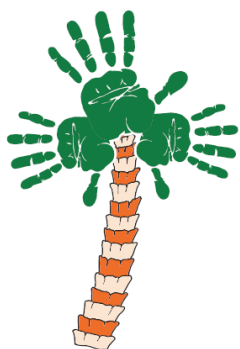
Whatever part of the day you can come will be much appreciated. Outside we will trim shrubs, put down new mulch and will have some additional tasks. If you have a wheelbarrow, please bring it along with your gloves and a rake and/or shovel. We will also plan some indoor projects to have the sanctuary and fellowship hall look their best on Thanksgiving and Christmas as well.

**Coffee, bagels and cream cheese and bottled water** will be provided. Come join your fellow parishioners and we will try to match tasks with your interest, skills, and energy.



## LCOP Kids

Children's Sunday School meets at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



**Barlow Little Palms Preschool**

Contact us at 727-784-9700 or

Email: [barloweducation@yahoo.com](mailto:barloweducation@yahoo.com)

Our preschool accepts children from 2 - 5 years old.

VPK is free from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.



Barlow Little Palms Preschool would like to invite the congregation to our annual "Thanksgiving Feast" on Friday, November 22nd.

It is a potluck picnic lunch with a few minutes of entertainment.

Entertainment begins at 11am followed by a prayer and a feast.

We plan on being finished by noon.

Please RSVP to [barloweducation@yahoo.com](mailto:barloweducation@yahoo.com) or to Sandy 727-784-9700 by November 18th.



# HARVEST

## Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



### What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

### What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

## TURKEY TIME!

Yeah!! It is that time of the year again when we start to think of our Thanksgiving Feast with friends and family, all the treats, and happiness. But, while that may be the norm for some of us, not everyone has the turkey and all the trimmings to make it so special. That is where we come in! We had a banner year last year collecting and delivering over 60 turkeys to FEAST. We love giving you all a challenge, so we are adding to it a bit this year.

Walt Anderson, the director of FEAST, said in addition to the turkeys, the trimmings for the meal are also needed. So, this year we will have grocery bags with a shopping list so you can provide what you would like for the trimmings of a dinner.

These bags will be available starting Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and can be brought into the church on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. We will deliver them to FEAST as they come in.

Turkeys can be brought in on Sunday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a car with the trunk open both in front of the church and in the back for you to just place your turkey in and then they will be taken to FEAST after the worship service.

What a great way to share with others!!!



It is hard to believe almost a full year has passed since we had all the quilts blessed so we could give them to those in need. We have had a very productive year. We are very grateful for several gifts of beautiful fabric this year.

**All the quilts made this year will be on the pews to be blessed on Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.** They will be available for purchase at that time, then the rest will be divided and given to local shelters and centers and Lutheran World Relief.



More amazing women are now working to make this mission possible. Come and check us out some Tues. morning between 9:30 and 12 noon. Even if you “don’t sew” we will find something for you to do to feel productive. You can just come for the conversation and laughter, that is fine too. If you like to knit or crochet, come and make baby hats, or sweaters, or blankets. This is a beautiful opportunity to share your love.

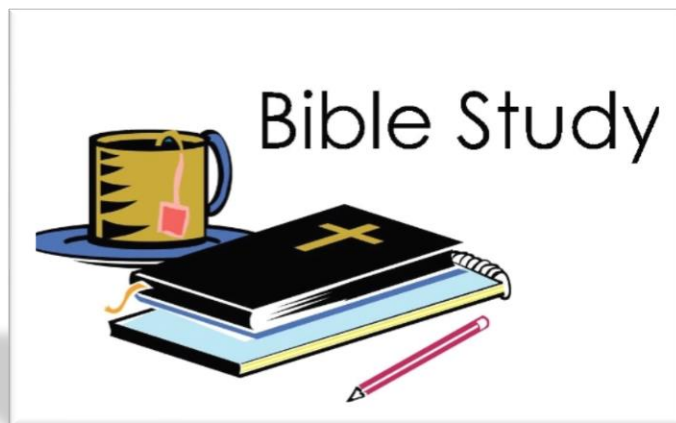


## Women's Fellowship

### *Save the Date for the next Women's Breakfast!*

It's not too early to mark your calendar! The next Women's Breakfast will be in the New Year - on Saturday, January 18, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Details to follow in next month's Newsletter and Sunday bulletins. We LOVE big turnouts!

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### **Wednesday Evening Bible Class, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.**

Our study of Luke continues after a great start. So far we have learned that the angel Gabriel was kept very busy with visions, Zechariah was speechless over his angelic message, Mary pondered a lot,

John the Baptist ate bugs and didn't drink wine, he called people a bunch of snakes at his first sermon and Jesus upset people so much with his first sermon that they tried to pitch him off a cliff. Who says that Bible study is boring? Come and join us...





## Give Away Day

**January 25, 2020**

**9:00am – 1:00pm**

**Lutheran Church of the Palms**

**2250 Nebraska Avenue, Palm Harbor**



Lutheran Church of the Palms will be holding its annual Give Away Day on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Similar to a yard sale without having to pay for what you want or need, our mission is “To Grow in God’s Love and To Help God’s Love Grow” by serving those in need in our community.

Mark your calendars for our yearly Give Away Day!

The box for Blanket Tampa Bay is still in the fellowship hall. Thank you to those of you who have already donated. Blankets should be new or gently used and lightweight enough to be carried easily.





## STEWARDSHIP

**The next meeting of the Stewardship Committee is on  
November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.  
All are invited to attend.**

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Church of the Palms**

**You are ALL invited to join us for this very special, one-of-a-kind event. Pastor Bruce from Resurrection House, Dade City is coming with his wonderful band to entertain us. As we said before, we welcome you to this GROOVIN' PARTY.**

**It's a fundraiser for Pastor Bruce to replace many pieces of his band equipment that was destroyed in**

**a fire. You will be served a delicious sit-down meal at 4, rock with the music, take chances on raffle prizes and there will be games for the kids. We hope you'll mark your calendars with this important date and not only come yourself but BRING A FRIEND! Any questions please call Laurie at 773-7650 or Roberta at 733-6537.**

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**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME  
Ends Nov. 3rd**

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**FIRST SUNDAY, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Dennis and Ann Childs**

**Larry Langeloh and Mike Scheipner \*\*YOUTH HELP\***

**SECOND SUNDAY, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Scott Bauch and Bob Roselund**

**Derick and Violet Rupnaraine**

**THIRD SUNDAY, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Evelyn Keenan and Judy Anderson**

**John and Karen Skiratko**

**FOURTH SUNDAY, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Trude Gustafson and Dot Hadlock**

**Debbie Hadlock and Becky Newell**

**We give THANKS to our wonderful ushers who serve us at LCOP!!!**







## November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Children's Dance Class meets on Mondays at 5:30pm when preschool is in session <b>(Fellowship Hall)</b>				1	2
3 All Saints Daylight Saving Ends 10am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Fellowship 11:30 Spiritual Formation Group 6:30pm Al-Anon - Beginners Meeting 7:00pm Al-Anon - Regular Meeting	4	5 9:30am Sewing Group  3pm Spiritual Formation Group	6   6:30pm Bible Study	7   Bells 6:15pm Choir 7:15pm.	8	9   3:00 p.m. Groove Block Party
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24 Christ the King 10am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Thanksgiving Dinner and Turkey Donation Day 11:30 Spiritual Formation Group 6:30pm Al-Anon - Beginners Meeting 7:00pm Al-Anon - Regular Meeting	25   <b>Preschool Closed All Week →</b>	26 9:30am Sewing Group  3pm Spiritual Formation Group	27   6:30pm Bible Study	28   <b>Church Office Closed</b>	29   <b>Church Office Closed</b>	30



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