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**95 and 499 (continued)**

**We invite you to join**

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

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**Holiday Giving**

November 6 & 13

**Youth Outing**

November 27

**Advent**

Begins November 29

As promised, the remaining 47 of Luther's 95 Theses would follow soon, and here they are!

49. Christians are to be taught that papal indulgences are useful only if they do not put their trust in them, but very harmful if they lose their fear of God because of them.

50. Christians are to be taught that if the pope knew the exactions of the indulgence preachers, he would rather that the basilica of St. Peter were burned to ashes than built up with the skin, flesh, and bones of his sheep.

51. Christians are to be taught that the pope would and should wish to give of his own money, even though he had to sell the basilica of St. Peter, to many of those from whom certain hawkers of indulgences cajole money.

52. It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters, even though the indulgence commissary, or even the pope, were to offer his soul as security.

53. They are enemies of Christ and the pope who forbid altogether the preaching of the Word of God in some churches in order that indulgences may be preached in others.

54. Injury is done the Word of God when, in the same sermon, an equal or larger amount of time is devoted to indulgences than to the Word.

55. It is certainly the pope's sentiment that if indulgences, which are a very insignificant thing, are celebrated with one bell, one procession, and one ceremony, then the gospel, which is the very greatest thing, should be preached with a hundred bells, a hundred processions, a hundred ceremonies.

56. The treasures of the church, out of which the pope distributes indulgences, are not sufficiently discussed or known among the people of Christ.

57. That indulgences are not temporal treasures is certainly clear, for many [indulgence] preachers do not distribute them freely but only gather them.

58. Nor are they the merits of Christ and the saints, for, even without the pope, the latter always work grace for the inner man, and the cross, death, and hell for the outer man.

59. St. Laurence said that the poor of the church were the treasures of the church, but he spoke according to the usage of the word in his own time.

60. Without want of consideration we say that the keys of the church, given by the merits of Christ, are that treasure;

61. For it is clear that the pope's power is of itself sufficient for the remission of penalties and cases reserved by himself.

62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.

63. But this treasure is naturally most odious, for it makes the first to be last [Matt. 20:16].

64. On the other hand, the treasure of indulgences is naturally most acceptable, for it makes the last to be first.

65. Therefore the treasures of the gospel are nets with which one formerly fished for men of wealth.

66. The treasures of indulgences are nets with which one now fishes for the wealth of men.

67. The indulgences which the demagogues acclaim as the greatest graces are actually understood to be such only insofar as they promote gain.

68. They are nevertheless in truth the most insignificant graces when compared with the grace of God and the piety of the cross.

69. Bishops and curates are bound to admit the commissaries of papal indulgences with all reverence.

70. But they are much more bound to strain their eyes and ears lest these men preach their own dreams instead of what the pope has commissioned.

71. Let him who speaks against the truth concerning papal indulgences be anathema and accursed;

72. But let him who guards against the lust and license of the indulgence preachers be blessed;

73. Just as the pope justly thunders against those who by any means whatsoever contrive harm to the sale of indulgences.

74. But much more does he intend to thunder against those who use indulgences as a pretext to contrive harm to holy love and truth.

75. To consider papal indulgences so great that they could absolve a man even if he had done the impossible and had violated the mother of God is madness.

76. We say on the contrary that papal indulgences cannot remove the very least of venial sins as far as guilt is concerned.

77. To say that even St. Peter, if he were now pope, could not grant greater graces is blasphemy against St. Peter and the pope.

78. We say on the contrary that even the present pope, or any pope whatsoever, has greater graces at his disposal, that is, the gospel, spiritual powers, gifts of healing, etc., as it is written in I Cor. 12[:28].

80. The bishops, curates, and theologians who permit such talk to be spread among the people will have to answer for this.

81. This unbridled preaching of indulgences makes it difficult even for learned men to rescue the reverence which is due the pope from slander or from the shrewd questions of the laity,

82. Such as: "Why does not the pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love and the dire need of the souls that are there if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a church? The former reasons would be most just; the latter is most trivial."

83. Again, "Why are funeral and anniversary masses for the dead continued and why does he not return or permit the withdrawal of the endowments founded for them, since it is wrong to pray for the redeemed?"

84. Again, "What is this new piety of God and the pope that for a consideration of money they permit a man who is impious and their enemy to buy out of purgatory the pious soul of a friend of God and do not rather, because of the need of that pious and beloved soul, free it for pure love's sake?"

85. Again, "Why are the penitential canons, long since abrogated and dead in actual fact and through disuse, now satisfied by the granting of indulgences as though they were still alive and in force?"

86. Again, "Why does not the pope, whose wealth is today greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build this one basilica of St. Peter with his own money rather than with the money of poor believers?"

87. Again, "What does the pope remit or grant to those who by perfect contrition already have a right to full remission and blessings?"

88. Again, "What greater blessing could come to the church than if the pope were to bestow these remissions and blessings on every believer a hundred times a day, as he now does but once?"

89. "Since the pope seeks the salvation of souls rather than money by his indulgences, why does he suspend the indulgences and pardons previously granted when they have equal efficacy?"

90. To repress these very sharp arguments of the laity by force alone, and not to resolve them by giving reasons, is to expose the church and the pope to the ridicule of their enemies and to make Christians unhappy.

91. If, therefore, indulgences were preached according to the spirit and intention of the pope, all these doubts would be readily resolved. Indeed, they would not exist.

92. Away then with all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Peace, peace," and there is no peace! [Jer. 6:14].

93. Blessed be all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Cross, cross," and there is no cross!

94. Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their head, through penalties, death, and hell;

95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace [Acts 14:22].

### Choir Music Fundamentals Class

Do you like to sing? Have you thought of singing with the choir but felt uncertain of your knowledge of music? You are not alone!

Renée Calvo, St. Luke's new choir director, has a wealth of teaching experience and would like to help you expand your musical horizons. Renée is now offering a "fundamentals of music" class prior to choir rehearsal every Wednesday evening from 6:30-6:55 pm. So, if you would like to ease your way into joining the choir, we would love you to join us Wednesdays for class and rehearsal.



## Time and Talent Survey - Help!

In case you have not already noticed, enclosed in this edition of the Parish newsletter is a Time and Talents Survey sheet. Such sheets are nothing new, but we have new members who would like to be involved in their new parish, and we have existing members who would like to be involved in new ways or would like to remind the church council that they want to be involved in the same old way(s). Either way, please take time to complete a Time and Talent Survey sheet and return it to the church office by either placing it in the offering plate, sending it via the post, scanning and emailing it, or delivering it in person.

We have found that returning the sheets via smoke signals is deleterious to the paper, pollutes the environment, and gets people volunteered for the wrong activities on windy days.

## Advent and Christmas

Advent begins on 27 November. It is hard to believe that the Advent and Christmas season are nearly upon us. The German Carol service is scheduled for Sunday, 18 December. Christmas Eve services will be at 6:00 and 8:00 pm on .... you guessed it, Christmas Eve. Christmas Day falls on Sunday, 25 December. So, mark your calendars.

*Pastor Mark*



***Don't forget to set your clocks back on  
Sunday November 6th at 2:00 am  
for Daylight Saving.***



## Join St. Luke's in our Holiday "Basket" Giving for 2016

Sign up to pray or donate for those in need this Holiday season. Robin Wheeler will be available in the Lower Level during coffee fellowship hour on November 6th and 13th.

Make a difference this Holiday Season!

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## WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S

*Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Ephesians 5:19-20*

WSL would like to thank everyone who has donated to our annual "Thank Offering". We will continue through the middle of November collecting donations. All of the organizations we contribute to along with individuals in need appreciate the kind donations.

Advent begins on November 27th and WSL is planning our Advent event for December 4th. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out in the bulletin for more information as our plans are taking shape.

We are accepting nominations for two positions on the WSL board, Vice President and Treasurer. Please speak to any board member with your thoughts and nominations so we may continue the giving and event planning. We meet monthly and plan events approximately 8 times a year.

*Happy Thanksgiving and Advent*

*Marge Hersom*

*WSL president*



## Thank You

Thank you! Thank you for your thoughtful and loving cards and many prayers. Results of the full-body PET scan and the lab tests of the two surgical sites to remove the melanoma cancers all came back clear! Now, I just have to be patient and let the surgical sites heal. **PRAYERS REALLY WORK.**

*Chuck Hersom*

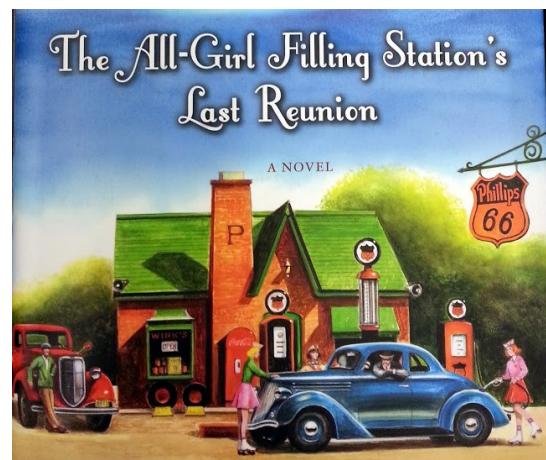
*Dear Women of St. Luke's,*

Thank you for your donation to HEIFER International in honor of the man of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Your gift will help families and their communities move from hunger and vulnerability to sufficiency and self-reliance.

*HEIFER International*

## Book Club

The November 30th meeting for book club we will be reading "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg. Everyone is welcome to join in on our lively discussions and potluck lunches. We meet the last Wednesday of each month at noon. Read a book and join in!





## Parish Potpourri

What to do with all those plastic grocery bags you have been saving!!?? They truly can be put to good use! Five hundred to seven hundred bags, along with specific instructions for their use, can be made into a “mat” for the use of the homeless since many homeless individuals are sleeping on San Diego’s streets. The mat is washable, of course, and certainly could be used in other ways. Angie Hauk has the needed instructions, and the ladies of St. Luke’s have been working on a mat, with Angie’s help. The first finished mat was displayed at the recent Congregation Quarterly Meeting. You won’t believe it until you see it!! The idea for this creative use of “trash” came from Terry East, who saw the instructions on youtube.com.



*Thanks to all these ladies who came out to help make the mats for the homeless: Angie Hauk, Liz Dunnigan, Betty Wiedmer, JoAnn Hendrickson, Martha Applegate, not pictured Mary Ann Boullain and Janet Menacher.*

We hear that those involved with St. Luke’s dinner groups have enjoyed the fellowship, and this year’s get-togethers are nearly completed. Currently plans are to create groups for 2017, all with totally different “personnel.” Perhaps some members might enjoy meeting at lunch time instead of in the evening. You will be called to find out your preference, some time in November. Please contact Martha Applegate for more information.

*Martha Applegate*



### SOME HUMOR:

#### MORE PARAPROSDOCIANS

They begin the evening news with “Good Evening” and then proceed to tell you why it isn’t.

I used to be indecisive. Now I’m not so sure.

Nostalgia isn’t what it used to be.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP TEXT

**All Saints Sunday — November 6**

First Lesson — Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Second Lesson — Ephesians 1: 11-23

Gospel — Luke 6: 20-31

**25th Sunday after Pentecost — November 13**

First Lesson — Malachi 4: 1-2a

Second Lesson — 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Gospel — Luke 21: 5-19

**Christ the King Sunday — November 20**

First Lesson — Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Second Lesson — Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel — Luke 23: 33-43

**First Sunday in Advent — November 27**

First Lesson — Isaiah 2: 1-5

Second Lesson — Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 24: 36-44



Kathleen Yerger

11/02

George Hauk

11/03

Chuck Hersom

11/17

Jonathan Janos

11/22

JoAnn Hendrickson

11/27



Jack & JoAnn Hendrickson

11/08

*Did we miss your special event?  
Please let Amy in the office know your  
birthday or anniversary so we may honor  
you and yours next year!*

## November Prayer Calendar

### ALIVE IN CHRIST!


1	Ephesians 1: 3-10	
2	Ephesians 1: 11-14	
3	Philippians 4: 4-7	
4	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31	<i>This is the Spirit's entry now;</i>
5	1 Corinthians 15: 20-28	<i>The water and the Word,</i>
6	2 Corinthians 1: 18-22	<i>The cross of Jesus on your brow,</i>
7	Philippians 1: 9-11	<i>The seal both felt and heard.</i>
8	Colossians 1: 28-29, 2:1-3	
9	2 Corinthians 3: 16-18	<i>This miracle of life reborn.</i>
10	Romans 6: 1-11	<i>Comes from the Lord of breath;</i>
11	Galatians 3: 26-29	<i>The perfect man from life was torn;</i>
12	Colossians 2: 6-8	<i>Our life comes through his death.</i>
13	Colossians 2: 9-14	
14	2 Corinthians 5: 16-21	<i>Let water be the sacred sign</i>
15	Ephesians 2: 4-10	<i>That we must die each day</i>
16	Ephesians 2: 11-13	<i>To rise again by his design</i>
17	Ephesians 2: 19-22	<i>As followers of the way.</i>
18	Romans 6: 19-23	
19	Romans 8: 1-4	<i>Renewing Spirit, hear our praise</i>
20	Romans 12: 3-6	<i>For your baptismal power</i>
21	1 John 2: 1-6	<i>That washes us through all our day</i>
22	1 John 2: 24-29	<i>Cleans again this hour.</i>
23	1 John 3: 1-6	
24	1 John 4: 13-16	<i>Lutheran Book of Worship</i>
25	1 John 5: 19-20	<i>Hymn 195</i>
26	Philippians 2: 1-5	<i>Verses</i>
27	John 15: 1-6	
28	John 15: 7-17	
29	John 17: 20-26	
30	Romans 8: 35-39	



## NOVEMBER WORSHIP TEAMS

	Reader	<i>Martha Applegate 11/6 &amp; 13, Darcy Barghols 11/20 &amp; 27</i>
	Altar Guild	<i>Colleen Olsen</i>
	Sound Technician	<i>John Busker/ Allen Vega</i>
6th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Ted Olsen</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Mark Menacher</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Tania Salas</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Terry East and Thelma Pace</i>
	Greeters	<i>Ellis Petersen and Loraine Wininger</i>
	Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Stuart Olsen</i>
13th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Mary Ann Boullain</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan and Marilyn Burns</i>
	Greeters	<i>JoAnn Hendrickson</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Chuck Hersom</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Paige Yerger and Ryan Yerger</i>
20th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Ted Olsen</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Marge Hersom</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Marilyn Burns and Terry East</i>
	Greeters	<i>Marie Handley and Marilyn Burns</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Jayden Miles and Stuart Olsen</i>
27th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Terry East</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Tania Salas</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan and Thelma Pace</i>
	Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Paige Yerger and Ryan Yerger</i>

# NOVEMBER 2016

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 am Tai Chi 11:15 am Flexibility Noon WSL 7:00 pm SLTA	2 11:00 am Staff 6:00 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Choir	3 8:00 am Tai Chi 11:45 am Flexibility 7:00 pm SLTA	4	5 9-10 am Altar Guild
6 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm SLTA DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	7 9:00 am Counters	8 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Project Day 11:45 am Flexibility 12:30 pm Rebekah Circle 7:00 pm SLTA	9 11:00 am Staff 6:00 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Choir	10 8:00 am Tai Chi 11:45 am Flexibility 7:00 pm SLTA	11	12 9-10 am Altar Guild
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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL**

- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- Holiday Giving November 6 & 13 during coffee hour.
- Sunday School for all ages after worship service in the lower level.
- The office will be closed November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**St. Luke's Mission Statement:**

We are called as a community of Christians saved by grace

—through faith alone in Jesus Christ—

to spread the Holy Gospel in word, sacrament, and action

*solī deo gloria.*