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We welcome all
to share in life with Christ
as a community
of faith in mission.

OSLC's Vision & Mission

God calls us to be a community of
discipleship for all, making Christ's
love real in our daily lives.

Grow in faith and Christian calling
Love and serve God and neighbor
Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Worship

9:00 A.M. (Online and in-person)

11:30 A.M. (In-person only)

Join the Zoom Meeting or watch
live on OSLC's facebook page.

Email Sandra (sandra@osluth.org)
and she'll send you a bulletin and
a Zoom invite.



Randy Schroeder, Pastor
Candice Hinkle, Intern

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

encouragement to believers here and now to press on, looking forward to the glorious day.

Do you tend to view yourself as an isolated Christian? Think about your connection with all of God's saints by reading through the hymn *For All the Saints* (printed above).

While traditions across the globe vary for All Saints Day, the common theme is celebration with family and remembrance of those who have passed. Think of the saints who have influenced you and your faith. Take time to thank God for their presence in your life and the love and encouragement you have received.



All Saints Day

There's a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the church. It's called "All Saints Day" and is commemorated every November 1.

So, how should we think of All Saints Day? Well, the 1662 Book of Common Prayer says that the holiday stands for "the unity of Christians of all ages, countries, and races in Christ, and the perfection of that unity in heaven." It dates the holiday back to about A.D. 610 when the Pantheon in Rome, turned into a Christian Church, was dedicated to all saints.

There's a hymn that's traditionally sung around this holiday called *For All the Saints*. It encourages believers to look back through the years of Christian history and think of the millions now enjoying rest and salvation in the presence of God.

It's also meant to provide

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



"Happy New Year"

As a young adult, I remember the first time I heard our pastor exclaim Happy New Year from the pulpit. It was totally unexpected because he announced it on the last Sunday in November. I caught myself thinking, "This guy needs a new calendar."

But as the church calendar goes, the beginning of the liturgical year is usually on the last Sunday of November. It begins on the closest Sunday to November 30th (St. Andrew's Day). The Advent Season prepares us for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the book of James chapter five we read,

James 5:8 You also must **be patient**. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beginning in Advent, and during this "Happy New Year" (Yes! We are thinking optimistically ☺) the Worship Team has decided to bring attention to the Tree of Life in the Sanctuary and continue to use the theme of Trees throughout the year. Keep your eyes and ears open for the Theme of Trees.

In this Advent season join us each week on Sunday mornings 9 A.M. in person or online via Zoom. Or, if that is too early, join us in person at 11:30 A.M. for worship. If you're able join us Wednesday evenings 7 P.M. this Advent, Intern Candice will lead us in a short (20 minute) prayer gathering via Zoom. Each week Sandra will continue to send out the Zoom invites for Sunday as usual. Pastor Randy and Candice will send out the Zoom invitation for the Wednesday evening prayer on Monday each week beginning November 29.

Be on the lookout for one of the Advent Bags from OSLC. In it you will find several items for your use during this Advent Season, including an Advent Devotional. Even though our gathering is different, the presence of God and the promise of God's love in Jesus Christ is the same. Through you and your faith God's Love is stronger than ever as we wait and prepare with one another.

Thank you for you continued support and prayers for all the ministries of OSLC.

Peace,

Pastor Randy

Please join us for ADVENT Wednesday evening ZOOM worship with Pastor Randy and Intern Candice. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. on December 1, December 8, December 15, and December 22. More details will be announced during Sunday morning's announcements through the month of November. Please stay tuned!



OSLC Foundation

Throughout this year our investment with the ELCA Pooled Trust has grown to where our quarterly distributions are at about \$1,000. We did send \$1,000 to the ELCA Refugee and Resettlement Program for Afghan translators who started arriving in the US already in August, before government programs started. We will be supporting other needs with \$3,000 yet this year. Last year we supported Hanna Center, Food Finders and Mission Guatemala, so we may do so again. If you are able to support the Foundation yet this year we stand to receive back to us yet a larger quarterly distribution that we can direct to another need.

News & Notes

Council Highlights October 13, 2021

- Krista Gearhart will fill Cindy Modlin Adams' spot on the Council.
- Marcia and Jean are stepping away from the Tree of Life Center. We need to take a look at the program.

Dear OSLC community,

COVID is a very odd time to be an Intern as it has created some challenges getting to fully know the OSLC community. I have met some of you in person and others of you, I have seen over ZOOM during Sunday Services. Learning to navigate a church through COVID is a far bigger task than I realized! However, I am excited about this opportunity to grow and learn in such a warm and welcoming hybrid-church environment.

For the past two years I have been a DL (Distant Learner) student through Wartburg Theological Seminary out of Dubuque, Iowa. Because of the DL program, my family and I did not have to move to Iowa to attend seminary but rather I have been able to ZOOM directly into classes. (Unfortunately, many of you will understand what that type of learning requires and looks like due to COVID.)

Wartburg offers four ways of seminary learning. There is the TEEM certificate program in which students have a flexible and alternative path to ministry. TEEM Candidates are selected by their Synods and approved by the ELCA. The second way is RL (Residential Learning). These students live directly on campus either in dorms or in duplexes/apartments that surround campus. Some of these students are single and come directly out of their undergrad degree programs, others are students with families who have a variety of backgrounds and are a variety of ages! The CL (Collaborative Learning) program is a program designed for students who are already in ministry settings. Many of these students are serving in full-time or part-time church leadership positions and are taking classes to obtain their degrees. The DL program is the program I chose to be in. These students (some with other professional full-time jobs) take classes by ZOOM and are in class (pre-COVID) with the residential students. I chose this method of learning because I liked the idea of being fully immersed, just at a distance. I liked the idea of being able to interact with my fellow peers through cameras, TVs, and microphones set up in all Wartburg classrooms. Unfortunately, with COVID, the residential program was altered to look like the CL and DL programs.

There are also two options to all classroom learning at Wartburg. Students can take classes Synchronously or Asynchronously. Taking a class Synchronously means students ZOOM into class while class is being hosted. So far, I have only participated in Synchronous classes. Asynchronous learning students watch recordings of classes and sometimes do other classwork. (Again, unfortunately, with the onset of COVID, many of you understand these terms and this type of learning.)

Navigating life during COVID has been challenging. Attending seminary and now being an Intern during COVID is even more challenging. I pray each of you reading this article are well and that one day, somehow, we will all eventually meet in person. Thank you for welcoming me with open arms to the OSLC community.

Intern Candice Hinkle
Philippians 4:4

Stewardship Article November 2021

Here we are -November already! Year 2 of the pandemic! This year I am very grateful for modern medicine and the development of vaccines to help protect me and my family against COVID. I also continue to be grateful for my OSLC family which shows wonderful stewardship, love, and support for families in our community with Jubilee Christmas no matter how we conduct it!

It would be so wonderful if we could have Jubilee Christmas as we have in year's past where we all gather together in our church basement to have a joyous morning together! Sadly, this year will have to continue to be modified because of the COVID pandemic. The wonderful news is that we will be providing 11 families with toys, food cards, household goodies etc. on Saturday, Dec. 11. Each family will be given a time where they will be able to come to the church basement to pick out toys for their children themselves and then be sent on their way with all their other pre-bundled goodies.

How can you show your love for these families and be a faithful servant to Jubilee Christmas this year? You can



1. **Donate money** to help pay for food cards, teen gift cards, blankets for each family, non-perishable food items, and toys if needed
2. **Buy a specific toy or toys** when requested early November, and
3. **Volunteer** - volunteers will be needed prior to Saturday morning for toy set-up and bundling of items and also at church on Saturday morning to either be a door greeter, assist parent with picking out toys, or help carry everything out to their car.

Thank you in advance for all your generosity to help provide Christmas for 11 families in our community on Dec. 11! What a great form of stewardship!

Beth Dana

**Our
Saviour
Leading with
Compassion**

NOVEMBER UPDATES

Info for the next Pints with a Pastor has yet to be determined. Check your bulletin and listen for announcements.

Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos: Every Wednesday at 4:30, elementary age kids Zoom with Dale. Family Promise kids will be joining on the first Wednesday of each month.

Sunday School for all ages meets at 10:15 A.M. each Sunday.

Our kiddos through age 12 meet in-person using a wonderful Lutheran curriculum entitled “Whirl.”

Our **Adult Forum**, which includes teens, will continue to meet virtually over Zoom, BUT if you would like to be at the church we will have a “live-feed” of the Zoom set up on the big screen downstairs in the fellowship hall. We have an excellent line-up of speakers this semester. All safety precautions regarding COVID will be adhered to so as to make sure everyone who is present in the building for Sunday School is safe.

Here’s the November line up of Adult Forum presentations:

- November 7 - NO FORUM (Ministry Team Meetings/Fellowship)
- November 14 - Rev. Dr. Wes Granberg-Michaelson shares about his new book *Without Oars*
- November 21 - Rev. Peter Bunder - “What’s Happening in Local Government”
- November 28 - Chris Campbell - “What’s Happening at the State House”

Other Resources:

- **Facebook**-“Like” OSLC’s page for Sunday Worship streamed live, updates and upcoming events: <https://www.facebook.com/osluth/>
- **RightNow Media** (bible studies, devotions, video resources for individuals & families)-FREE OSLC membership:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/OurSaviour>



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Mark your calendars:

- ◆ **Each Monday at 7 P.M. Confirmation Class meets on the second floor of OSLC.**
- ◆ **November 1, 15, 29 at 6 P.M. First Communion Class (at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)**
- ◆ **Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos: Meets every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M.**
- ◆ **Sunday, November, 7, the Faith Formation Team meets after the second service.**
- ◆ **Thursday, November 18, 7:30 P.M.: Social Justice Discussion continues via Zoom.**
- ◆ **Sunday, November 21, 5:00 P.M. the Book Discussion Group will meet via Zoom to discuss Jeanine Cummins’ *American Dirt*.**



ELCA Youth Gathering: July 24-28, 2022

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

An important part of the Gathering's ministry are the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color, and the tAble, a gathering that brings together, blesses and empowers youth with disabilities.

Ephesians 3:14-21 CEV 14

I kneel in prayer to the Father. 15 All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from [God]. 16 God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that [God's] Spirit will make you become strong followers 17 and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in [God's] love. 18 I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. 19 I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. 20-21 I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. [God's] power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.

We are bound. Bound by our sin, by the expectations of others, by poverty, by -isms that try to divide us, and by so much more. In a life that often feels as if it has young people in a suffocating grip, we want them to imagine the boundlessness of God: boundless love, boundless mercy, boundless freedom, boundless creation, boundless strength. All offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them. All so abundant and endless it cannot be measured.

What are the stories of God's people, both in Scripture and modern-day, that share the awe and wonder of just how vast our God is? What does it mean, what does it look and feel like to live a life "filled with all that God is"? How can young people find themselves within the boundlessness of Christ's love?

MYLE, the tAble and the Gathering are unique opportunities to invite young people into a deeper relationship with a God whose possibilities are boundless. Through one-of-a-kind experiences, this ministry stretches and affirms young people's gifts and calls. They experience the power of the Spirit within them, that frees them to live in the grace of God's boundless love in Jesus Christ.

Finally, we are excited by the connections this theme offers to our host city of Minneapolis and the surrounding area. Known as the "City by Nature," Minneapolis is an earth-minded city in many ways. The Minneapolis Area Synod also names advocacy around care for creation as a top priority, which would allow us to learn from and support the local expression of the church.



Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2021) are eligible to attend. Adult leaders must be at least 21 at the time of the Gathering.



Opportunities for Service



Our annual fall food drive runs through November 30

MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS

Cereal	Canned fruit & veggies	Peanut butter
Pasta & Rice	Canned Meat	Soups & Stews
Beans	Mac & Cheese	Boxed Meals



There are many different opportunities for volunteering, from working one-on-one with a child in Youth Programs to helping out at the 44-bed emergency homeless shelter. Go to <https://www.lumserve.org/volunteer/> to see a full list of volunteer opportunities.

Port of Hope is an exciting fundraising event benefiting the LUM Immigration Clinic, which includes hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants, live performances, a Marketplace with unique experiences, and a cash bar. Port of Hope details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, November 4

Time: 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Place: Lafayette Brewing Co., 622 Main St., Lafayette

Tickets: \$50 per person

For more information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation, go to [LUMserve.org/port-of-hope](https://www.lumserve.org/port-of-hope).



Sign up for this **Thanksgiving morning 5K** run for a great cause — supporting local families, children, and those experiencing homelessness. Registration is \$35 for adults, and \$10 for children, 13 years old or younger. To register or for more information, go to turkeytrot5krun.org.

The **Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast** is a true community event, where everyone is welcome but LUM relies and donations of money, food & supplies, and time from the community as well. Details are as follows:

Date: Thanksgiving Day

Time: Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Place: Central Presbyterian Church 31 N. 7th Street, Downtown Lafayette (adjacent to the Tippecanoe County Public Library) Entrance to the Social Hall is off 7th Street

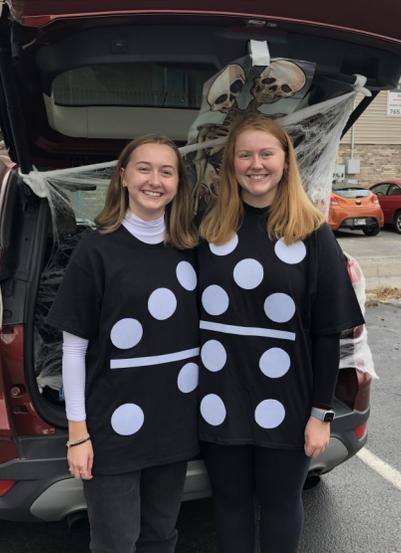


Host-a-Boiler Opportunity: Give Purdue students and scholars far from home a chance to experience hospitality with local families. The Host-A-Boiler Program is held over Thanksgiving and winter break for international students and scholars who would like to experience a holiday with local community members and their families. For many students and scholars it is their first introduction to U.S. holiday traditions here in the U.S. Learn what's involved for hosts at <https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/Student/Programming/HostABoiler/index.html>. Sign up at <https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/Apps/IFP/Hosts/HostLogin/>. (When you create or update your profile, be sure to select "Host-A-Boiler Thanksgiving 2021" as well as an online Q&A time.) Thanksgiving sign-up deadline is Tuesday, November 16th. Winter Break deadline is Monday, December 13th.

Beth Tucker (*Intercultural Learning Specialist*, Office of International Students & Scholars; btucker1@purdue.edu) will match hosts and guests.



Trunk or Treat at OSLC



**Team Rubicon and Indiana agencies
accepting donations for Afghan evacuees**

Team Rubicon, a national organization that mobilizes veterans to help during humanitarian crisis, is receiving donations at the Camp Atterbury amphitheater, 7105 S. Kern St, Edinburgh, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days per week.

Besides the Johnson County site, nine Indiana National Guard armories are open as regional collection sites for the public to drop off new items to help clothe and support the evacuees.

Evansville: 3300 E. Division St.

Greenfield: 410 Apple St.

Rockville: 224 W. Strawberry Road

Danville: 1245 E. Main St.

Muncie: 401 N. Country Club Road

Indianapolis: Kessler-Moore Readiness Center, 2625 W. Kessler Blvd. North Drive Fort Wayne: 130 W. Cook Road South

Bend: 1901 Kemble Ave.

New Albany: 2909 Grant Line Road

At the armories, Indiana National Guardsmen and Indiana Guard Reserve volunteers are accepting the following new items:

Please note that they are prioritizing the need for warm winter clothing.

Toddler and baby clothing- winter onesies

Winter clothing (sweatshirts/sweatpants/long sleeve shirts/winter coats) -- all age children

Winter clothing -- adult sizes (small and medium preferred)

Athletic style shoes-- toddler

Athletic style shoes--child

Winter boots--child

Winter boots--adult

Gloves

Winter Hats

Baby Formula (powder)

The armories are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. All items must be new and in their original packaging.

Other new items to consider donating include baby diapers, coloring books, crayons and toys.

You can also donate through the Amazon wish list: Camp Atterbury: <https://amzn.to/3lr2M1c>

**Dear God,
Open our hearts to migrants and refugees in need, so that
we might see in them your own migrant son. Give us cour-
age to stand up in their defense against those who would
do them harm. Amen.**

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	First Communion Class 6pm at Holy Trinity LC Confirmation Class 7pm at OSLC			Port of Hope fundraiser for the LUM Immigration Clinic 5:30-8pm at Laf. Brewing Co.		Time Change! Fall back!
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Servants Sunday 11:30am Worship in-person	Confirmation Class 7pm at OSLC		6:30pm Council Mtg Via Zoom			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am Worship in-person & Zoom 11:30am Worship in-person	First Communion Class 6pm at Holy Trinity LC Confirmation Class 7pm at OSLC			Social Justice Discussion 7:30pm via Zoom		
21 Christ the King Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am Worship in-person & Zoom 11:30am Worship in-person 5pm Book Discussion via Zoom	Confirmation Class 7pm at OSLC			Office Closed Turkey Trot 5K (8am) & Community Thanksgiving Feast at Central Pres. Church (Noon to 2pm)	OSLC Office Closed	
28 Advent 1	29	30				
9am Worship in-person & Zoom 11:30am Worship in-person	First Communion Class 6pm at Holy Trinity LC Confirmation Class 7pm at OSLC					

Looking ahead to December: Wednesday Advent Services, Jubilee Christmas, and Christmas Eve Service.

Always Remember and Never Forget!

The Journey Begins at Advent

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."

Where do you live?

A man who resided near the border of two states had been told for years his house was in Minnesota. But when a new survey revealed that he actually lived in Wisconsin, he proclaimed, "Thank goodness! I never could bear those cold Minnesota winters."

Defining where we live certainly affects our attitude. Followers of Jesus, or saints, consider their true home to be in God's dynamic presence. St. Paul was so connected to God through prayer that mystical experiences left him not knowing whether he was in or out of his body (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). Living with one foot in heaven and the other on the way there, Paul could know peace. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's," he concludes (Romans 14:8). Christian saints who are still living on earth can rest assured: Our true home is always with the Lord.



A Gratitude Game

Years ago, ads for a toy-store chain featured an animated kangaroo jumping on a frown to turn it upside down. That reminds me of family life, which can feel like a nonstop attempt to keep everyone happy. Busy schedules, grumpy kids and tired parents can be a bad combination.

When our family needs to turn frowns upside down, we play the thankful game. The rules are simple: We take turns sharing one thing we're thankful for. Everyone plays. No one can pass. No repeats are allowed. Our kids, now teens, still chime in. As we share gratitude for football, Grandma, hugs, warm brownies, coffee and more, kids tend to stop bickering, and adults get a mental reset. Try playing — and bring on lots of smiles! —Janna Firestone

A Blessing or a Curse?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to "give thanks in all circumstances."

Still, Corrie wasn't convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don't wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we'll get. —Julie Lee

Don't forget the time change!

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7 at 2 A.M.

Change your clocks before bed on Saturday night

and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!



Words of Wisdom for Thanksgiving

Thankfulness in Action

The more you recognize and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for.
—Zig Ziglar

Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water: It will make ripples throughout the entire pond.
—Jessy and Bryan Matteo

Thanksgiving is a spiritual exercise, necessary to the building of a healthy soul. It takes us out of the stuffiness of ourselves into the fresh breeze and sunlight of the will of God. —Elisabeth Elliot, *Keep a Quiet Heart*

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch heaven.
—Johannes Gaertner

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good. —Maya Angelou

Lesson Learned

Some time after Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions were rescued while floating for 21 days on a life raft in the Pacific Ocean, he was asked, “What is the biggest lesson you learned from that experience?”

“The greatest lesson I learned,” he answered, “is that if you have all the fresh water you want to drink and all the food you want to eat, you ought never to complain about anything.”

If you have those basic things, give thanks for them this Thanksgiving Day ... and every day.

A New Thanksgiving Tradition

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Follow Paul's model of starting letters with thanksgiving: “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world” (Romans 1:8, NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, “Thanks for everything!”

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

Dear Amy, This Thanksgiving I'm thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you! Sincerely, Patty

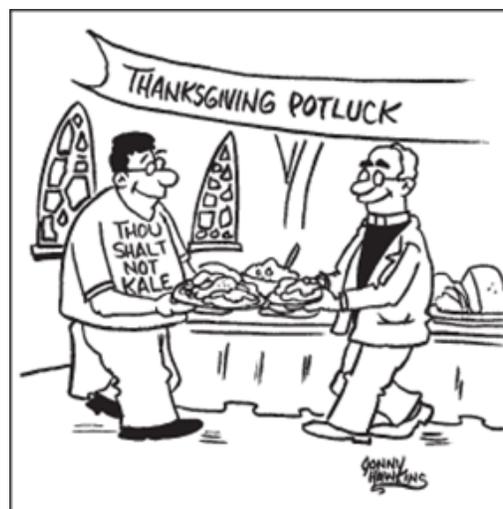
For Laughs (or Groans!) around Your Table

Knock knock. Who's there?
Arthur.
Arthur who?
Arthur any leftovers?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?
It had 24 carrots.

If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...
... Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

My family said, “No more Thanksgiving jokes.” ...
... but I said I couldn't just quit cold turkey.



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