



Capitol Drive  
Lutheran Church  
*Sounding the Love of Christ*

# WEEKLY NEWS

November 22, 2020  
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*Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -  
A congregation  
Sounding the Love of Christ  
by caring for the poor  
and vulnerable  
in our community*

## Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We also welcome you to sign our guest register located near the church entrance.

### Week of November 15, 2020

**SUNDAY Attendance: 0 (Worship on Website)**

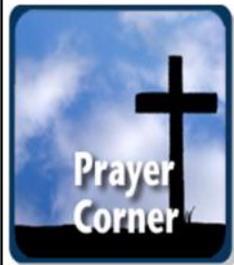
**OFFERING: \$ 0.00 (Sunday offering)**  
**500.00 (Automatic deposits)**  
**Total: \$ 500.00**

### *Please donate to the SPQP Blessing Box!!!*

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### **FINAL WEEK!**

Help us receive matching grant money by sending in your contribution now. Checks payable to CDLC, with "Blessing Box Donation" on the memo line.



The Family of Mardelle Retzloff (former CDLC member who died 11/11/2020); Earnestine Ruffin; Patricia Rice (friend of Robert Gee); Andrew Klucznik and Family (associated tangentially with Milwaukee Lutheran HS); Steve Shander (brother of former CDLC youth minister Christine Shander); Donna

Weis; Doris Thomas; Debbie Vida (daughter of Marilyn Bauer); William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Jan Smoody; Cynthia Lange, Vianna Lynn Grady, Allan Thompson, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Nathan Halstead and parents (MLHS, per Linda Jaeger); Eva Lotz; Ardiss Nelson; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters).

*Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).*

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her ([glowrm64@hotmail.com](mailto:glowrm64@hotmail.com)) with your requests to send a card.

## Prayer for the Week

*Sovereign God, all we, like sheep, have gone astray. We have turned to the ways of death rather than of life. We have preferred security to sacrifice and gluttony to generosity. We have failed to care about or respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers, for we have been preoccupied with our own narrow concerns. Forgive us and turn us around so we may accept our rightful place in your eternal realm.*

*We, who have been rescued and fed, bound up and strengthened, would hear again your challenge, O God, to live life to its fullest. We recognize you as the Source of life and the Provider of new life in Jesus Christ. May we put you first in our attention as we reach out to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, and minister to prisoners. Help us to claim our kinship with all your children and to participate with you in that work through which all of us were redeemed and reconciled and made whole.*

*Teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every person, knowing that **every person is your daughter or son, your creation.***  
**Amen.**

- from *Whispers of God* by Lavon Bayler  
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## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, November 22 \* Worship CANCELLED**  
**CHRIST THE KING** **Sanctuary Open for Prayer**  
**Last Sunday after Pentecost**

Monday, November 23

Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25 Gathering Place Cancelled

Thursday, November 26 **THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**CDLC office and TenderCare Closed**

Friday, November 27 *TenderCare Closed*

Saturday, November 28

**Sunday, November 29 \* Worship CANCELLED**  
**First Sunday of Advent** **Sanctuary Open for Prayer**

### **\* Of Special Note:**

Listen to or watch our condensed Sunday worship services, including Pr. Bill's sermon (and a newly composed prelude and maybe even a smokin' postlude), on our website.

**Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King**

Listen to Pr. Bill Mains' sermon, *Give Thanks to the King!*, on our website: [www.capitoldrivelutheran.net](http://www.capitoldrivelutheran.net).

**Monday, November 23 - Psalm 7**

It's hard to take responsibility at times—especially when we fear the consequences. But God calls us to walk in God's ways. God's ways are for our good and for the good of the world. When we are called to work for justice and peace for our neighbors we know God is with us, giving us the will to repent and to love. David cried out to God to rescue him from his enemies. David swore an oath: If I've been unjust—if I've repaid a friend with evil or destroyed my enemy without cause—let my enemy destroy me. But he hadn't and they wouldn't. Justice was David's concern. David not only acknowledged his faults (Psalm 51), he took responsibility for justice and mercy. Seeking God's justice and steadfast lovingkindness, we cry to God in our distress. We seek not only forgiveness but God's deliverance for those who are oppressed. We ask God to preserve and keep us from all evil and to bring all justice and love—God's will—to fruition. *God of justice, help me to do justice and love my neighbor. Amen.*

**Tuesday, November 24 - Esther 8:3-17**

Loving those close to us usually comes naturally. We love people we know and we stand up for them even if it is risky to do so. It is harder to make that courageous stand when we are risking ourselves on behalf of strangers, even if those strangers live in our own country. But if no one speaks up against injustice, people can be hurt and persecuted and can even die. Queen Esther lived in luxury and safety, yet she risked it all to speak up for the Jews, for her people. She didn't know them all personally, and it would have been easier to turn her back on these strangers. Esther decided to take a stand without knowing the outcome. And because of her compassion and bravery, the Jewish people were spared. We are called to love our neighbors. That sometimes means taking a stand. We need not fear, for God is with us. God will give us the strength to be brave and the power to love. *Loving God, help me to stand up for others. Give me courage to love as you love me. Amen.*

**Wednesday, November 25 - John 5:19-40**

In high school debate class, the students were supposed to do research on a topic so they could persuade people and win the debate. It was difficult to take all that material, boil it down, and decide which facts were most important. Often a team that had tons of information, but missed the point, lost the debate. The religious scholars knew a lot of facts. And they were convinced that certain facts put them in the right and Jesus in the wrong: he healed on the Sabbath and called God "Father." But Jesus said they'd missed the point. Jesus did not testify to himself. Instead God did, and the works of God in Jesus did. John testified and so does the Spirit. Jesus does the will of God, loving God and loving neighbor. Knowing God is not a decision or even a proper sorting out of facts. Rather, God works through Jesus to heal, judge rightly, and raise the dead. As we study scripture and are given the good news of God, the Holy Spirit puts Jesus before us and gives us amazing new life. *Gracious God, when I read scripture, show me your love for me in Jesus. Amen.*

**Thursday, November 26 - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

**Thanksgiving Day**

When kids ask their parents for something, they might use different approaches. They might try to make mom feel sorry for them: "We're so sad that you aren't letting us watch that movie!" They might bargain: "We'll do our chores if you let us watch!" But they always end their request with: "We love you! You're the best dad ever!" The parents heard the pleas. And no matter how the parents responded, the kids always knew their parents' hearts. They knew that their parents loved them. Today's psalm recalls that the people of Israel were suffering.

Their tribes had been scattered. The good times were behind them, and they felt abandoned by God. They were heartbroken, but they still believed that God had the power to heal and restore them. So they asked. They spoke of their bitter tears. They promised to be faithful in the future. And over and over in this psalm, they praised God. They knew God's heart: God would answer their prayer in God's time. In the meantime, God's heart, God's love was for them. So, too, God loves us. *Loving Parent, hear the cries of my heart and send me help. Amen.*

**Friday, November 28 - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18**

We live in a world filled with temptation, with chances to do the wrong things. While it is easy to resist some behaviors, it's much harder to resist others—and what is easy to avoid for some of us, others find extremely difficult. And there are times for all of us when we try and convince ourselves that maybe what we're doing isn't all that bad. Paul was writing to the early church in Thessalonica. He was giving them a pep talk, applauding their kindness and love toward one another. But he was also exhorting them: when in doubt, they must remember that God would never entice them to do the wrong thing. So when examining their choices, they needed to ask themselves: Is this really the loving thing, the just thing, to which God has called us? If the answer is no, then that settled things. We have been called by God to love one another as God loves us. With God's help we can answer God's call. *Holy One, strengthen me to love you and love my neighbor. Amen.*

**Saturday, November 28 - Micah 2:1-13**

In many ways, the world today is a mess. In the face of misery, we can feel like bewildered children. We yearn for safety in unsafe places, for comfort and hope when things are difficult. We hang on, waiting and trusting that better times will come. But this is nothing new. Many in Israel's fractured kingdoms were behaving terribly, seizing power and using it to torment others. God's faithful people were being abused and mistreated. They longed for deliverance, but it seemed such a long time coming. The prophet Micah had a promise for them. Their oppressors would be dealt with, and God would tenderly gather God's faithful children together and put them in a safe place, like sheep in a pen. Then, at last, the Messiah would come. Jesus would open the gate and release his beloved flock into the presence of God and the reward of God's heavenly kingdom. It was worth the wait then. It still is today. *My Deliverer, while I wait faithfully, help me to do my part to make this a better world. Amen.*

**Sunday, Nov. 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37**

You didn't notice that the tree in the backyard was dying until it fell over. You didn't notice that the chimney needed fixing until bricks tumbled onto the roof. There were warning signs; you just didn't see them. Jesus was telling his disciples about the coming Son of Man, and the need to pay attention and be ready. Jesus said that no one knew exactly when it would happen, but that there were signs to watch for—like the flowering of a fig tree signals the coming of spring. Some worry that signs of suffering in our troubled world mean the end. But the end of the world is in God's power. And God's love and power is for the sake of the world. The Son of Man comes to gather God's creation and give new life. So what are we to do? Jesus says to his disciples and to us: "What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake" (Mark 13:37). Look and see what good new thing God is going to do for you and for the world. *Patient God, waken me to your love and the life you bring. Amen.*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

*(Liturgically speaking, of course.)*

***The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.***

<b>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>November 1 All Saints Day</b>	<b>November 8 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>November 15 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>November 22 Christ the King Last Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>November 29 First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
<b>Assisting Minister</b>					
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger
<b>Musician</b>	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
<b>Communion Assistant</b>					
<b>Ushers</b>					
<b>Altar Guild</b>					
<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls</b>				

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**November Birthdays at CDLC**

**November 11      Leonardo DiCaprio**

**November 16      PATRICK KILEY**

**November 20      Joseph R. Biden, Jr.**

**November 27      JEAN KOSTKA**

**November 29      Chadwick Boseman**

*Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. There is a printed list of items on the table near the main church doors. The Box is being emptied quite often. Thank you.*

# NOVEMBER 2020

***Until further notice, ALL activities listed are cancelled except the Sunday morning Meditation and Prayer sessions.***

November 1 All Saints Day  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	2	3  <u><b>ELECTION DAY</b></u>  St. Martin de Porres	4  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	5	6	7
November 8 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	9	10	11  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal  <b>VETERANS DAY</b>	12  St. Josaphat	13	14
November 15 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	16	17	18  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	19  9:00 AM: Quilters	20	21
November 22 Christ the King Last Sunday after Pentecost  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	23	24	25  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal	26  <u><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></u>	27	28  10AM : Watch Meeting (Lounge)
November 29 First Sunday of Advent - Cycle B  <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	30  St. Andrew, Apostle	December 1	2  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	3  St. Francis Xavier	4	5