

Pastor's Corner



Give Thanks!

If holidays can be said to be a color, for me, Thanksgiving is a “brown holiday.” Now, don’t jump to conclusions. I view it as something other than the frenzied red of the secular Christmas, the holy white of Easter, the patriotic red, white and blue of the 4th of July or the Tennessee orange of Halloween. (I had to throw that in!) Brown is a peaceful, earthy tone, reminiscent of fallen leaves, dried cornstalks and landscapes at rest after the harvest.

A peaceful color is appropriate for the day. Other than a trip to the grocery store, there is, thank God, no shopping season in preparation for Thanksgiving. There are no office parties, no tinsel and no obligatory gift exchanges.



I am praying for you!

One of the greatest gifts we have in the church is prayer. In Matthew 21:13, Jesus told the people that His house shall be called a house of prayer.

I have heard the requests for prayer from many of you, but I would love to hear from so many more. If you have a prayer request, no matter what it might be, please let me know so that I can be about the work of our Savior and lift your request up to the Lord.

In His Grip!



More than any other special day, Thanksgiving remains private and personal. And, as someone has said, no one is “complaining that they have somehow taken the thanks out of Thanksgiving.”

No one has needed to make that complaint, for even the most cynical of us recognize that undeserved blessings come our way. Some who are less aware of the vocabulary of the church might substitute “good luck” or “opportunities” for “blessings,” but the fact remains that the majority of us are aware that life graces us with gifts we’ve done nothing to earn. The apostle Paul reminds us of that gift in Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

Many of us learned the meaning of Thanksgiving Day as first-graders when we portrayed Pilgrims with construction paper hats or friendly Indians in cardboard feathers we’d colored with crayons. We learned that the day was for offering thanks.

We have an advantage at Thanksgiving because we know who to thank. Our faith provides a perspective that enables us to see that benefits and blessings are not something owed to us, but gifts from a loving God. We understand that even in hard times, when obvious blessings seem scarce, we are still abundantly graced with life itself -- a wonderful gift -- and with the abiding presence of God.

As you offer thanks to God this Thanksgiving, may the brown peace of gratitude flood your soul. I thank God for each of you and pray He continue to Bless you in The Journey.

In His Grip!

Pastor Scott Henze



**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Psalm 107:1**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Chelsea and Cameron live in Terry and have been blessed with a wonderful son. They are newly married and both really love Our Redeemer.



Dennis and Sher Scheiwe

We moved from Colorado to Mississippi to be near their daughter, son-in-law, and one year old granddaughter. They also have a son and family who live in Hong Kong. Dennis is a retired State Park Manager and Sher is a retired middle school teacher. As new residents to Madison, Mississippi they are enjoying the culture and sites of Mississippi and the neighboring states.

My name is Thomas Conn and I'm 23 years old. I was born in and raised around Natchez, Ms. I'm a tank crewman in the Mississippi National Guard and set to be on deployment starting spring 2018. After returning I plan on attending Mississippi College ROTC in either History or Biblical Studies. Which I either want to use to go into law/politics or into the military chaplaincy. I cannot wait to be home and to continue on the journey with you all!



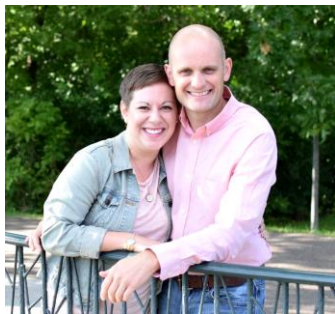
Allen and Beth Ann Lunceford

Married for 32 years

We have two sons: Dustin (30) and his wife Lori of 4 years & Chase (23)

Allen has worked in Clinton Schools for 35 years – Coaching Slow Pitch Softball for 33 years, along with many other sports.

He enjoys outdoors - golf, and hunting. Beth Ann has worked for Clinton Utilities for the last 12 years as Support Service Supervisor.



Brenda Stewart

Brenda is a native of Minnesota and moved to Clinton in June after getting married to Matt Stewart. She works at a dermatology clinic and comes from a fundraising background, and enjoys writing devotions in her spare time. Besides her new husband and joining Our Redeemer, one of the things she's most excited about is being closer to the ocean.



Jane Stauble

I have lived in Clinton for the past 8 years, but I'm new to the Lutheran denomination. I was born in Tampa, Florida but grew up in Navy port cities all across the U.S. My husband went to be with the Lord 8 years ago. We were married 38 years and have a son and his family in Vicksburg and a daughter and her husband in Clinton. I retired as a librarian from the Hinds Community College in 2014 and then worked 3 years at the Wesley Biblical Seminary. I'm spending my retirement reading the stacks of books I've saved, but am waiting on the Lord to lead me in this next phase of life.



Stewardship Lesson: Showing our Gratitude

God gives us His love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through His Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of His bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form, certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. We would make Him comfortable, run errands for Him, offer our best food, and give Him our time and attention. However, we don't have that opportunity, so we show our gratitude in different ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day in our prayers and thoughts. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is expressed when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to His Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. We extend our thanks to our heavenly Father when we give Him praise and glory in weekly worship and privately throughout each day.

As stewards, we find that our gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love which enables us to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love and grace, we give ourselves and our resources. When we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all, we will serve the Lord faithfully out of gratitude for all His gifts to us. Our gratefulness to God will enable us to give thanks even during bad times because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things.

Blessings on your Thanksgiving season!



Stewardship Update

2018 will be an exciting year for Our Redeemer as our wonderful growth has presented some challenges. Our planning committee is working on a plan to accommodate our growth, as lack of space has become a problem for our Sunday School.

I am asking all members to pray about the coming challenges and about their response to this year's Stewardship campaign with their time, talents and treasure. November 19th will be pledge Sunday. A packet of information will be mailed out on November 1st.

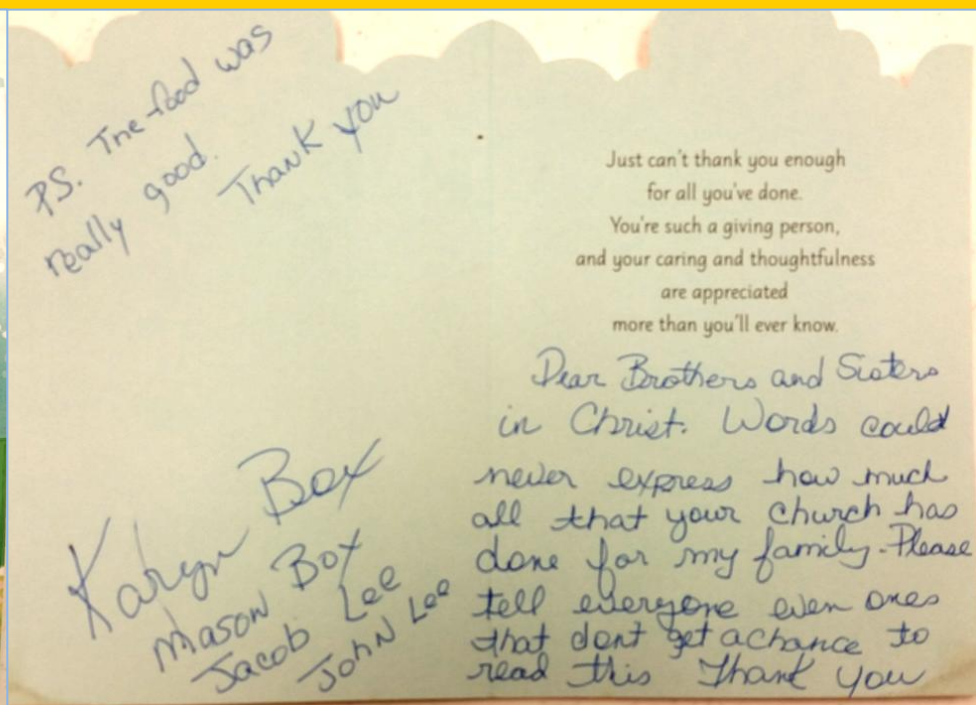
Looking forward to a great new year

Dick Henderson, Stewardship chairman.

Join Us
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

Give Thanks! Worship Service
9:00 AM - Nov. 23rd

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Hi Cindy,

Larry and I thank you and the congregation at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for your outpouring of love toward us when we visited your church service, Wednesday dinner and Bible study. As lifelong Missouri Synod Lutherans, your church is the friendliest and most outreaching church we have ever encountered in our 40 years of marriage.

Having to evacuate and not really know where we should go, God definitely led us to Jackson, MS and Our Redeemer! We got home safely to our home still standing with only a couple small things broken outside, a spoiled refrigerator and freezer, and many trees down in the area. Florida looks like a war zone because of the vegetation damage but the people are strong and doing great!

We hope someday our paths cross again (hopefully not because of a Hurricane!). If we are ever in your area again, you can be sure we will stop to see you and will tell others about your special congregation. And, if anyone from your congregation comes our way to the northern suburbs of Tampa, please have them call to stop in to see us!

Your brother and sister in Christ, Larry & Marilyn Price

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Thank
you

Seek, Serve, Share Wednesdays

Servant Event Wednesday, November 15th Thanksgiving Boxes

Helping hands are needed to assemble **30 boxes** for families in need.

We are also gathering needed items for the boxes during November. Donation list will be available November 5th. Please see how you can help!

Seeking, Serving and Sharing Jesus, all in ONE place, for ALL ages, at ONE time. There are small groups and classes for Preschool – 8th Grade. A staffed nursery is provided for children 3 and younger.

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| 5:30-6:10 | Dinner is served |
| 6:15-6:30 | Prayer and Praise |
| 6:30-7:30 | Youth & Adult Small Groups/
Confirmation |
| 6:30-7:00 | Children's Choir |
| 7:00-7:30 | Class Time for Preschool-4 th Grade |
| 7:00-8:30 | Choir Rehearsal |



Invite friends to come! Bring friends with you!!!

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord"*

*Help make our Altar
Beautiful for this Christmas
with lovely Poinsettias!*

*Please tear off order form and give to
Pat Koenig or Patti Warrington to order.
Poinsettias may be taken home after the late service.*

Poinsettia Order Form

You can order as many as you would like and designate them each or all for any purpose.

Your Name: _____ I would like to order _____ @ \$15 each. Total _____

Please designate each flower by :	Number : <u>ex 2</u>	Purpose: <u>Loving Memory of all who came before</u>
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Memorial designations will be published in the bulletin and the newsletter in recognition.

Grieving?

Know someone who is?



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

GRIEF SHARE®

www.griefshare.org/holidays

The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, and where to find comfort and strength. Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

A Thrivent Action Grant helps to fund this outreach ministry.

Choir Retreat "Sing Joy to All the World"

Saturday, November 4th 9:30-3:00

Would you like to be a part of the choir for the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service? Join us on Saturday!

Questions? Contact Karen Berger.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We have a few left! !! If you would like to do a couple more to help us reach our goal of 80, please see Cindy. The boxes need to be turned in by November 13th

Come help us get into the Christmas spirit.

We will be setting up decorations and trimming the tree Nov. 29th during S³



Congratulations! Baby Baptisms

Rece Holmes Sept. 17th

Grayson Ford Sept. 24th

Addison Grace Dicke Oct 8th

Joann Eller Oct 29th



FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

Sunday, December 10th



Originally written to share with his family, Martin Luther's beloved hymn, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" tells the story of an angel who has come from far away and into the circle of shepherds keeping watch in order to share the glorious news of Jesus' birth.

Parents please mark these rehearsal dates on your calendar:

Saturday Nov. 18th, 9:30-11:30

Saturday Dec. 2nd, 12:00-1:30 (lunch is provided at 12:00)

Saturday Dec 9th, 9:30-11:30



HOLIDAY MARKET



The Clinton Holiday Marketplace
will be November 11th 9 am - 3 pm.

Join Main Street Clinton & LWML for the 10th Annual Holiday Market!

On Saturday, November 11th, the brick streets of Olde Towne will be filled with Christmas spirit as the Holiday Market officially kicks off the holiday shopping season. Now in its tenth year, the market will have more than 120 artisans and vendors selling a huge variety of handmade items. Find the perfect gift for everyone on your Christmas list at the Holiday Market. Enjoy performances by local dance groups, choirs, and bands, and grab a bite to eat at our Olde Towne restaurants or available food trucks.

- ❖ LWML will have a Bake Date November 10th
- ❖ We will need help setting up and breaking down. A sign-up sheet will be on the board by the kitchen.

It's That Time, Final Exams!

ORLC has 10 students toiling away in the book mines. We will be collecting small items, snacks, words of wisdom / humor or cash for gift cards to pass on to our students.

Donations will be accepted until Sunday, November 18th.
Student bags will be available for pick up in the Narthex
Thanksgiving Day November 23rd

A collection box will be placed in the kitchen. We are looking for help assembling the bags and providing taking over support for our college students.

Volunteers Please Contact Cindy.





Youth 2017-2018

Senior Youth Night (grades 9-12)

Sunday, November 5th 6:00-7:30 PM

Theme: Dare to Prepare

Food: Macaroni Night

Activity:



FRIENDS N Faith

Sunday, November 5th 9:30 AM

Donuts (hot and fresh) Coffee & Juice provided

Theme: Who is Jesus

For Confirmation Students and their mentors

Jr and Sr Youth Cook for Matt's House

Sunday, November 19th 11:45-12:30

We will be making Goulash and desserts

(Matt's House is the ONLY emergency shelter in the Jackson area for women and children)



#HACKED OWN IT...BE IT...LIVE IT!

Southern District Junior Youth Gathering

Lake Forest Camp in Macon, MS

November 10-12

Attending from Our Redeemer:

Brandon Bankston, Patrick Lippiatt, Wade Nelson, Belle Smith, Jacy Provis, Katie Nelson, Allen Bankston and Cindy Namann

Compassion Experience

Experience Another World - Without Leaving Yours

This immersive exhibit is coming to MC November 7th-10th. Experience other cultures, the realities of global poverty, and how you can change the life of a child living half a world away.

Our Redeemer Youth will go Thurs., November 9th @ 6:00 PM

It is free and family friendly. If you can't make it on the 9th you can register for another tour at this website:

<https://cts.compassion.com/events/833>

Directions: <https://maps.google.com/maps>





November

Emerson Thrower	2
Kenny Hall	3
Denise Hartzog	4
Mims McLendon	5
Dorian Purtzer	10
Cooper Bankston	10
Tabitha Wood	15
Steven Namanny	19
Daniel Smith Sr.	19
Allison Milner	20
Steve Huse	21
Terry Hartwig	21
Susan Nelson	25
Neal Minich	26
Sue McIntyre	28
Madelyn Sessums	28

Primetimer's Luncheon

November Cancelled

**Christmas Luncheon will be
December 14th Noon**
(Ham will be provided)

**Primetimers is a monthly lunch social
/devotional for members 55 and older**



November Verse of the Month

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1



November Flowers (given by - for):

5th Shirlene Malone - *Mims McLendon's Birthday*

12th Carol Ann - *Jennifer and Scott Lippiatt's Anniversary*

19th Dorian Purtzer's 92nd Birthday and in memory of son Jim

26th OPEN



Happy Anniversary!

Scott & Jennifer Lippiatt	11/8
Randall & Shanta Preuss	11/10
Mike & Sherri Lovell	11/11
Ford & Sandi Hayman	11/15
Barry & Cheri White	11/18

We are in need of more Bibles for the sanctuary. They are \$5.00 each. If anyone wants to donate one or more, please see Patti Warrington. I will have a form and they can be given in memory of or in honor of someone. We will need a total of 50 new Bibles.



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Highlights from the October 2017 Council Meeting

Pastor and elders reported:

- The average attendance is at 142 both services combined.
- The Martin Luther movie had 124 in attendance, not all from Our Redeemer.
- There will be small dramas during Advent services, see Pastor if you would like to participate.

DCE Cindy Namanny, Education, and Youth committees reported:

- Cindy will be on Supertalk radio, FM97.3, on the Marytalker show 9 am either Nov. 3rd or 10th.
- GriefShare Surviving the Holidays will be Nov. 14th.
- Wednesday November 15th will be the Thanksgiving Service Project the goal is to assemble 30 boxes to give out.
- 6 Junior youth will attend the Southern District Jr Youth Gathering November 10-12.
- The Children's Christmas will be December 10th at the 10:30 service.

The long-range planning committee reported:

- The committee has for a few years been working on plans for updating the audio/visual capabilities of our church sanctuary. This was done in response to input given by both members of the congregation and the church staff. The committees work is complete, they have worked with professionals to come up with a system that would fit our needs and the funding is in place. Now the council would like to give you an opportunity to give input before proceeding with this project. Please feel free to approach myself, Pastor Scott or your elder if you have questions or concerns.

The treasurer and financial secretary reported:

- Through September we are at a break even on the budget. Though offerings have not been equal to the 2017 budget, expenses have run below expected as well.

Planning for 2018 budgets and ministries has begun and I ask that you be in prayer for those working through these processes. In addition, positions on the council and board of elders have to be filled as well as positions on committees. Please give prayerful consideration if you are asked to fill one of these positions. If you would like to serve please see me.

Yours in Christ,
Steven Huse
President
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Christ-Centered, Caring, Compassionate, Celebrating



November 2017

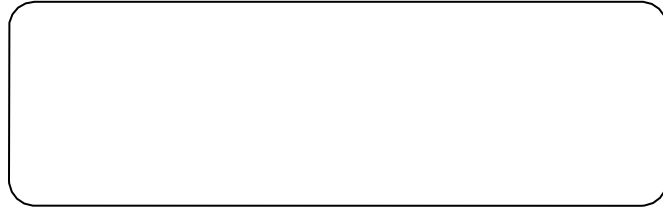
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