

FEELING  
**GRATITUDE**  
AND NOT  
EXPRESSING IT  
IS LIKE  
**WRAPPING A  
PRESENT**  
AND NOT  
GIVING IT.  
—WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD—

# The Lamplighter



*Our Savior Lutheran Church - ELCA, Quincy, CA*

SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

- **“God’s Work. Our Hands” Christmas**
- **Thanksgiving Dinner at OSLC**
- **Advent Mid-week Services**
- **Christmas Music Events**

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## OKTOBERFEST REPORT

Our Oktoberfest on October 30th was very successful! Fellowship Hall was full as was the Sunday School room. Approximately 60 people attended and we raised over \$1,000 to support our mission projects. A reporter from the local newspaper showed up and there should be pictures and an article in the paper on Nov. 9th. The Quincy Oom Pah Band that played on and off during the evening in-

cluded Al Herndon, Warren Grandall, Roger Lundegard and Pastor Kendrah. Bob Baitinger provided several different kinds of tasty homemade sausages and our members provided a variety of delicious potluck items. We also had many generous donations to our Silent Auction and Raffle prizes.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this event successful!

### PASTOR’S LETTER

Dear Church Family,  
We are in the season of Thanksgiving and soon we will be in the season of Advent. While only the second is an actual “Season of the Church,” I think we can all agree on the significance of being thankful throughout the church year.

I’d like to lift up what one of our members is doing for the month of November. Laura Foster Wilson is posting a “thankfulness post” on Facebook every day in November. What a great way

to publicly witness to the importance of being thankful!

As we look forward to our country’s celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, we can remember how much God does for us each and every day throughout the year.

Perhaps the most important thing we can be thankful for is that God loved us so much that God came to earth as Jesus. The season of Advent is a time for us to look ahead to that celebration and also a time for us to pause and reflect on *(continued on page 10)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2016

**SEASON after PENTECOST**

- Sun. 11/6** All Saints' Sunday (Also, Daylight Savings Time ends!)
- Tues. 11/8 PRS Parenting Class 4 – 6 pm Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 11/9 Women's Cancer Support Group 6 pm Fellowship Hall
- Thur. 11/10 **Women's Bible Study** at 12:30 pm – "God Loves a Cheerful Giver"
- Thur. 11/10 Methodist Church's **Fall Dinner** from **4 to 7 pm** – tickets \$10
- Sun. 11/13** Last **Bible Study on Luke** after worship with **POTLUCK**
- Mon. 11/14 P.E.O. Women's Group meets Noon – 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Tues. 11/15 **Grief Group** meets at 11 am in Fellowship Hall
- Tues. 11/15 **Dress-a-Girl/Dress-a-Dude** at Quincy Library 1 – 4 pm
- Tues. 11/15 PRS Parenting Class 4 – 6 pm Fellowship Hall
- Thur. 11/17 Open House at Brumit's starts at 3 pm for Jack's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Fri. 11/18 **Ladies' Night Out** 6 pm – Location TBD
- Sat. 11/19 **Women of Worship** at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church – 10 am
- Sat. 11/19** **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox deadline** (1st Baptist Church 4-6 pm)
- Sun. 11/20** Christ the King Sunday—*Special offering will be collected during worship for our Sister Synod in El Salvador*



- Sun. 11/20 Church Council meets after worship/fellowship
- Tues. 11/22 PRS Parenting Class 4 – 6 pm Fellowship Hall
- Thur. 11/24** **Thanksgiving Dinner at OSLC 2 pm**



**ADVENT SEASON**

- Sun. 11/27** **1st Sunday of Advent**—**Congregational Meeting to elect officers for 2017**
- Wed. 11/30** **Midweek Advent Service 7 pm**
- Sun. 12/4** **2nd Sunday of Advent**
- Tues. 12/6 String Concert at Church 5 pm—6:30 pm
- Wed. 12/7** **Midweek Advent Service 7 pm**
- Thur. 12/8 Women's Bible Study at 12:30 pm—on Advent
- Sun. 12/11** **3rd Sunday of Advent**
- Sun. 12/11 Courthouse Sing 2 pm—Lutheran/Catholic choir will sing
- Tues. 12/13 Orchestra Concert at Courthouse—Noon
- Wed. 12/14** **Midweek Advent Service 7 pm**
- Sun. 12/18** **4th Sunday of Advent**
- Wed. 12/21** **Midweek Advent Service 7 pm**
- Thur. 12/22 Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm (if desired by the group)
- Sat. 12/24** **Christmas Eve Services 7 pm and 11 pm**



- Sun. 12/25** **Christmas Day Service 10 am**

**CHRISTMAS SEASON**



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**November Birthdays**

Kathleen Weaver	2
Cindy Edwards	7
Paula Foster	13
Jack Brumit	17
Laura (Foster) Wilson	19
Jim Oster	24

**November Anniversaries**

Rick & Paula Foster	4
Jack/Bernadette Brumit	18
Jim & Karla Burnworth	24

**December Anniversaries**

None

**December Birthdays**

Abby Edwards	3
Norma Lewis	7
Terri West	10
Karen Oster	17
JESUS CHRIST	25
Terry Feay	26



**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**



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**Operation Christmas Child—Shoebbox Christmas**



We will be collecting shoeboxes filled with goodies for children again this year. The boxes are located outside the church office. Pick up a box and a label and then shop for a boy or girl within the age range you prefer. Each shoebox should have one “wow” gift—such as a soccer ball (with pump) or teddy bear, etc. Then fill the rest of the box with school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy (no chocolate) or small toys.

These gifts will go to children in need around the world. With the current large refugee population, many boxes will go to refugees. These shoebox gifts may be the only present a child receives this Christmas. Please consider helping out with this worthy cause.

We have a very short turnaround to get these boxes filled. **The deadline is Saturday, Nov. 19th when we have to deliver our boxes to First Baptist Church in Quincy between 4 and 6 pm.** They will be taking the collected shoeboxes to Reno to add to others from the area. Thank you for your consideration of this project!

**Angel Tree through PCIRC**

If you cannot meet the deadline for Shoebbox Christmas, here's another option: Angel Tree gifts (not due until a few days before Christmas). Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center (PCIRC) will again be collecting gifts for local children in need. This includes children in foster care. The tags with age/sex/wishes will be located at Plumas Bank as they have been in the past. Do NOT wrap the gifts, as they have to be checked over for appropriateness by PCIRC staff. Thank you for helping to make a child's Christmas special!



WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Please sign up on chart in back of sanctuary or email/call Pastor Kendrah with dates/positions for which you can volunteer. Below is the schedule of dates for the next two months.

**Please help fill in the slots where you can! Thank you!**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Clean Church</u>	<u>Altar Care</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
November	6	Fred Surber		Alan Baitinger	Susan Bradley
November	13	Jim Oster	Susan Bradley		Brumits
November	20	Fred Surber		Karla Burnworth	
November	27				
December	4	Fred Surber			
December	11				
December	18				
December	24	Fred Surber			
December	25	Fred Surber			

Please help!

**THANKSGIVING DINNER AT OSLC**



If you're looking for some friends with whom to share Thanksgiving Dinner, please join Debbie Freeze and Pastor Kendrah on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall** for a feast with all the fixin's. There will be turkey, ham, standard side dishes and dessert provided. If you have a special side dish or dessert that you'd like to contribute, that would be welcome, but please do NOT feel obligated to bring anything! If you know of someone in the community who may be alone on Thanksgiving, please invite them to join us!

**SPECIAL MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES**

It's that time of year when there are many musical events happening in our community, many of which are free! Please take advantage of these joyous ways of celebrating God's gift of music.



On **Tuesday, December 6th at 5 pm**, there will be a **Stringed Instrument Concert at our church**, led by Marty Walters, who has been teaching and rehearsing with string players of all ages in Quincy. Marty and Leslie Mink may also provide special music for our Mid-week Advent service on **December 7th**.

On **Sunday, December 11th at 2 pm** is the **Courthouse Sing** event in which our choir will be participating.

On **Wednesday, December 13th at Noon**, the **High Sierra Youth Orchestra** will be performing at the Courthouse. The public is welcome.



**Stewardship Month Report**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Stewardship month in October. We appreciate those who prayerfully considered Stewardship anew and we especially appreciated those who were brave enough to stand up in church and give a short Temple Talk as to why they give of their time, talent and treasure to the church and community. A special thank you goes to Lori Simpson for heading up this endeavor!

Those who attended church on October 30th had fun after the service watching Pastor Kendrah try to start the pledge forms on fire! The Time, Talent and Treasure Forms will be kept in the church office and used throughout the coming year. Thanks again!

October 2016	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Offerings</b>	
Regular	7,769.00
<b>Special Funds</b>	
Building Fund	200.00
October Fest	100.00
Pie Auction	1,895.00
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<u>2,195.00</u>
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<u>9,964.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	9,964.00
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Church General</b>	
Building Maintance	800.00
Office Expenses	124.46
Worship Musician	1,775.00
<b>Total Church General</b>	<u>2,699.46</u>
<b>Mission Projects</b>	
Organization Support	2,000.00
<b>Total Mission Projects</b>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Pastor Compensation</b>	
Housing	1,083.33
Salary	2,309.00
<b>Total Pastor Compensation</b>	<u>3,392.33</u>
<b>Pastor Expenses</b>	
Mileage	122.58
<b>Total Pastor Expenses</b>	<u>122.58</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>8,214.37</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>1,749.63</u></u>



**Thank you** for your continued financial donations to the church and for giving to C.A.N. (food pantry), **Recycling, Change for Church, and Box Tops for Education.**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
 YTD Regular Budgeted: \$67,144  
 YTD Giving to Regular Budget: \$64,835  
 Difference: \$-2,309 (under budgeted – please help if you can)  
 YTD Giving to Designated Funds: \$21,550  
 YTD Total Giving (Regular & Designated): \$86,385 (not including Oktoberfest)

**Thank you for your ongoing generous giving!**

## **MORE: GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**



**C.A.N. Food Bank** – Food is needed year-round. Please help us fill our shopping cart every month. **Thank you for your ongoing generous donations!**

**Thanksgiving Dinner Donations** – PCIRC is accepting donations of any Thanksgiving Dinner foods (including turkeys), starting now. You will see various containers throughout Plumas County for these donations (or take them to PCIRC at 591 W. Main St., Quincy).

**Warm Clothes Donations** – It is getting cold! PCIRC will accept donations of coats, sweaters, jackets, hats, scarfs, gloves, etc. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause.



**Personal Hygiene Item Donations** – PCIRC will gladly take donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, soap, shampoo, and other hygiene items to give to people in need. There is a basket outside the church office to place such donations. Thank you!

**Dress-a-Girl/Dress-a-Dude** – Kits are available in Fellowship Hall if you'd like to take some home to sew. Next date to make kits at the Quincy Library is **Tuesday, Nov. 15th from 1 to 4 pm**. Items needed include: **good pillowcases, new men's T-shirts, washcloths, bars of soap, small Ziploc bags and carrying bags** (about the size of a gallon Ziploc, but NOT see-through).

### **SPECIAL OFFERING TO BE COLLECTED Sunday, November 20th**

One of our Synod's "Sister Synods" (or partner synod) is in El Salvador. Because of this, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Concord, CA has partnered with Resurrection Lutheran Church in the country of El Salvador. Resurrection Lutheran offers a free clinic, school and homeless shelter. They are currently in the process of building a new church which will be earthquake proof and allow them to more effectively offer worship along with the other services they provide.

Good Shepherd in Concord is asking all of the congregations in the Sierra Pacific Synod to consider donating at least \$1 per person to help put a roof on this new church in El Salvador. Our Church Council said that we can do better than that! We will be collecting a special offering on Sunday, November 20th to help Resurrection Lutheran in El Salvador. We are confident that we can raise much more than \$1 per person. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to help this Lutheran Church in El Salvador "Raise the Roof" through this fundraising effort. Thank you!



## SYNOD GRANT MONEY

Thank you to everyone who gave input on how we should steward the \$5,000 gift given to us by our Synod for Mission/Ministry Outreach. The Church Council took your wishes into consideration and have chosen two projects for now, with a third to be determined. The top results as voted on by the congregation are as follows:

- 10 for Ohana House
- 8 for GWOH Community Picnic (September 11th)
- 6 for Music Camp or In-School Music Program

First, the Council determined that our “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Community Picnic on September 11th was a big hit and that we would like to do it again next year. We spent about \$800 this year and anticipate the same expenses next year. Thus, we earmarked \$1,600 of the total from the Synod to cover the picnic this year and next.

Second, the Council decided to give a gift of \$2,000 to Ohana House in our community, which houses youth between the ages of 15 and 24 who would otherwise be homeless. This facility is run by PCIRC and they said they would use the money to buy new appliances that would accommodate up to 12 youth using them.

Currently, there are five youth living at Ohana House. Some are attending Feather River College. All of them are receiving additional “Life Skills Training” and support to become independent adults. There is a house parent who lives at the facility 24/7 (with at least four respite providers) and the youth must sign a contract stating they will follow certain rules to live at the house.

Finally, there is \$1,400 of the grant money left for a third possibility. We need to do some further research into how to make a Music Camp or In-School Music Program work. We will keep the congregation informed as to our final decision with the remaining grant money. Thanks again for helping us decide!

## IT’S TIME TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2017!

Not only is it time to vote for leaders in our county, state and country, it is also time to vote for those who will serve our Church Council in 2017. The positions open and current nominees for those positions are as follows:

- Vice President: Susan Bradley
- Treasurer: Fred Surber
- Mission and Ministry: Susan Donald

We will be holding a special congregational meeting to vote for officers after church on **Sun., Nov. 27th**. Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor. The positions are elected for two year terms. Thank you to those who have willingly given their names for nomination!

## Women's Bible Study

We will finish our last Bible Study on Stewardship on **Thursday, November 10th starting at 12:30 pm**. The session is called "God Loves a Cheerful Giver" but remember, this is under the larger topic of "No Catchy Slogans." So as you can guess, there is a bit of a twist!

The fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving, so we will not meet again until **December, 8th**. Since we will be in Advent Season by then, there is a one session study called, "**Imagining: an Advent Lesson**" that we will use that time. The group will decide if we want to meet on December 22nd or not.

For a peak ahead into January, there is a three-session study called, "Slow Faith" that includes these topics: Sabbath-keeping, Make haste, O Lord, and Tempo giusto. Please mark your calendar on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and plan to attend!

## Adult Bible Study on Luke with Potluck

The last Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke will be after church on Sunday, November 13th. The title of Session Eight is: "How Did Jesus' Resurrection Change the World?" We will start with a potluck and then join in discussion. All are welcome even if you have not previously attended Bible Study.



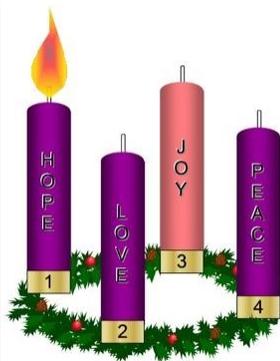
We will also discuss if we want to do a Bible Study during Advent, or simply have some kind of Scriptural reflection during our Midweek Advent services on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

## Midweek Advent Services and Christmas Services

Midweek Advent services start Wednesday, November 30th at 7 pm. They will continue on Wednesdays in December, on the 7th, 14th and 21st.

Christmas Eve this year is on Saturday, December 24th. We will have a Candlelight Service at 7 pm and another one at 11 pm.

Christmas Day is on Sunday and we will have our regular 10 am worship service.



Did you know that **the ELCA now has its own Federal Credit Union?**

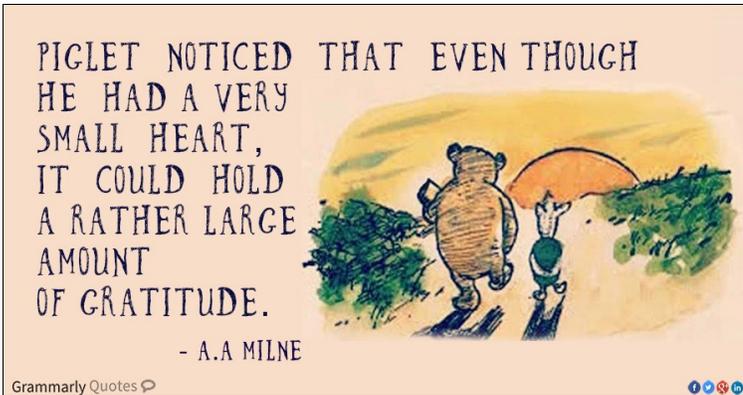
They are offering the following services: loans, credit cards, checking, savings & CDs, and moving money. There are **NO** fees for checking or savings!

Look for brochures on the back shelf in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall. There are some great deals! More info as available at: [www.elcafcu.org](http://www.elcafcu.org).

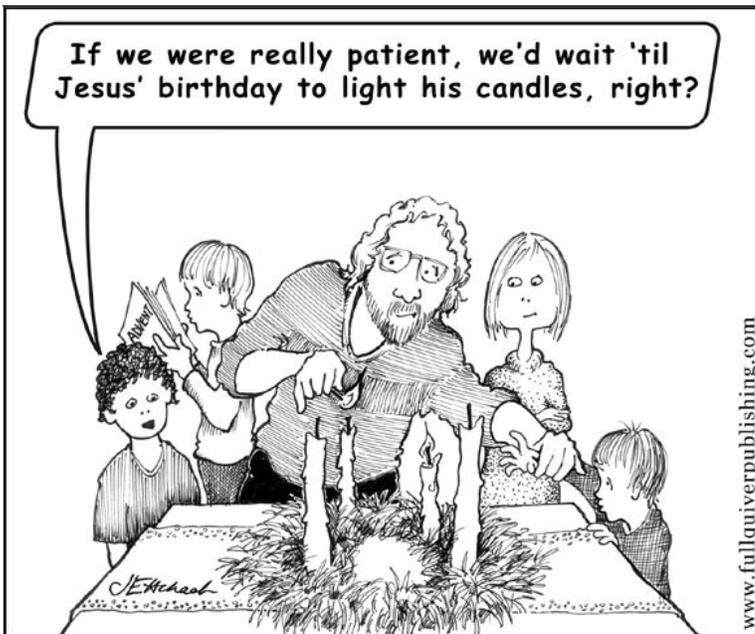


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# CHURCH HUMOR!



"ADVENT CALENDAR? NO JUST MY PILL ORGANISER!"



Give thanks TO THE **LORD**

FOR HE IS good:

HIS love ENDURES forever.

PSALM 107:1



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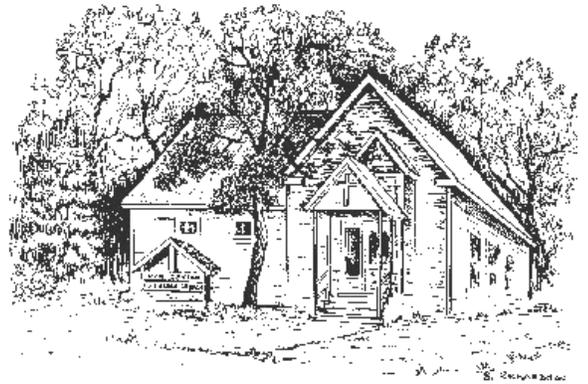
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Mission Statement: *We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Theme Verse: Isaiah 54:10: *“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”*



PASTOR'S LETTER CONTINUED

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what Jesus' coming to earth means for us. Advent is a time of hope and anticipation, knowing that the joy of “God with us” is coming anew.

Instead of getting caught up in our society's commercial craziness before Christmas, we as Christians can take a different focus—a focus on waiting and preparing for Christ's coming again into the world.

One of the “new” educational trends that has been making the rounds, even in the Quincy Elementary School is “mindfulness” training. It is about focusing on the present moment through meditation.

During Advent, we Christians could try this mindfulness practice as a way of staying focused on the present instead of jumping too quickly ahead to Christmas. Mindfulness also involves keeping our minds open to new possibilities—perhaps to seeing how God is working in unexpected ways in our world today.

So in these seasons of Thankfulness and Advent, let us keep our hearts and minds focused on what is truly important in our lives.

In Christ, Pr. Kendrah

*“We're so busy watching out for what's just ahead of us that we don't take time to enjoy where we are.”*  
- Calvin & Hobbes

