



# The Lamplighter



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

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Pie Auction** 11/24
- **Midweek Advent** 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
- **Courthouse Sing** 12/8
- **Decorate Church** 12/15



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## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church Family,

This newsletter is coming out later than I had wanted, partially because I didn't get this letter written on time. As it turns out, I'm writing this on Nov. 5th, Election Day in the U.S.. Many of us are waiting in anticipation of the results with much anxiety. But it is likely we won't have the results for several days, and so we will have to be patient.

In the church year, we also have times of waiting and being patient, particularly during Advent and Lent. The season of Advent is now less than a month away. Yet, while we *wait* for Advent, we have traditionally considered November a month for thanksgiving. We start the month with All Saints' Day, when we remember and give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Then comes the national holiday of Veterans Day when we give thanks for U.S. veterans and their service. Finally, there is the holiday of Thanksgiving, when we give thanks for the fall harvest, for family and friends coming together, and we may also think about other things for which we are thankful—from our homes, to pets, and more. Some people practice daily thanksgiving every day throughout November and I think this is a great idea. As Christians, it is good to be thankful to God every single day of the year. God has blessed us greatly and it is right that we give God thanks and praise.

So as we await the results of the election, maybe this is an ideal time to think about those things for which we are thankful in our country. We can be thankful to have the right to vote, to have schools in our communities, to have government services available, and so on. Even when we are frustrated with those things, we can imagine that things could be far worse without them. Compared to many people around the world, in general we Americans are doing quite well.

So, take a deep breath, trust God, and be patient in your waiting. Meditate on the phrase, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Know that things will work out. No matter the results of the election, we Christians can continue to do God's work for the kingdom each day, in little ways or in larger ones. God continues to love each one of us. Let us love one another as God loves us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

-Pr. Kendrah

## CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 2024

**Sun. 11/3 All Saints' Day / Daylight Savings Ends**

Sun. 11/3 Church Council meets after worship

**Tues. 11/5 Election Day**

Tues. 11/5 Choir Practice for Community Sing at CUMC 7 pm

Wed. 11/6 Chair Yoga 11 am

Wed. 11/6 PCBH Commission meeting 1 pm

**Thur. 11/7 Women's Bible Study 10 am**

Sat. 11/9 Labor of Love volunteer day 9 am to Noon—meet at Pioneer Park

**Mon. 11/11 Veterans' Day**

Mon. 11/11 Dress-a-Girl at OSLC 10 am to Noon

Mon. 11/11 Song/Drum Circle at OSLC 6 pm

Tues. 11/12 Choir Practice for Community Sing at CUMC 7 pm

Wed. 11/13 Chair Yoga 11 am

**Wed. 11/13 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**

Mon. 11/18 P.E.O. Women meet at OSLC Noon to 4 pm

Tues. 11/19 Choir Practice for Community Sing at CUMC 7 pm

Wed. 11/20 Chair Yoga 11 am

Wed. 11/20 VOAD meeting (Marty Walters) 3 pm

**Thur. 11/21 CUMC Fall Dinner 6 pm—cost is \$15 for adults**

Sun. 11/24 Christ the King Sunday—last day of the church year

**Sun. 11/24 Pie Auction after worship—to benefit Vineyard Ministries & C.A.N. Pantry**

Tues. 11/26 Choir Practice for Community Sing at CUMC 7 pm

Wed. 11/27 Chair Yoga 11 am

**Thur. 11/28 Thanksgiving Day—possible potluck at OSLC, around 2 pm**



*God bless you  
for your service*  
Happy Veteran's Day



**November Birthdays**

<b>Monica Potter</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cindy Edwards</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Jim Oster</b>	<b>24</b>



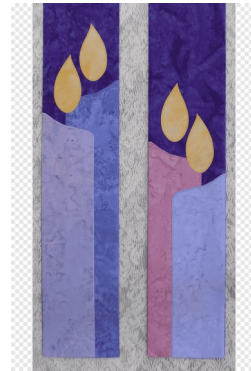
**November Anniversaries**

<b>Jim &amp; Karla Burnworth</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Monica &amp; Ernest Potter</b>	<b>24</b>

**Men's Coffee** meets at Midtown Coffee,  
Mondays at 8 am.

# CALENDER: DECEMBER 2024

- Sun. 12/1 Advent week 1**
- Tues. 12/3 Choir Practice for Community Sing at CUMC 7 pm
- Wed. 12/4 PCBH Commission meeting 1 pm
- Wed. 12/4 Midweek Advent Service 5:30 pm
- Thur. 12/5 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Fri. 12/6 Sparkle event downtown Quincy 5 pm**
- Sat. 12/7 Holiday Craft Fair 9 am to 3 pm
- Sun. 12/8 Advent week 2**
- Sun. 12/8 Community Sing at Courthouse 1 pm**
- Mon. 12/9 Dress-a-Girl at OSLC 10 am to Noon
- Wed. 12/11 Midweek Advent Service 5:30 pm
- Wed. 12/11 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**
- Thur. 12/12 Women’s Cancer Support Group at OSLC 6:30 pm
- Sun. 12/15 Advent week 3—Decorate church for Christmas**
- Mon. 12/16 P.E.O. Women meet at OSLC Noon to 4 pm
- Mon. 12/16 Song/Drum Circle at OSLC 6 pm
- Wed. 12/18 Midweek Advent Service 5:30 pm
- Thur. 12/19 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Sun. 12/22 Advent week 4**
- Tues. 12/24 Christmas Eve Service**
- Wed. 12/25 Christmas Day**
- Tues. 12/31 New Year’s Eve



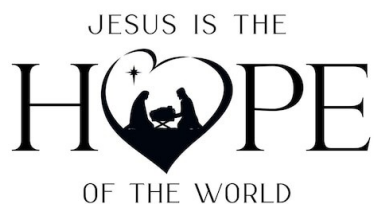
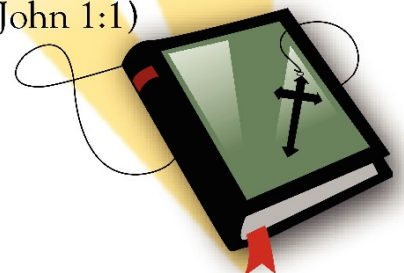
**December Birthdays**

*happy birthday*

Elsie Palgue	8
Karen Oster	17
Hailey Crump	27

**Anniversaries**  
None

"In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."  
(John 1:1)





## Financial Secretary's Report through October 29, 2024 by Karla Burnworth

Month	Regular Plate Offering	Hall Rental	Recycling & Refund	ELCA World Hunger	LWR Baby Kit Fund	Refund	GWOH (LOL Lunch)	Vineyard Ministries	Building Fund	Oktober-fest	Total
Jan.	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 24.00									\$ 1,964.00
Feb.	\$ 5,690.00	\$ 212.00	\$ 8.96								\$ 5,910.96
Mar.	\$24,500.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 37.68	\$ 15.40							\$24,617.08
Apr.	\$ 3,234.00	\$ 330.00			\$ 100.00						\$ 3,664.00
May	\$ 8,368.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 50.88			\$10.20					\$ 8,561.08
June	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 46.03		\$ 200.00						\$ 4,728.03
July	\$ 8,806.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 6.40								\$ 8,880.40
Aug.	\$ 8,220.00	\$ 117.15			\$ 79.88						\$ 8,417.03
Sep.	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 27.00				\$100.00	\$ 500.00			\$ 6,530.00
Oct.	\$ 5,317.00	\$ 49.00							\$200.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 5,636.00
Nov.											\$ -
Dec.											\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$76,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,056.15</b>	<b>\$ 176.95</b>	<b>\$ 15.40</b>	<b>\$ 379.88</b>	<b>\$10.20</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>	<b>\$78,908.58</b>



### Women's Bible Study

For our Bible Study November 7th, we will finish the study from the Women of the ELCA's *Gather* magazine is entitled, "**After Certainty**" by Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni on **Compassion**—Jesus' teachings and the apostle Paul's writings urge us to choose compassion over correctness—offering us guidance in a polarized time.

For the Advent Season, we will look at a Bible Study called, "**In God's garden: What fig trees teach us about Advent**" by Hannah Hawkinson. The intro to the study says, "Astonishingly vibrant, fig trees have a zest for life. Their roots have even been known to bust through plumbing and climb walls like ivy! Yet fig trees also have a dormant period—a time when they do not grow or bear fruit. But this period of waiting and rest isn't a time of waiting around. It's a time of pruning and fertilizing and watering; a time to prepare for the fruitful season ahead. As we prepare the way of the Lord in this season, we are in our own dormant period of waiting and anticipation. Still, Jesus calls us to "keep awake" and to prepare ourselves for God's coming."



Following that, we will pick up the Fall Bible Study entitled, "**Receiving Grace: A study of Ephesians**" by Heidi Haverkamp, an Episcopal priest. This study has three sessions and more information will be shared about it later.



## Treasurer's Report through October 2024

### BUDGET vs. ACTUAL by Kathy Osher

<b>GENERAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Sept 2024</b>	<b>Oct 2024</b>	<b>YTD Spent</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
	Bank Check Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Household Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$8.00	\$31.59	18.41
	Insurance - State Farm	\$3,870.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,870.00	\$0.00
	Office Expenses (includes web domain)	\$1,500.00	\$117.86	\$95.99	\$1,155.96	\$344.04
	Sierra Conference	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2.5% of regular offerings	Sierra Pacific Synod (Tithe)	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Registration for 2 people + Fresno hotel	Synod Assembly	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,297.44	-\$297.44
	Taxes	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Worship Musician (\$65/	\$4,225.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$3,120.00	\$1,105.00
	Worship Supplies	\$750.00	\$12.23	\$0.00	\$439.64	\$310.36
	Education Supplies (VBS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$13,795.00</b>	<b>\$390.09</b>	<b>363.99</b>	\$9,914.63	\$3,880.37
<b>PASTOR COMPENSATION</b>						
	Housing	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$12,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Salary (+\$6,967 Pastor's pre-tax ) *	\$30,873.00	\$2,561.54	\$2,561.54	\$25,749.94	\$5,123.06
<b>TOTAL PASTOR COMPENSATION</b>		<b>\$45,873.00</b>	<b>\$3,811.54</b>	<b>\$3,811.54</b>	\$38,249.94	\$7,623.06
<b>PASTOR EXPENSES</b>						
	Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mileage	\$1,200.00	\$140.70	\$123.95	\$1,031.87	\$168.13
(Health, Dental, Retirement)	ELCA Portico (includes \$6,967 above) *	\$24,000.00	\$2,037.20	\$2,037.20	\$20,371.95	\$3,628.05
	Substitute Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PASTOR EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$25,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,177.90</b>	<b>\$2,161.15</b>	\$21,403.82	\$3,796.18
<b>UTILITIES</b>						
	Electricity	\$900.00	\$86.08	\$17.83	\$859.04	\$40.96
	Garbage	\$250.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$248.74	\$1.26
	Heating	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,125.94	\$874.06
	Telephone & Internet	\$1,700.00	\$109.00	\$0.00	\$1,404.60	\$295.40
	Water & Sewer	\$750.00	\$74.35	\$75.20	\$679.52	\$70.48
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$6,600.00</b>	<b>\$291.43</b>	<b>\$115.03</b>	\$5,317.84	\$1,282.16
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$91,468.00</b>	<b>\$6,670.96</b>	<b>\$6,451.71</b>	<b>\$74,886.23</b>	<b>\$16,581.77</b>



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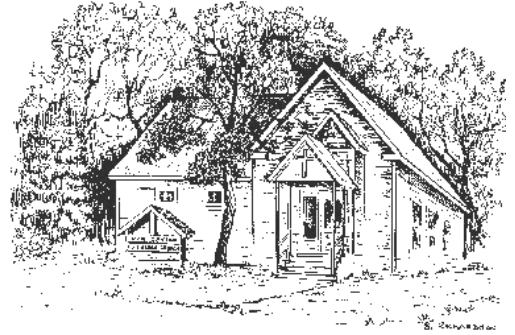
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Mission Statement: *We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

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.”*



### **“Family Reunions” By Lyn Walters**

Last month my family had a reunion. This was no small feat. In fact it had been 40 years since we had all been together in one place. Granted we are a big family, eight kids in all. And although there have been many family gatherings over the years, weddings, funerals, holidays, and more, there has always been at least one person missing. The last time we all had a chance to gather, I nixed it. Everyone was going to attend our youngest sister’s wedding and at the last minute I decided I couldn’t go. I was under tremendous strain from my divorce and getting down to the Bay Area seemed like too much. I’m sorry now that I made that decision, reunions being so rare in our family. But at the time I didn’t even think about it.



It is such a blessing to be with all your brothers and sisters and in our case our mom. We share such a long and intricate history together. Although our dad died a long time ago he is somehow present in our remembrances. As the holidays approach we long for these family reunions more acutely. But we live in complex times.

Often bringing our families together is a hard task to manage, both logistically and financially.

Yet God provides us with a weekly reunion we can attend without great expense or extensive planning: Our reunion with our church family every Sunday! As Paul says to the Philippians in 4:1, “Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.” Here Paul makes it clear that his brothers and sisters at the church at Philippi were part of his and God’s beloved family. Just as we at Our Savior Lutheran are part of that same beloved family.

Every Sunday it is both our duty and our joy to celebrate our unity in the taking of the sacraments. We also join together as a family in prayer, song, and scholarship just as the early Christians in Philippi did.

But just reuniting with our beloved family every week brings a blessing that lasts all week. There is a certain sweetness in our exchanges with our church sisters and brothers that doesn’t happen elsewhere. And that should be made evident to those who witness our interactions. As Jesus says in John 13:35, about his disciples “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love, one to another,” At church we are one in the spirit. We are one in the Lord. And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.