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The Messenger

GALILEE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Greetings,

November is a busy month for most of us as we start to gear up for the holidays. It's also a busy month on the church calendar.

We start with the first Sunday being All Saints Sunday which allows us to remember and honor the saints who have died before us and are now seated at the throne. Two weeks later we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, honoring Jesus as our Lord and King and this day officially ends the church year. Later that week Thanksgiving arrives with all of our beloved traditions, recipes and gatherings. Then, almost immediately after Thanksgiving we usher in the new church year with the First Sunday of Advent.

Thus, we go from concentrating on Thankfullness to starting to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Advent not only gives us a chance to prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus as a babe in the manger, but the church also uses this time to focus on the time when Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Sadly, I will not be here to celebrate the first two Sundays in Advent with you as I leave for Florida on Thanksgiving morning. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you gather with family during this most blessed season.

Blessings, Pastor Karen



Bear (Jamie's daughter) seizures

Dale B (Carol's husband) lung cancer

Steve Hanger's family as they mourn his death

Peggy as her disease progresses

Colin as he battles cancer

Marla Flinn shoulder replacement

KRAFTEE KRAFTERS

You are invited to join the Kraftee Krafters every Tuesday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. They work on various projects and even if you're not crafty come join the ladies to enjoy a cup of coffee and wonderful fellowship. If you have any questions call Nancy at (740) 341-8452

Church COUNCIL

After examining the healthcare insurance plans for next year, Pastor Karen recommended that we drop her to a lower plan to save money. Bob submitted the new plan choice to Portico following the meeting.

Early discussions were had concerning where else we might be able to trim the 2027 budget



11/9 Jim Frobase

11/18 Lucy Balmer



11/23 Sheila & Keith Westrick



In the back of the church there is a bookcase with a wide variety of books available to be read. Just grab a book and return it after you finish



Pastor Karen is in the office on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. She is able to meet on Mondays during the day and on weeknights if you'd like to schedule a meeting.



Our Bear it Bears are just waiting to be given to someone who is hurting in any way, physically, mentally or emotionally. They are sitting on the chairs in the front of the church. Just be sure to sign them out in the logbook on the bookcase in the entrance way of the church. This is one of our outreach programs, so let us bear one another's burdens and fulfill the love of Christ.



EVERY THURSDAY
10:00 TO 10:40 AM
$1.00 per class

Grab a friend and join us for 45 minutes of stretching exercises. Chair Yoga is great for working the soreness out of muscles, strengthening our core and improving our balance as we age.



Monday November 16th
at The Landing
10:00 AM

All ladies of the church are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion around a faith based question.

Few things in life are more uplifting than gathering with sisters in Christ, sharing food, fun and fellowship.



November 1st All Saints Sunday

November 8th Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

November 15th Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

November 22nd Christ the King Sunday Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

November 29th First Sunday in Advent



Hi Everyone,
It has been a be-utiful fall. Sometimes I think maybe we are going to skip winter this year. Probably not. It seems Nancy and Jim Frobase were house guests at Mary Rutan Hospital. From what I understand they had side by side rooms.

. Once again Jim became the nurses favorite patient. Both out of there and home, doing great

The Harvest Home dinner is something Lucy and I look forward to every year. Lot's of food and fun. Not to mention people always drop a few things. The pie was the best ever...So nice to see some of our favorite faces that have been missing from Sunday Church. You know when Nancy is house bound and not driving lots of others are stuck. We missed the Frobase's, but Sheila boxed up dinners for them to enjoy at home. Anyway, there was great food and more importantly, door prizes. A beautiful blanket made by the Kraftee Krafters which was won by Nancy's son, Steven. I guess Nancy ended up with it. Does anyone else think there might be something fishy going on there? Not to worry, there were four more. Thanksgiving plaques just in time for the holiday won by Helen, Paula, Sheila and Theresa.



Enjoy this beautiful season, knowing we are busy "gathering" for the winter months ahead.

Love and Hugs,
The Church Mouse



Galilee will once again help the Outreach Center bless the children who gather at Galilee by providing Christmas presents.

The Angel Tree will be up with the Angels placed on it on Sunday November 15th .

To participate, simply take an Angel (or two) from the tree. Each child will have two angels, one for a toy and one for clothing. After you have chosen your Angel, mark your name on the chart that will be laying on the table next to the tree. This will help Drew know who has what child.

After you have purchased and wrapped your gift, you may bring it to church and set it next to the tree. All gifts will need to be at the church by Sunday December 13th.



Steven Hanger and Jan Wilt are both under the care of Hospice. Neither are expected to join the Church Triumphant any time soon, but their bodies are slowly failing, Hospice is helping them and their families as they approach their transitions to eternal life.

Marlene Feldspauch has adjusted nicely to her new home at Wapakoneta Manor's memory care unit. Her best friend from The Villa
will also be leaving her apartment in the coming months as her dementia escalates. The families of both ladies are thrilled that the two friends will soon be reunited when Sharon will join Marlene atThe Manor.

30 Days of Gratitude

1 Start a gratitude journal.	2 Thank 3 people for something they did.	3 End the day sharing one positive thing.	4 Do something nice for someone in your family.	5 Take a treat to a friend or neighbor.
6 Jot down 5 things you are thankful that happened in your life.	7 Start a Gratitude Pumpkin.	8 Call a family member you are thankful for.	9 Pay a compliment to a stranger.	10 Fill a box for Operation Christmas Child..
11 Reflect on your strengths and abilities.	12 Do something nice for a neighbor.	13 Give thanks for your food, shelter and clothing.	14 Tell the boss of a store employee he/she did a good job.	15 Give an extra big tip at your salon, restaurant, etc.
16 Write down things you love about your home.	17 Send cards to the Troops.	18 Help someone with a chore.	19 Call a friend you are thankful for.	20 Pay for the coffee for the person behind you in line.
21 Give thanks for what you love about where you live..	22 Read a book about Gratitude.	23 Take a walk in nature and reflect on its beauty.	24 Give a positive review about a local restaurant/store	25 Buy coffee for a teacher or caregiver.
26 Jot down what you are grateful for this year.	27 Look for a way to serve those in need as a family.	28 Learn about how to write a good thank you note.	29 Set up a family appreciation jar.	30 Leave treats for your delivery crew

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

Advent Candle 1 is the prophet's candle (or "the prophecy candle") because multiple Old Testament prophets had told people about the Messiah's coming for a long time. This candle stands for hope, and specifically, the Israelites' hope that the promised Messiah would come. They had been waiting for the Messiah for centuries, wondering what he would look like and what he would do when he arrived. When Jesus was born, that hope was finally fulfilled – "a prophet like you" (Deuteronomy 18:15) had come.

HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS

Krafty Krafters will be making little kits to donate to homeless veterans for Christmas. Through donations and Thrivent Grants they have been able to acquire the supplies needed for the kits, but they are in need of hands to help assemble the kits. And they have blankets that need to be tied.

If you are available on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am and would like a chance to share coffee and snacks as well as good old fashioned Christian fellowship while tying a blanket or assembling a kit, please let Nancy know. Consider this your official invitation to join them once, twice or weekly to lend a hand. Men....don't rule this out...they'd love to have some guys there to help as well.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH CENTER'S

SUMMER READING RAFFLE





ENTER TO WIN GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND BUSINESSES INCLUDING 600 DOWNTOWN, CRANBERRY'S, WOODY'S AND MORE!

All proceeds support summer reading materials, daily incentives. Help us inspire a love of reading all year long. Drawing held in January



TICKETS $5.00 EACH
DRAWING JANUARY 4TH

- 1st Prize: $500 of Gift Cards
- 2nd Prize: $300 in gift cards
- 3rd Prize: $200 in gift cards

For tickets call Drew at (937) 843-9283

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 **Krafty Krafters 10-12** _____ **AA 7:30**	4	5 **Yoga 10:00** _____ **AA 6:00**	6	7
8 	9  **Jim F**	10 **Krafty Krafters 10-12** _____ **COUNCIL 6:30**	11	12 **Yoga 10:00** _____ **AA 6:00**	13	14
15 	16 **Ladies Breakfast at The Landing 10:00 AM**	17 **Krafty Krafters 10-12** _____ **AA 7:30**	18  **Lucy**	19 **Yoga 10:00** _____ **AA 6:00**	20	21
22 	23	24 **Krafty Krafters 10-12** _____ **AA 7:30**	25	26 	27	28
29 	30					