

# The Visitor

November 2017

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## The Treasure



**Matthew 6:19-21** *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

At the Lewis County Ministerial Network monthly meeting, I was approached by a pastoral colleague in the community. He said he had one question for me, "Who is CJ Schoenborn and why do I keep seeing her name all over the place?"

I told him who Carolyn is and explained the ministry of RISE Lewis County and our commitment to not just putting a band-aid on the problems of poverty, but working to make our county a place that addresses the long-term, generational poverty that continues to wear people down.

This commitment rises from the community of God's people, gathered around Word and Sacrament, to be sent to be light and salt to the world. The congregation of St John's is not an institution to be perpetuated. The congregation of St John's is a force

for the Gospel in our community. Our Good News to the community is that you matter to God — even if you don't seem to matter to the rest of the world.

To continue this work, we need money. We need a place to gather each week to hear God's Word and experience Christ's presence in the Sacrament. We need a place to feed people on Wednesday nights and prepare food to feed people on Saturday's for Mobile Meals.

As we come to the end of the calendar year, we will be focusing on things like spending plans and giving projections. As your pastor, I'm asking you to prayerfully consider your financial contribution to the work of our congregation.

Part of our missionary partnership in the Gospel is the shared financial responsibility of making these things happen. It is God's Work that we do, but our Hands (and bank accounts) that bring the programs to reality.

Thank you for your past support of the ministry of St John's Lutheran Church. Thank you for your future support of the ministry of St John's Lutheran Church.

*Pastor Matt*

## St. John's Women's Ministries

The Annual **Pie Social and Talent Show** will be held on **Sunday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m.** in the community center. Each family is asked to bring a pie to share. Talent sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions? - talk to Joan Jahnsen.

**Women's Brunch and Bible Study** will meet in the conference room on Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 am. Women are asked to bring a brunch item to share as we continue using the study "*God is in the Laundry Room.*" Session 3 is called *Pest Control*. What

really bugs you? Come to this session to learn how to use your spiritual flyswatters.

The **Women's Book Guild** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 28 at the home of Jan Cosser. Shari Blackwell will lead the discussion on the book, *A Sudden Light* by Garth Stein.

To learn more about any of the St. John's Women's Ministries, contact Joan Jahnsen at 360-748-3901 or e-mail jahnsen71@msn.com.



### St. John's Lutheran Church Statement of Mission:

Rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we exist to:

- **PROCLAIM** God's unconditional love as an invitation to all,
- **GROW** in discipleship as we follow in Jesus' steps, and
- **SERVE** others as instruments of God's Holy Spirit.

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## Worship Schedule:

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

## Summer Worship Schedule:

- One Worship Service at 9:45 a.m.

## Giving to Support St. John's

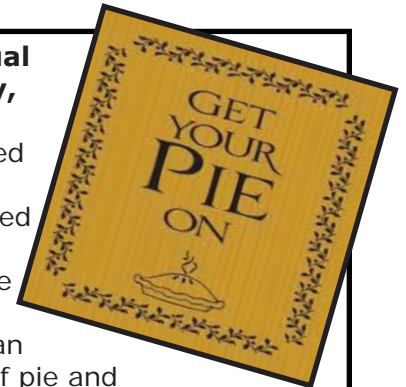
As a church we encourage those who are part of the St. John's family to be giving to the work of our congregation. We believe you should not feel burdened by the issue of giving but in fact, find it a joy! We are pleased to provide e-giving options as an alternative to giving cash and checks in the offering plate (your cash and checks are always welcome!).

- **Mobile Phone:** Scan the QR code provided here to access our mobile giving site and follow the prompts.



- **Our Website** – on your computer, go to [www.stjohnschehalis.net](http://www.stjohnschehalis.net) and click on the “donate” button
- **Online Banking** – Arrange to give through bill-pay at your own bank's website. You will be asked for the following information:  
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**You are invited to attend our annual Pie Social and Talent Show Sunday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Community Center. Each family is asked to bring a pie to share. Following the eating-o-the-pies, we will be entertained by some of our very own talented members. If you have a talent to share you are encouraged to sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Joan Jahnsen. Come prepared to eat a lot of pie and laugh – a lot!



For all those 55+, the annual traditional **Young-at-Heart** Thanksgiving dinner and program is on **Thursday, November 16 at noon.** Dinner will include turkey and all the trimmings — mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, pie — everything to make a Thanksgiving dinner complete. All you need to bring is your appetite. Chris Sampson will give a presentation about the new Chehalis Girls and Boys Club following dinner. For more information, contact Nancy Lynch, 748-2124. There is always room for more!



# November Celebrations

## November Birthdays

- 2 Jonathan Isaacson  
Jennifer Willson
- 3 Matt Edwards  
Matt Meagher
- 4 Nathaniel Birchard
- 5 Susan Donaldson  
Steve Kostanich
- 7 Clara Gilliland
- 8 Kaylynn Mitchell
- 11 David March
- 12 Kathryn Rotter  
Johnathan Vlach
- 13 Colt Conzatti
- 14 Rachel March
- 18 David Barber  
Helen Buda

- 20 Meg Nelson
- 21 Marilyn Fenn
- 22 Georgie Radnich
- 23 David Stanfield  
Emma Thomas
- 25 Kerry Vance
- 26 Jean Wirta

## Anniversaries

- 4 Jill and Jerry Carlson
- 12 Carmen and Mike Brown
- 18 Shirley and Ron Kuxhausen
- 23 Gail and Larry Dean

## Baptism Anniversaries

- 2 Anna Russell
- 4 Will Cummings
- 7 Christian, Timothy, Matthew  
and Eva Munz

- 10 Kaylynn Mitchell
- 11 Catie Scott
- 15 Mia Suhrbier
- 18 Kasey Wilson
- 25 Luke Amrine  
Eric Moir
- 29 Susan Donaldson  
Ron Kuxhausen  
Justin Wilson

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, let us know! Call the church office at 748-4741 or e-mail: office@stjohnschehalis.net.

## Bits and Pieces

**Looking Ahead:** One of the busiest times of the year is almost upon us. Here are some dates you might want to jot down on your calendar:

- **November 12** – St. John’s veterans are invited to a dinner at 5:30 p.m. to honor and thank them for their service to our country. St. John’s Youth will provide and serve the meal. Please RSVP to the church office, 360-748-4741;
- **November 16** – Young At Heart Thanksgiving Dinner and program at 12 noon;
- **November 18** – Middle and High School Youth Lock-in at 6 p.m.;
- **November 22** – Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30 p.m. following Wednesday’s Together dinner;
- **December 10** – Children’s Christmas Program at 4 p.m. followed by the annual smorgasbord;
- **December 14** – Youth to attend the “pay what you can” performance of the Nutcracker at 6 p.m.;
- **December 17** – Youth Christmas Caroling

**St. John’s Altar Guild** will have fresh cedar, holly (both regular and variegated) and pine-cones for sale in the church narthex beginning December 3. The greens are great for your home decorating projects or as gifts for family and friends). Cost is \$1.00 per package for cedar and holly. Packaged pinecones are 50 cents.

**Preparing For Advent:** Please start saving your empty milk jugs. We will need approximately 500 jugs – please drop them off in the church office and we will store them in a safe place!

## Martin Seeks Refuge at St. Johns . . .

and willingly participates in many activities!



# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Wednesday's Together!</i>            4:15 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom            4:30 p.m. St. John's Knitting Ministry            5:00 p.m. Children's Chime Choir            5:30 p.m. Dinner is Served – <b>All are welcome!</b>            6:00 p.m. High School Bible Study            6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group            6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice            6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class            7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</p>			<p><b>1</b>            6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study and Coffee            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            1:00 p.m. Agate Children's Hospital Auxiliary            4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule)</p>	<p><b>2</b>            3:30 p.m. Girls Basketball            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center</p>	<p><b>3</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            Pastor Matt's Day Off            Office Closed</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b>            8:30 a.m. Worship            9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study Class            11:00 a.m. Worship            6:00 p.m. Annual Pic Social and Talent Show</p>	<p><b>6</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            11:00 a.m. Altar Guild            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study            6:00 p.m. Social Ministry            7:00 p.m. Youth and Family</p>	<p><b>7</b>            10:00 a.m. Lewis County Genealogical Society Board            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center            7:00 p.m. Church Growth</p>	<p><b>8</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule)</p>	<p><b>9</b>            3:30 p.m. Girls Basketball            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center</p>	<p><b>10</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            Pastor Matt's Day Off            Office Closed</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b>            8:30 a.m. Worship            9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study Class            11:00 a.m. Worship            5:30 p.m. Veterans' Honor Dinner</p>	<p><b>13</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b>            11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch Bunch at Denny's            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center            6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry            6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p><b>15</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule)</p>	<p><b>16</b>            12:00 p.m. Young At Heart Luncheon and Program            3:30 p.m. Girls Basketball            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center            5:30 p.m. Staff Meeting at Northwest Sausage &amp; Deli, Centralia            7:00 p.m. Men's Group at Bruce Graham's</p>	<p><b>17</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            Pastor Matt's Day Off            Office Closed</p>	<p><b>18</b>            10:00 a.m. Women's Brunch and Bible Study            7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Lock-In</p>
<p><b>19</b>            8:30 a.m. Worship            9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study Class            11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p><b>20</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            1:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>21</b>            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center            6:00 p.m. Lewis County Genealogical Society</p>	<p><b>22</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            5:30 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> Dinner &amp; Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <i>Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p><b>24</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            Pastor Matt's Day Off            Office Closed</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b>            8:30 a.m. Worship            9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study Class            11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p><b>27</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study            6:00 p.m. Worship and Music            7:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity</p>	<p><b>28</b>            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center            7:00 p.m. Book Guild at Jan Cosser's home</p>	<p><b>29</b>            7:30 a.m. Women's Exercise Group            9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship            4:15 p.m. <i>Wednesday's Together</i> (see schedule)</p>	<p><b>30</b>            3:30 p.m. Girls Basketball            5:30 p.m. Taekwondo in Community Center</p>		

★ For up to date calendar information, visit our website, [www.stjohnschehalis.net](http://www.stjohnschehalis.net) and click on the "News" tab ★

## Living Stones Pastoral Transition

Pastor Norm resigned from the position of pastor of Living Stones Prison Congregation effective October 31. I give thanks to God for the ministry Pastor Norm Arnold shared over the past 4 years. Pastor Norm provided excellent pastoral and worship leadership within the prison. In his work with the Living Stones Board, Pastor Norm helped to expand a vision for re-entry ministry to include providing welcoming communities of faith and sustainability for former inmates. Pastor Norm's last worship service with the men of Living Stones was Saturday, October 14. During that service,

the men of Living Stones and outside board members shared in a farewell litany thanking God for Pastor Norm's service and blessing him for the ventures that lie ahead. If you have words of gratitude and Godspeed to share with Pastor Norm, please send them to [pastornormarnold@comcast.net](mailto:pastornormarnold@comcast.net).

Pastor Chris Nolte will serve part-time as the transition pastor for Living Stones Prison Congregation beginning November 1, as he also continues to serve half-time with Elim Lutheran in Port Orchard. Pastor Chris is well-known and respected by the men of Living Stones. He has served as

a supply pulpit worship leader and preacher at their Saturday evening services in recent months. The Living Stones Board will work to assure a smooth transition, assessing the skills and gifts that are needed for Living Stones' next chapter of ministry. Please keep Living Stones Prison Congregation and Board in your prayers. The Prison Board will be writing their Ministry Site Profile in the coming months and will consider half-time and full-time candidates through the regular call process. Inquiries about the pastoral transition can be directed to [melanie.wallschlaeger@elca.org](mailto:melanie.wallschlaeger@elca.org).

### Gathering of Grace

**You are invited!**

**Synod-wide Festival Worship Commemorating  
the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation  
Pacific Lutheran University - Lagerquist Hall  
Sunday, November 5, 2017 3:00 pm**



On November 5th, we have a wonderful opportunity to join our brothers and sisters throughout the Southwestern Washington Synod to celebrate our common Lutheran roots in festival worship commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

A special offering will be taken for the SWWA Synod initiative, Deep Roots, New Life, supporting seminary students and struggling congregations within our Synod.

We will have a procession of clergy, a mass choir, preaching by Bishop Rick Jaech and Eucharist. Our Choir will have over 100 singers. Imagine hundreds of our voices raised in song in a beautiful performance hall accompanied by a pipe organ!

We hope you will join us on this special afternoon of worship and fellowship. There is still time to join the mass choir or procession. Email us [secretary@clc-lakewood.org](mailto:secretary@clc-lakewood.org), with Reformation 500 in the subject line.

Sponsored by The Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA, Pacific Lutheran University and Christ Lutheran Church in Lakewood

# Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

St. John's Altar Guild members are asking for your help in decorating the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Services. Poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary and are available through the Altar Guild for \$8 each. Poinsettias can be given in honor or memory of a loved one, or given to the glory of God. You

are welcome to bring your own poinsettia (mark your name on the bottom and take it home after Christmas services). To donate toward the purchase of a poinsettia, fill out the form below and give it, along with the money for the poinsettias, to any Altar Guild member, or mail the form to the church office by **December 22**. Please

make checks out to St. John's Altar Guild.

Altar Guild members are Jan Cosser, Gail Dean, Mary DuBois, Marilyn Fenn, Clara Gilliland, Joann Hulse, Nancy Lynch, Janie Mael, Patty Olsen, Mary Rogers, Diane Rudorfer and Kim Wright.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate # \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$8.00 each. Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_
- To the Glory of God
- I will provide a poinsettia



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