

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod 14531 Old Olga Road Fort Myers, FL

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#### Our faith gives us hope.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.
Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you care for someone who is sad or grieving?

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday, a day in the church year for remembering

Christians who have entered God's heavenly kingdom. In observance of All Saints, research online or think about those you remember as famous Christians from the past. For example: Francis of Assisi, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Philip Melanchthon, Martin Luther, and Mother Teresa. Say a prayer of thanks for their faith and service: Holy God, we give you thanks for those who are called by the will of Christ to live for the praise of your glory. Amen.



#### IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP Welcome WITH US TODAY!

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the ushers or elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! Please sign our guest register in the lobby and fill out the Communication Card in the pew and place in the offering plate. Please include your local contact information and email. Members, please fill in your name for attendance. Thank you!

Should you have something we could privately pray about for you this week, we invite you to let our pastor or one of our members know so we can seek the Lord's face together.

Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!

# ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

November 2, 2025

#### **PRELUDE**

→ ORDER OF WORSHIP →

#### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### 507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Stanzas 1-4)

1 Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

2 Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

**3** Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

#### Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed

- P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.
- P Let us pray. Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

†Carol Laser, January 27, 2025
†Bob Jurs, May 7, 2025
†Myrtle Edge, May 8, 2025
†Lou Schafer, July 23, 2025
†Chris Jensen, September 14, 2025
†Joy Kulbacki, October 18, 2025

#### (Silence)

P For all those saints who we now remember silently in our hearts

Tyler Miller, December 23, 2024 **†Pamela Meeks**, January 27, 2025 †Michael Britt, February 3, 2025 **†Harry McGrath**, February 7, 2025 **†Halie Marie Goodwin**, April 17, 2025 tE'Lois Rosin, April 29, 2025 **†Sandy Jones**, June 4, 2025 †Manuel Soto Gonzalez Mazargieous, June 11, 2025 tRon Hunter, June 20, 2025 tMary Schoop, June 29, 2025 **†Robert Bruce**, July 1, 2025 **†Maximo Maldonado**, August 14, 2025 †Reverend Dennis Glander, August 15, 2025 **†Jean Reddel**, August 16, 2025 tCharlie Kirk, September 10, 2025 *†*Nancy Mihich, September 21, 2025

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we rememb

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church

on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### (Please rise)

# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + INVOCATION

- PIn the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- CAmen.

#### **EXHORTATION**

LSB 151

- PIf we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for selfexamination.)

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 151

PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

LSB 151

PAlmighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### CAmen.

#### (Please be seated)

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## RESPONSIVE PSALM Sing to the LORD a New Song

Psalm 149

- P Praise the LORD!
  Sing to the LORD a new song,
  his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- P Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
- P Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

- Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
- P to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
- to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- P to execute on them the judgment written!
  This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

(Please rise)

KYRIE LSB 152

- PIn peace let us pray to the Lord.
- CLord, have mercy.
- PFor the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- CLord, have mercy.

- PFor the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- CLord, have mercy.
- PFor this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- CLord, have mercy.
- PHelp, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- CAmen.

#### JIHIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

PThe Lord be with you.

**C**And also with you.

PLet us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your

Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### CAmen.

(Please be seated)

#### FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2–17

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
712,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

#### A Great Multitude from Every Nation

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from

where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- CThanks be to God.

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- **L**This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

#### JALLELUIA AND VERSE,

LSB 156

**C**Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

#### The Sermon on the Mount

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

#### The Beatitudes

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

#### **SERMON HYMN**

#### 677 FOR ALL THE SAINTS

(Stanzas1-3 and 8)

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### (Please rise)

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### <u>SERMON</u>

#### "Saints Now and Then"

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

#### **NICENE CREED**

CI believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come.

Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Lord, in Your mercy
- **G** Hear our prayer.

#### (Please be seated)

#### **OFFERING**

#### JOFFERTORY RESPONSE J

# 805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

(Please rise)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 160

- PThe Lord be with you.
- **C**And also with you.
- PLift up your hearts.
- **G**We lift them to the Lord.
- PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CIt is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### J<u>SANCTUS</u>J

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

PBlessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with

the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

POur Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 

body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My 

blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

- PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PO Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

COur Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

LSB 163

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always.

CAmen.

#### JAGNUS DEIJ

LSB 163

Clamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### 623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today; Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood, The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold; All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity, Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
  O keep us steadfast till that day
  When each will be Your welcomed guest
  In heaven's high and holy feast.

#### 617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

**1** O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,

In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,

That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead

In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,

Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;

May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee

That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

(Please rise)

#### JTHANK THE LORD

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

PLet us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

(Please be seated)

#### **HYMN TO DEPART**

#### 733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

(Stanzas 1-4)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood
  Or earth received her frame,
  From everlasting Thou art God,
  To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
  Are like an evening gone,
  Short as the watch that ends the night
  Before the rising sun.

#### BENEDICTION

LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

CAmen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **POSTLUDE**



## Go and Serve the Lord

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Tim Tobeck

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Greg Murray, Raul Puga

Reader: Judy Lawrence



Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.

Celebrating birthdays this week: 11/3: Doug

Grage, 11/7: Jake Stecklein

Food and Fellowship: Please join us immediately after the service. We meet in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church before Bible study. The refreshments this week are from Holly. Thank you!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to sponsor a week.

#### Our Response to God's Love Worship Service – 62

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CALENDAR November 2, 2025 – November 9, 2025

TODAY 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

SUNDAY: 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor

November 2

**MONDAY:** 

November3

**TUESDAY:** 

**November 4** 

WEDNESDAY: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study

November 5

THURSDAY:

November 6

FRIDAY:

November 7

SATURDAY: LWM FALL RALLY 11:15 to 3 p.m. at

November 8 St. Michael in Ft Myers

NEXT 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

SUNDAY: 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Pastor

November 9

8th from 11:15 to 3 p.m. at St. Michael in Ft Myers. All ladies are invited to attend with the registration fee being paid by our LWM group. We will meet here at Bethlehem parking lot at 10:30 for anyone that would like to carpool. Please contact Mickie or Terri if you would like to attend.

#### **HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS**

Holiday food baskets. This year we have 72 needy families in our community. We will collect food items, organizing and packing them in December and then distributing food baskets in December to

the Buckingham Exceptional Student Center. We are truly blessed to have so many who continue to support feeding the needy and we Thank you for your generosity. Suggested items are canned vegetables, instant/canned/scalloped potatoes, gravy, peanut butter & jellies/jams, pasta/sauce, canned soup, mac & cheese, rice/beans, tuna fish, hot chocolate packets, dessert, puddings, box of crackers, jar of nuts. We are also in need of cash donations for turkeys and hams. So, if you're not able to be here but would like to help, please make out a check to Bethlehem and put holiday basket in the memo, it will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Prayer Focus: Please help us pray for the tangible and evident love of Christ to be made known as these baskets and meals are provided. Please help us pray for a boldness for the giver to share the message of Christ and His great love for us and for the receiver to have open ears to hear it, and an open heart to receive it!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth - we are building shoeboxes again this year.

Boxes and instructions are available at church, online at Samaritanspurse.org. National collection week is Nov. 17-24. We need to start collecting money to ship OCC boxes in November. Last year we had over 100 boxes and we expect to do at least that many, but probably more. \$10.00 is needed to ship each box. This also includes Christian education material. Money can be donated to Mickie, Terry, Mary or myself at any time. Please contact Betty Willis with any questions. 239-240-5972.



## **Our Special Prayers and Intercessions**

**Accidents** – Chico and Grandfather, Iris Smith, Rusty

Cancer – Andy, Anonymous, Ava, Barbara, Becky, Billie, Cannon, Chelsea, Cole, Dave, David, David, Don, Gail, Holly, Jenn, Joan, Joe, Judy, Ken, Larry, Rachel, Richard, Rick, Ron, Sharon, Sharon Rowe, Steve, Susan, Tina In Remission – Annette, Cammy, Haven, Sandi

Convalescing: Betty, Bill, Chester, Debi, Dick, Edison, Joyce, Norma, Rick, Shirley, Ted

Eye - Bob, Carol, Sarah

**Fighting for their lives** - Barb, Dennis' mom, Jack Kirsch, James, Julie, Lisa, Lola, Rita, Robert's mom, Samuel Albritton, Scott, Shannon

**Guidance** – Amy, Anonymous, Chade, Holly, Kaden, Paul, Sean, Steven, TA

Head Injuries - Iris Smith, Jena, Ken

Health Issues – Barb, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Christine, Dave, Edison, Gary, Jana, Jeff, Jessica, Joe, Kurt, Pam, Pat, Richard, Sal, Sam, Samantha, Sharon, Tamara, Tara, Terri, Tim, Yvonne

**Heart Issues** – Andy, Brad, Carol, Eddie, Holly, JoAnn, Ken Hult, Kenny, Linda, Sharon

Hospice - Jean

**Hospitalized** – Heather, Judy, Liliana, Lynn, Martha, Randy, Rick, Rita, Ron, Rosa Aguirre, Rosa

Long-term Illness/Treatment: Alan, Ann, Bella, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brian, Buck, Charleen, Chip, Daphne, Darlene, David, Debi, Dennis, Doug, Dylan, Edison, Ellen, Elizabeth, Jake, James, Jene, Jennifer, Jonathan, Judy, Julianna, Julie, Katie, Kim, Kim Lewis, Les, Lidia, Lillie Anne, Lisa, Liz mom, Lizzy, Madden, Mehlia, Mike, Millie, Myra and family, Nathan, Neil Fiore, Nicole, Pam, Phillip, Rebecca, Richard, Richard, Rick, Rita, Sandy, Terri, Theresa, Timmy, Trace Ryan

**Memory Care** - Dorothy

Mental illness - Giney, Lisa, Viola

**Natural Disasters:** Texas

Our Homebound - Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

Physical health and Rehab - Chip, Iris

Strengthening of faith - Carolyn, Paul

**Suffered a stroke -** Adrian, Doug, Ed, Gary, Joan, Kevin, Shirley, Theresa

Caregivers - Amy, Eugene, Lorrie, Paul, Tina

Anonymous – prayer for discernment whether to move back to Midwest, finding the right path.

Dave – for health and salvation

For mom – trip to Florida in December

**Anonymous** – pray for a healthy pregnancy

For Those Who have recently lost loved ones: The family and friends of Joy Kulbacki, The family and friends of Nancy Mihich, The family and friends of Chris Jensen

## **Chicken breast Dinner**



Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 pm

Delicious boneless chicken breast, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, green beans, bun, drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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